

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK Aug 2022–May 2026
Ph.D., Sociology;
Graduate Certificate in Applied Research & Program Evaluation
Dissertation: *Gestating Tyranny: Religion as a Throughline in Abortion Stigmatization, Exceptionalism, and Criminalization in the U.S. from Roe to Dobbs and Beyond.*
(Chair: Samuel L. Perry; Committee: Stephanie Burge, Jennifer Holland, Trina Hope, Meredith G. F. Worthen).

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL 2011–2013
M.A., Sociology
Thesis: *Creating Moral Authority and Collective Action Frames: Christian Pulpit Monologues in the ‘Ex-Gay’ Movement.*

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL 2010–2011
B.S., Sociology (major), Psychology (minor)

Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL 2007–2009
A.A., Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Seto, Christopher H., Popy Begum, **Darci K. Schmidgall**, and Samuel L. Perry. 2026. “Christian Nationalism, Race, and Contingent Support for Law Enforcement: Results from Two Survey Experiments.” *Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.70066>.

Schmidgall, Darci K., Popy Begum, and Christopher H. Seto. 2025. “Deciding for Her: Religio-Political Conservatism, Christian Nationalism, and Public Opposition to Legal Abortion Across Circumstances.” *The Sociological Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2025.2596588>.

Schmidgall, Darci K. 2025. “Do State-Funded ‘Alternatives to Abortion’ Programs Reduce Abortion Rates? A Longitudinal Analysis.” *Social Science Research* 133:103259. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2025.103259>. (Journal acceptance rate: 5%).

Schmidgall, Darci K., Samuel L. Perry, and Joshua Grubbs. 2025. “Anti-Abortion and Pro-Coercion: White Christian Nationalism and Support for Arresting Women Who Have Abortions.” *Social Problems* spaf030. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaf030>.

Perry, Samuel L., and **Darci K. Schmidgall**. 2025. “How Christian Nationalism Co-opts Black Americans for Republicans: The Case of Voting on Abortion.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 48(15): 3073–3089. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2025.2482717>.

Seto, Christopher H., **Darci K. Schmidgall**, and Samuel L. Perry. 2024. “Colorblind Cops in Christian America: Christian Nationalism, Race, Politics, and Beliefs About Racist Policing.” *The Sociological Quarterly*, 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2435445>.

Bonner, Emily, R. D., **Darci K. Schmidgall**, and Thomas J. Burns. 2023. “Complementary Ecologies of Being: Quakerism and Buddhism as Exemplars of a Planetist Analogical Imagination.” *Social Science, Humanities and Sustainability Research*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.22158/sshsr.v4n5p125>.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Chapple, Constance, and **Darci K. Schmidgall**. 2026. “Social Control Theory.” In *The Sage Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender*, edited by Janet P. Stamatel. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

Schmidgall, Darci K., Samuel L. Perry, and Dan Wang. “Women in the Hands of an Angry God? Religion and Support for Punishing Women Who Have Illegal Abortions.” Under Revise and Resubmit review at *Sociology of Religion*.

Schmidgall, Darci K., Popy Begum, Elizabeth E. McElroy, Christopher H. Seto, and Joshua B. Grubbs. “The Makings of a Motherhood Paradox: Gendered Christian Nationalism and the Social Construction of Abortion as Murder.” Under review at *Gender & Society*.

Chapple, Constance L., Erin Maher, Sarah Beth Bell, Marie M. Cox, Lauren E. Ethridge, Julie E. Miller-Cribbs, Helen M. Milojevich, and **Darci K. Schmidgall**. “Using Mixed-Methods to Study Adversity in Rural Communities.” Under Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. (two co-PIs listed first alphabetically; remaining authors listed alphabetically.)

Worthen, Meredith G. F. and **Darci K. Schmidgall**. “Doing Marriage with Surnames: Men’s Marital Last Name Patterns.” Under review at *Sex Roles*.

Perry, Samuel L. and **Darci K. Schmidgall**. “Smart Enough to Read the Room: Cognitive Ability, Gender Attitudes, and the Moderating Role of Politics.” Under review at *Social Forces*.

Milojevich, Helen M., **Darci K. Schmidgall**, Sarah Beth Bell, and Constance L. Chapple. “Growing up in rural communities: Challenges, Opportunities, and Policy Implications.” Under review at *Children and Youth Services Review*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Schmidgall, Darci K., Abrielle Alexander, Ethan Boston, and Samuel L. Perry. In preparation. “White before Woman, Race before Gender? Intersectionality in a Systematic Review of Gender Non-Findings in Christian Nationalism Research.”

Su, Jian, **Darci K. Schmidgall**, and Christopher H. Seto. In preparation. “When Moral Boundaries Meet Structural Barriers: County-Level Religious Climates and Expanding Abortion Deserts in the United States after Dobbs.”

Schmidgall, Darci K., Elizabeth E. McElroy, and Meredith G. F. Worthen. In preparation. “Becoming One Flesh, One Name: Exploring Christian Influences on Surnaming Patterns and ‘Doing Marriage.’ ”

Schmidgall, Darci K. and Wendy K. Dedmond. In preparation. “Barbells and Bias: The CrossFit Open, Gender Progress, and Gender Difference in Sport.”

Schmidgall, Darci K. In preparation. “The Social Structure of Abortion: A Longitudinal Analysis of State Abortion Attitudes and Rates.”

Schmidgall, Darci K. In preparation. “Anti-Autonomy ‘Abolitionism’ (a³): Christian Nationalism and Hetero-Patriarchy, or Extremist Evangelical Supremacy?”

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Roundtable, 2026. “White before Woman, Race before Gender? Intersectionality in a Systematic Review of Gender Non-Findings in Christian Nationalism Research.”

