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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2017- Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle Pacific University
- 2015- 2017 Post-Doctoral Fellow  
Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture  
University of Virginia

## EDUCATION

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- 2015 Ph.D. Sociology, Baylor University  
Dissertation: “Religion and Interracial Marriage”  
Chair: Paul Froese, Ph.D.
- 2012 M.A. Sociology, Baylor University  
Thesis: “Social Origins of Scientific Deviance”  
Chair: Paul Froese, Ph.D.
- 2009 B.A. Sociology with Honors and Philosophy, University of Washington

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Race and Ethnicity  
Marriage and Family  
Culture and Religion

Quantitative Methods  
Science and Technology

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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2022. Brandon C. Martinez, **Joshua C. Tom**, and Joseph Baker. “Flowing Across with Demonic Hate: Belief in Supernatural Evil and Support for Stricter Immigration Policy” Accepted at *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

2021. Kenneth R. Vaughan, **Joshua C. Tom**, and Jerry Z. Park. “Damned if You Do, Damned if You Don’t: Perceived Discrimination and the Paradoxes of Assimilation Among U.S. Muslims” *Sociological Perspectives* (Revise and Resubmit)
2020. Jerry Z. Park and **Joshua C. Tom**. “Political Trajectories of Asian-Americans: Bringing Religion In” *AAPI Nexus*, 17(1), 271-288.
2018. **Joshua C. Tom**. “Social Origins of Scientific Deviance: Examining Young-Earth Creationism and Global Warming Skepticism” *Sociological Perspectives*, 61 (3), 341-360.
2018. Jenny McGill, Lindsey Huang, Erin Davis, David Humphrey, Jenny Pak, Andi Thacker, and **Joshua C. Tom**. “Addressing the Neglect of Students of Color: The Strategy of Life Coaching” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 8 (1).
2017. Samuel Stroope and **Joshua C. Tom**. “In-Home Firearm Access among US Adolescents and the Role of Religion: Results from a Nationally Representative Study”. *Social Science Research*, 67: 147-159.
2017. Brandon Martinez, **Joshua Tom**, Todd Ferguson, Brita Andercheck and Samuel Stroope. “Parenting in an Enchanted World: Belief in Supernatural Evil and Childrearing Practices” *Journal of Family Issues*, 39(6): 1616-1638.
2017. Samuel Stroope, Isaiah Cohen, **Joshua C. Tom**, Aaron Franzen, Matthew Valasik, and Kyriakos Markides. “Neighborhood Perception and Self-Rated Health among Older Mexican Americans” *Geriatrics and Gerontology International*, 17 (12), 2559-2564.
2017. Samuel Stroope, Todd W. Ferguson, Brandon C. Martinez, **Joshua C. Tom**, and Brita Andercheck. “The Social Sources of Community Feelings: An Examination Using a National Survey of Religious Congregations in the United States” *Sociological Spectrum*, 37 (4), 223-236.
2015. Todd W. Ferguson, Brita Andercheck, **Joshua C. Tom**, Brandon C. Martinez, and Samuel Stroope. “Occupational Conditions, Self-Care, and Obesity among Clergy in the United States” *Social Science Research*, 49, 249-263

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Undergraduate Professor of the Year, Seattle Pacific University
- 2019 Seattle Pacific University Faculty Research and Scholarship Grant, “Race and the New American Populism” (\$5049)
- 2018 Seattle Pacific University SERVE Grant, “Vocational Discernment: Sociology Students Doing Research” (\$4,095)

- 2016 Lilly Community Scholarship Grant to design a pilot study of minority of minority student retention strategies at CCCU schools (\$4,500)
- 2014 Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals Dissertation Research Travel Grant (\$2,000)
- 2014 Selected Participant with full scholarship, Graduate Student Workshop with the Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics and Society, Chapman University, Orange, CA
- 2014 Winner of Sociology Department Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2014 Wakonse Teaching Fellow
- 2014 Selected Participant with full scholarship, Wakonse South Conference on College Teaching, Burnet, TX
- 2013 Winner of Baylor University Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2010- 2015 Baylor Sociology Departmental Travel Awards (\$3,100)
- 2010-2015 Baylor Graduate School Travel Awards (\$2,400)
- 2010- 2015 Graduate Tuition Full Scholarship
- 2010- 2015 Baylor University Presidential Scholarship (\$30,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021 “The Effects of Congregational Racial Composition on Perceptions of Discrimination”- with Brandon C. Martinez. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Portland, Or. October 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.
- “Religion and Anti-Asian Racism Pre and Post-Covid”- with Jerry Z. Park. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Virtual Session. October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- “Anti-Asian Racism and Religion” with Jerry Z. Park and Joyce Chang. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Online. August 7-11<sup>th</sup>.
- “Anti-Asian Racism and Religion” Session Convener, with Jerry Z. Park and Joyce Chang.

