

# Erin B. Hudnall, MA

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West Virginia University

## Education

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**Doctoral Candidate of Sociology**, West Virginia University (2016 - present)

**BA, Sociology, Psychology**, West Virginia Wesleyan College, *summa cum laude* (2012 - 2016)

## Academic Positions

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Lab Manager, Youth and Community Engagement Lab, Prevention Research Center, West Virginia University (2021-present)

Assist in various types of program evaluation and grant-writing. Implement and guide research and programming to support youth engagement and community resilience in West Virginia and beyond.

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Katie Corcoran and Dr. Christopher Scheitle, West Virginia University (2020 – 2021)

Assisted with the “Religion, Science, and the Enchanted Worldview” project under Rice University’s “Sociology of Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation” funding initiative.

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Lynne Cossman, West Virginia University (2018 - 2019)

Assisted in evaluation of the West Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Control Program through compilation of community organization database and interviews of community leaders.

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University (2016 - 2018)

Completed research for composition of literature review for two grant proposals and academic articles.

## Presentations

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Erin Hudnall. 2021. “Youth Engagement Best Practices.” Invited to present at West Virginia University’s Community Leadership Academy and the West Virginia Community Development Hub’s “Community Conversation” virtual forum.

Christopher Scheitle, Brittany Kowalski, Erin Hudnall, and Ellory Dabs. 2020. “Religion, Family, and Career among Graduate Students in the Sciences.” Accepted for Presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association Annual Conference. *Cancelled due to COVID-19*.

Erin Hudnall and Janet Weeks. 2019. “Health Coalitions and Cancer Burden Alignment in West Virginia: A County-Level Analysis.” Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference.

Erin Hudnall. 2018. “Creating the Need to Serve: How Spontaneous Disaster Volunteers’ Motivations and Experience Influence Willingness for Continued Volunteerism.” Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference.

Erin Hudnall. 2018. "You're allowed to look like that!": Fostering Female Strength in the Functional Fitness Community." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference.

Erin Hudnall. 2018. "What is Fit Shaming? A Content Analysis of #Fitshaming Instagram Posts." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference.

Erin Hudnall. 2017. "Can Learning Communities Bridge the Integration Gap for At-Risk Students? An Evaluation of a Sociology Learning Community Pilot Study." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference.

Erin Hudnall. 2016. "Gendered Experiences of Women in the Holocaust." Presented at the West Virginia Wesleyan College's Undergraduate Research Conference. **Received first place prize for Humanities.**

Erin Hudnall. 2015. "Dopaminergic Genetic Variation Moderates the Effect of Nicotine on Cigarette Reward." Presented at West Virginia University's Centers for Neuroscience Annual Summer Conference.

## Public Reports

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Hudnall, Erin, Katie E. Corcoran, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2020. "Internet Access in West Virginia." WVSS-20-03. *West Virginia Social Survey Reports*. Survey Research Center at West Virginia University. Morgantown, West Virginia.

Hudnall, Erin, Katie E. Corcoran, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2020. "Volunteering in West Virginia." WVSS-20-01. *West Virginia Social Survey Reports*. Survey Research Center at West Virginia University. Morgantown, West Virginia.

Hudnall, Erin, Katie E. Corcoran, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2020. "Cannabis Use in West Virginia." WVSS forthcoming. *West Virginia Social Survey Reports*. Survey Research Center at West Virginia University. Morgantown, West Virginia.

