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## **POSITIONS**

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2022-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University  
2020-2022 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University

## **EDUCATION**

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2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Minnesota  
2012 M.S. Sociology, Portland State University  
2009 B.A. Sociology and Journalism, University of Wyoming

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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cultural sociology; religion and nonreligion; science and technology; health and wellbeing; social solidarity and moral cultures

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Jacqui Frost. "Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces." Forthcoming in *Social Forces*.

Jacqui Frost, Christopher Scheitle, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Patterns of Perceived Hostility and Identity Concealment among Self-identified Atheists." Forthcoming in *Social Forces*.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2022. "'I Believe in Taking Care of People': Pushing Back Against Rationalized Systems with a Moral Logic of Care." *Poetics* 90: 1-12.

Jacqui Frost. 2019. "Certainty, Uncertainty, or Indifference? Examining Variation in the Identity Narratives of Nonreligious Americans." *American Sociological Review* 84(5): 828-850.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2018. "Rescuing Nones from the Reference Category: Civic Engagement Among the Nonreligious in America." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 47(2): 417-438.

Penny Edgell, Jacqui Frost, and Evan Stewart. 2017. "From Existential to Social Understandings of Risk: Examining Gender Differences in Nonreligion." *Social Currents* 4(6): 556-574.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2017. "Distinctiveness Reconsidered: Religiosity, Structural Location, and Understandings of Racial Inequality." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(2): 277-301.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Jacqui Frost. 2021. "Religion for Atheists? Transhumanism, Mindfulness, and Atheist Churches." Pp. 1080-1094 in *The Cambridge History of Atheism*, edited by Stephen Bullivant and Michael Ruse. Cambridge University Press.

Jacqui Frost. 2017. "Rejecting Rejection Identities: Negotiating Positive Nonreligiosity at the Sunday Assembly." Pp. 171-190 in *Organized Secularism in the United States*, edited by Ryan Cragun, Lori Fazzino, and Christel Manning. De Gruyter Press.

## **BOOK MANUSCRIPTS**

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Jacqui Frost. *Atheist Utopias: Sacralizing Science in Secular Congregations*. In progress.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Christopher Scheitle, Jacqui Frost, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "The Impact of Religious Discrimination and Victimization on Physical and Mental Health." *Under Review*.

Jacqui Frost, Christopher Scheitle, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Denise Daniels. "Religion, Region, and Expressions of Faith in the Workplace." *Under Review*.

Laura Gilbertson, Penny Edgell, and Jacqui Frost. "Sorting, Sort Of: Complicating Factors in the Culture Wars." *Under Review*.

Evan Stewart, Jaime Kucinkas, Jacqui Frost, and Bradley R.E. Wright. "Clarifying the Relationship between Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health: A Model Robustness Approach." *Under Review*.

Penny Edgell, Mahala Miller, and Jacqui Frost. "What Makes Life Meaningful? Packages of Meaningful Commitments Among Nonreligious and Religious Americans." *Under review*.

Jacqui Frost. "Science as Value Rationality." *In progress*.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. "Mechanisms of Health and Wellbeing Among the Nonreligious." *In progress*.

Jacqui Frost, Rachel Schneider, Andrea Henderson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Divine Purpose? Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Life Extension." *In progress*.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

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- 2020. Sociology of Religion and Science Program Grant, Templeton Religion Trust. \$114,000.
- 2019. CLA Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota. \$12,500.
- 2019. Outstanding Teaching Award, Center for Educational Innovation, University of Minnesota.
- 2019. Student Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. \$3,000
- 2019. Council of Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant, University of Minnesota. \$900.
- 2018. Engaged Scholarship Award, University of Minnesota. For work on *The Society Pages*.
- 2018. Anna Welsch Bright Research Award, University of Minnesota. \$2,500.

- 2015. Summer Research Fellowship, American Mosaic Project. \$5,000.
- 2014. Edelstein Fellowship, American Mosaic Project. \$45,000.
- 2014. Ron Anderson Technology and Social Cohesion Award. \$2,500.
- 2013. Sociology Department Fellowship, University of Minnesota. \$8,000.

## REVIEWS, COMMENTS, AND ESSAYS

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Jacqui Frost. 2022. Review of *Situating Spirituality: Context, Practice, and Power*, edited by Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun. *Sociology of Religion*.

Jacqui Frost. 2021. Review of *Secularization*, by Charles Turner. *Secular Studies*.

Jacqui Frost. 2020. "Rethinking the Risks of Rejecting Religion: Secular Speculations and the Construction of Nonreligious Risk Narratives." *TERA* 1(1): 56-62.

Jacqui Frost. 2020. Review of *A Qualitative Study of Black Atheists: "Don't Tell Me You're One of Those!"* by Daniel Swann. *Social Forces*.

