

# Kevin McCaffree

Curriculum Vitae  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2018—Present      Assistant Professor, Sociology Department (tenure exp. 2022)  
University of North Texas  
kevin.mccaffree@unt.edu

2015—2018      Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Department  
Purdue University, Fort Wayne

## AREAS OF RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

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

## 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*”  
Committee: Robert Nash Parker (Chair), Jonathan H. Turner, Jan E. Stets

Humboldt State University (HSU), Arcata, CA

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

**McCaffree, Kevin.** Forthcoming, 2022. *The Dance of Innovation: Infrastructure, Social Oscillation, and the Evolution of Societies.* New York, NY: Routledge. (Tier 1 Press)

**McCaffree, Kevin.** Forthcoming, 2022. *Cultural Evolution: The Empirical and Theoretical Landscape.* New York, NY: Routledge. (Tier 1 Press)

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**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)**

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:

- (forthcoming) Hopcroft, Rosemary et. al. Status and Fertility: An evolutionary view.
- (forthcoming) Hewson, Martin. Maps of Macro-History: Models of the Long Run.
- (forthcoming) Abrutyn, Seth and Jonathan H. Turner. The First Institutional Spheres in Human Societies: Evolution and Adaptations from Foraging to the Threshold of Modernity.
- 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)**

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- 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)**
- 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. 2022. Distributive Effervescence: Emotional Energy and Social Cohesion in Secularizing Societies. *Theory and Society*.
- 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.
- Cragun, Ryan and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2021 "Nothing Is Not Something: On Replacing Nonreligion with Identities." *Secular Studies*. 3: 7-26.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Goodwin, Glenn, Jonathan Turner, Randall Collins and **Kevin McCaffree**. 2020. "Engaging Millennials on Sociological Theory." *Sociological Perspectives*, 63(3), 443-451.
- 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 Nonattendees: Evidence from the European Social Survey, 2002–2008." *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(4), 1552-1571.
- 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.
- McCaffree, Kevin** and Seth Abrutyn. 2020. "Big Gods and Cultural Evolution: The Non-obvious Merits of a Sociological Approach" *Religion*. 50(4): 570-589.
- 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.
- McCaffree, Kevin**. 2019. "Toward an Integrative Sociological Theory of Empathy." *European Journal of Social Theory*. 23 (4): 550-570.
- 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 Sociology* 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.

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**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." *Drug and Alcohol Review* 30: 496-504.

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.

## Popular Science

Saide, Anondah, **Kevin McCaffree** and Marshall McCready. "Pandemic Politics: How 2020 Impacted Americans' Social and Political Attitudes." *Skeptic Magazine* 26 (3): 58-64.

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." *Skeptic Magazine*, 24(1): 51-55.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2018. "Are Human Rights Natural Rights?" *Skeptic Magazine*, 23(3): 55-60.

**McCaffree, Kevin.** 2017. "When Secularism Becomes a Religion: The Alt-Left, the Alt-Right, and Moral Righteousness." *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)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Prepared to Teach:

- Research methods (i.e., quantitative, or qualitative at all levels)
- Social Science Theory (e.g., psychology or sociology at all levels)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (all levels)
- Internships and Capstones (e.g., interest identification, placement, work projects)
- Special Topics: Sociology of Religion; Critical Thinking

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## 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)

## 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”

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**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: “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*,

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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”

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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*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-- Section for 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.