## Publications

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Christopher Scheitle, Brittany Kowalski, Erin Hudnall, and Ellory Dabs. 2020. "Religion, Family, and Career among Graduate Students in the Sciences." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12693>

Hudnall, Erin B., Christopher Scheitle, and Katie E. Corcoran. 2019. "Is West Virginia a Religious Void? An Investigation." *Review of Religious Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-019-00362-5> **Received 2021 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award from West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology.**

Corcoran, Katie E., Christopher Scheitle, and Erin B. Hudnall. 2018. "Organizational Activities and Property Crime Victimization." *Sociological Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2019.1583047>

Scheitle, Christopher, Katie E. Corcoran, and Erin B. Hudnall. 2018. "Adopting a Stigmatized Label: Social Determinants of Identifying as an Atheist beyond Disbelief." *Social Forces*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy084>

## Papers in Progress

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Dilks, Lisa and Erin B. Hudnall. "Selfless Good Deeds? The Influence of Volunteer Motivations on Service Hours"

Stein, Rachel, Corey Colyer, and Erin B. Hudnall. "Cooperative Learning Strategies: Using Grades as a 'Trojan Horse'"

## Community-Engaged Scholarship

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Youth Engagement Network, WV (2020-present)

Guided statewide research for the creation of the "Youth Engagement Best Practices Guide," which supports a network of youth engagement practitioners and young people across Appalachia. I also serve as the facilitator for the Network.

Community Collaborative Network, WV (2019-present)

Assisting in the creation and maintenance of an organizational network structure among community development practitioners and researchers to advance community development practice in West Virginia.

Community Coaching Fellowship, West Virginia Community Development Hub, WV (2020-2021)

This peer-learning program allows community leaders to enhance their skills in community development practice and facilitation in order to work with West Virginia communities in supporting positive community social and economic change.

Libera, Morgantown, WV (2019-2020)

Assisted staff in evaluation and creating an evidence-based organizational model.

Potomac Highlands Volunteer Center, Parsons, WV (2018)

Assisted staff in establishing knowledge of and relationships with community stakeholders through survey research.

Volunteer West Virginia, Charleston, WV (2017 – 2018)

Presented disaster volunteerism research to board members and staff and provided consultation on volunteer recruitment and retention strategies.

## Research Collaborations

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Think Tank for Social Research on Cannabis, West Virginia University (2019 – present)

This organization is comprised of undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty focused on understanding the social implications of cannabis use as a normative aspect of American culture; providing opportunities to engage in mentoring and; using public sociology to provide updated information on cannabis news, policy, and research through social media and our blog.

The Data HEART of West Virginia, West Virginia University (2018 – 2019)

This team focuses on research issues of population health that affect West Virginia while fostering a network of support and collaboration across the nation. I facilitated the process of formalizing this

group by building consensus on and creating a name, logo, social media profiles, and website. I also led the group's social media outreach.

Religion and Society at West Virginia University (2017 – present)

This research team seeks to improve our understanding of religion's role and influence in society.

## **Service**

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Project La Resolana Fundraiser, West Virginia University, (2021)

Facilitating collaboration between WVU students and organizations to provide monetary support to Project La Resolana. This project focuses on matching young people with their requested racially and ethnically representative literature and children's books.

Research Apprenticeship Program, Secondary Mentor, West Virginia University (2019-present)

Providing direct mentoring to two undergraduate students on research methods, research ethics, and project management for completion of independent undergraduate research projects.

## **Awards**

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Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2020-2021)

Outstanding Performance in Public Sociology, Think Tank for Social Research on Cannabis, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2020-2021)

Outstanding Performance in Public Sociology, Think Tank for Social Research on Cannabis, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2019-2020)

Outstanding Merit for Continuing Doctoral Students Fellowship, West Virginia University (2019 – 2020)

Emerging Engaged Scholar, Engaged Scholarship Consortium (2019)

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Thesis Award Nominee, West Virginia University (2019)

Paper Award Winner, Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Competition, Division of Drinking and Drugs, Society for the Study of Social Problems: "Cannabis Conundrum: Exploratory Research on Demographic Differences in Approval of Marijuana Legalization in the US," Kathryn Burnham, Erin Hudnall, and Robert Nicewarner (2019)

Outstanding Master's Thesis, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2018-2019)

Outstanding Performance in Public Sociology, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2018-2019)