- 2019 “Bad Omens and Bad Hombres: Belief in Supernatural Evil and Attitudes Towards Immigration” with Brandon Martinez, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. October 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 “Race, Religion and the American Pessimism Gap” with Brandon Martinez, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV. October 25-28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “Race, Religion and the 2016 Election Season” with Brandon Martinez and Todd Ferguson, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. October 12-15.
- 2016 “Values of Childrearing and Education among Irreligious Parents.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. August 19-21.
- 2015 “Gender Ideology and Children” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, Fall Fellows Colloquium. Charlottesville, VA. September 11.
- 2015 “Fathers, Daughters and Traditional Gender Ideology.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA. April 1-4;
- 2014 “Experiences of Discrimination Among Muslim Americans.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. August 13-15.
- 2014 “Parenting in an Enchanted World: Belief in Supernatural Evil and Childrearing Practices.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. March 27-30.
- 2013 “Interracial Fertility and Religion.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 8-10.
- 2013 “Faith and Healing: American Patterns and Practices.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Reno, NV. March 21-24.
- 2012 “Religious effects upon the rate and stability of interracial marriages”, with Brandon Martinez, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. November 9-11.
- 2012 “Scientific Deviance and Competing Social Authorities: Science, Religion and Politics.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. March 22-25.

2011 "You Don't Polish the Brass of a Sinking Ship: Dispensational Eschatology and the Environment." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. March 10-13.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Tom, Joshua C. and Brandon C. Martinez. 2021. "Using Social Media to Understand Immaterial Culture." Class Activity published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Park, Jerry Z. and Joshua C. Tom. 2014. "Affirmative Action Lawsuits are Out of Touch". Asian American-Pacific Islander Voices. <http://aapivoices.com/affirmative-action-out-of-touch/>

Tom, Joshua C. 2014 "Mapping out Medicalization." Class Activity published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Park, Jerry Z., Joshua C. Tom, and Brita J. Andercheck. 2014. "Greater Acceptance, Persisting Apathy: 50 Years of Religious Change". The Society Pages. <http://thesocietypages.org/ccf/2014/07/09/religious-change/>

Park, Jerry Z. and Joshua C. Tom. 2014. "Keeping (And Losing) Faith, the Asian American Way". Asian American-Pacific Islander Voices. <http://aapivoices.com/keeping-losing-faith/>

Park, Jerry Z., Joshua C. Tom, and Brita J. Andercheck. 2014. "Fifty Years of Religious Change: 1964-2014". Civil Rights Symposium, Council on Contemporary Families. <http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org/50-years-of-religious-change/>

Review of "Live Long and Prosper: How Black Megachurches Address HIV/AIDS and Poverty in the Age of Prosperity Theology" by Sandra L. Barnes. *Review of Religious Research*. 55(3). 2013

Review of "Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think" by Elaine Howard Ecklund. *Review of Religious Research*. 54(3).2012

Tom, Joshua C. and Kevin D. Dougherty. 2012. "Teaching the Sociology of Religion: An Annotated Bibliography." Teacher Sharing Center, Association of Religion Data Archives <<http://www.thearda.com/learningcenter/learningresources/teachersharing.asp>>.

Tom, Joshua C. 2012. "Teaching Religion in History Courses: An Annotated Bibliography." Teacher Sharing Center, Association of Religion Data Archives <<http://www.thearda.com/learningcenter/learningresources/teachersharing.asp>>.

## SELECTED MEDIA CITATIONS

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Featured in “The Stop Asian Hate movement is at a crossroads”, by Li Zhou, on Vox, March 15, 2022. <https://www.vox.com/22820364/stop-asian-hate-movement-atlanta-shootings>

SAGE Publication Interview for “Social Origins of Scientific Deviance: Examining Creationism and Global Warming Skepticism”  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/page/spx/podcasts>

Featured in “Portly pastors: Study finds over a third of America’s clergy are obese due to stress, long hours”, by Jennifer Harper, on The Washington Times, January 12, 2015. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jan/12/portly-pastors-study-finds-over-third-americas-cle/>

