

# Kevin J. McCaffree

Curriculum Vitae  
Spring 2020

## Current Position

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- 2018—Present      Assistant Professor, Sociology Department  
University of North Texas  
kevin.mccaffree@unt.edu
- 2015—2018      Assistant Professor, Sociology  
Purdue University-Fort Wayne

## Education

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University of California Riverside (UCR), Riverside, CA

- 2014      Ph.D., Sociology  
Dissertation: “*Faith, Christianity, and Non-Affiliation in the United States*”  
Committee: Jan E. Stets (Chair), Alexandra Maryanski, Jonathan H. Turner,  
Robert Nash Parker, and Michael Shermer.

- 2011      M.A., Sociology  
Thesis: “*Moral Realism in Sociological Theory*”

Humboldt State University (HSU), Arcata, CA

- 2008      B.A., Sociology  
Thesis: “*Community Perceptions of Science by Educational Level*”

## Research Interests

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- ♦ Sociological Theory
- ♦ Sociology of Religion
- ♦ Social Psychology of Health Disparities
- ♦ Criminology
- ♦ Sociology of Morality

## Professional Affiliations

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American Sociological Association ♦ Pacific Sociological Association ♦ American Society for  
Criminology ♦ UC Riverside Social Psychology Research Laboratory ♦ Association for the  
Sociology of Religion

## Publications

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### Books

**McCaffree, Kevin.** In Preparation. *Islam in Exile: The Decline of Religion in the Middle East.*

**McCaffree, Kevin.** Under Contract. *Fission-Fusion and Cultural Evolution* New York, NY:  
Routledge.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2017. *The Secular Landscape: The Decline of Religion in America.* New  
York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. -----reissued in paperback by Palgrave Macmillan, 2018

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**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2015. *What Morality Means: An Interdisciplinary Synthesis for the Social Sciences*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan

Parker, Robert Nash and **Kevin McCaffree.** 2013. *Alcohol and Violence: The Nature of the Relationship and the Promise of Prevention*. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield.  
----reissued in paperback by Rowman & Littlefield, 2014

## Edited Books

Abrutyn, Seth. and **Kevin McCaffree**, editors. Under Contract. *Theoretical Sociology: The Future of a Disciplinary Foundation*. New York: Routledge.

## Edited Book Series

Turner, Jonathan H. and **Kevin McCaffree**, editors. *Evolutionary Analysis in the Social Sciences*. New York: Routledge. (2017—Present)

### Books from Series:

- Proctor, K. Ryan, and Richard E. Niemeyer. *Mechanistic Criminology*. Routledge, 2019.
- Turner, Jonathan H., and Richard S. Machalek. *The new evolutionary sociology: Recent and revitalized theoretical and methodological approaches*. Routledge, 2018.
- Turner, Jonathan H., et al. *The emergence and evolution of religion: By means of natural selection*. Routledge, 2017.

## Book Chapters

Turner, Jonathan H. and **Kevin McCaffree.** In Press. “Evolutionary Theorizing in Sociology’s Formative Period: Implications for Contemporary Scholarship.” In *Handbook of Classical Sociological Theory*, edited by O. Lizardo and S. Abrutyn. New York: Springer.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** Forthcoming. “Sociology Must Continue to Become More Interdisciplinary.” In *Theoretical Sociology: The Future of a Disciplinary Foundation*, edited by S. Abrutyn and K. McCaffree. New York: Routledge.

Stets, Jan E. and **Kevin McCaffree.** 2019. “The Moral Identity and Immoral Behavior.” In *Identities and Everyday Life*, edited by J.E. Stets and R. Serpe. New York: Oxford Press.

Abrutyn, Seth and **Kevin McCaffree.** 2018. “Evolutionary Sociology.” In *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by G. Ritzer and C. Rojek. New York: Wiley Blackwell.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2017. “The Perception of Atheism as Deviant.” Pp. 207-216 in *Handbook of Deviance Studies*, Edited by Stephen E. Brown, Ophir Sefiha. New York: Routledge

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**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2016. "Sociology as the Study of Morality." Pp. 435-456 in *Handbook of Contemporary Sociological Theory*, edited by Seth Abrutyn. New York: Springer

Stets, Jan E and **Kevin McCaffree.** 2014. "Morality, Altruism, and Social Solidarity through the Lens of Identity Theory," in Vincent Jeffries & Larry Nichols (eds), *Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity: Envisioning A Field*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

**McCaffree, Kevin** and Seth Abrutyn. 2020. "Big Gods and Cultural Evolution: The Non-obvious Merits of a Sociological Approach" *Religion*. Online first:  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0048721X.2020.1712666>

**McCaffree, Kevin,** Anondah Saide and Michael Shermer. 2019. "The Racial Dynamics Underlying Crime Commission, Emotionality, and Last Statements Among Executed Offenders in Texas." *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*. Online first:  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15377938.2019.1693466>

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2019. "Toward an Integrative Sociological Theory of Empathy." *European Journal of Social Theory*. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1368431019890494>

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2019. "Atheism, Social Networks and Health: A Review and Theoretical Model." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 8: 9-27.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2019. "Moral Realism in Historical Sociological Theory." *Journal of Historical Sociological Theory* 32 (1): 124-141.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2018. "A Sociological Formalization of Searle's Social Ontology." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior* 48 (3): 330-349.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2018. "The Growth of Chinese Think Tanks and the Question of Crime." *East Asia*, 35 (1): 43-58.

