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## EDUCATION

**CONTINUING STUDY.** 2019.

**Harvard University School of Business.**

Management Essentials. Certificate.

**Ph.D., SOCIOLOGY.** 1991.

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

Dissertation: *The Urban Underclass: A Theory of Separate Spheres.*

Exam Areas: *Urban Sociology, Migration*

**M.A., SOCIOLOGY.** 1990.

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

Thesis: *The Role of Migration in Concentrating the Black Urban Poor.*

**B.A., SOCIOLOGY.** 1988.

**Loyola University of Chicago**

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude, Gallagher Key Award, 4.0 GPA*

Minor: *Psychology, Statistics*

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**June 2023-Present**

- Harry and Hazel Chavanne Fellow in Religion and Public Policy, Baker Institute for Public Policy, **Rice University**
- Director, Religion and Public Policy Program of the Baker Institute at **Rice University**
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, **Rice University**

**Jan. 2020-June 2023**

- Professor of Sociology and Department Head, **University of Illinois at Chicago**
- Affiliate Faculty Member, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, **University of Illinois at Chicago**

**2015- Dec. 2019**

- Provost, and Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies, **North Park University, Chicago**
- Senior Fellow, **Rice University's** Kinder Institute for Urban Research

**2005-2015**

- Allyn R. & Gladys M. Cline Professor of Sociology, **Rice University**
- Co-Founding Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research (2010-2014)
- Founding Director, Center on Race, Religion, & Urban Life (2005-2010)

**2013-2014**

- Visiting Professor, **Danish Institute for Study Abroad** (also summer 2015) [Helped design and taught in the initial year of the Urban Studies program]

**2004-2005**

- Professor of Sociology, **University of Notre Dame**
- Director, Race & Religion Center

**1999-2004**

- R.A. Tsanoff Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology (2003-2004)
- Associate Professor of Sociology (1999-2003), **Rice University**

**1995-1999**

- Assistant to Associate Professor, Sociology, **Bethel University**

**1991-1995**

- Assistant Professor of Sociology, **St. John's University**

## RESEARCH & TEACHING

Religion, Politics, Policy, Urban, Race & Ethnicity, Methods, Statistics

## RESEARCH GRANTS

**\$60,000.** 2023-2025. Universal Basic Neighborhoods. Robert Woods Johnson Foundation. (Part of collaboration with University of Louisville and Simmons College of Kentucky, and \$530,000 overall grant).

**\$683,000.** 2019-2020. Race, Religion, and Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S. Lilly Endowment, Inc.

**\$105,000.** 2014-2016, Parental Transmission of Religious Values to Children. Grant from Notre Dame and the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

**\$101,000.** 2013-2014, Investigator, Zero Carbon Redevelopment Project, for density increasing development of Fifth Ward Neighborhood, Houston. Grant from the Shell Center for Sustainability.

**\$545,622.** 2011-2013, Primary Investigator, Second Wave of Portraits of American Life Study, Lilly Endowment Inc.

**\$475,000.** 2010-2012, Co-Investigator, Houston Area Study of Attitudes toward Education, Health, and the Arts. The Houston Endowment. (Steve Klineberg, PI)

**\$200,000.** 2008-2009, Transition grant to Second Wave of Portraits of American Life Study, Notre Dame.

**\$190,149.** 2007-2009, Co-PI, "Immigrant Urban Religion and the Changing Face of American Civic Life." Russell Sage Foundation.

**\$201,454.** 2006-2007, Primary Investigator, "Coastal Industrial Cities: Challenges and Prospects for Sustainability." For comparative research in coastal cities of China and the United States. Grant from the Shell Center for Sustainability.

**\$3,396,000.** 2003-2007, Primary Investigator, "Portraits of American Life Study." For first wave of longitudinal study. Lilly Endowment.

**\$150,000.** 2005-2007, Co-Investigator, "Religious Capital and Congregations of PS-ARE Respondents." Grant from the Templeton Foundation.

**\$50,000.** 2002-03, Co-PI, "Costs and Benefits of Ethnic Diversity in Urban Religious Organizations." Grant from the Louisville Institute.

**\$485,000.** 1999-2002, Primary Investigator, "Multiracial Congregations and Their Peoples." Grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

**\$350,000.** 1995-1997, Co-Investigator, "Assessing Evangelical Identity and Influence in a Rapidly Changing Society." Grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

**\$2,180.** 1994-1995, Primary Investigator, "The Effects of Public Sector Employment and Entrepreneurship on African American Socio-economic Well-being." MacPherson Grant, St. John's Univ.

**\$40,000.** 1993-1994, Co-primary Investigator, "Adult Survey of Gambling in Minnesota." Grant from Minnesota Department of Human Services.

### **INSTITUTIONAL MONIES RAISED (working with others)**

**\$650,000.** National Science Foundation STEM-training program for city students, North Park University (2019-2021).

**\$400,000.** Donor gifts to fund the Community Bridges Program, a program I co-designed with a student to link non-profit community service, classroom study, and neighborhood development, Rice University (2012-2015).

**\$15 million.** Gift from the Kinder Foundation to name and endow the Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University (2011).

**\$6.4 million.** Gift from the Houston Endowment to start a Ph.D. program in Sociology at Rice University (2008).

**\$1.2 million.** Donor gifts to fund the post-doctoral program in sociology at Rice University (2006).

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board of Trustees, Alaska Christian College, 2020-2026. Serves Native Alaskans, who are approximately 90% of the student body.

Board Member, Mosaic Learning Center, 2024-current.

Volunteer, Open Arms Shelter and Pantry, Chicago, 2016-2023.

Chair, Leadership Council, New Community Covenant Church, Chicago, IL, 2020-2023.

Chair, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, Houston, 2011-2015.

Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Boniuk Institute for the Study of Religious Tolerance, Rice University, 2011-2015.

Member, Senate Working Group on Research and Scholarship. Produced report, Enhancing Research and Scholarship at Rice University, 2012-2014.

Board Member, City of Houston, Department of Housing and Community Development, 2011-2012.

Board Member, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, 2009-2010.

Board Member and Education Chair, Houston Coalition for Immigration Reform, 2008-2015.

Board Member and Treasurer, Mosaic Learning Center, 2009-2015.

Faculty Senator, Rice University, 2007- 2009.

Co-organizer and Facilitator, Houston Huddles, a project to bring Houston leaders together to find ways for greater racial/ethnic inclusion in business.

Participant, Center for Houston's Future Leadership Program, 2007.

Center for Civic Engagement, Board Member, 2007-2014.

Boniuk Center for Religious Tolerance, Board Member, 2006-2008.

Shell Center, Rice University, Operating Committee Member, 2005-2009.

Faculty Advisor, Black Student Association, 2001-2004, 2006-2014.

Faculty Advisor, PAIR student group (serving refugees), 2006-2015.

Member, Mayor's Taskforce on International Travelers, City of Houston, 2006-2007. (Commissioned by the mayor to recommend ways to streamline the entry process for foreign visitors at the Houston Airport System.)

Member and participant, Poverty and Justice Initiative, Rice University, 2005-2015.

Faculty Advisor, Asian and Pacific Islander Students for Social Action student organization, 2002-2004.

Black Graduate Students Association, Mentor, 2001 to 2002.

Member, Body of Faith Baptist Church (SBC), Missouri City, 2007-2012. Served on various committees and in various leadership roles.