Jacqui Frost. 2019. "How Our Paradigms Limit Our Measures." Response to "Is Secularism a World Religion?" by Donovan Schaefer. *Implicit Religion* 22(1): 66-71.

Yağmur Karakaya and Jacqui Frost. 2019. "The Cultures of Cultural Sociology at Minnesota." Department Profile for ASA Culture Section newsletter.

Evan Stewart, Jacqui Frost, and Penny Edgell. 2017. "Special Issue: Intersectionality and Power." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(1).

Jacqui Frost. 2016. Review of *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems*, by Joseph Baker and Buster Smith. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Jacqui Frost. 2015. "Measuring Secularity." Response to "Understanding the Secular," with Phil Zuckerman and John R. Shook. *The Religious Studies Project*.

## UPCOMING/RECENT INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

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- 2022. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *Situating Spirituality: Context, Practice, and Power*, edited by Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Baltimore.
- 2022. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *The Secular Paradox: On the Religiosity of the Not Religious*, by Joseph Blankholm. American Academy of Religion: Denver.
- 2022. Invited Lecture. "Science in Secular Congregations." Virtual Presentation for Religion and Society Group, West Virginia University.
- 2022. Invited Lecture. "Putting Your Faith in Science: Cultivating Spirituality and Navigating Uncertainty in Secular Congregations." Virtual Presentation for Department of Sociology, University of Münster, Germany.
- 2021. Invited Lecture. "Ritualizing Nonreligion." Virtual presentation for Nonreligion in a Complex Future Seminar Series, University of Ottawa, Canada.
- 2019. Invited Lecture. "Academic Publishing for Graduate Students." Research and Analysis in the Sociology of Religion Workshop. University of Notre Dame.

- 2019. Guest Speaker, Minnesota Atheists Public Meeting. “Surveying the Nonreligious: Improving Questions and Categories.” Minneapolis.
- 2018. Panelist, Sabo Center for Democracy and Citizenship Annual Symposium. “Are the Nones Done with Civic Engagement?” Augsburg College, Minneapolis.
- 2016. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *Recognizing the Nonreligious: Reimagining the Secular*, by Lois Lee. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference. Seattle.

### **UPCOMING/RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2022. “Atheist Utopias: Cultivating Visions of the ‘Good Society’ in Secular Congregations.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Baltimore.
- 2022. “Divine Purpose? Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Life Extension.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference: Denver.
- 2021. “Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Portland.
- 2021. “Anxious Atheists? Factors that Shape Whether Nonreligious People Find Comfort or Anxiety in their Nonreligion.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Portland.
- 2021. “Health and Wellbeing Among the Nonreligious: Accounting for the Nonreligious Life Course.” Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Conference: Virtual Meeting.
- 2020. “Pushing Back Against Rationalized Institutions with a Logic of Care.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference: Virtual Meeting.
- 2020. “Atheist Churches and AI Utopias: Repurposing Religious Means for Secular Ends.” Sociology of Science and Religion Project Grantees Conference: Virtual Meeting.
- 2019. “The Meaning of Uncertainty: Navigating States of Certainty and Uncertainty in Nonreligious Narratives.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference: New York.
- 2019. “States and Traits: Navigating Nonreligious Uncertainties.” Cultures of Unbelief Conference: Rome.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Analyzing Culture on TV (Purdue University)  
 Cities and Social Change (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)  
 Introduction to Sociology (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)  
 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies (Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN)

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

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*This Week in Sociological Perspectives Podcast*. Interviewed about “Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces.” July 17, 2022.

*Religion News Service*. “Atheists Who are Women, Republicans, or Southerners More Likely to Hide Beliefs.” March 10, 2022.

*Houston Public Media.* Radio interview about “Patterns of Perceived Hostility and Identity Concealment among Self-identified Atheists.” March 8, 2022.

*Beyond Atheism Podcast.* Interviewed for Episode 26, “Atheist Churches.” November 5, 2021.

Deputy Editor, *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Blog*, 2018 - 2020.

Managing Editor, *The Society Pages*, 2016 – 2017

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Committee Member, *Sociology of Religion* Distinguished Article Award. 2021-2024.

Committee Member, GSS Religion Core Revision Committee, 2022.

Committee Chair, ASA Sociology of Religion Section Distinguished Article Award, 2022.

Session Organizer, ASA Sociology of Religion Section. 2021.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Religion Section Graduate Student Research Award. 2021.

Panelist, ASA Sociology of Religion Section’s Virtual Mentoring Panels. 2020, 2021.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Culture Section’s Graduate Student Paper Award. 2020.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Culture Section’s Programming Committee. 2020.

Conference Assistant, Cultures of Unbelief Conference: Rome, Italy. 2019.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

\*Culture

\*Religion

\*Science, Knowledge, and Technology

\*Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network

Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion

American Academy of Religion