Featured in “Holy heftiness: One-third of clergy members are obese, study finds”, by Meredith Engel, on New York Daily News, January 12 2015. <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/one-third-clergy-members-obese-study-article-1.2075168>

Featured in “Evangelicals more likely to divorce than non-religious, study suggests”, by Daniel Calder, on Examiner, July 20, 2014. <http://www.examiner.com/article/evangelicals-more-likely-to-divorce-than-non-religious-study-suggests>

Featured in “Are Evangelicals Bad for Marriage?” by Sarah Zylstra, on Christianity Today, February 14, 2014. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/february-web-only/are-evangelicals-bad-for-marriage.html>

Featured in “Evangelicals have highest divorce rates: Study” by Douglas Todd, the Vancouver Sun, February 5 2014.

Featured in “Married Interfaith Couples Who Keep Religious Traditions Separate on the Rise” by Jessica Grose, on Slate, February 4, 2014. [http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx\\_factor/2014/02/04/interfaith\\_marriage\\_study\\_couples\\_who\\_keep\\_their\\_religious\\_traditions\\_separate.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx_factor/2014/02/04/interfaith_marriage_study_couples_who_keep_their_religious_traditions_separate.html)

Featured in “Evangelicals have higher divorce rate than nonbelievers” by Jeff Kunerth in the Orlando Sentinel, February 6, 2014.

Featured in “Interracial Dating Decreases with Church Attendance (Except for One Denomination)” by Melissa Steffan on Christianity Today, January 29, 2013 <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2013/january/interracial-dating-decreases-with-church-attendance-except.html>

Featured in “The Ties That May Not Bind: Race, Religion, and Marriage” by David Briggs on The ARDA, January 14, 2013. <http://blogs.thearda.com/trend/featured/the-ties-that-may-not-bind-race-religion-and-marriage/>

Featured in “Segregated Churches, Segregated Lives: Religion, Race, and Marriage” by David Briggs on The Huffington Post, January 16, 2013. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/segregated-churches-segregated-lives-religion-race-and-marriage\\_b\\_2479693.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/segregated-churches-segregated-lives-religion-race-and-marriage_b_2479693.html)

#### CLASSES TAUGHT

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##### *Seattle Pacific University*

SOC 1110 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 2252 Marriage and the Family  
SOC 3250 Sociology in Medicine  
SOC 3370 Sociology of Deviance  
SOC 3862 Race and Ethnicity  
SOC 4910 Seminar- Modern Love: Families and Relationships  
SOC 4970 Advanced Research Methods  
HON 2000 Culture and Social Systems

##### *Baylor University*

SOC 1305 Introduction to Sociology

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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##### Regional Affiliate

Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology  
University of Washington  
2018- Present

Reviewer:     *Social Science Research*  
                  *Sociological Perspectives*  
                  *Sociology of Religion*  
                  *Social Problems*  
                  *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
                  *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*  
                  *Qualitative Sociology*  
                  *Geographical Review*  
                  *Critical Research on Religion*  
                  *International Journal of Research on Religion*

Member:        American Sociological Association  
                  Race and Ethnicity Section  
                  Religion Section  
                  Pacific Sociological Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Alpha Kappa Delta

INVITED TALKS

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- 2021 “Can the American Church Survive?” Panelist, SPU History Club News and Nachos April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2021 “Anti-Asian Racism in Context” Edmonds School District Community Equity Meeting March 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2021 Invited Talk, “Race, Racism and Faith” Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church February 21<sup>st</sup>
- 2020 SPU Chapel Post-Election Table Talk November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 Invited Talk, “Implicit Bias in Healthcare: Examining Social Determinants of Health” SPU Interprofessional Grand Rounds Autumn Lecture. September 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 Panelist, “Modern Love” SPU STUB Educational Event February 25<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 Invited Talk, “Race, Racism and Faith” Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church March 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2014 Baylor University Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor 2014 Award Committee
- 2014 Invited Lecture, “The Courage to Teach”  
Wakonse South Conference on College Teaching
- 2013 Baylor Graduate Student Association, Sociology Department Representative

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- 2021- Cross-Campus Interview Committee
- 2020- Lilly Network Seattle Pacific University Representative
- 2020- Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter Faculty Representative
- 2020-2021 Dean Search Committee
- 2020- Academic Rigor and Equity Group



- 2019-2020    General Education Taskforce
- 2019-        Childcare Taskforce
- 2019-        Seattle Pacific University Institutional Review Board Committee

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE AND PROFICIENCIES

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REFERENCES

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