Member, Wilcrest Baptist Church (SBC), Houston, 1999-2006. Served on various committees.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books/Monographs

Emerson, Michael O., and Christian Smith, Forthcoming August 2025. *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press. [Updated throughout and a new additional chapter analyzing changes and continuities in the 25 years since the original publication.](#)

McFadden, David, Michael Evans, and Michael O. Emerson. 2025. *Kingdom Racial Change: Overcoming Inequality, Injustice, and Indifference*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Emerson, Michael O., and Glenn E. Bracey. May, 2024. *The Religion of Whiteness: How Racism Distorts Christian Faith*. NY: Oxford University Press.

Named one of the best new academic books for the fall of 2024 by *The New Statesman*.

Honored by Oxford University Press as one of the year's top books and featured in their annual *Best Books* campaign.

Named by *Common Ground* magazine as one of ten "Must Read Books of 2024."

Honorable Mention, *2025 Distinguished Book Award*, American Sociological Association Religion Section.

Featured in *Religion News Service* (May 2024):

<https://religionnews.com/2024/05/21/a-new-book-argues-most-white-us-christians-worship-a-religion-of-whiteness/>

Excerpted in *The Revealer* magazine (June 2024): <https://therevealer.org/racism-and-religion-in-america/>

Featured on *Sirius XM Radio* (June 12, 2024): The Michelangelo Signorile Show. 20-minute segment discussing the new book and its implications for American politics.

Mirola, William, Michael O. Emerson, and Susan Monahan. 2022. *Religion Matters: What Sociology Teaches Us About Religion in Our World* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Oxfordshire, UK: Routledge.

Susan Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson, eds. 2019. *Sociology of Religion: A Reader* (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed). Allyn & Bacon.

Emerson, Michael O., and Kevin Smiley. 2018. *Market Cities, People Cities: The Shape of Our Urban Future*. New York: NYU Press.

Emerson, Michael O., Jenifer Bratter, and Sergio Chavez. 2016. *The (Un)Making of Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Shelton, Jason, and Michael O. Emerson. 2012. *Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*. New York: NYU Press.

**\*2012 C. Calvin Smith Book Award, for best book published by member of the Southern Conference of African American Studies.**

**\*2014 Honorary Mention, Book of the Year, Religion Section, American Sociological Association.**

Emerson, Michael O., and George Yancey. 2011. *Transcending Racial Barriers: A Mutual Obligations Approach*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Emerson, Michael O., Susan Monahan, and William Mirola. 2010. *Religion Matters: What Sociology Teaches Us about Religion in Our World*. Allyn & Bacon.

Anthony B. Pinn, Caroline F. Levander, and Michael O. Emerson, eds. 2010. *Teaching and Studying the Americas: Cultural Influences from Colonialism to the Present*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Susan Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson, eds. 2010. *Sociology of Religion: A Reader* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed). Allyn & Bacon.

Smith, Christian, and Michael O. Emerson. 2008. *Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money*. New York: Oxford University Press.

**\*Cover story, December 2008 issue of Christianity Today magazine.**

Emerson, Michael O., with Rodney Woo. 2006. *People of the Dream: Multiracial Congregations in the United States*. Princeton University Press.

**\*2007 Oliver Cromwell Cox Award, American Sociological Association, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section.**

**\*Named one of Choice's "Outstanding Academic Titles" for 2006**

**\*Stories about book appeared in over 40 newspapers.**

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Michael O. Emerson (authorship equal, listed in alphabetical order). 2005. *Against All Odds: The Struggle for Racial Integration in Religious Organizations*. NYU Press.

DeYoung, Curtiss, Michael O. Emerson, George Yancey, and Karen Chai Kim. 2003. *United by Faith: The Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Monahan, Susanne, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson (editors). 2001. *Sociology of Religion: A Reader*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Emerson, Michael O., and Christian Smith. 2000. *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

**\*2001 Distinguished Book Award Winner, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.**

**\*Featured as Author Meets Critics Session, 2002 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Sociology of Religion Sections.**

**\*More than 100,000 copies sold.**

Smith, Christian, with Michael O. Emerson, Sally Gallagher, Paul Kennedy, and David Sikkink. 1998. *American Evangelicalism: Embattled and Thriving*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Emerson, Michael O., J. Clark Laundergan, and James Schaefer. 1994. *Adult Survey of Minnesota Problem Gambling: Changes 1990 to 1994*. Duluth, MN: Center for Addiction Studies, University of Minnesota—Duluth.

### **Refereed Articles/Book Chapters**

Chan, Esther, Isaiah Jeong, Victoria Isaac, Michael O. Emerson, and Glenn E. Bracey. Forthcoming, 2026. “Religious and Racialized Emotions: Racial Pessimism, Reparations, and Social Justice.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Emerson, Michael O. et al. 2026. “Health and the Right to Universal Basic Neighborhoods.” *The Milbank Quarterly* 104(1). <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0009.70070>

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2026. “Religion and Black/White Residential Segregation: The Influence of Religious and

Regional Context.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.70024>

Yancey, George, Nikolitsa Grigoropoulou, Michael O. Emerson, Tyler J. VanderWeele, and Bryon Johnson. Revise and Resubmit. Demographic Variation and Childhood Predictors of Perceived Discrimination Across 22 Countries: Results from the Global Flourishing Study.

Bracey, Glenn E., Tryce Prince, Isaiah Jeong, Rory Kramer, and Michael O. Emerson. 2025. “Is Racial Justice a Gospel Issue? Mapping the Relationship between Race, Christianity, and Justice Political Theology.” *Political Theology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2025.2519812>.

Anderson, Lauren, Caison Black, Rochelle H. Holm, Michael O. Emerson, and Ted Smith. 2025. “Health in Harmony: Integrating Community Strengths to Bridge Disparities.” *Health Equity* 9(1):229-34. <https://doi.org/10.1089/heq.2024.0198>.

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. Nov. 2025. “The Gathering Storm in the Evangelical Field: Education, Christian Nationalism, and Racial Inequality.” *Sociology of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/sraf006>

Thakkar, Shriya, Kevin Smiley, and Michael O. Emerson. 2023. “Where to live and whom to live with? Examining neighborhood preferences for living with immigrants and urban form in Copenhagen, Denmark.” *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability*.

Dougherty, Kevin D., Mark Chaves, and Michael O. Emerson. 2020. “Racial Diversity in U.S. Congregations, 1998-2019.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 59(4):651-662.

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2020. “Congregational Switching in the Age of Great Expectations.” *Review of Religious Research*. 62(2):219-247

Sorrell, Katherine, Simranjit Khalsa, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Michael O. Emerson.

