

# Curriculum Vitae

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University of Tampa, Assistant Professor of Sociology 2007 - present

## Education:

PhD University of Cincinnati, Sociology – <i>A Role Conflict Model of Religious Change</i> – Rhys H. Williams, Chair	May 2007
MA University of Cincinnati, Sociology – <i>The Sectarian Safe Haven</i> – Rhys H. Williams, Chair	2001-2004
BA University of Utah – Psychology	1998-2000

## **Publications:**

### **Peer-Reviewed:**

- Hwang, Karen, Joseph H. Hammer, and Ryan T. Cragun. (forthcoming) “Extending Religion-Health Research to Nontheistic Minorities: Issues and Concerns.” *Journal of Religion and Health*.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Amelia R. Woltanski, Melanie F. Myers, and Deborah L. Cragun. (forthcoming). “Genetic Counselors' Religiosity & Spirituality: Are Genetic Counselors Different from the General Population?” *Journal of Genetic Counseling*.
- Cragun, Ryan T., and Ronald Lawson. (forthcoming) “The Secular Transition: Worldwide Growth of Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh-day Adventists.” *Sociology of Religion*.
- Nielsen, Michael, and Ryan T. Cragun. (forthcoming) Religious Orientation, Religious Affiliation, and Boundary Maintenance: The Case of Polygamy. *Religion, Mental Health, and Culture*.
- Cragun, Ryan T., and Michael Nielsen. “Fighting Over "Mormon": Media Coverage of the FLDS and LDS.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*. 2009.
- Woltanski, Amelia R., Ryan T. Cragun, Melanie F. Myers, and Deborah L. Cragun. “Views on Abortion: A Comparison of Female Genetic Counselors and the General Population.” *Journal of Genetic Counseling*. 2009.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2007. The Future of Textbooks. *Electronic Journal of Sociology*. ([http://www.sociology.org/content/2007/\\_cragun\\_futureoftextbooks.pdf](http://www.sociology.org/content/2007/_cragun_futureoftextbooks.pdf))

### **Books:**

- Cragun, Ryan T. and Deborah L. Cragun. 2009. Introduction to Sociology. ([http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction\\_to\\_Sociology](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology))

### **Book Chapters:**

- Cragun, Ryan T., Michael Nielsen, and Heather Clingenpeel. (forthcoming) “The Struggle for Legitimacy: Tensions Between the LDS and FLDS. in *Paradise Plundered: The Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints*, edited by Stuart A. Wright and James T. Richardson.
- Cragun, Ryan T., and Michael Nielsen. (forthcoming) “The Social Psychology of the FLDS Raid and the Corresponding Media Coverage.” in *Modern Polygamy in the United States: Historical, Cultural, and Legal Issues Surrounding the Raid on the FLDS in Texas*, edited by Cardell K. Jacobson and Lara Burton. (forthcoming)
- Cragun, Deborah L., and Ryan T. Cragun. (forthcoming) “The Intricacies and Ethics of Parental Genetic Testing.” in in *Modern Polygamy in the United States:*

*Historical, Cultural, and Legal Issues Surrounding the Raid on the FLDS in Texas*, edited by Cardell K. Jacobson and Lara Burton. (forthcoming)

### **Other Publications:**

- Kosmin, Barry A., Ariela Keysar, Ryan Cragun, and Juhem Navarro-Rivera. 2009. *American Nones: The Profile of the No Religion Population*. Trinity College, Hartford, CT.
- Cragun, Ryan T. (2008). Changes in Sexual Mores in U.S. post-1945. *ABC-CLIO's World History Encyclopedia, Era 9: Promises and Paradoxes 1945-Present*.
- Cragun, Ryan T. (2008). Madalyn Murray O'Hair. *ABC-CLIO's World History Encyclopedia, Era 9: Promises and Paradoxes 1945-Present*.
- Cragun, Ryan T. (2008). Secularism. *ABC-CLIO's World History Encyclopedia, Era 9: Promises and Paradoxes 1945-Present*.
- Cragun, Ryan T. (2008). Structural Shifts in U.S. Families since 1945. *ABC-CLIO's World History Encyclopedia, Era 9: Promises and Paradoxes 1945-Present*.

