

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center
at the University of Cincinnati
Research Support Application

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I. General Information

- a. Name: Andrew R. Lewis
- b. M#: xxxxxxxx
- c. Department: Political Science
- d. Position: Assistant Professor
- e. Project title: Rights Framing in American Religion
- f. Time Period: January 2015-December 2015
- g. Probable Results of a Grant (such as external funding, publications, and presentations): Publication of a book manuscript with a top-ten university press; Publication of at least two peer-reviewed journal articles; Presentation at two national political science conferences; Secure at least one external grant
- h. Other Funding Applied For or Received for This Project (list source and amounts requested and awarded): We have not applied for any other grants. We will apply for a grant from the Religious Research Association due April 30, 2015 and one from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion due May 1, 2015.
- i. If applying for a Cost-Share grant, please indicate whether or not Cost-Share is required by grant giving organization and/or the budget items are necessary for the project but not covered by grant. N/A

II. Budget

Research Assistance

- Funding for Graduate Assistant: (150 hours at \$18/hour): \$2700
- Travel to visit churches and student groups: \$300
- Miscellaneous: 66.92 (e.g., supplies for in-person survey collection)
- SUBTOTAL = \$3066.92

Mailings (Quote from UC Printing Services)

- Initial Mailing to 3,000 congregants
 - Cover Letter on Letterhead: \$307.52
 - Front/Back Survey: \$213
 - Business Reply Envelope: 244.74
 - Window Envelope with UC logo: \$307.52
 - Folding, Sealing, and Stuffing: \$464.21
 - Postage: \$780
 - SUBTOTAL = 2316.99
- Follow-up Mailing to 3,000 congregants
 - Postcards: \$70.31
 - Print and Certify Postcards: \$235.78
 - Postage: \$510
 - SUBTOTAL = 816.09

TOTAL BUDGET = \$6200

III. Internal & External Grant History

External

- 2014: Louisville Institute, \$25,000. (TBD). Will submit November 1, 2014. Proposing sabbatical extension to complete book project on the evolution of Christian Right legal advocacy.
- 2014: Voinovich Collections Fellowship, Ohio University, \$1,000. (Accepted). Will conduct archival research on the development of the school choice Supreme Court case *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*. Research will commence in January 2015.
- 2013: Earhart Foundation, \$15,000. (Rejected).
- 2011: Postdoctoral Fellow, James Madison Program, Princeton University, \$45,000. (Accepted). Started three journal articles, all of which were recently accepted at peer-reviewed journals. Developed book manuscript of which I have presented three chapters at academic conferences and have had very positive conversations with leading university presses.

Internal

- 2014: Taft Center Fellowship (TBD). Submitted October 1, 2014. Proposed spending the year at Taft completing my book project on the evolution of Christian Right legal advocacy. The project goes hand-in-hand with this Research Support application.
- 2014: Taft Conference Travel, \$1100. (TBD). Pay for travel to present a book chapter at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2014: Taft DARS, \$770. (Accepted). Developing an experimental research survey on rights-framing using Amazon's Mechanical Turk. This is a follow-up to my recently published article in *Social Science Quarterly*. It is related to this proposal, though it does not target religious individuals because religious respondents are scarce on Mechanical Turk. Will submit initial results at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in April 2015.

- 2014: Taft DARS, \$900. (Accepted). Developed an experimental survey entitled “The Politics of Hermeneutics” with Stephen Mockabee. We used Amazon’s Mechanical Turk and presented the initial results at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. We will apply for an external grant from the Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences in the coming months.
- 2013: Taft Conference Travel, \$550. (Accepted). Pay for travel to present a book chapter at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Version of this chapter was recently published in a peer-reviewed journal.
- 2013: University Research Council Summer Research Grant, \$8000. (Rejected).
- 2012: Taft Summer Research Fellowship, \$8000. (Rejected).