2019. "Immigrant Identities and the Shaping of a Racialized American Self." *Socius* 5:1-12
- Smiley, Kevin T., and Michael O. Emerson. 2018. "A Spirit of Urban Capitalism: Market Cities, People Cities, and Cultural Justifications." *Urban Research & Practice* 13(3):330-347.
- Howell, Junia, and Michael O. Emerson. 2018. "Preserving Racial Hierarchy amidst Changing Racial Demographics: How Neighbourhood Racial Preferences are Changing While Maintaining Segregation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41, 15: 2770-2789.
- Dougherty, Kevin D., and Michael O. Emerson. 2018. "The Changing Complexion of American Congregations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 57(1):24-38.
- Emerson, Michael O., and Lenore Johnson 2017. "Soul of the City: The Depth of How "Urban" Matters in the Sociology of Religion." *Sociology of Religion*. 79(1):1-19.
- Smiley, Kevin, Michael Oluf Emerson, and Julie Werner-Markussen. 2017. "Immigration Attitudes Before and After Tragedy in Copenhagen: The Importance of Political Affiliation and Safety Concerns." *Sociological Forum* 32(2):321-338.
- Howell, Junia, and Michael O. Emerson. 2016. "So What 'Should' We Use? Evaluating the Impact of Five Racial Measures on Markers of Social Inequality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 2(4):14-30.
- Emerson, Michael O., Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, and Kiara Douds. 2015. "Studying Race and Religion: A Critical Assessment." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(3):349-359.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2015. "The Vital Role of Religious Institutions." Pp. 97-106 in *The Thriving Society: On the Social Conditions of Human Flourishing*, edited by James Stoner and Harold James. Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon.
- Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2014. "Does Height Matter? An Examination of Height Preferences in Romantic Coupling." *Journal of Family Issues*.  
\*Findings from this article appeared in over 200 media outlets worldwide.
- Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Celina Davila, Michael O. Emerson, Sam Kye, and Esther Chan. 2013. "Motivating Civic Engagement: In-Group vs. Out-Group Service Orientations among Mexican Americans in Religious and Non-Religious Organizations." *Sociology of Religion* 74(3):370-391.
- Marti, Gerardo, and Michael O. Emerson. 2013 "The Rise of the Diversity Expert: How American Evangelicals Simultaneously Accentuate and Ignore Race." Pp. 179-199 in *The New Evangelical Social Engagement*, edited by Brian Steensland and Philip Goff. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Porter, Jeremy, and Michael O. Emerson. 2013 "Religiosity and Social Network Diversity: Decomposing the 'Divided by Faith' Theoretical Framework." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(3):732-757.
- Edwards, Korie L., Brad Christerson, and Michael O. Emerson. 2013 "Race, Religious Organizations, and Integration." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39:211-228.
- Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Yiping Eva Shi, Michael O. Emerson, Samuel H. Kye. 2013 "Rethinking the Connection between Religion and Civic Life for Immigrants: The Exploratory Case of the Chinese Diaspora." *Review of Religious Research* 55(2): 209-229.
- Lewis, Valerie, Michael O. Emerson, and Stephen Klineberg. 2011. "Who We'll Live With: Racial Composition Preferences of Whites, Blacks, and Latinos." *Social Forces*, 89(4):1385-1408.
- Emerson, Michael O., David Sikkink, and Adele James. 2010. "The Panel Study of American Religion and Ethnicity: Background, Methods, and Selected Results." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 49:162-171.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "A Major Motion Picture: Studying and Teaching the Americas."

Pp. 77-92 in *Teaching and Studying the Americas: Cultural Influences from Colonialism to the Present*, edited by Byrd et al. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Levander, Caroline F., Anthony B. Pinn, and Michael O. Emerson. 2010. "Introduction." Pp. 1-9 in *Teaching and Studying the Americas: Cultural Influences from Colonialism to the Present*, edited by Byrd et al. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Shelton, Jason, and Michael O. Emerson. 2010. "Extending the Debate over Nationalism versus Integration: How Cultural Commitments and Assimilation Trajectories Influence Beliefs about Black Power." *Journal of African American Studies* 14(3):312-336.

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "Race, Religion, and the Color Line (or is that the Color Wall?)." In *Rethinking the Color Line: Readings in Race and Ethnicity*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, edited by Charles A. Gallagher. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill Publishers. Pp. 203-211.

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "Why a Forum on Racially and Ethnically Diverse Congregations?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 47:1-4.

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2008. "School Choice and Racial Residential Segregation: The Role of Parents' Education." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 31:267-293.

Emerson, Michael O., and George Yancey. 2008. "African Americans in Interracial Congregations: An Analysis of Demographics, Social Networks, and Social Attitudes." *Review of Religious Research* 49:301-318.

Jaffe, Amy Myers, and Michael O. Emerson. 2007. "From the U.S. to China: Coastal City Challenges and Prospects for Sustainability." *The Edge* Fall: 7-9.

Emerson, Michael O. and Rusty Hawkins. 2007. "Viewed in Black and White: Conservative Protestants, Racial Issues, and Oppositional Politics." Pp. 327-343 in *Religion and American Politics: From the Colonial Period to the*

*Present* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), edited by Mark Noll and Luke Harlow. New York: Oxford University Press.

Emerson, Michael O., and David Hartman. 2006. "The Rise of Religious Fundamentalism." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 32:127-144.

Read, Jen'nan G., Michael O. Emerson, and Alvin Tarlov. 2005. "Implications of Black Immigrant Health for U.S. Racial Disparities in Health." *Journal of Immigrant Health* 7,3:205-211.

Read, Jen'nan, and Michael O. Emerson. 2005. "Racial Context, Black Immigration, and the U.S. Black/White Health Disparity." *Social Forces*, 84:181-199.

Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2003. "Intracongregational Church Conflict: A Comparison of Monoracial and Multiracial Churches." *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 14:113-128.

Emerson, Michael O., and Karen Chai Kim. 2003. "Multiracial Congregations: A Typology and Analysis of Their Development." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42:217-227.

Emerson, Michael O. 2003. "Faith that Separates: Evangelicals and Black-White Relations." In *A Public Faith: Evangelicals and Civic Engagement* (Michael Cromartie, ed.). Colorado: Rowman & Littlefield.

Christerson, Brad, and Michael O. Emerson. 2003. "The Costs of Diversity in Religious Organizations: An In-Depth Case Study." *Sociology of Religion* 64(2):163-182.

Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2003. "Integrated Sundays: An Exploratory Study into the Formation of Multiracial Churches." *Sociological Focus* 36:111-126.

Emerson, Michael O., Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and George Yancey. 2002. "Contact Theory Extended: The Effects of Prior Racial Contact on Current Social Ties." *Social Science Quarterly* 83:745-761.