### **Book Reviews:**

- Cragun, Ryan T. 2009. "FINDING FAITH, LOSING FAITH: STORIES OF CONVERSION AND APOSTASY. By Scot McKnight and Hauna Ondrey.." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48:408-410.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2009. "SOCIETY WITHOUT GOD: WHAT THE LEAST RELIGIOUS NATIONS CAN TELL US ABOUT CONTENTMENT. By Phil Zuckerman.." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48:408-410.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2008. Latter-Day Political Views by Jeffrey Fox. *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter*. 29(1).
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2006. "Conservative Christian Identity and Same-Sex Orientation: The Case of Gay Mormons by Rick Phillips." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 45(2).
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2005. "Conservative Christian Identity and Same-Sex Orientation. by Rick Phillips." *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter* 26(2).
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2003. Under the Banner of Heaven by John Krakauer. *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter*. 24(2).

### **Conference Papers and Presentations:**

- Barringer, Mandi Nicole, Steve Knauss, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2010. *Homosexuality in Religious and Secular Literature*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society in Atlanta, Georgia.

- Cragun, Ryan T. 2009. "On the Receiving End: Discrimination Against the Non-Religious." in Inaugural Meeting of the Non-Religion and Secularism Research Network. Oxford, UK.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2009. "*Religion and Prejudice: Is the Sykes Chapel Going to Help?*." in University of Tampa Honors Symposium. Tampa, FL.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Steve Panageotou, and Brittany Harder. 2009. "*Conforming Our Way To Heaven.*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Gregory Smith, Barry A. Kosmin, Ariela Keysar, and Mark Chaves. 2009. "*What Can Pew, ARIS, and the GSS tell us about Secularization in the US Today?: A Round Table Discussion.*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- Lawson, Ronald L., Rick Phillips, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2009. "*Supply vs. Demand" or Sociology?: Why Context Matters.*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- Phillips, Rick, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2009. "*Mormons in the ARIS.*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2009. *On The Receiving End: Which Non-Believers Experience Discrimination or Prejudice?*. Annual Meeting for the Association for the Study of Religion and Economics (ASREC). Washington, D.C.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2008. "*The Coming Secular Revolution.*" in University of Tampa Honors Symposium. Tampa, FL.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Jay Creighton, and Deborah L. Cragun. 2008. "*The Influence of Fundamentalist Beliefs On Evolution Knowledge Retention.*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2008. "*Moving Targets: Mormon Retrenchment Toward the "New Mainstream".*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2008. "*Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on "Dropping Out".*" in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Steve Knauss, and Kristi Dahl. 2008. "*Conservative Christian Playboys: Do Magazine Messages Really Differ?*." in Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2007. "*International Stagnation: Declining Mormon Growth Rates and Secularization.*" Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 1.
- Cragun, Ryan T. 2007. *Secularization as Innovation: The Spread of Religious Independence in the U.S.* Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 1.
- Woltanski, Amelia R., Ryan T. Cragun, Melanie F. Myers, and Deborah L. Cragun. 2007. *Views on Abortion: A Comparison of Genetic Counselors and the General Population.* Annual Meeting of the National Society of Genetic Counselors. October 15, Kansas City.
- Cragun, Ryan T., Amelia R. Woltanski, Melanie Myers, and Deborah L. Cragun. 2007. *Genetic Counselors and Cognitive Dissonance: How Genetic Counselors*