IV. Project Proposal

I, along with two political science colleagues, am requesting funding to support an experimental survey research project that would integrate with a stream of research that I am conducting on rights and religion in American politics. While the language of rights has typically been the domain of liberals in America, recently conservatives have been developing rights-based arguments to achieve success in politics and law. Religious conservatives, such as American evangelicals, have played an important role in this rights-based framing, increasingly couching arguments in religious liberty and free speech terms. This is an important shift for democratic theory and “culture war” politics. There is some burgeoning scholarship that tests the effectiveness of these rights claims, but this area of research currently lacks a precise understanding of the causal mechanisms and a distinct focus on religious conservatives. My colleagues and I plan to use a Taft Research Support grant to begin this work and to serve as seed money for future funded research. This survey will help me solidify my in-progress book manuscript, the central component of my tenure file. In addition, the research team expects the survey will yield at least two peer-reviewed journal articles.

We will develop a survey and implement it among various evangelical churches and evangelical para-church groups in the Cincinnati area. We are investigating two theories that will be tested using two related survey experiments. First, we theorize that evangelicals have embraced rights language via their involvement in the pro-life movement and, as such, right-to-life framing will enhance their approval of expanded advocacy. To test this we will present respondents with one of four issue areas: 1) church-state separation; 2) free speech; 3) healthcare; and 4) the death penalty. For each issue area, the respondents will either receive a generic moral framework for advocacy activity or a rights-based framework related to abortion politics. After reading the randomly assigned prompts, respondents will then relay their opinions on the issue areas and their views of the speaker. We expect that the rights-based framing (right to life) will be more likely to yield approval of expanded advocacy. Second, we theorize that the establishment of a threat will provoke a rights orientation, as majorities seek to protect community morality while minorities seek the cover of rights. To test this we will incorporate a threat-based framework as an experimental treatment for each of the four issue areas.

The survey will have two waves. The first wave targets religious student groups on area campuses via in-person surveys. Political theorists have argued that younger individuals are more prone to rights-based framing, so targeting these groups would give us an over-sample of younger citizens and allow us to examine this claim. The second wave will target evangelical congregations by mailing our survey to membership lists obtained from the local churches. This will require the development of a trusting relationship with local congregations, along with significant research funds to complete the mailed survey. We are budgeting for a mailing of 3,000 surveys to local congregants, along with a follow-up reminder postcard. Our expected budget for this project is \$6200, with the bulk of it being split between the funding of a doctoral student. (See above for the itemized budget.)

The research team for this survey will be Dr. Stephen Mockabee, Associate Professor of Political Science, Mr. Stuart Warren, political science doctoral student, and I. Dr. Mockabee and I will be the co-principal investigators. We will design the survey, initiate relationships with the churches and student groups, oversee the data collection process, and analyze the data. As our graduate assistant, Mr. Warren's main responsibilities will be maintaining relationships with the churches and student groups, collecting the data from the student groups, and inputting and coding data. We will all be fully certified according to UC's Institutional Review Board, and Dr. Mockabee and I will ensure that their protocols are followed.

When completed, we will utilize the survey for at least three projects. First, the data will contribute to my book on the role of abortion politics in the evolution of Christian Right legal advocacy that I expect to publish in a top-ten academic press. I have drafted three substantive chapters and had positive conversations with leading publishers, but this experimental work is the primary piece of evidence I am missing to fully make my case. As such, the survey is vital to that project that I hope to complete in 2015. Second, Dr. Mockabee and I foresee at least two peer-reviewed journal articles coming from this project. One will be on the effects of framing on individualism and communitarianism attitudes among the religious right. The second will analyze the impact of threat perception in mass-level individual rights claims. We are both productive scholars, who have experience conducting experiments and public opinion surveys. I expect these articles to be completed by the end of the 2015-16 academic year.

If we receive this grant, we also plan to use it as seed money to secure outside funding to expand the scope of the project. In particular, we would like to add Catholics and churches in other regions. We plan to apply for two external grants: 1) the Religious Research Association's Constance Jacquet Research Award, due April 30, 2015; and 2) the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Jack Shand Small Grant, due May 1, 2015. We will be notified of the results by the end of the Summer 2015. (Both RFPs are attached.) Having Taft support for this project will send strong signals to these organizations, and the combination of Taft and one of these other two awards will enable us to collect an excellent data set from which to publish quality work for the next few years.