Emerson, Michael O., George Yancey, and Karen Chai. 2001. "Does Race Matter in

- Residential Segregation: Exploring the Preferences of White Americans.” *American Sociological Review* 66:922-935.
- Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2001. “An Analysis of Resistance to Racial Exogamy: The 1998 South Carolina Elections.” *Journal of Black Studies* 32:132-147.
- Emerson, Michael O., Christian Smith, and David Sikkink. 1999. “Equal in Christ, But Not in the World: White Conservative Protestants and Explanations of Black-White Inequality.” *Social Problems* 46:398-417.
- Smith, Christian, Michael Emerson, Sally Gallagher, Paul Kennedy, and David Sikkink. 1997. “The Myth of Culture Wars: The Case of American Protestantism.” Pp. 175-195 in *Culture Wars in American Politics: Critical Reviews of a Popular Thesis* (Rhys Williams, ed.). NY: Aldine de Gruyter.
- Emerson, Michael O. 1996. “Through Tinted Glasses: Religion, Worldviews, and Attitudes Toward Legalized Abortion.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 35:41-55.
- Emerson, Michael O., and J. Clark Laundergan. 1996. “Gambling and Problem Gambling in Minnesota: 1990-1994.” *Journal of Gambling Studies* 12:291-304.
- Emerson, Michael O. 1994. “Is it Different in Dixie? Percent Black and Segregation in the South and Non-South.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 35:571-580.
- Emerson, Michael O., and Fred D. Hall. 1994. “The Urban Underclass: A New Measurement Model.” In *The Sociology of African Americans: A Reader* (Clyde O. McDaniel, ed.). Fort Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace.
- Emerson, Michael O. 1993. “African Americans and the Economy.” *Symposium* 11:49-57.
- Emerson, Michael O., and Mark E. Van Buren. 1992. “Conceptualizing Attitudes Toward the Welfare State: A Comment on Hasenfeld and Rafferty.” *Social Forces* 71(2):503-510.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2025. “God’s Resistance: Mobilizing Faith to Defend Immigrants,” *Social Forces*.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2020. “White Christian Privilege: The Illusion or Religious Equality in America,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 59(4):686-87.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2020. “Transit Life: How Commuting is Transforming Our Cities,” book review, *American Journal of Sociology*, 125(5): 1399-1400.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2019. “Christian Slavery: Conversion and Race in the Protestant Atlantic World,” book review, *Church History and Religious Culture* (Netherlands) 99(1):117-19.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2018. “Ethnic Church Meets Megachurch: Indian American Christianity in Motion,” book review, *American Journal of Sociology*, 124(2): 592-594.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2012. “God’s Century: Resurgent Religion and Global Politics,” book review, *Contemporary Sociology* 41 (6): 826-828.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2011. “The Imperative of Integration,” book review, *American Journal of Sociology*, 117 (1): 317-319.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2009. “The Sage Handbook on the Sociology of Religion,” book review, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 48:616-617.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2003. “E. Franklin Frazier and Black Bourgeoisie,” book review, *Journal of Southern History* 69:987-88.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2002. “A Particular Place: Urban Restructuring and Religious Ecology in a Southern Exurb,” book review, *Sociology of Religion* 63:120-121.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2000. “Being Black, Living in the Red: Race, Wealth, and Social Policy in America,” book review, *Social Forces* 78:1579-1580.

## Book Reviews

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Emerson, Michael O. 1997. "Resurgent Evangelicalism in the United States: Mapping Cultural Change since 1970," book review, *Review of Religious Research*, 39:175-176.

Emerson, Michael O. 1993. "Handbook on International Migration," book review, *Social Forces* 72:602-604.

### Policy Briefs

Emerson, Michael O. 2025. "Impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on Religious Americans."

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research/imp-act-one-big-beautiful-bill-act-religious-americans>

Emerson, Michael O. 2025. "My Beautiful Practicing' Christians: As Church-goers' Numbers Shrink, Their Social Views Grow More Similar." *The Conversation*, January 15<sup>th</sup>. <https://theconversation.com/my-beautiful-practicing-christians-as-churchgoers-numbers-shrink-their-social-views-grow-more-similar-245446>

- *Featured as the Lead Story, Jan. 16, 2025 in "This Week in Religion" News from the Global Religion Journalism Initiative.*
- *Republished by several outlets, including MSN and Yahoo.*
- *Over 250,000 reads*

Emerson, Michael O. 2024. "Christian Voters Will Play an Outsized Role in the US Election." For Baker Institute's Election 2024: Policy Playbook.

### Other Publications

Emerson, Michael O., and Glenn E. Bracey. 2024. "The Religion of Whiteness Excerpt." NYU'S *The Revealer* magazine, June edition.

<https://therevealer.org/racism-and-religion-in-america/>

Bracey, Brennan, Emerson, Hempel, Wade, and Youngblood. 2021. *Beyond Diversity: What the Future of Racial Justice Will Require of U.S. Churches*. Ventura, CA: Barna Group. (146 page monograph)

Emerson, Michael O. 2020. "Residential Segregation Rewards Whites While Punishing People of Color." *Urban Edge*. <https://bit.ly/3iPTSru>

Emerson, Michael O. 2018. "Who Hires Whom in Sociology." *Scatterplot*. <https://scatter.wordpress.com/2018/01/08/who-hires-whom/>.

Emerson, Michael O. 2015. "The Sociology of Religion: An Overview." Pp. 105-120 in *Religion: Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks*. London, UK: Macmillan.

Emerson, Michael O. 2014. *The First Annual Copenhagen Area Survey: Taking the Pulse of the Region*. (<http://www.kinder.rice.edu>)

Emerson, Michael O. and Laura J. Essenburg. 2013. "What is Marriage? Americans Dividing." *Portraits of American Life Study White Paper* (<http://www.thearda.com/pals/>).

Emerson, Michael O. and Laura J. Essenburg. 2013. "Religious Change and Continuity in the United States, 2006-2012." *Portraits of American Life Study White Paper* (<http://www.thearda.com/pals/>).

Miller, Renita, and Michael O. Emerson. 2013. "What should be done with Illegal Immigrants? The Views of Americans." *Portraits of American Life Study White Paper* (<http://www.thearda.com/pals/>).

Laws, Terri, W. Duncan Wadsworth, and Michael O. Emerson. 2013. "Making Babies: Religion and Moral Diversity in Views on Abortion and Human Genetic Engineering." *Portraits of American Life Study White Paper* (<http://www.thearda.com/pals/>).

Peifer, Jared L., and Michael O. Emerson. 2013. "Exceptional Political Participation among African Americans: Countering the Overall Trend." *Portraits of American Life Study* White Paper (<http://www.thearda.com/pals/>).

Emerson, Michael O. 2013. "A New Day for Multiracial Congregations." *Reflections: A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry*, Yale University (Spring, pp. 11-15).

Emerson, Michael O., Junia Howell, and Jenifer Bratter. 2012. "Houston Region Grows More Racially/Ethnically Diverse, with Small Declines in Segregation." Kinder Institute for Urban Research Report.

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "The Persistent Problem." In *Racism* issue of Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics, Robert B. Kruschwitz (editor). Baylor Press.

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "African American Religion in the Urban Context." In *The Encyclopedia of African American Religious Culture*, Anthony B. Pinn (editor), Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. Pp. 549-60.

Emerson, Michael O. 2000. "Race, Ethnicity, and Religious Identity." Introductory essay in *The Sociology of Religion: A Reader*, edited by Monahan, Mirola, and Emerson. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2000.

Emerson, Michael O. 2000. "The Sociology of Religion." In *Contemporary American Religion*, Wade Clark Roof (ed.). NY: Macmillan Reference.

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2000. "Home Schooling." In *Contemporary American Religion*, Wade Clark Roof (ed.). NY: Macmillan Reference.

Emerson, Michael O. and Robyn Minahan. 2000. "The Rapture." In *Contemporary American Religion*, Wade Clark Roof (ed.). NY: Macmillan Reference.

Smith, Christian, with Michael O. Emerson, Sally Gallagher, and Paul Kennedy. 1997. "The Discursive Environment in Rich and Multivocal: Why Privilege Two Voices?" *American*

*Sociological Association Culture Section Newsletter*, 2, 2: Winter.

Smith, Christian, with Michael O. Emerson, Sally Gallagher, and Paul Kennedy. 1997. "The Myth of the Culture Wars." *American Sociological Association Culture Section Newsletter*, 2, 1: Fall.

### **PODCASTS & WEBINARS (since 2024)**

"The Church, Racial Division, and Politics," Faithful Politics Podcast, March 2026.

"The Religion of Whiteness, Christian Nationalism, and the Cosmic Battle for the Soul of America." Feb. 2026 *Religion Unmuted* Podcast.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKiJ\\_h1EgTw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKiJ_h1EgTw)

"Divided by Faith" Feb. 2026. *Conversations with Frank Schaeffer*.

