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**Education**

Ph.D. Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, May 2001.

Dissertation: “Clergy Connections: The Impact of Networks on Evangelical Renewal Movements.” Advisor: Dr. Roger Finke.

M.S. Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, December 1995.

 Thesis: “‘They Passed Out Guns in the Chapel’: The Social Construction of Religious

 Groups in the National Print Media.” Advisor: Dr. Roger Finke.

B.A. Sociology, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Kentucky, May 1991.

**Professional Experience**

2013-present Professor

 Department of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University

2010-present Chair

 Department of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University

2007-2013 Associate Professor

 Department of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University

2005-present Director

 Women’s Studies Program, Seattle Pacific University

2001-2007 Assistant Professor

 Department of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University

2000-2001 Assistant Director

 American Religion Data Archive (ARDA), Pennsylvania State University

1997–2000 Research Associate

 American Religion Data Archive (ARDA), Purdue University

1998 Instructor

 Department of Sociology, Purdue University

1994–1996 Consultant

 Social Research Institute, Purdue University

**Publications**

## Books

Snedker, Karen A. and Jennifer McKinney. Under Contract. *Roofless: Homelessness and the Rise of Tent Cities*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2023. *Making Christianity Manly Again: Mark Driscoll, Mars Hill Church, and American Evangelicalism*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Abbott, Martin and Jennifer McKinney. 2013. *Understanding and Applying Research Design*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

## Articles and Chapters (Selected)

Karen A. Snedker, Jennifer McKinney, and Charles C. Lanfear. 2025. “A Tent Census: How Counting Tents Informs an Understanding of Unsheltered Homelessness in Seattle.” *Socius* 11, <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231251338651>.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2020. “Transgender,” in *Discerning Ethics: Diverse Christian Responses to Divisive Moral Issues* edited by Hak Joon Lee and Tim Dearborn. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.

McKinney, Jennifer and Karen Snedker. 2017. “Hosting a Tent City: Student Engagement and Homelessness.” *Teaching Sociology* 45(3): 252-259.

McKinney, Jennifer and Karen Snedker. 2016. “From Charity to Change.” *Contexts* 15(2): 80-82.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2015. “Sects and Gender: Resistance and Reaction to Cultural Change.” *Priscilla Papers* 29(4): 15-25.

McKinney, Jennifer and Kevin Neuhouser. 2013. “Divided by Gender: How Sociology Can Help.” *Cultural Encounters* 9(1): 38-55.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2011. “Holding on to the Traditions of Men: Gender, Christianity, and the Academy,” in *Inside the Christian College Phenomenon: An Empirical Study of America’s Fastest Growing Institutions of Higher Learning* edited by Samuel Joeckel and Thomas Chesnes. Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press.

McKinney, Jennifer and Robert Drovdahl. 2007. “Vocation as Discovery: The Contribution of Internship Experiences.” *The Journal of Youth Ministry* 5(2): 51-71.

## Public Sociology (Selected)

McKinney, Jennifer. 2023. “[American Evangelicalism and Complementarianism: Authority and Abuse.](https://blog.oup.com/2023/05/american-evangelism-and-complementarianism-authority-and-abuse/)” *OUP Blog*. May 15.

Snedker, Karen A. and Jennifer McKinney. 2018. “[Four Myths about Homelessness: Voices from a Tent City.](https://theconversation.com/four-myths-about-homelessness-voices-from-a-tent-city-96943)” *The Conversation*. June 5.

Snedker, Karen A. and Jennifer McKinney. 2018. “Hosting a Homeless Encampment Changed Our University.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 11, B32-B33.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2016. “[Mars Hill Church (Seattle)](https://wrldrels.org/2016/10/08/mars-hill-seattle/).” The World Religion and Spirituality Project,

### Podcasts (Selected)

Kim, Paul Youngbin, host. “[Gender Theology: A Conversation with Dr. Jennifer McKinney](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Adax-sj8HKc).” *Teaching Cross-Cultural Psychology*, season 3, episode 3, April 19, 2024.

Hunter, Lauren G., host. “[When the Church Makes the Headlines with Jennifer McKinney](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/where-we-belong-oce/episodes/Episode-18-When-the-Church-Makes-the-Headlines-with-Jennifer-McKinney-e25vkis).” *Where We Belong*, episode 18, Whitworth University Office of Church Engagement, 20 June 2023,

## Guild

“ASA in the Emerald City.” 2016. *Footnotes* 44(2) January/February: 1-8 Jerald R. Herting.