**McCaffree, Kevin** and K. Ryan Proctor. 2018. "Cocooned from Crime: A Routine Activities Approach to the Study of the Relationship Between Video Games and Crime." *Society*, 55(1): 41-52.

**McCaffree, Kevin** and Anondah Saide. 2017. "Do Secular and Religious Social Networks Meet the Same Individual and Societal Needs?" *Religion, Brain and Behavior* 7 (4): 309-312.

**McCaffree, Kevin J.** 2015. "Research Think Tanks in an Emerging China." *Economic Forum* 12: 112-115 (Hebei, China Academy of Social Sciences).

Parker, Robert Nash, **Kevin McCaffree** and Daniel J Skiles. 2011. "The Impact of Retail Practices on Violence: The Case of Single Serve Alcohol Beverage Containers." *Journal of Drug and Alcohol Review* 30: 496-504.

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Parker, Robert Nash, Kirk S Williams, **Kevin McCaffree**, Emily K Asencio, Angela Brown and Kevin J Strom. 2011. "The Relationship between Retail Availability and Youth Homicide: Alcohol and Youth Violence in the 100 Largest US Cities 1984-2006." *Journal of Drug and Alcohol Review* 30: 505-514.

Parker, Robert Nash and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2011. "Alcohol Use, Policy and Crime." *Oxford Bibliographies: Criminology*. Retrieve from <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396607/obo-9780195396607-0065.xml;jsessionid=3DE9062BD0C9E4976D538EAB38D32A26>.

## Popular Science

Saide, Anondah, and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2019. "Coddling Untruths: A Review of The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting Up a Generation for Failure by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt." *Skeptic Magazine*, 24:1, 51-55.

**McCaffree, Kevin**. 2018. "Are Human Rights Natural Rights?" *Skeptic Magazine*, 23(3)

**McCaffree, Kevin**. 2017. "When Secularism Becomes a Religion." *Skeptic Magazine*, 22(4).

**McCaffree, Kevin** and Anondah Saide. 2015. "Why is Critical Thinking So Hard to Teach?" *Skeptic Magazine* 19:4, 54-57

**McCaffree, Kevin**. 2014. "The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking: How Irrational Beliefs Keep Us Happy, Healthy, and Sane." *Skeptic Magazine* (Book Review) 19:1

## Manuscripts Under Review

**McCaffree, Kevin**. "The Central Characteristic of Religiosity is Integration into a Moral Community, not Supernaturalism: Commentary on Beit-Hallahmi (2020)."

Proctor, K. Ryan and **Kevin McCaffree**. "The Negative Relationship Between Working from Home and Crime."

Saide, Anondah, **Kevin McCaffree** and Rebekah Richert. "Predicting Belief in Science."

Cragun, Ryan, **Kevin McCaffree**, Ivan Puga-Gonzalez, Wesley Wildman, F. LeRon Shults. "Social Networks and Religious Exiting: Computer Simulations and Religious/Secular Pluralism."

Cragun, Ryan and **Kevin McCaffree**. "Nothing Is Not Something: On Replacing Nonreligion with Identities."

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Kwon, Ronald and **Kevin McCaffree**. “Multicultural policies and religiosity in Western Europe from 2002-2008: Do religious accommodations for Muslim minorities influence religiosity levels for Protestant and Catholic majorities?”

## Conference Presentations

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**Paper Presented by Co-author K. Ryan Proctor**, *American Society for Criminology*, Atlanta, GA, November, 2018 “Working From Home Reduces Property-Related Offending.”

**Session Chair**, *American Society for Criminology*, Atlanta GA, November, 2018 “Technology and the Situational Study of Crime”

**Presenter**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Long Beach, CA, March, 2018 “Meaning in a Secularizing World.”

**Session Organizer**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Long Beach, CA, March, 2018 “Existential Sociology.”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, CA, August, 2017, “The Demographic and Attitudinal Differences Among Religious Non-Affiliates.”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, CA, August, 2017, “Before Execution: Religion, Race, and Intimacy in the Final Statements of Death-row Inmates in Texas.”

**Co-Presenter w/ Jan E. Stets**, *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA, August, 2016, “Why Good People Do Bad Things: Developing the Moral Self Using Identity Theory.”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA, August, 2016, “Chinese Criminological Think Tanks and the Question of Crime”

**Presenter**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Oakland, CA, April, 2016  
“The Relevance of Turnerian Sociological Theory”

**Session Organizer**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Oakland, CA, April, 2016 “Religion and Secularization”

**Session Organizer**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Oakland, CA, April, 2016 “Religion and Gender.”