"Between Pulpit and Policy." A 5-Part Texas Briefing Series on Religion and Politics in Texas and Beyond. I served as designer and host. Feb. 2026

- Episode 1: Christian Nationalism and the Texas Legislature
- Episode 2: Religion and the Battle for Texas Public Schools
- Episode 3: Faith and the Texas Workplace
- Episode 4: The Politics of Faith and Science in Texas
- Episode 5: Faith in the University

"Understanding the Religion of Whiteness," Nov. 2025. Biblical Justice Resources Podcast. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsFcf42L0c>

"Is AI Reshaping Higher Education?" Baker Briefing Podcast, September 2025. Host, live audience recording. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/55WGOqNZofPPyS3tkVQxPt?si=f0cbb2cae5a544bc&nd=1&lsi=303fd6e9ae6d4007>

"Is Trump Delivering for Christian Voters?" Baker Briefing Podcast, July 2025.

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research/trump-delivering-christian-voters>

“Discussing the book *Kingdom Racial Change*.” Faithful Politics Podcast, June 2025.

“The Religious Reasons for Anti-Vaccine Positions and What Might be Done.” Texas Vaccine Symposium, Baker Institute, November 15, 2024.

Beyond Social Justice Webinar, National Association of Evangelicals, November 14, 2024.

Baker Briefing, Christian Nationalism’s Rising Influence, Live with audience. October 24, 2024.

Nurturing Justice Webinar, Originating from New Jersey, October 9, 2024. Focused on the book *The Religion of Whiteness*.

Baker Briefing, Religion and Race (Episode 59), August 2024.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

**Graduate:** Urban Life and Systems; Global Urban Development; Research Methods; Computer-Assisted Experimental Design; Advanced Research Methods; Research Practicum; Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Religion; Statistical Analysis of Social Data; Regression Analysis I; Teaching Sociology

**Undergraduate:** Religion and Politics in the U.S., Race and Ethnic Relations; Ethnicities; Social Inequality; Urban Sociology; Religion; Intro; Statistics; Research Methods; Criminology; Getting There: Transportation in Urban Europe; Urban Transportation; European Urban Life and Development; Poverty, Justice, and Capabilities; Better Cities, Better Communities

### **ACADEMIC HONORS**

2015-2017. President-Elect and President, Association for the Sociology of Religion.

2014. George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Rice University (the University’s top

teaching prize and goes to only one faculty member)

2014. Gateway Recognition Award, School of Social Sciences, Rice University.

2013. Finalist, George R. Brown Teaching Award, Rice University.

2013-2015. Council Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion.

2012. Sarah Burnett Teaching Prize, Rice University, for top teacher in the Social Sciences.

2012. Finalist, George R. Brown Teaching Award, Rice University.

2010. Nominated for the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize for outstanding scholarly contributions to racial, ethnic, and religious relations. Brandeis University.

2009. Chair, American Sociological Association Section on Religion.

2008. George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University.

2007. Book *People of the Dream* named **American Sociological Association’s Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities** Oliver Cromwell Cox Award winner for book or article published in past two years that makes a distinguished and significant contribution to the elimination of racism.



2007. Book *People of the Dream* named one of *Choice* magazine’s “Outstanding Academic Titles” for 2006.

2007. George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University.

2006. George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Rice University (University’s top teaching prize; goes to one faculty member).

2005. Book *United by Faith* featured as the cover story in *Christianity Today* magazine, volume 47, April, pages 32-43. Special Section

included the following related to the book: “All Churches Should be Multiracial,” “Harder than Anyone Can Imagine,” and “Big Dream in Little Rock.”

2002-2005. Elected Council Member, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section of American Sociological Association.

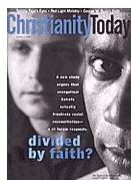
2000-2004. Elected Council Member, Religion Section of American Sociological Association.

2003-2005. Elected Council Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
2003. George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University.

2001. Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*.

2001. Invited Participant, The American Assembly on Racial Equality, Columbia University. New York, April 2001.

2000. Book *Divided by Faith* featured as the cover story in *Christianity Today* magazine, volume 44, pages 34-49. Special Section included the following related to the book: “Divided by Faith? Why a new book on race and evangelicals captured our attention,” “Color-Blinded. An excerpt from *Divided by Faith*,” and “We Can Overcome. A CT forum responds to the themes of *Divided by Faith*.”



1997-1999. Young Scholar in North American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI and Pew Charitable Trusts.

1992. St. John’s University Student Senate Award, for promotion of cultural pluralism on campus.

1991. Finalist, The Charles M. Tiebout Competition in Regional Science, and invited to present submitted paper at Annual Meeting of Western Regional Science Association.

1990. Honors Distinction, Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1990.

1988-1991. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Center for Population Research Traineeship.

1988. Gallagher Key Award (Top Student in Sociology), Loyola University of Chicago.

1986-1988. Loyola University of Chicago Academic Merit Scholarships.

### **ACAD. LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

2023. Nominations Committee, Religion Section, American Sociological Association.

2023. External Reviewer, Loyola University of Chicago Sociology Program.

2020-2023. Member, Curriculum Innovation Advisory Board, *Future Talent Council*, Stockholm, Sweden.

2020-2023. Member, Diversity Council, College of Language Arts and Sciences, UIC.

2022 External Reviewer, University of Toronto Sociology Program.

2017-2020. Member and Chair, American Sociological Association’s Public Understanding of Sociology Award Committee.

2020. Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award Committee.

2020. Chair. American Sociological Association, Religion Section, Student Paper Award.

2012-present. Founding Associate Editor, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (American Sociological Association journal).

2018-2020. SSSR Strategic Planning Committee.

2018. Academic Coach, International Conference on Directions in the Sociological Study of Religion (Feb, Houston, TX)

2017-2018. Committee Member, Urban Affairs Association's Best Book in Urban Affairs.

2012-2014. Co-Developer, Urban Studies Program, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark.

2010-2014. Co-Founding Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.

2006-2010. Founding Director, Center on Race, Religion, and Urban Life, Rice University.

2009-2012. Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, Rice University.

2010-present. Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*.

2009-present. Editorial Board, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

2008-2009. Chair, De Lange Conference planning committee. International conference entitled, "Transforming the Metropolis: Creating Sustainable and Humane Cities."

2008-2009. Editorial Board, Rice University Press.

2007-2009. Elected Chair-elect and Chair of the American Sociological Association's Religion Section.

2008. Organizer, Symposium on Multiracial Congregations, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

2007-2009. Senator, Rice Faculty Senate.

2007, 2009. Interim Chair, Department of Sociology, Rice University

2007-2008. Advisory Board, NYU Press Book Series on Qualitative Studies.

2007. Nominations Committee, Society for the Scientific Society of Religion.

2007-2009. Publications Committee, Association of the Sociology of Religion.

2007. Center for Houston's Future Leadership Forum.

2007-2008. Rice Leaders Training Program.

2002-2005. Elected Council Member, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section of American Sociological Association.

2000-2004. Elected Council Member, Religion Section of American Sociological Association.

2003-2005. Elected Council Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

1998. Co-Organizer, director, and presenter, "Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Conference," Bethel College.

1995-1996. Member, Sub-committee on Gambling Research, State of Minnesota.

### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)**

Emerson, Michael O., and Glenn Bracey. 2025. "Author Meets Critic—*The Religion of Whiteness*." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, (August 9-11).