“ASA Is Seattle Bound!” 2016. *Footnotes* 44(3) March/April: 1-12 with M. Cadigan, E. Carll, C. Gilroy,

T. Marques, T. Thomas, and J. Herting.

“Homeless in Seattle: A State of Emergency.” 2016. *Footnotes* 44(4) May/June: 1-10 with Karen Snedker.

## Book Reviews (Selected)

McKinney, Jennifer. 2024. *Guiding God’s Marriage: Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling* by Courtney Ann Irby. *Review of Religious Research*.

McKinney, Jennifer. 2017. *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture* by Mark A. Yarhouse. *Christian Scholars Review* 46(3): 312-314.

# **Work in Progress**

”Tent City 3: Tent Encampments as Self-Governing Commons” with Karen Snedker and Steve Pfaff

“Mental Health and Illness: Pathways and Homelessness” with Karen Snedker

“Comparing Counts: Measuring Homelessness through Census, PIT Counts, and Google Street Views” with Karen Snedker

# **Awards**

Theological Integration Fellows Program 2019-2023

The Winifrid E. Weter Lecture for Meritorious Scholarship, 2015

Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute 2000-2001

Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 1999

# **Grants**

SERVE Faculty and Vocation Grant 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2008, 2004

Post-baccalaureate Ministry Internship Evaluation, Principal Investigator 2003-2011

Academic Renewal Grant 2018, 2011, 2006, 2002

Senior Faculty Grant, Seattle Pacific University 2009

Faculty Research Grant, Seattle Pacific University 2007

Summer Stipend Grant, Louisville Institute 2002

# **Areas of Specialization**

Sociology of Religion, Gender, Research Methods, Women’s Studies

# **Courses Taught**

SOC 1110: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 2000: Sociology of Gender

SOC 2040: Social Psychology

SOC 2242: Marriage and Family

SOC 4252: Sociology of Family

SOC 4620: Sects, Cults, and Violence

SOC 4751: Sociological Research Methods

SOC 4820: Sociology of Religion

SOC 4899: Sociology Capstone Seminar

SOC 4910: American Religious Movements

SOC 4951: The Music of Protest

THEO 6511: Gender and Christianity

WST 2350: Introduction to Women’s Studies

# **Reviewer**

*American Journal of Sociology*

*Christian Scholars Review*

*Gender & Society*

*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

New York University Press

Oxford University Press

*Qualitative Sociology*

*Review of Religious Research*

*Sociology of Religion*

*Teaching Sociology*

*The Sociological Quarterly*

*The Sociological Review*

# **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sociology of Religion (ASA Section)

Pacific Sociological Association

Religious Research Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

# **Participation at Professional Meetings** (Selected)

“Authors Meet Critics: *The Church Must Grow or Perish: Robert H. Schuller and the Business of American Christianity* by Mark T. Mulder and Gerardo Marti.” Panelist/Critic. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 31 October 2025.

“New Books in the Social Science of Religion: Race, Gender, and Christianity.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, 24 November 2024.

**“**Human Sexuality and Culture Wars in Christian Higher Education.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah, 21 October 2023 (with Josh Tom).

**“Making Christianity Manly Again.” Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 2 March 2023.**

**“Christian Authoritarianism: Masculine Authority, Charismatic Leadership, and the Rejection of Routinization.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon 22 October 2021.**

# **University and Guild Service** (Selected)

2023–2027 Faculty Status Committee (Chair, 2024–2026)

2021-22 Faculty Retreat Planning Committee

2018-21 Faculty Status Committee (Chair, 2020-21)

2019-20 Advisory Committee, U.S. Religion Census: Religious Membership & Congregations Study

2019 Higher Ed on Homelessness: Collaborating for Change

2019 President’s Thought Group on ASSP’s Human Sexuality Statement Petition

2018-19 Kuyper Fellows Program, Faculty Mentor (University of Washington)

2018-19 Inter-University Forum on Homelessness

2017-18 Character Formation Task Force

2015-18 Cross-campus Interview Committee

2015-16 Co-Chair, American Sociological Association’s Seattle Spotlight Committee (with Jerry Herting, University of Washington)