If we receive the Taft Research Support award following the October deadline, we are confident that we can complete all elements of this survey by Summer 2015. We expect to have a completed survey instrument and IRB approval by the end of February 2015. We would then spend the spring collecting data from student groups and initiate the mailed survey. The summer would be spent inputting, cleaning, and coding the data. If we meet this timeline, the data will be available for me to complete my book manuscript in a timely fashion and for Dr. Mockabee and I to quickly move forward with our journal articles. We expect the results of this survey to have a high impact, and we would be grateful if Taft would partner with us to make it a reality.

V. Curriculum Vitae

Please include here a current (updated within the last month) curriculum vitae of no more than two pages.

See below for the short CVs of Andrew Lewis and Stephen Mockabee, co-investigators.

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science – **University of Cincinnati** – Aug 2012 to Present

Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Dept. of Politics – **Princeton University** – Sep 2011 to June 2012

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science – **American University, Washington, DC** – **May 2011**

- Dissertation: “The Southern Baptist Church-State “Culture War”: The Internal Politics of Denominational Advocacy” (Daniel L. Dreisbach, Chair)

M.A., Ethics – **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC** – **May 2006**

- Thesis: “The Utilitarian Utilization of Postmodern Jurisprudence: A Flawed System for Church-State Jurisprudence”

B.A., History – **Truman State University, Kirksville, MO** – **May 2003**

- Minor: Political Science

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Djupe, Paul A., and Andrew R. Lewis. Accepted. “Solidarity and Discord in Interest Group Memberships: How the Social Context Affects Interest Group Involvement.” *American Politics Research*.

Lewis, Andrew R. 2014. “Abortion Politics and the Decline of the Separation of Church and State: The Southern Baptist Case.” *Politics & Religion* 7(3): 521-49.

Djupe, Paul A., Andrew R. Lewis, Ted G. Jelen, and Charles Dahan. 2014. “Rights Talk: The Opinion Dynamics of Rights Framing.” *Social Science Quarterly* 95(3): 652-668.

Lewis, Andrew R. 2014. “Staffing the Front Lines of the Culture War: Constituency Religious Effects on Assignment to the Senate Judiciary Committee.” *Congress & the Presidency* 41(2): 167-89.

Andrew R. Lewis. 2011. “Representing the Faithful in Legal Advocacy? Evaluating the Congruence in Baptist Church-State Advocacy.” *Politics & Policy* 39(3): 441-68.

Andrew R. Lewis and Dana Huyser de Bernardo. 2010. “Belonging without Belonging: Utilizing Evangelical Self-Identification to Analyze Political Attitudes and Preferences.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(1): 112-26.

Kevin H. Wozniak and Andrew R. Lewis. 2010. "Reexamining the Effect of Christian Denominational Affiliation on Death Penalty Support." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 38(5): 1082-89.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Lewis, Andrew R. 2013. Book Review: *American Evangelicals Today* by Corwin E. Smidt. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*: 650-52.

Paul A. Djupe and Andrew R. Lewis. 2013 "Religion and Politics in the U.S." *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Science*, 2nd ed. In Press.

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP IN PROGRESS

The Right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of the Law: Abortion Politics and Evangelical Advocacy Expansion. Book manuscript being prepared for submission to an academic press.

"Politics of Hermeneutics." With Stephen T. Mockabee. Experimental survey completed.

"Religion and Rights Framing." With Ted G. Jelen and Paul A. Djupe. Experimental Survey in Development.

Religion Interest Groups National/State Study. With Paul A. Djupe. Survey completed.

"The (Non) Religion of Mechanical Turkers." With Stephen T. Mockabee, Paul A. Djupe, and Joshua S. Wu. Preparing article for journal submission.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Politics of Hermeneutics". With Stephen T. Mockabee. Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC: Aug 2014.

"How Abortion Politics Shapes Evangelical Legal Advocacy: The Healthcare Case". Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC: Aug 2014.

"Pro-Life Politics and Rights Expansion: The Case of Free Speech Advocacy among American Evangelicals." Paper presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston, SC: Mar 2014.

"Culture Creep: How Abortion Politics Shapes Legal Advocacy." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL: Aug 2013.