Grigoropoulou, Nikolitsa, George Yancey, Michael O. Emerson, Tyler VanderWeele, and Byron Johnson. 2025. "Childhood Predictors of Perceived Discrimination Across 22 Countries." International Network for Social Network Analysts, Sunbelt Conference, Paris, France (June 23-29).

Anderson, Lauren, Nancy Seay, Ted Smith, and Michael O. Emerson. 2024. "Universal Basic Neighborhood: Reframing Health Equity Through a Strength-Inclusive, Neighborhood-Scale Analysis of Place-Based Health Factors." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (October 27-30).

Emerson, Michael O. "Congregations and the Religion of Whiteness: Roadblock and Repair Strategies." 2024. Society for the Scientific

Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct. 18-20).

Emerson, Michael O. “Why We Need Research on Religion.” 2024. Religious Research Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh PA (Oct. 18-20).

Victoria Isaac, Esther Chan, Isaiah Jeong, Michael O. Emerson, and Glenn E. Bracey. 2024. “Religious and Racialized Emotions: How Race, Congregations, and Leadership Shape Racial Pessimism and Feelings Towards Reparations.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (August).

Emerson, Michael, Isaiah Jeong, and Tryce Prince. 2023. “Finding the There There: Toward an Urban Framework for Study.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia (August).

Chan, Esther, Isaiah Jeong, Victoria Isaac, Michael O. Emerson, and Glenn E. Bracey. 2023. “Religious and Racialized Emotions: Racial Pessimism, Reparations, and Social Justice.” Race and Religion Symposium, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia (August).

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2022. “Religion and Black/White Residential Segregation: How Regional Context Matters.” American Academy of Religion, Denver (November).

Bracey, Glenn, Rory Kramer, and Michael O. Emerson. 2021. “Christian Nationalism Beyond Black and White: The Racialized Relationship Between Religion and Justice.” American Sociological Association, Chicago (August).

Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson. 2019. “Congregational Switching in the Age of Great Expectations.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City (August).

Emerson, Michael O., and Gwendolyn Purifoye. 2019. “Riding Through the Market City: What Happens When Inequitable Transit Systems and City Market Plans Converge in Downtown

Chicago?” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles (April).

Purifoye, Gwendolyn, Michael O. Emerson, and Johannes Buerger. 2019. “Examining Racial Residential Segregation Through Public Transportation in Chicago.” American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 2017. “Soul of the City: The Depth of how Urban Matters for the Sociology of Religion.” Presidential Address, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada (August).

Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2015. “Having Kids: Assessing Differences in Fertility Desires between Religious and Nonreligious Individuals.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, CA (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2015. “In the Modern World, How Can Religion Possibly Matter for Understanding Race.” Joint session American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL (August).

Smiley, Kevin, and Michael O. Emerson. 2015. “Houston, Copenhagen, and the Future of Cities.” Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL (April).

Jason Shelton and Michael O. Emerson. 2013. “Author Meets Critic—*Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*.” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Annual Meeting, New York (August).

Emerson, Michael O., and Stephen Klineberg. 2013. “A City Globalizing: Houston’s Transformations from 1982 to 2013.” Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco, CA (April).

Emerson, Michael O., James Phillips, and Adele James. 2012. “Racial Nuance and Worship Attendance.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago (Nov).

- Kolenikov, Stas, Courtney Kennedy, Ali Ackerman, Chintan Turakhia, Michael O. Emerson, and Adele James. 2012. "Mode Effects Measurement and Correction: A Case Study." American Association for Public Opinion Research, Chicago (Nov).
- Lewis, Valerie, Michael O. Emerson, and Stephen L. Klineberg. 2012. "The Shape of Racial Residential Preferences: Findings from a New Methodology." Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA (May).
- Marti, Gerardo, and Michael O. Emerson. 2012. "The Rise of the Diversity Expert: How American Evangelicals Simultaneously Accentuate and Ignore Race." Conference: The New Evangelical Social Engagement: Trends and Implications, organized by the University of Indiana, held in Indianapolis, IN (May).
- Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 2012. "Understanding Height Preferences of Males and Females in Dating Relationships: A Sociological Test." Southwestern Social Science Association, San Diego, CA (April).
- Ackerman, Ali, Courtney Kennedy, Chintan Turakhia, Michael Emerson, and Adele James. 2011. "2011 Portraits of American Life Study: From In-Person to Mixed Web/Phone." Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Public Opinion Researchers. Raleigh, NC, October.
- Shelton, Jason, and Michael O. Emerson. 2011. "Far Reaching Faith: Evidence of an Inclusive Religious Doctrine." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV, August.
- Shelton, Jason, and Michael O. Emerson. 2011. "Why do African Americans Pray So Often?" Annual meeting of the Southern Conference on African American Studies. Dallas, TX, February.
- Phillips, Anita, and Michael O. Emerson. 2010. "In Pursuit of Things Not Seen: An Alternative View of Race in the American Church." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD, Oct.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "Why We Pass the Plate." Rethinking Stewardship Conference, Minneapolis, MN, July.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "Managing Racial Diversity: A Movement toward Multiracial Congregations." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August.
- Emerson, Michael O. and Catalina Crespo. 2008. "Transnational Communities and Religio-Civic Identities among Latino Immigrants." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY, Oct.
- Shelton, Jason, and Michael O. Emerson. 2008. "Where Do We Go From Here? How Class Position and Culture Influence Beliefs about Strategies for Achieving Racial Progress." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, August.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2006. "Wrestling with the Meaning of Multiracial Congregations." Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.
- Emerson, Michael O., and David Sikkink. 2006. "An Introduction to the Panel Study of American Religion and Ethnicity." Annual Meeting joint meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Nov.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2005. Racial Attitudes and Congregational Context. Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, Miami, Florida, May.
- Aguilera, Michael, and Michael O. Emerson. 2005. "Racial Trust and Mistrust: Exploring Obstacles and Opportunities." Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR, April.
- Christerson, Brad, Kori Edwards, and Michael O. Emerson. 2003. "The Struggle of Racial Integration in Religious Organizations." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Richmond, Virginia (October).

- Read, Jen'nan, and Michael O. Emerson. 2003. "Comparing the Physical Health of African and Caribbean Immigrants to Native-Born African Americans." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, (August).
- Donato, Katharine M., Michael O. Emerson, and Chizuko Wakabayashi. 2003. "Religion and Migration Effects on Adolescent Health: Race and Ethnic Differences in Risk Behaviors." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, (August).
- Sikkink, David, and Michael O. Emerson, 2003. "School Choice and Racial Segregation: The Role of Parent's Education." Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association, Chicago, (April).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2002. "Future Directions in the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah (November).
- Emerson, Michael O., and Christian Smith. 2002. "Author Meets Critic—*Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*." Jointly sponsored session by Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Religion Sections, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, (August).
- Christerson, Brad, and Michael O. Emerson. 2001. "The Costs of Ethnic Diversity in Religious Organizations: An In-Depth Case Study." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, OH (October).
- Emerson, Michael O., George Yancey, and Karen Chai. 2001. "Race vs. Race-as-a-Proxy in Residential Segregation by Race: Exploring the Mind's Eye of White Americans." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA (August).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2000. "Beyond Ethnic Composition: Are Multiracial Congregations Unique." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX (October).
- Chai, Karen, Michael O. Emerson, and George Yancey. 2000. "Together in Worship: A Typology of American Multiracial Congregations." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX (October).
- Emerson, Michael O., and David Sikkink. 2000. "Educational Status and Residential and Schooling Segregation." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC (August).
- Yancey, George, Michael O. Emerson, and Karen Chai. 2000. "Who Can We Marry? A Look at the Hierarchical Construction of Marriage Preference in the United States." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans (April).
- Yancey, George, Michael O. Emerson, and Karen Chai. 2000. "A Comparison of How European Americans and African Americans Define Racism and Racial Prejudice." Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association, Galveston (March).
- Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 1999. "An Exploratory Study of the Effects of Bi-Racial Congregations on Choosing Assimilation or Pluralism." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston (November).
- MacDonald, William, and Michael O. Emerson. 1999. "Testing Explanations of Racial Differences in Attitudes towards Euthanasia." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago (August).
- Yancey, George, and Michael O. Emerson. 1999. "The 1998 South Carolina Elections: An Analysis of Resistance to Racial Exogamy." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago (August).
- Emerson, Michael O., Christian Smith, and David Sikkink. 1998. "Explaining of Black/White Inequality: The Case of White Conservative Protestants." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco (August).

