

Kevin J. McCaffree

Curriculum Vitae

Current Position

2018—Present Assistant Professor, Sociology Department
University of North Texas
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Education

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

- ◆ Sociological Theory
- ◆ Sociology of Religion
- ◆ Cultural Evolution
- ◆ Criminology
- ◆ Sociology of Morality
- ◆ Social Psychology

Publications

Books

Turner, Jonathan H., **Kevin McCaffree** and Anthony Roberts. In Progress. *Inter-societal Dynamics: Developing an Explanatory Theory*

McCaffree, Kevin. Under Contract, Manuscript Submitted. *Oscillation, Infrastructure and The Evolution of Societies*. New York, NY: Routledge. **(Tier 1 Press)**

McCaffree, Kevin. Under Contract, Manuscript Submitted. *Cultural Evolution: The Empirical and Theoretical Landscape*. New York, NY: Routledge. **(Tier 1 Press)**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2017. *The Secular Landscape: The Decline of Religion in America*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. **(Tier 1 Press)**
-----reissued in paperback by Palgrave Macmillan, 2018

McCaffree, Kevin. 2015. *What Morality Means: An Interdisciplinary Synthesis for the Social Sciences*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. **(Tier 1 Press)**

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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. **(Tier 2 Press)**

Edited Books

Abrutyn, Seth. and **Kevin McCaffree**, editors. 2021. *Theoretical Sociology: The Future of a Disciplinary Foundation*. New York: Routledge. **(Tier 1 Press)**

Edited Book Series

Turner, Jonathan H. and **Kevin McCaffree**, editors. *Evolutionary Analysis in the Social Sciences*. New York: Routledge. (2017—Present) **(Tier 1 Press)**

Books from Series:

- Riley, Alexander. *Toward a Biosocial Science: Evolutionary Theory, Human Nature, and Social Life*. Routledge, 2021.
- Turner, Jonathan H. *The Biology and Sociology of What Made Us Human*. Routledge, 2020.
- 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

McCaffree, Kevin and Anondah Saide. In Press. “An Investigation into the Economic, Social and Psychological Dimensions of COVID-19 Concern.” In J. Fong (Ed.), *Reconfiguring Community and Society: The Consequences of Pandemic Distancing Around the World*. University of Toronto Press. **(Tier 1 Press)**

Turner, Jonathan H. and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2021. “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. **(Tier 1 Press)**

Puga-Gonzalez, Ivan, Wesley J. Wildman, **Kevin McCaffree**, Ryan T. Cragun, and F. LeRon Shults. 2021. “InCREdUlity in Artificial Societies,” in Petra Ahrweiler and Martine Neumann, ed., *Social Simulation*, Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science. New York: Springer. **(Tier 1 Press)**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2021. “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. **(Tier 1 Press)**

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- 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. **(Tier 1 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. **(Tier 1 Press)**
- 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. **(Tier 1 Press)**
- 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. **(Tier 1 Press)**
- 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. **(Tier 1 Press)**.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- McCaffree, Kevin** and F. Leron Shults. In Press. Distributive Effervescence: Emotional Energy and Social Cohesion in Secularizing Societies. *Theory and Society*. **h-index=76; Scopus Cite Score=2.9**
- Saide, Anondah, **Kevin McCaffree** and Rebekah Richert. 2021 "Does 'Faith' in Science Correlate with Indicators of Well-being? Evidence for Differential Effects by Gender?" *Journal of Cognition and Culture*. 21: 178-199. **h-index= 35; Scopus Cite Score= 1.2**
- Cragun, Ryan and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2021 "Nothing Is Not Something: On Replacing Nonreligion with Identities." *Secular Studies*. 3: 7-26. **N/A**
- Cragun, Ryan, **Kevin McCaffree**, Ivan Puga-Gonzalez, Wesley Wildman, F. LeRon Shults. 2021. "Social Networks and Religious Exiting: Computer Simulations and Religious/Secular Pluralism." *Secularism and Nonreligion*. 10 (2): 1-20. **N/A**
- Kwon, Ronald and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2021. "Muslim religious accommodations in Western Europe: Do multicultural policies impact religiosity levels among Muslims, Catholics and Protestants?" *International Migration*. 59(1):215-240. **H-index= 56; Scopus Cite Score= 1.9; 2019 Journal Impact Factor= 1.274**
- Goodwin, Glenn, Jonathan Turner, Randall Collins and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2020. "Engaging Millennials on Sociological Theory." *Sociological Perspectives*, 63(3), 443-451. **H-index= 52; Scopus Cite Score= 1.9; 2019 Journal Impact Factor= 1.184**

