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- present Associate Professor of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 2003-present Courtesy Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
- July-Dec., 2012 Visiting Associate Research Professor, Center for Applied Research and Policy, Georgetown University. Position held during research sabbatical.
- 1997-2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 1998-2003 Courtesy Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.

## Administrative Positions

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- 2016-2020 Chair, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 2014-2016 Interim Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
- 2012-2016 Executive Officer, Association for the Sociology of Religion [www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com)
- 2011 Interim Director, USF's International Study Abroad Program, Cambridge University.
- 2001-2004 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

## Education

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Ph.D. (Sociology), August 1997, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Awards: 1998 Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Science for Exemplary Research and Teaching Activities, University of Notre Dame, May, 1998.

Teaching Fellowship to teach in the Freshman Writing Program, 1996 academic year.

John J. Kane Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology, 1994

Dissertation: "African-American Religion and the Mobilization of Community Activism: Congregations as Recruiting Agents."

Master of Arts (Sociology), May, 1993, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Thesis: "Predictors of Religiosity for Black and White Catholics."

Bachelor of Arts (History), May, 1987 (y)6 (GPA) 3.0 (S) 1.5 (C) 0.5 (Ma) 9.9 (y) 8M 2 7 (,) 1S 25 (i) 0 (y) 6.0.312M2



- 1994 "More Evidence on U.S. Catholic Church Attendance." (M. Chaves and J. Cavendish) for the Scientific Study of Religion 33 (4):382-387.
- 1994 "Christian Base Communities and the Building of Democracy: Brazil and Chile."

2004





1995 "Comparing the Community Involvement of Black and White Catholic Parishes." Annual Meeting of t

Research Grant (\$2,990.00) from The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, to study the role of politically active religious movements in the transitions to democracy in Latin America. The grant funded research in Santiago, Chile between June and August, 1992.

## Community-Engaged Research Grant Applications

CREATE Award (CoPI) (\$1,000,000); New HIBAR Network: Building Sustainable Food Communities Not awarded

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program (Co-PI) (\$350,000) "Setting Tables for Community Food Sovereignty: Building Social Capital for Collective Impact in Tampa's Community Food System" Not awarded

American Council of Learned Societies, LUCE/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs, (Co-PI) (\$45,000); Relii4lo5.9 (,)1.4 (00 (l)0.5 (e)-1.1 (c)-1.1 246 .9 1.7 (f)40)hk:)11.6 (e7 (f)40)hk-0.002 Tc 0.0oef)40(.)Tj (



At the University of Notre Dame:

Race, Prejudice, and Power; Race, Poverty, and the Underclass; Social Problems.

## Student Mentoring

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Chair of the Dissertation or Thesis Committees (15, listed by degree and date of completion)

Obydullah Al Marjuk, Sociology, Ph.D. candidate, 2024 present.  
Rodrigo Serrao, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2020 (currently Assistant Professor of Sociology at Hope College, Holland, Michigan)  
Patrick Casey, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2019 (currently Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Central Arkansas)  
Jordan Rogers, Sociology, M.A., 2020 present.  
Theresa Ward, Sociology, M.A., 2020 present.  
Skyler Lauderdale, Sociology, M.A. completed 2012  
Natalie Deckard, Sociology, M.A. completed 2011 (currently Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of Windsor, Windsor ON).  
Warren Smith, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.  
Sue Loretta Humphrey, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.  
Diana R. Torres, Sociology, M.A. completed 2007  
Ilir Disha, Sociology, MA. completed 2005 (currently Associate Professor of Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice Borough of Manhattan Community College)  
Lonnie Griffin, Sociology, MA. completed 2004 (currently Dean of the Liberty Campus of Savannah Technical College, Fayetteville, NC).  
Donna Copp, Sociology, M.A. completed



"Online Presentation Software Workshop, USF's Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Fall, 2015.

"Intermediate Level PowerPoint, USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, April 12, 2005.

"Alternative Approaches to Discussion and Small Group Work Using the Internet, USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, March 7, 2005.

"Assessment Online, USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, March 7, 2005.

- 2009-2013     Treasurer for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2009-2010     Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Design New Website for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Solicited bids from professional webpage designers.
- 2007-2010     Elected Council Member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2007             Organizer for the 2007 ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session "Comforting the Afflicted and Afflicting the Comfortable: Service and Advocacy at the Grassroots" for the 2007 Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2007-2008     Ser for the Soci6.5 (S) n BT 0 Tc 0 Tw 10.02 4 633.06 Tm [(T)-1.8 ((e)-2.1 (r)183EMC

Mentor for the Patel Center for Global Solutions International Research and Exchange Program (IREX) coordinated by USF College of Education. This entails weekly meetings with a mentee during the Spring semester 2010.

Member of the University Graduate Council, representing the College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-

Chair of the Policy Subcommittee of the University Graduate Council, 2007-

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Community:

Chair of the Board of Directors of The Franciscan Center, a private, non-profit, ecumenical retreat center located in Tampa, FL, <https://www.franciscancentertampa.org>, January, 2020-present.

Member of the USF Speakers Bureau which provides guest lecturers to businesses, nonprofit groups, associations and professional/civic organizations in the community.

Invited Presentation of "Explaining Racial Inequality in the United States Today." John Knox Village, Men's Club Luncheon, adjacent USF Tampa campus, October 8, 2001.

Invited Presentation of "Religion and Modernity in America: The Debate over Secularization." Ethics Center Luncheon, USF St. Petersburg, February 24, 2011.