**Session Organizer**, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Oakland, CA, April, 2016 “Religion and Social Control.”

**Chair**, *American Society for Criminology*, Washington, DC, November, 2015. “The Role of Opportunity in Offending.”

**Co-presenter w/ K. Ryan Proctor**, *American Society for Criminology*, Washington, DC, November, 2015. “Violent Videogames and the 1990s Crime Decline.”

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**Co-presenter w/ K. Ryan Proctor**, *American Society for Criminology*, Washington, DC, November, 2015. “Situational Action Theory and Social Information Processing Theory: A Mechanistic Interfield Integration.”

**Presenter**, *Hebei International Forum on the Construction of New Think Tanks*, Shijiazhuang, China, October, 2015. “Think Tank Dynamics.”

**Co-presenter w/ Robert Nash Parker**, *American Society for Criminology*, Atlanta, GA, November, 2013. Presentation: “Alcohol & Violence: Author Meets Critics”

**Presenter**, *California Sociological Association*, Berkeley, CA, November, 2013. Presentation: “The Perceptual Causes of Social Movements”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY. August, 2013. Presentation: “Empathy and Identity”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY., August, 2013. Presentation: “Empathy and Identity”

**Presenter**, *Alcohol Policy 16*, Washington, D.C., April, 2013. Presentation: “Author Meets Critics: Alcohol and Violence the Nature of the Relationship and the Promise of Prevention.”

**Presenter**, *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Reno, Nevada, March 2013. Presentation: “Differentiation, Perception and Empathy”

**Presenter**, *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Reno, Nevada, March 2013. Presentation: “Religion – Byproduct, Adaptation or Something Else?”

**Presenter**, *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2011. Round Table Topic: “Toward A Realist Sociology of Morality”

**Chair & Presenter**, *Claremont Graduate University’s Annual Research Conference*, Claremont, California, March 2011. Presentation: “Moral Philosophy and Sociology”

**Presenter**, *Claremont Graduate University’s Annual Research Conference*, Claremont, California, March 2010. “San Bernardino Single Serve Alcohol and Violence”

**Co-presenter (w/ Robert Nash Parker)**, *San Bernardino City Hall*, San Bernardino, California, May 2010. San Bernardino City Council Presentation: Alcohol Regulation, Social Policy and Violent Crime.

**Co-presenter (w/ Robert Nash Parker)**, *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Oakland, California, March 2010. Presentation: “The Impact of Retail Practices on Violence: The Case of Single Serve Alcohol Beverage Containers”

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**Presenter**, *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Seattle, Washington, March 2011. “Moral Realism in Sociological Theory: Toward a Value- Laden Scientific Sociology”

**Presenter**, *American Society for Criminology*, San Francisco, California, November 2010. “The Relationship between Retail Availability and Youth Homicide: Alcohol and Youth Violence in the 100 Largest US Cities 1984-2006”

**Chair**, *American Society for Criminology*, San Francisco, California, November 2010. “Innovative Methods in Research and Teaching / Advances in Quantitative Research”

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor

- Qualitative Research Methods (University of North Texas)
- Drugs, Crime and Society (University of North Texas)
- Sociology of Religion, Spring 2017 (Indiana-Purdue University)
- Internship in Sociology, Fall 2016 (Indiana-Purdue University)
- Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2016 (Indiana-Purdue University)
- Criminology, Fall 2015 (Indiana-Purdue University)
- Criminology, Spring 2015 (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Social Psychology, Spring 2015 (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Juvenile Delinquency, Winter 2015 (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Research Methods, Winter 2015 (Chapman University)

## Professional Service

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*Council Member*, 2018-2021, American Sociological Association--Evolution, Biology, and Society

*Manuscript Reviewer*, 2019, Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior

*Book Reviewer*, 2018, Cambridge University Press

*Manuscript Reviewer*, 2018, Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review

*Book Reviewer*, 2017, Oxford Press

*Chair*, 2016-2017, Nominations Committee—Outstanding Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section for Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity

*Manuscript Reviewer*, 2016, Sociological Focus

*Manuscript Reviewer*, 2016, Sociological Forum

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*Textbook Reviewer*, 2016, Rowman and Littlefield

*Manuscript Reviewer*, 2016, European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology

*Session Organizer*, 2015-2016, Religion, Pacific Sociological Association

*Committee Member*, 2013-2014, Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association  
Section for Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity

*Committee Member*, 2012-2013, Nominations Committee--Lifetime Achievement Award,  
American Sociological Association Section for Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity.

## **Relevant Non-Academic Experience**

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POST Certified Police Academy Graduate, Monterey Peninsula Police Academy, Spring 2007.