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ACADEMIC POSITIONS (Recent)

Baylor University, Waco Texas
Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences, 2009 – present.
Professor of Sociology, 2004 – 2008.
Director, Institute for Studies of Religion, 2004 - present.
Director, Program on Prosocial Behavior, 2004 – present.
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Politics, 2003-2004.
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Director, Center for Research on Religion & Urban Civil Society, 2001 – 2003.
Distinguished Senior Fellow, Robert A. Fox Leadership Program, 2000 – 2003.
Graduate Faculty Group, Jerry Lee Criminology Center, 2000 – 2003.
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Crime and Justice Policy, 1998 – 2000.
Senior Scholar, Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, 2000 – 2003.

RESEARCH POSITIONS (Recent)

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
Community of Scholars, Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health – 2007 to present.
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Co-Principal Investigator, Religion and Relations in Urban America, 2003-2006.
The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, New Jersey
Senior Research Fellow, Religion and Civil Society Program, 2003 – present.
Institute for Jewish and Community Research, San Francisco, CA
Senior Scholar, 2007 – present.
Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior Research Advisor, Prisoner Reentry and Ready4Work Initiative, 2003 – 2004.
Manhattan Institute, New York, New York
Director, Jeremiah Project, Center for Civic Innovation, 2000 – 2004.
Senior Fellow, Center for Civic Innovation, 2000 – 2004.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. *Florida State University, Criminology*
M.S. *University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Criminology*
M.A. *Middle Tennessee State University, Psychology/Sociology*
B.A. *Minot State University, Psychology/Sociology*

OTHER ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT (Recent)

1. Participant, Service Leaders Roundtable, Points of Light Presidential Forum, G.H.W. Bush Presidential Library, Texas A&M University, October 2009.
2. Founding Fellow, Society for the Spirituality, Theology, and Health, Duke University, 2009 -
3. Keynote – American Association of Pastoral Counselors, October 2008, Argyle, Texas.
4. Presenter – White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, Roundtable on Evaluation Research, Washington, DC, December 2008.
5. Co-Organizer – Religious Practice and Health: What the Research Says. Conference series sponsored by ISR, Heritage Foundation, and Child Trends. Washington, DC, December 2008.
6. Member – Coordinating Council for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Presidential Appointment {George W. Bush}: October 2008 to December 2011).
7. Co-Organizer – Beijing Summit on Chinese Spirituality and Society: A Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Peking University, October 8-10, 2008.
8. Keynote – American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Dallas, Texas, October 2008.
9. Plenary Speaker: “Assessing the Effectiveness of Faith-Based Efforts.” White House National Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2008.
10. Chair, Research Group, White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, 2007-2009.
11. Plenary – “Faith-Based Initiatives: Role and Efficacy in a Civil Society,” Duke University, 2007.
12. Keynote: “Is Religion Good for Society?” University of Arkansas, April 2007.
13. Keynote: Ohio State University & Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction, Feb. 2007.
14. Plenary – Social Scientific Study of Religion, Renmin University, Beijing, China, July 2006.
15. Plenary – “Religion and Marriage in America,” Princeton University, November 2005.

PUBLICATIONS (Select/Recent)

1. “Religion and Delinquency: A Systematic Review of the Literature,” *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, with S. D. Li, D. B. Larson, & M. McCullough, 16 (1): 32-52, 2000.
2. “Who Escapes the Crime of Inner-Cities: Church Attendance and Religious Salience Among Disadvantaged Youth,” *Justice Quarterly*, with D. Larson, S. Jang, & S. Li, 17: 701-715, 2000.
3. “The Invisible Institution & Black Youth Crime: The Church as an Agency of Local Social Control,” *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, DB Larson, SJ Jang, and S. Li, 29:479-498, 2000.
4. “Neighborhood Disorder, Individual Religiosity, and Adolescent Drug Use: A Test of Multilevel Hypotheses,” *Criminology*, with SJ Jang, 39:501-535, 2001.
5. “Does Adolescent Religious Commitment Matter?: A Reexamination of the Effects of Religiosity on Delinquency,” *J of Research in Crime & Delinquency*, SJ Jang, D Larson, S Li, 38: 22-44, 2001.
6. “Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews: Implications for Law Enforcement,” *Police Chief*, with Neil Websdale and Heather Moss, 68: 65-74, 2001.
7. “Reviewing and Clarifying the Role of Religion and in Reducing Crime and Delinquency,” *Federal Probation*, 65: 49-53, 2001.
8. “Assessing the Impact of Religious Programs and Prison Industry on Recidivism: An Exploratory Study” *Texas Journal of Corrections*, 28: 7-11, 2002.
9. “A Tale of Two Religious Effects: Evidence for the Protective and Pro-Social Impact of Religious Practice on Youth,” in *Hardwired to Connect: Social, Moral, and Spiritual Foundations of Child Well-Being*, Commission on Children at Risk: Dartmouth (2002).
10. “Strain, Negative Emotions, and Deviant Coping among African Americans: A Test of General Strain Theory and the Buffering Effects of Religiosity,” *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, with Sung Joon Jang, 19:79-105, 2003.
11. “The Spiritual State of the Union: The 2003 CRRUCS/Gallup Report,” with George H. Gallup, Jr., *Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society*, January 2003.

