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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University, Sociology, August 2008
M.A. The Pennsylvania State University, Sociology, May 2005
B.A. Trinity University, magna cum laude, Sociology and Religion, May 2003.

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, Organizations, Social Theory, Social Psychology, Science and Technology

DISSERTATION

"Beyond the Congregation: Christian Non-Profits in the United States."
Chair: Roger Finke

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Scheitle, Christopher P. and Roger Finke. In Press. "Maximizing Organizational Resources: Selection versus Production." *Social Science Research*. Available online at [doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2007.10.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2007.10.001)
- Scheitle, Christopher P. and Kevin Dougherty D. 2008. "The Sociology of Religious Organizations." *Sociology Compass* 2: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1751-9020.2008.00113.x>
- Scheitle, Christopher P. and Kevin Dougherty D. 2008. "Density and Growth in a Congregational Population: Reformed Churches in New York, 1628-2000." *Review of Religious Research* 49: 233-250.
- Scheitle, Christopher P. 2007. "Organizational Niches and Religious Markets: Uniting Two Literatures." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. 3: www.religjournal.com **Winner 2007 ASA Section on Religion Student Paper Award**
- Ecklund, Elaine Howard and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2007. "Religion among Academic Scientists: Distinctions, Disciplines, and Demographics." *Social Problems*. 54: 289-307.
- Finke, Roger, Matt Bahr, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2006. "Toward Explaining Congregational Giving." *Social Science Research* 35: 620-641.
- Finke, Roger and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2005. "Accounting for the Uncounted: Computing Correctives for the 2000 RCMS Data." *Review of Religious Research* 47: 5-22.
- Scheitle, Christopher P. 2005. "The Social and Symbolic Boundaries of Religious Groups: An Analysis of Congregational Website Links." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on*

Religion. 1: www.religjournal.com. **Winner of 2006 ASA Section on Religion Student Paper Award**

Scheitle, Christopher P. 2005. "In God We Trust: Religion and Optimism Toward Biotechnology." *Social Science Quarterly* 86: 846-856.

Scheitle, Christopher P. 2005. "Bringing Out the Dead: Gender and Historical Cycles of Spiritualism." *Omega*. 50(3): 245-261.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Finke, Roger and Christopher P. Scheitle. Forthcoming. "Understanding Schisms: Theoretical Explanations for Their Origins" in *Sacred Schisms* edited by Jim Lewis.

Scheitle, Christopher and Amy Adamczyk. 2006. "Campus Crusade for Christ." Pgs. 102-105 in Sherrod, L., Flanagan, C. A., Kassimir, R. (Eds.). *Youth Activism: An International Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.

Scheitle, Christopher P. 2006. "Web-Based Data Analysis: Creating a Sociological Laboratory." *Teaching Sociology*. 34: 80-86.

Finke, Roger, Christopher Scheitle and Amy Adamczyk. 2004. "The American Religion Data Archive: An Online Resource for Teaching and Research." *American Theological Library Association Summary Proceedings*. (21 pages).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

2007 Robert McNamara Student Paper Award – Association for the Sociology of Religion – "Leadership Compensation in Christian Non-Profit Organizations."

2007 Student Paper Award – American Sociological Association's Section on Religion – "Organizational Niches and Religious Markets: Uniting Two Literatures."

2006 Student Paper Award – American Sociological Association's Section on Religion – "The Social and Symbolic Boundaries of Religious Groups: An Analysis of Congregational Website Links."

2006-2007 Joan Huber and William Form Graduate Scholarship in Sociology — The Pennsylvania State University

2006-2007 College of the Liberal Arts Dissertation Support Grant —The Pennsylvania State University

TEACHING & RESEARCH POSITIONS

Spring 2008: Instructor for Research Methods—Penn State World Campus (online)

Summer 2006: Instructor for Introduction to Sociology—Penn State University Park

Summer 2005: Instructor for Introduction to Sociology—Penn State University Park

June 2005 - 2007: Consultant for Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund's study, "Religion and Spirituality among Faculty in the Natural and Social Sciences at Elite Research Universities."

January 2004 - Present: Research associate for the Association of Religion Data Archives
(www.thearda.com)

August 2003 - December 2003: Research assistant for Dr. Lisa Miller at Pennsylvania State University.

PRESENTATIONS

Scheitle, Christopher P. and Roger Finke. 2006. "Maximizing Organizational Resources: Production versus Selection." American Sociological Association Meeting. Montreal, QC, Canada.

Ecklund, Elaine Howard and Christopher Scheitle. 2005. "Religion and Spirituality in the Academy: A Look at Differences between Natural and Social Scientists." Association for the Sociology of Religion Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Scheitle, Christopher. 2005. "Linkages and Boundaries: Determinants of Religious Network Formation." Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Washington, D.C.

Scheitle, Christopher. 2005. "In God We Trust: Religion and Optimism towards Biotechnology." International Association for Science, Technology and Society Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

Scheitle, Christopher. 2003. "The Role of Women in the Proliferation of the Dead in Everyday Life: On the Connection between Gloria Steinem and Casper the Ghost." Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting. San Antonio, TX.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2007-2008 – Committee Member for the American Sociological Association's Section on Religion's Student Paper Award

2007-2008 – Student Representative for the American Sociological Association's Section on Religion

Ad hoc reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Disability Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*.

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