- Address Holding Different Personal and Professional Attitudes Toward Abortion. Challenging Assumptions: Religious Faith, Genetic Science, Human Dignity, October 13, Portland, OR.*
- Nielsen, Michael, and Cragun, Ryan T. 2007. *Secularization among Mormons: Knowledge of Polygamy Reduces Devotion to the LDS Church.* Annual Meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society. Macon, GA.
  - Nielsen, Michael, and Cragun, Ryan T. 2007. *The Secularizing Effect of Education and Religious Education Among Mormons.* Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.
  - Nielsen, Michael, and Cragun, Ryan T. 2006. *Attitudes Toward Sexual Relationships: Comparisons of Current, Former, and Never LDS Church Goers.* Annual Meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2006. *Socio-Economic Indicators and Mormon Growth Contextualized: A Country by Country Analysis.* Annual Meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2006. *Pushing for Consensus: Religious Exiting Terminology.* Annual Meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
  - Cragun, Deborah L., and Cragun, Ryan T. 2006. *Stepping Up the Career Satisfaction of Genetic Counselors.* Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. San Diego, CA.
  - Cragun, Ryan T.; Hoffman, John; Jacobson, Cardell, and Phillips, Rick. 2005. *Revisiting Thomas O'Dea's The Mormons 50 Years Later: A Discussion on Editorial Direction and Content for an Updated Volume.* Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Rochester, NY.
  - Cragun, Ryan T.; Phillips, Rick; Shepherd, Gordon, and Shepherd, Gary. 2005. *A Review of Richard Bushman's Cultural Biography of the Prophet Joseph Smith.* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Rochester, NY.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. and Williams, Rhys H. 2004. *In or Out: Are Religious Researchers Marginalized in the Modern American Academy?* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Kansas City, MO.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2004. *A Re-examination of Stark's LDS Church Growth Projections by Individual Countries.* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Kansas City, MO.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2004. *Mormon Intellectualism: Community or Movement?* Annual Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium; Salt Lake City, UT.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2003. *The Origins of the Mormon Intellectual Movement.* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Norfolk, VA.
  - Cragun, Ryan T. 2003. *Religion and Academic Life.* Graduate Poster Forum at the University of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, OH.
  - Cragun, Ryan T.; Hartmann, Donald P. and Kindermann, Thomas. 2002. *Peer Group Structure: Do Different Methodologies Produce Consistent Results?* Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research in Adolescence; New Orleans, LA.

### ***Under Review:***

- Cragun, Ryan T., Barry Kosmin, Ariela Keysar, and Joseph H. Hammer. n.d. "On the Receiving End: Discrimination Toward the Non-Religious."
- Cragun, Ryan T. n.d. "'One Person's Apostate is Another Person's Convert': Reflections on Pro-Religion Hegemony in the Sociology of Religion." *Humanity & Society*.

## Grants:

Delo Grant from the University of Tampa for <i>A Comparison of RDD and Online Surveys – Can you Get a Representative Sample Online?</i> with Mary Anderson	2009-2010	\$5,000.00
Dana Grant from the University of Tampa for <i>The Macroeconomic Determinants of Religious Affiliation: A Statewide Panel Study</i> with John Stinespring	2009-2010	\$3,500.00
Dana Grant from the University of Tampa for <i>Conforming Our Way to Heaven</i> , a study examining conformity in religions.	2008-2009	\$1,560.00

## Honors and Awards:

Norris Johnson Teaching Fellow at Raymond Walters College	2006-2007
Taft Graduate Fellowship, University of Cincinnati – This is a 1 year fellowship offered to one advanced Sociology PhD student each year.	2005-2006

## Courses Taught:

Social Stratification	Statistics
Sociology of Human Sexuality	Introduction to Sociology
Sociology of Religion	Social Psychology
Organizational Behavior	Sociological Theory

## Service

### **Service for Professional Organizations and Journals**

President of the <i>Mormon Social Science Association</i>	2009-2011
Member of the Student Paper Award Committee for the <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	2008-Present
President-Elect of the <i>Mormon Social Science Association</i>	2006-2008
Reviewer for <i>Sociological Focus</i>	2006-Present
Reviewer for <i>The Review of Religious Research</i>	2005-Present
Reviewer for <i>Electronic Journal of Sociology</i>	2005-Present
Reviewer for <i>The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	2004-Present
Primary contributor to the WikiUniversity <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> textbook, an open-source, online textbook (URL: <a href="http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology">http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology</a> )	2005-Present
Webmaster for the Mormon Social Science Association ( <a href="http://www.mormonsocialscience.org">www.mormonsocialscience.org</a> )	2002-Present
Discovery committee member (with Armand Mauss and Rick Phillips) for book editorial team revisiting Thomas F. O'Dea's book <i>The Mormons</i> .	2004-2005
Editor of the <i>Newsletter for the Mormon Social Science Association</i>	2002-2009
Member of organizing committee for the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	2002

### **Other Service**

Consulted for <i>Boston Globe</i> article on ARIS 2008	2009
Consulted for news magazine article "Counting Mormons: study says LDS numbers inflated" in <i>Christian Century</i>	2007
Master's Thesis Committee Member, University of Cincinnati	2007

## Consulting:

Expert witness for custody trial on the differences between Mormonism and Catholicism	2005
Statistical analysis contractor for Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Greater Cincinnati.	2004-2005

## Professional Memberships:

- Research Associate of the Center for Atheist Research
- Member of the Non-Religious and Secularity Research Network
- Affiliate of the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture
- American Sociological Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
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