American Society of Criminology, Social Movements and Criminal Justice panel, 2025. “Abortion Abolitionism: Christian Nationalism, Male Supremacy, and Motherhood Penalties in Post-Dobbs America.”

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2025. “Mother of All Deviance? Theorizing Abortion Stigma Through the Panes of a Stained-Glass Overton Window.”

Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2025. “Becoming One Flesh, One Name: Exploring Christian Influences on Surnaming Patterns and ‘Doing Marriage.’ ”

American Society of Criminology, Race and Policing panel, 2024. “Colorblind Cops in Christian America: Christian Nationalism, Race, Politics, and Beliefs About Racist Policing.”

American Sociological Association, “After Dobbs” medical sociology panel, 2024. “Do State-Funded ‘Alternatives to Abortion’ Programs Reduce Abortion Rates? A Longitudinal Analysis.”

Association for the Sociology of Religion, “Religion and Politics” panel, 2024. “Deciding for Her: Christian Nationalism and Support for Access to Legal Abortion Across Circumstances.”

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Criminology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University. 2026–present.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

University of Oklahoma | Criminal Justice Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2024–Aug 2025

Developed and instructed Research Capstone course for OU Online Criminal Justice M.S. program (Spring 2025); grader (Summer 2025).

University of Oklahoma | Carceral Studies Graduate Research Assistant

Mar 2023–Jun 2023

Conducted qualitative data analysis in a transdisciplinary research project.

Performed line-by-line coding of focus group data using NVivo.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | Research Assistant

Spring 2012

Findings presented by Dr. Mark Hedley at the 2012 Summer Seminar of the National Social Science Association (Education and Relationship Panel).

TEACHING POSITIONS

University of Oklahoma — Adjunct Lecturer (trained in online teaching methods), Spring 2024–2026

OU — Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2022–2026

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville — Sociology Instructor, 2018–2019

Lewis and Clark Community College; SIUE; Southwestern Illinois College; St. Louis Community College — Adjunct Lecturer, 2014–2018

SIUE — Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2012–2013

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Research Project in Criminal Justice (OU online)

Criminology (OU)

Race and Ethnic Relations (10 courses at SIUE; 1 at LCCC)

Intro to Sociology (5 courses at OU; 5 at SIUE; 5 at SWIC; 3 at LCCC; 1 at StLCC)

Social Problems (3 courses at SWIC)

Gender and Society (3 courses at SIUE)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse (4 courses at StLCC)

Sociology of Psychodynamic Substances (4 courses at StLCC)

GRANTS

OU Robberson Research Grant, \$1,000 (05/2025)

Association for the Sociology of Religion Gallagher Travel Grant, \$514 (05/2025)

OU Sociology Department Grasmick–Riddle Summer Fellowship, \$3,000 (05/2025)

OU DF CAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$7,440 (04/2025)

OU Graduate Student Senate travel grant, \$450 (12/2024)

OU DF CAS Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$3,450 (10/2024)

OU Robberson Travel Grant, \$1,000 (08/2024)

OU DF CAS Travel Assistance Program grant, \$750 (08/2024)

OU Sociology Department travel grant, \$700 (01/2024)

OU Robberson Research Grant, \$750 (01/2024)

OU Graduate Student Senate travel grant, \$750 (03/2023)

OU Sociology Department travel grant, \$500 (03/2023)

SKILLS

Advanced categorical and panel regression analyses

Proficient in Stata, SPSS, Python, NVivo

Structural Equation Modeling

Advanced qualitative research methods and data analysis

HONORS & AWARDS

2025 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship winner (\$18,000 plus \$1,800 travel stipends from SWS, ASA, & SSSP)

Selected by student-athletes for recognition at Faculty Appreciation Ceremony at SIUE sporting events (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Selected by graduates for recognition at SIUE Black Graduation Celebration (May 2016, May 2019)

SIUE Faculty/Staff of the Month (February 2015)

Nominated for university-wide Outstanding Thesis Award, SIUE (2013)

Academic All-American, ICC (2008)

Distinguished Academic All-American, ICC (2007)

**AD HOC PEER
REVIEWS**

American Sociological Review (Aug. 2026)

Sociology of Religion (Aug. 2026)

The Sociological Quarterly (May 2026)

American Journal of Sociology (April 2026)

Perspectives in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nov. 2025)

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE &
ACTIVITIES**

Undergraduate Programs Committee member, WVU (Fall 2026–present)

Finalist, OU 3-Minute Thesis Competition (Spring 2026)

Community liaison, OU LGBTQ Research & Engagement Collaborative (2025)

Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Religion and Ethics Faculty Seminar participant, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC (June 2025)

Co-founder, SIUE campus organization: NER (Non-religious, Ethno-religious, and Religious minorities) Coalition (2024)

Founder and President, OU student organization: Qualitative Methods Lab (2023–2026)

Graduate student peer mentor, OU (2023–2024)

Cohort participant, Strides Toward Anti-Racist Teaching in the South (2023)

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

Religion & Society Group, WVU (2026–Present)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2025–present)

NER Coalition, SIUE (2024–present)

American Society of Criminology (2024–Present)

Association for the Sociology of Religion (2024–Present)

Sociologists for Women in Society (2023, 2025)

American Sociological Association (2023–Present)

Southern Sociological Society (2023)

Oklahoma Sociological Association (2022)

**APPLIED
SOCIOLOGY
EXPERIENCE**

The Baby Fold, Normal, IL | Child Welfare Specialist

2019–2021

Co-founded the “George Floyd Commission”

St. Louis Crisis Nursery, St. Louis, MO | Intake Counselor

2012–2013