12. "Assessing the Impact of Religious Programs on Prisoners: An Eight-Year Recidivism Study," *Justice Quarterly*, 21(2): 329-354, 2004.
13. "Explaining Religious Effects on Distress among African Americans," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, with Sung Joon Jang, 43 (2): 239-260, 2004.
14. "The Intervention Selection Bias: An Under-Recognized Confound in Intervention Research," *Psychological Bulletin*, with Robert E. Larzelere and Brett R. Kuhn, 130 (2): 289-303, 2004.
15. "Explaining Religious Effects on Distress among African Americans," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, with Sung Joon Jang, 43 (2): 239-260, 2004.
16. "Religious Programs and Recidivism Among Former Inmates in Prison Fellowship Programs: A Long-Term Follow-Up Study," *Justice Quarterly* 21 (2): 329-354, 2004.
17. "Gender, Religiosity, and Reactions to Strain among African Americans," *Sociological Quarterly*, with Sung Joon Jang, 46 (2): 323-358, 2005.
18. "Assessing the Faith Factor: A Systematic Review of the Literature," in Stanley Carlson-Theis (ed.) *The Status of the Faith-Based Initiative*. Center for Public Justice (September 2007).
20. "Religion and Domestic Violence: An Examination of Variations by Race and Ethnicity," *Violence Against Women*, CG Ellison, JA Trinitapoli, and KL Anderson, 13: 1094-1112, 2007.
21. "Recovering the Lost: Re-measuring US Religious Affiliation," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, with Kevin Dougherty and Clay Polson, 46 (4): 483- 500, 2007.
22. "Deregulation and the Religious Market in Taiwan: A Research Note," *The Sociological Quarterly*, with Yunfeng Lu and Rodney Stark, 49: 138-153 (2008).
23. "The Cumulative Advantage of Religiosity in Preventing Drug Use," *Journal of Drug Issues*, with Sung Joon Jang and Christopher Bader, 38 (3): 771-798, 2008.
24. "Rethinking Prisoner Reentry," in *Innovations in Effective Compassion: Compendium on Research, Outcomes, and Evaluation of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary for Planning & Evaluation (2008).
25. "The Faith Factor and Prisoner Reentry," *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 4: 1-21 (2008).
26. The Center for Neighborhood Enterprise Violence-Free Zone Initiative: A Milwaukee Case Study, with William Wubbenhorst, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University (2009).
27. "The Role of Religious Institutions in Responding to Crime and Delinquency," in *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Pp. 857-875. Peter B. Clarke (ed). University of Oxford Press (2009).
28. "Religion, Race, and Drug Use Among American Youth," *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, with Sung Joon Jang, 6: 1-22 (2010).
29. "Divine Justice: How Images of God Impact Attitudes Toward Criminal Punishment," *Criminal Justice Review*, (in press) with Christopher Bader and Scott Desmond.
30. "Religiosity and Dynamics of Marijuana Use: Initiation, Persistence, and Desistence," at the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, JT Ulmer, Scott Desmond, and Sung Joon Jang.
31. "The Liberalization of Young Evangelicals: A Research Note," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, (in press) with Buster G. Smith.
32. "Religiosity and Drug Use: A Research Note," at the *Journal for Research in Crime and Delinquency*, with Jeffrey Ulmer, Scott Desmond, and Sung Joon Jang.
33. "Addressing Religion and Spirituality in Correctional Settings," in *APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality*. Kenneth I. Pargament, Editor-in-Chief, American Psychological Association (forthcoming).
34. *More God, Less Crime: How Religion and Faith-Based Approaches Reduce Crime and Foster Hope* forthcoming book (2011).

Research Grants (Select) - Have directed federal and private research grants in excess of \$24 million.

1. Project Director - Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, D.C. Project Title: "Combating Domestic Violence on College Campuses." Funding Period: January 2000 through December 2001. Amount Funded: \$435,000.
2. Project Director – Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, D.C. Project Title: "Fatality Review Project: Planning Grant." Funding Period: October 2000 through September 2001. Amount Funded: \$100,000.
3. Project Director – Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, PA. University of Pennsylvania/ CRRUCS: A Center of Excellence. Funding Period: July 2001 – June 2004. Amount Funded: \$2,600,000.
4. Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, Research Area Consultant. Stephen G. Post, Project Director, Case Western Reserve University. Funding Period: 2001 – 2005. Amount Funded: \$2,500,000.
5. The Spiritual Transformation Project, Metanexus Institute. Co-Principal Investigator. Funding Period: 2002 – 2005. Amount Funded: \$2,500,000.
6. Project Director: Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice. Washington, D.C. "National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative." October 2001 – January 2008. Amount: \$2,225,000.
7. "Baylor Longitudinal Study of Religious Belief and Values," John M. Templeton Foundation. January 2005 – December 2008. Amount funded: \$716,000.
8. "Faith and Community Technical Support," Office on Violence Against Women, U. S. Department of Justice. October 2005 – September 2006. Amount Funded: \$3,000,000.
9. "The Economics of Religion," John M. Templeton Foundation. June 2006 – December 2008. Amount Funded: \$389,000.
10. "The Empirical Study of Religions in China," John M. Templeton Foundation. January 2006 – December 2008. Amount Funded: \$1,750,000.
11. "The Role of Religion in Prosocial Youth Behavior," Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice, Washington, DC. September 2006 – December 2008. Amount Funded: \$400,000.
12. "A Randomized Controlled Study of Amachi Texas: Developing Purpose in the Lives of Children Impacted by Incarceration," Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice, Washington, DC. October 2007 – September 2010. Amount Funded: \$1,500,000.
13. "Creating A Spiritual Diagnostic Tool," Bright Media Foundation, Orlando, FL. Summer 2009. Amount Funded: \$39,000.
14. "Merit Beyond the Badge: Eagle Scouts in Later Life," John M. Templeton Foundation. November 2009 – October 2011. Amount Funded: \$992,508