"Abortion Politics and the Decline of the Separation of Church and State: The Southern Baptist Case." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL: Apr 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Politics & Policy*, *Politics & Religion*, and *Journal of History & Culture*

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EDUCATION

Ohio State University

Ph.D., Political Science, December 2001

Dissertation: “Party Polarization in American Politics”

Advisor: Herbert F. Weisberg

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Institute in Quantitative Methods,
University of Michigan, Summer 1997

Courses: Structural Equation Modeling; Longitudinal Data Analysis

Michigan State University

B.A., Political Science (Honors College, with honor), May 1995

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Cincinnati

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, September 2008 to present

Graduate Program Director, Department of Political Science, September 2009 to present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, September 2001 – August 2008

RESEARCH

Articles

Sokhey, Anand E., and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2012. “Reexamining Political Discussion and Disagreement in Church Networks: An Exit Poll Assessment” *Politics and Religion* 5: 253-279.

Bishop, George F., and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2011. “Comparability of Measurement in Public Opinion Polls.” *Survey Practice* 4 (December), www.surveypractice.org.

Grant, J. Tobin, Stephen T. Mockabee, and J. Quin Monson. 2010. “Campaign Effects on the Accessibility of Party Identification.” *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 811-821.

Bishop, George F., and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2008. “Understanding the Meaning of the ‘Mood of the Country’” *Survey Practice* 1 (August), www.surveypractice.org.

Mockabee, Stephen T. 2007. "A Question of Authority: Religion and Cultural Conflict in the 2004 Election." *Political Behavior* 29: 221-248.

Mulligan, Kenneth, J. Tobin Grant, Stephen T. Mockabee, and Joseph Quin Monson. 2003. "Response Latency Methodology for Survey Research: Measurement and Modeling Strategies." *Political Analysis* 11: 289-301.

Grant, J. Tobin, and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2002. "Tax Policy Attitudes and the 1996 Presidential Election." *American Politics Research* 30: 459-475.

Mockabee, Stephen T., Joseph Quin Monson, and J. Tobin Grant. 2001. "Measuring Religious Commitment Among Catholics and Protestants: A New Approach." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 40: 675-690.

Book Chapters

Bishop, George F., Misook Gwon, and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2014. "American Public Opinion and the 'Culture War' Politics of Teaching Human Evolution," in *Curriculum and The Culture Wars: Debating the Bible's Place in Public Schools*, eds. Melissa Deckman and Joseph Prud'homme. New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 85-118.

Leege, David C., and Stephen T. Mockabee. 2013. "Catholics and the 2008 Election," in *Religion, Race, and Barack Obama's New Democratic Pluralism*, ed. Gastón Espinosa. New York: Routledge, 79-107.

Mockabee, Stephen T., Kenneth D. Wald, and David C. Leege. 2012. "In Search of a Religious Left: Re-examining Religiosity." In *Improving Public Opinion Surveys: Interdisciplinary Innovation and the American National Election Studies*, eds. John Aldrich and Kathleen M. McGraw. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 278-298.

Brooks, Stephen, Michael John Burton, David B. Cohen, Anne C. Hanson, Stephen T. Mockabee, and John C. Green. 2008. "The Battle for Ohio 2006: The Democrats Strike Back." In *The Battle for Congress*, eds. David B. Magleby and Kelly D. Patterson. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 167-194.

Mockabee, Stephen T. 2007. "The Political Behavior of American Catholics: Change and Continuity." In *From Pews to Polling Places: Political Mobilization in the American Religious Mosaic*, ed. J. Matthew Wilson. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 81-104.

Mockabee, Stephen T., Michael Margolis, Stephen Brooks, Rick Farmer, and John C. Green. 2006. "The Battle for Ohio: The 2004 Presidential Campaign." In *Dancing without Partners: How Candidates, Parties, and Interest Groups Interact in the Presidential Campaign*, eds. David B. Magleby, Kelly D. Patterson, and J. Quin Monson. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 135-162.

Weisberg, Herbert F., and Stephen T. Mockabee. 1999. "Attitudinal Correlates of the 1996 Presidential Vote: The People Reelect a President." In *Reelection 1996: How Americans Voted*, eds. Herbert F. Weisberg and Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier. New York: Chatham House Publishers, 45-69.

Abbreviated cv, updated 9/30/14

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Criteria: The committee will judge each article's quality of scholarship, importance to the field, and relevance to the larger society. Any article involving some aspect of the scientific study of religion is eligible.

Award: The award will be presented at the annual meeting. It includes a plaque and \$1000.