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Kwon, Ronald, **Kevin McCaffree** (equal first authors) and Caroline Taylor. 2020. "The Impact of Muslim Religious Accommodations on Subjective Well-Being Among Christian Majorities and Nonattendeers: Evidence from the European Social Survey, 2002–2008." *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(4), 1552-1571. **H-index= 84; Scopus Cite Score=1.8; 2019 Journal Impact Factor=.868**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2020. "The Central Characteristic of Religiosity is Integration into a Moral Community, not Supernaturalism: Commentary on Beit-Hallahmi (2020)." *Secular Studies*. 2: 179-182. N/A

McCaffree, Kevin and Seth Abrutyn. 2020. "Big Gods and Cultural Evolution: The Non-obvious Merits of a Sociological Approach" *Religion*. 50(4): 570-589. **H-index= 15; Cite Score= 1.8**

McCaffree, Kevin, Anondah Saide and Michael Shermer. 2019. "Racial Dynamics Underlying Crime Commission, Emotionality, and Last Statements Among Executed Offenders in Texas." *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*. 18(1): 72-94. **H-index= 14; Scopus Cite Score= 1.1**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2019. "Toward an Integrative Sociological Theory of Empathy." *European Journal of Social Theory*. 23 (4): 550-570. **H-index= 53; Scopus Cite Score= 3.7; 2019 Journal Impact Factor=2.33**

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

McCaffree, Kevin. 2019. "Moral Realism in Historical Sociological Theory." *Journal of Historical Sociology* 32 (1): 124-141. **H-index= 25; Scopus Cite Score= 1.6; Journal Impact Factor= .338**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2018. "A Sociological Formalization of Searle's Social Ontology." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior* 48 (3): 330-349. **H-index= 44; Scopus Cite Score= 2.3; Journal Impact Factor= 1.467**

McCaffree, Kevin. 2018. "The Growth of Chinese Think Tanks and the Question of Crime." *East Asia*, 35 (1): 43-58. **H-index= 16; Scopus Cite Score=1.4; 2019 Journal Impact Factor= .794**

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. **2019 Journal Impact Factor= .636**

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. **H-index= 14; Scopus Cite Score= 1.2**

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

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." *Drug and Alcohol Review* 30: 496-504. **H-index= 66; Scopus Cite Score=4.2; 2019 Journal Impact Factor= 2.472**

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." *Drug and Alcohol Review* 30: 505-514. **H-index= 66; Scopus Cite Score=4.2; 2019 Journal Impact Factor= 2.472**

Popular Science

McCready, Marshall, Anondah Saide and **Kevin McCaffree**. "Unpacking political life in America." *Skeptic Magazine* 25(4): 44-47

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)

Conference Presentations

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."

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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.”

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:

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“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”

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

Prepared to Teach:

- Courses in research methods (quantitative or qualitative, all levels)

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- Courses in social science theory (psychology or sociology, all levels)
- Courses in criminology and criminal justice (all levels)
- Courses on internships (interest identification, placement, work projects)

Abbreviated Teaching History:

- Sociological Theory, 2018-present (University of North Texas)
- Advanced Criminological Theory, 2018-present (University of North Texas)
- Qualitative Research Methods, 2018-present (University of North Texas)
- Drugs, Crime and Society, 2018-present (University of North Texas)
- Sociology of Religion, Spring 2017 (Indiana-Purdue University)
- Community Internships, 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)
- Juvenile Delinquency Spring 2014 (UC Riverside)

Professional Service

Committee Member, 2021, Awards Committee—Best Faculty Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section for Evolution, Biology and Society

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

Manuscript Reviewer, 2021, Nature; Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

Manuscript Reviewer, 2021, Sociology Compass

Manuscript Reviewer, 2020, Sociological Science

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

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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

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

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