Emerson, Michael O., and David Sikkink. 1997. "What People Say, What People Do: Education, Racial Attitudes, and Racial Realities." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto (August).

Emerson, Michael O. 1997. "Racial Inequality: Are the Views of Evangelicals Unique?" Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Toronto, (August).

Emerson, Michael O., and Karen McKinney. 1997. "Other People's Power." Annual Meeting of the Collaboration Conference, Bloomington, MN (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 1996. "Negotiating Race: American Evangelicals and an American Dilemma." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Nashville.

Emerson, Michael O. 1996. "How To Overcome Racism: American Evangelical Beliefs and the Shaping of Racism Solutions." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York City, 1996.

David Sikkink, Christian Smith, Michael O. Emerson, Sally Gallagher and Paul Kennedy. 1995. "Dimensions of Difference: Relative Positions in Bounded Social Space." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis (November).

Emerson, Michael O., and J. Clark Laundergan. 1995. "Characteristics of Minnesota Gamblers: 1990-1994." Annual Meeting of the Conference on Gambling Research, St. Paul (September).

Emerson, Michael O., and J. Clark Laundergan. 1994. "Do Minnesotans Like to Gamble? You Bet: Gambling Prevalence and Problem Gambling in 1990 and 1994." Plenary Session of Joint Meeting of Sociologists of Minnesota and the Great Plains Sociological Association (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 1994. "The Etiology of Abortion Attitudes: World Views, Social Location, and Religion." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Raleigh, NC (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 1992. "The Emergence of an Underclass: A Theory of Separate Spheres." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans (April).

Emerson, Michael O., and Fred Hall. 1991. "The Urban Underclass: A New Measurement Model." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Cincinnati (August).

Emerson, Michael O. 1990. "The Role of Migration in Concentrating the Black Poor in Central Cities." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Toronto (April).

### **CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED, PRESIDED, DISCUSSANT OR CRITIC**

Critic, Author-Meets-Critics Session for the book *Estranged Pioneers*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago (August 9-11), 2025).

Organizer and Presider, Author-Meets-Critics Session for the book *Estranged Pioneers: Race, Faith, and Leadership in a Diverse World*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh (October 18-20, 2024).

Critic, Author-Meets-Critics Session for the book *The Contemporary Black Church: The New Dynamics of African American Religion*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh (October 18-20, 2024).

Presider and Discussant, Building on DuBois' Sociological Approach to Address Health Disparities at the Neighborhood Level. Mid-South Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN (Oct, 16-19, 2024).

Organizer, Christian Nationalism and Public Policy in the United States. Baker Institute Conference, April 26, 2024.

Organizer, Religion's Role in Peace, Justice, and Missions Movements, Joint session American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 13, 2017.

Organizer, Religious Dividing Lines: Race, Class, and Immigration, Joint session between American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 13, 2017.

Critic, Author Meet Critic Session, Faith, Family, and Filipino American Community Life, by Stephen Cherry, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014.

Discussant, Race, Congregations, and Worship, Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 13-15

Organizer and Presider, Highlighting Houston: Studying an Emerging Global City, Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013.

Critic, Author Meet Critic Session, Worship across the Racial Divide, by Gerardo Marti, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, Nov 9-11, 2012.

Organizer and Presider, The Racial Wealth Gap and Its Implications, American Sociological Association, Chicago, Aug. 2011.

Organizer and Presider, Research featuring the Panel Study of American Religion and Ethnicity, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, Oct. 2009.

Critic, Author Meets Critic Session, Faith Makes Us Live: Surviving and Thriving in the Haitian Diaspora, by Margarita Mooney, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, Oct. 2009.

Presider, Religion, Consumption, and Money, American Sociological Association, Boston, Aug. 2008.

Organizer for Thematic Session, Urban Labor/Work and Religion, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, Aug. 2008.

Organizer, Religion and the Changing Face of American Civic Life, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Oct. 2008.

Convener, Race and Religious Communities, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Tampa, Florida, Nov 2-4, 2007.

Presider, Religion and Culture, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, Aug. 2007.

Program Chair, Religious Research Association annual meeting, Portland, OR, Nov. 2006.

Organizer and Convener, Author Meets Critic, A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church, Religious Research Association annual meeting, Portland, OR, Nov. 2006.

New Developments in the Study of Multiracial Congregations, Presider and Discussant, Religious Research Association annual meeting, Rochester, NY, Nov. 2005.

Organizer, joint session on race and religion (for Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Religion Sections), ASA, San Francisco, August 2004.

The Invisible Caring Hand: American Congregations and the Provision of Welfare. 2003. Author Meets Critics session, Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Atlanta.

Risking Dialogue on Religion and Race. Organizer, Presider, Discussant. 2002. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, UT.

New Perspectives on Religion and Civic Involvement. Discussant. 2002. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, UT.

Religion and Adolescent Life Outcomes. Presided. 2002. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago, IL.

Futures of Urban Religion: New Forms, New Faiths, New Seekers. Organized/Presided. 2001. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.

Asian Immigrants and Religion. Presided. 2001. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Columbus, OH.

Multiethnic Congregations. Organized. 2000. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Houston, TX.

Religion, Migration, and Identity. Discussant. 1999. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Religion, Migration, and Identity. Presided. 1999. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Religion and Asian Identity. Organized/Presided. 1999. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

Religion and Ethnicity, Organized/Presided. 1999. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

### **SELECTED INVITED LECTURES (SINCE 2000)**

Emerson, Michael O. 2025. "Race is a Four-Letter Word." Nazareth University (September).

Emerson, Michael O. 2025. "When Race Becomes Our Faith." Nazareth University (September).

Emerson, Michael O. 2024. "Religious Belts Around the World: Early Thinking." Boniuk Institute Lecture Series. (February).

Emerson, Michael O. 2024. "The Religion of Whiteness." West Louisville Forum, (January).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "Religion and Civic Engagement." (&) Campaign, Los Angeles, CA (November).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "Researching in an Age of Racial Discord." Baylor University, Waco, TX (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "White Christian Nationalism: Roadblock to Racial Justice

Reform and Healing Strategies to Counter It." Thrive Urban Pastors Cohort, Chicago, IL (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "White Christian Nationalism: Which Term Matters Most and Why Should We Care?" Covenant Church, Houston, TX (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "Religion and Racial Justice." Free Methodist Justice Summit, Spring, TX (September).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "The Religion of Whiteness and Its Antidotes." Free Methodist Justice Summit, Spring TX (September).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "Market Cities, People Cities." Texas A&M Urban Course. (August).