STUDENT PAPER AWARD [\[Top\]](#)

Purpose: To recognize the best paper scheduled for presentation by a student at the annual meeting. SSSR wishes to (1) encourage scholarly work and participation by students in SSSR meetings, and (2) give students the opportunity to receive constructive feedback and criticism on their work by professional colleagues and mentors.

Qualifications: Authors of papers submitted for this competition must be graduate or undergraduate students at institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world, but papers must be submitted in English. Any co-authors must also be students. Neither faculty nor post-doctoral co-authors are permitted. To be eligible, a paper must not have been published or accepted for publication. At least one author for the paper must be registered for the SSSR conference. Submission of the paper implies a commitment for an author to appear and present the paper at the conference.

Procedures: Student authors must use the SSSR online procedure for submitting abstracts. Papers intended for this competition must be submitted to the chair of the Student Paper Award Committee by August 1. Student authors who intend to enter this competition may wish to notify the Student Paper Award Committee Chair via email at the time of their abstract submission, but they are not required to do so.

Although the version of the paper prepared for oral presentation is usually limited to what can be read in about 15 minutes, the written version submitted by August 1 for the award should be of normal length for published articles, that is, about 35 pages, double-spaced, including notes and references. Papers should be submitted to the chair of the Committee as an email attachment in either MS Word or rich text format. The deadline for all full-paper submissions to this competition is August 1.

Criteria: Student papers will be judged by the awards committee on criteria normally used in evaluating scholarly and scientific papers for publication – namely, an appropriate theoretical framework, a competent use of research methods and data as necessary, with a persuasive argument to a logical conclusion. Papers may build upon any theoretical or research tradition. It will be up to the author(s) to demonstrate the cogency and usefulness of the theories and methods used in the paper.

The Award: The award will be presented at the annual meeting. It includes a plaque and \$1000.

To apply, please use the SSSR abstract proposal system available at <http://www.sssrweb.org>
 Final date for abstract submission is March 31:

Send a completed paper by August 1 to:

Amy Adamczyk, Chair
aadamczyk@jjay.cuny.edu

Please direct any questions to Professor Adamczyk, chair of the Student Paper Award Committee.

JACK SHAND RESEARCH AWARDS [\[Top\]](#)

A generous bequest from Jack Shand, a long-term member of SSSR until his death in 2001, has made it possible for SSSR to offer Jack Shand Research Awards to support research in the social scientific study of religion.

In 2014, we will give research grants only in the small grant category. We have allocated \$40,000 to the small grants program, with individual awards limited to \$5000. Applicants must have finished the Ph.D. degree and must be members of SSSR. In the case of co-authored requests, one author must be a member. Intellectual merit is the criterion by which proposals will be evaluated.

Applicants should email a proposal, in PDF, to Gerardo Marti, chair of the small grants committee, no later than May 1, 2014. The proposal should be no longer than 4 single-spaced pages of 12-point type, including a budget. The limit of 4 pages does not include references.

Funding decisions will be made by August 1, 2014.

Jack Shand Small Grant Awards Committee

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Constant H. Jacquet Research Awards

The Religious Research Association announces its annual competition for the Constant H. Jacquet Research Award to support research in religion.

Applied, client-centered projects are given priority, but basic social scientific research on any aspect of religion is also regularly funded. Proposals from students, especially Ph.D. candidates and scholars who are in the early stages of their careers are particularly encouraged. Applicants are required to be members of the RRA. Full-time students may join the Association at the time of their application. All others must hold membership in the RRA for at least one full year prior to the application deadline.

Funding may be used for research expenses, but not for supplemental income or capital equipment. Grants in excess of \$4,000 to a single recipient/agency are rare. Applicants will be notified of the disposition of their applications by May 15th and will be asked to submit a written acceptance of their awards within two weeks of notification. Awards become available July 1st.

Recipients should plan to expend the grant within one year after accepting the award and should note RRA support in all reports of the research for which they received the grant. Award recipients are required to provide the Executive Officer with an abstract and a one-page summary of the research at its conclusion.

Award recipients are encouraged to submit their research reports for possible publication in the *Review of Religious Research*, subject to editorial review.

Applications must be received by 30 April 2014.

Interested persons can obtain [APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS](#) online.

For more information about the award, please contact the Executive Officer: [Bill Swatos](#)

2012 Recipients of the Religious Research Association's Constant H. Jacquet Awards were:

- Katharine A. Boyd, a Doctoral Student of the John Jay College of Crimqal Justice, CUNY, Graduate Center. The title of her study is: "Ecology of Religious Conflict: Cross-National Comparison of Violent Attacks."
- Reid J. Leamaster, a Ph.D. Student at Purdue university: West Lafayette, Indiana. The title of his study is: "Gendered Resistance and Compliance in the LDS Church."
- Mark McCormack, a Ph.D. student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee. The title of his study is: "Negotiating Women of Faith: A Multilevel Analysis of Interfaith Group Formation and Maintenance."
- Aida Isela Ramos, a Ph.D. student from the;University of Texas in Austin. The title of her study is "Schools, Community, and Religious Volunteers: The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Providing Social Support to U.S. Mexican Youth."
- Laura Schneebaum, a student pursuing an M.A. in Mental Health and Wellness at New York University. The title of her study is: "Religious perceptions on Mental Illness: Orthodox Jewish Women's Narratives."

2011 Recipients of the Religious Research Association's Constant H. Jacquet Awards were:

- Laura Andrews, University of Arizona, "The Role of Religious Meanings in Human Action: The Case of Environmental Conflict."
- Zahra Ayubi, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "What is Islamic? Debates over Ethical Approaches to Muslim Gender Reform."
- Eileen Barker, London School of Economics, "NRMs and their Aging Converts."
- John Eicher, University of Iowa, "How States and Interest Groups Defined their Identities through Interaction with Mennonites."
- Justin Farrell, University of Notre Dame, "The Role of Religious Meanings in Human Action: The Case of Environmental Conflict."
- Brad Fulton, Duke University, "Congregation-Based Community Organizing: The State of the Field."
- Daniel Loss, Brown University, "The Afterlife of Christian England, 1944-1994."

2010 Awardees were:

- Melissa Browning, Loyola University of Chicago, applied research as part of her PhD program in Christian Ethics, "Patriarchy, Christianity, and the African AIDS Pandemic: Rethinking Christian

Marriage in Light of the Experiences of HIV Positive Women in Tanzania."

- Harriet J. Hartman, Sociology Department, Rowan University, basic research, "Jewish Identity and its Influence on Secular Pursuits."
- Kent R. Kerley, Department of Justice Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, basic research with an applied emphasis, "Freedom in life, freedom in faith: Understanding the impact of a faith-based transitional center for women."
- Benjamin Meagher, University of Connecticut, basic research as part of his PhD program in Social Psychology, "Judgments of Religious Qualities and the Identification of Spiritual Exemplars."
- Kevin Taylor, Boston University, basic research as part of his PhD program in Religious and Theological Studies, "Habits of the Hearth: Parenting, Religion, and the Good Life in America."
- Jeremy Thomas, Purdue University, basic research as part of his PhD program in Sociology, "Identifying Underchurched and Overchurched Counties: An Application for a New Approach to the Analytic Separation of Religious Supply and Demand."

2009 Awardees were:

- Joshua Brahinsky, University of California, Santa Cruz, as part of his PhD program in History of Consciousness, "Ordinary Mystics: The Organizing and Politics of Bethany Missionaries."
- Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye, Harvard University, as part of her PhD program in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, "The True Jesus Church and the Moral Marketplace in Fuzhou, China."
- Alexei Krindatch, Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, "They are 'with us' but not a 'part of us.' The young generation of intermarried families in the Eastern Orthodox Churches in America."
- Jared Peifer, Cornell University, as part of his PhD program in Sociology, "Serving God and Mammon: The Case of Religiously Affiliated Mutual Funds."
- Jeremy Uecker, University of Texas at Austin, as part of his PhD program in Sociology, "Religion and Early Marriage in the United States."

2008 Awardees were:

- Christy Bohl (University of Kentucky)
- Michael Evans (University of California San Diego)
- Michele Garred (University of Lancaster)
- Emily McKendry-Smith (University of North Carolina)
- Melissa Mokel (University of Connecticut)
- Mandy Robbins (University of Warwick)

2007 Awardees were:

- Kraig Beyerlein (University of Arizona)
- Philip Michael Fountain (Australian National University)
- Karen Monique Gredd (University of Notre Dame)
- Kevin A. Harris (Ball State University)
- Carrie S. Konold (University of Michigan)
- Michael K. Romer (University of Texas)

2006 awardees were:

- Gary L. Adler, Sociology, University of Arizona, "Parishes in the Aftermath: Hurricane Katrina, Organizational Change, and Individual Believers"
- Joanne M. Marshall, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Iowa State University, "School Superintendents Applying a Moral Imperative to Professional Practice: Evaluating Iowa's 'Leading with Soul' Pilot Program" (Client: School Administrators of Iowa)
- Nancy J. Martin, Sociology, University of Arizona, "Small Groups in Big Churches"
- Stephen Offutt, Sociology, Boston University, "A Comparative Analysis of Global Evangelicalism: Networks, Organizations, and Entrepreneurs in Central America and Southern Africa"
- J. Shane Sharp, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "The Effects of Religion on the Behaviors and Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence Victims"
- Jacqueline Wenger, Sociology, Catholic University of America, "Middle-Class African-American and White Nondenominational Protestant Congregations: Their Characteristics and Significance"

2005 awardees were:

- Nanlai Cao, The Australian National University, an ethnographic study of the Christian revival in postsocialist Wenzhou, China.
- Brian Calfano, University of North Texas, an examination of the role of institutional influences on the attitudes and behavior of ecclesiastical elites (ordained and lay) in the Presbyterian Church, USA.
- D. Michael Lindsay, Princeton University, a study of the role of "leading evangelical" elites and their networks in refashioning institutional boundaries and cultural repertoires.
- Marge Royle, Parish Life and Leadership Ministry, United Church of Christ, an analysis of the

factors associated with stress, job performance, and coping among UCC clergy.

- Jenny Trinitapoli, University of Texas, Austin, an examination of the influence of religion on sexual behavior and HIV transmission risk among lay adults in three districts of rural Malawi

2004 awardees were: Mary Bendyna, James Fenimore, Charlene McGrew, Anthony Pogorelc, and Rebecca Sager

2003 awardees were:

- Lanette Ruff, University of New Brunswick. Religious response to victims of violence against women in Jamaica and Croatia.
- James Wellman, University of Washington. Study of the ministries of five megachurches in the state of Washington.
- Lori Beaman, Concordia University, Montreal. Study of participants in the labyrinth spiritual movement.
- Stephen Krauss, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Structure of social and religious attitudes in Ghana and United States.
- Keli Rugenstein, State University of New York at Albany. Stressors affecting clergy and their effect on decisions to leave congregational ministry.

2002 awardees were Sally Gallagher, Enid Logan, Eric McDaniel, and Robert Woodberry.

2001 awardees were Al Herzog, Elaine Howard, Ted Jelen, David Yamane, and Fenggang Yang.

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ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1

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The Louisville Institute's Sabbatical Grant for Researchers Program enables ecclesially-engaged academics and scholarly religious leaders to conduct a major study that can contribute to the vitality of Christianity in North America. Grants of up to \$40,000 support year-long research projects that address Christian faith and life, the practice of ministry, and/or religious institutions.

Eligibility

The Sabbatical Grant for Researchers program is open to both academic and pastoral leaders who are based in the United States or Canada. While pastoral leaders are eligible to apply to the SGR program, their proposals will likely be more competitive in the [Pastoral Study Project](#) program.

Preference given to applicants who are fully employed in accredited academic institutions and eligible for a full academic year leave from teaching.

Applicants must have earned the terminal degree in their chosen vocation. For pastors, this is typically the Master of Divinity degree; for academics it is usually the Ph.D. or Th.D. Note that grant funding does not support tuition or degree program expenses. All applicants must demonstrate a capacity to complete the proposed project in a timely fashion. Applicants may only apply to one Louisville Institute grant program within the same grant year (June 1-May 31).

Proposed projects may employ a variety of methodological perspectives, including, but not limited to, historical, systematic and practical theology, the social sciences, history, ethics, or biblical studies. They may also be interdisciplinary in nature. All applicants should make clear how their project will contribute to the life of the church in North America.

Questions about eligibility may be sent to klichty@louisville-institute.org

Application and Selection Procedure

Beginning with the Applicant Information link below, please upload your application materials in *.pdf format (preferred). **Assemble all required documents and recommender email addresses and upload your application materials in one session.** All digital documents must be submitted by the annual November 1 deadline. Recommenders must submit their letters by November 8th. If you encounter problems with online submission contact Keri Liechty at klichty@louisville-institute.org.

Are you applying with a colleague to the Sabbatical Grant for Researchers Grant? If yes, click here for additional guidelines: [SGR Co-applicant Information Guide](#).

Applications should include:

[Applicant Information](#) (Application details; 1-3 sentences stating your project's core question and why it is important to the church in North America; and 200-word summary)

Narrative statement of approximately 5-7 pages (12-point and double-spaced). Describe your proposal in detail using the following outline:

- Concern/Question: What is the primary concern or question being addressed?
- Rationale: Why is the proposed topic important to you and to the church? What are the

consequences if this issue is not investigated and responded to?

- **Plan:** How do you intend to study and investigate the concern? Include a description of the way in which you will conduct the inquiry: bibliography of the main sources to be read, field work if appropriate, travel and other resources necessary to complete the project.
- **Dissemination:** Who is your audience for this research? How do you plan to share your research with them? What oral forms of dissemination fit the project (e.g. sermons, education venues, speeches, conference papers)? What written forms of dissemination fit the project (e.g., essay, article, book, other possible publication venues)?
- **Impact:** What personal, academic, and spiritual impacts do you see for yourself in engaging in this project? What benefits will come to your institution and to the larger church?
- **Timeline:** What is the schedule and timeline for the project?

Selective bibliography of the main sources to be read (2-3 pages double-spaced)

Detailed budget and budget narrative – see [Guide for Budget Preparation](#)

Copy of your current Curriculum Vitae or résumé (no more than 4 pages).

Two Letters of Recommendation: When uploading your application materials, please provide email addresses for your two recommenders. After submitting your application, the Louisville Institute will immediately email those persons with instructions for submitting their documents online. You will also receive an email confirming that recommenders have been notified. We notify you via email as each person successfully submits a document.

We advise applicants to contact their recommenders well in advance to explain procedures and guidelines (below) so that completed letters can be promptly uploaded when requested by the Institute. Letters of Recommendation need to be submitted by November 8th.

- **Letter of Recommendation from Colleague** — The recommender will be instructed: *After reviewing the applicant's plans, craft your letter (on letterhead, if applicable) as a colleague. Provide your candid assessment of the applicant's reliability and capacity to carry out the proposed project. Describe how the applicant's previous work demonstrates skills needed to conduct this study. In what ways might this project strengthen the church in North America?*
- **Letter Assessing Project Feasibility** — The recommender will be instructed: *After reviewing the applicant's plans, craft a letter (on letterhead, if applicable) providing your candid assessment of the need for this project, the feasibility of this project, and the distinctiveness of this project in light of what others are doing or have already done. Tell us how the applicant is well-suited to undertake this study and why the proposed project has relevance for the church in North America.*

Duration of Award and Stipend

Research periods supported by this grant may range from nine months to one year. The grant amount requested should not exceed \$40,000. Normally, the Louisville Institute will pay the grant directly to the institutions of those selected. The Louisville Institute allows up to 10 percent indirect costs based on the total direct costs of the project. Awards will be announced on or before February 1, 2015.

Conditions

Generally applicants should be released from all professional duties during the grant period. Academic applicants eligible for a sabbatical leave and/or a release from all teaching responsibilities during the grant year should indicate that fact in their proposal. Pastors should be released from all employment duties during the entire grant period. Academic and pastoral applicants who cannot be released from all professional duties should indicate in their proposals how they plan to devote sufficient time to the proposed project. In many cases, for example, this may require a course buyout or some other reduction in teaching load or a buyout of a certain number of Sundays for pastors. Louisville Institute grantees may not simultaneously hold two grants from Lilly Endowment-funded organizations that total more than \$45,000.

No recipient of a Louisville Institute grant or fellowship may also be awarded a Henry Luce III Fellowship during the same selection year. Applicants to both programs may only accept one award.

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