Emerson, Michael O. 2023. "Louisville's Best Life." Simmons College of Kentucky. (August).  
Emerson, Michael O. 2022. "The Economics of Racial Inequality and Why It Matters." Justice Journey Experience for Business Leaders. April 21.

Emerson, Michael O. 2022. "Mission Through Mosaic: America's Racial Realities." Keynote Speaker, Luther Lee Lectures, Indiana Wesleyan University (March 22-23).

Emerson, Michael O. 2021. Plenary Speaker, Race, Justice, and Reconciliation Conference, Asbury University (November).

Emerson, Michael O. 2021. "Why is Chicago Still Segregated and What it Means for Commercial Real Estate." Building Owners and Managers Association Webinar (June).

Emerson, Michael O. 2019. "Making Sense of Race and Religion in the Contemporary U.S." Fritz Nova Memorial Address, Villanova University (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2018. April. "Still Divided by Faith? A Look at Race and Religion in the Contemporary U.S." Seattle Pacific University (April)

- Emerson, Michael O. 2018. "Religion East to West: Comparisons of China and the U.S." Rice University (Feb.)
- Emerson, Michael O. 2018. "Educational Inequality in the U.S." Trinity International (Feb.)
- Emerson, Michael O. 2016. "How Race Works in 2016." Westmont College (Nov.).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2016. "Urban Soul: Market Cities, People Cities, and Our Future." Eleanor Fails Annual Lecture Series, Loyola University of Chicago (October).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2016. "What Kind of Cities are We Building and Why Does it Matter?" Baylor University (Feb. 2016)
- Emerson, Michael O. 2016. "Reconciling Divided Groups." Evangelical Covenant Church Denominational Meeting, Chicago, IL (Feb. 2015).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2016. "The Soul of the City." Project CURATE, Houston (Feb. 2015).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2015. "No One Way Streets to Unity." Mercer University (Macon, Georgia, Feb. 2015).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2015. "Developing Inclusive Diversity in Our Cities." Association of Theological Schools (Feb. 2015).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2015. "A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and Our Urban Future." International Conference on the Governance of Metropolis and the Development of Global Cities, Shanghai University (Jan. 2015).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Cities of Hope." Gordon College, Massachusetts (Nov. 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Livable Cities," "Sustainable Cities," and "Market vs. People Cities." Lecture Series, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen (Oct. 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Urban Transformations in Current Times." Texas Community Development Association (Austin, Oct. 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "A Tale of 2 Cities: Comparing Houston and Copenhagen." Houston Tomorrow Distinguished Speaker Series (September 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Copenhagen Transportation." Houston Tomorrow Ask the Expert Series (September 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and Urban Transformation." Presented at the Leipzig Colloquium, organized by the Leibniz Institute of Regional Geography and the Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research, Leipzig University (June, 2014)
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "The American Religious and Racial Landscape." Presented at the American Studies Forum, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany (June, 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Houston's Immigration Patterns and Urban Growth." Metropolis' Response to Migration and Urban Growth. Fudan University, Shanghai, China (May 2014) and co-chaired the workshop.
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Tips for Conducting Large-Scale, National Surveys." University of Padua, Padua, Italy (May 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "Comparing Houston and Copenhagen in the World Order of Cities." University of Padua, Padua, Italy (May 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. "The Changing American Racial Structure and the Multiracial Church Movement." University of Padua, Padua, Italy (May 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2014. Taking the Pulse of the Copenhagen Region. Danish Institute for Study Abroad (May 2014).
- Emerson, Michael O. 2013. Multiracial Education and Learning. Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct. 2013).

Emerson, Michael O. 2012. "Skin Goes Deep: Color and Worship in the U.S." Talk given to the Sociology Department, Duke University (Nov. 2012).

Emerson, Michael O. 2012. "Opportunity Now: The Dynamic Need for Multiracial Education." North Park Seminary (Nov. 2012).

Emerson, Michael O. 2011. "Houston Growing and Changing." Possibility Series, Houston, TX (Nov. 2011).

Emerson, Michael O. 2011. "Opportunity Now: The Dynamic Need for Multiracial Education." Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct. 2011, March 2012).

Emerson, Michael O. 2011. "Racial Segregation in Houston." South Texas College of Law, Houston TX (March 2011).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "Spaghetti Sauce and Multiethnic Churches: How They are Related." National Multiethnic Congregation Conference, San Diego (Nov. 2010).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "Dynamic Houston: How Houston is Emerging as a Global City." Family Weekend, Rice University (September 2010).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "The Housing Preferences of African Americans, Anglos, and Latinos." Houston Association of Hispanic Media Professionals (August 2010).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "Still Divided by Faith, but with Some Hope." Transforming Race Conference, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State, Columbus, OH (March 11-13).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "The Religious Color Wall." Anti-Defamation League—Southwest Region, Houston (Feb. 26).

Emerson, Michael O. 2010. "The Changing Meaning of Houston's Racial and Ethnic Profile." Houston chapter, Texas Economic and Demographic Association, (Feb. 26).

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "Give Us Unity or Give Us Death." Brokenness Conference plenary speaker, Houston (September).

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "Multiracial Religious Organizations and Social Networks." University of Wisconsin (March)

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. Multiple talks on race and religion, Elizabethtown College, PA.

Emerson, Michael O. 2009. "The Color Wall: Race and Religion in the U.S." DePaul University (February).

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "Hispanics, Religion, and Volunteering." Hispanic Initiative National Conference, Houston (November)

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "The Segregated Church and Change." Multiethnic Leadership Conference, Minneapolis (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "The Future of Race in the United States." Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids. (October).

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "The Color Wall: Lessons for Grand Rapids and U.S. Cities." Calvin College/Grand Rapids MI public lecture (July).

Emerson, Michael O. 2008. "Multiracial Congregations: Lessons for Higher Education." Diversity in Higher Education conference, Pomona, CA (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "The Cutting Edge of Studying Religion." Religious News Writers Association, national annual meeting, San Antonio (Sept.)

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "The Rise of Religious Fundamentalism." Boniuk Center Speaker Series, Houston (March).

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "Dynamic Houston." Rice Continuing Studies "Best Of" Series, Houston (Spring 2007).

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "The Multiracial Organization and Social Networks." Ohio State University. (Jan.)

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "Divided and United by Faith." Keynote Lecture, MLK week, Belmont College, Nashville, TN (Jan).

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "From Diversity to Community." Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Westerville, OH (Jan.).

Emerson, Michael O. 2007. "Divided and United by Faith." Belmont College, Martin Luther King Week Keynote Speaker, Nashville, TN (Jan.)

Emerson, Michael O. 2006. "The Benefits and Limits of Multiracial Congregations for U.S. Race Relations." Academic Affairs Committee, Rice University Board of Regents. (May).

Emerson, Michael O. 2006. Multiracial Congregations. University of Chicago Divinity School, McCormick Divinity School, Catholic Theological Union, and Lutheran School of Theology. (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 2006. Studying the Unusual: Multiracial Congregations in America. Weiss President's House Series, Rice University (April).

Emerson, Michael O. 2006. Succeeding in Life: Personal Values and Social Structures. Rice Community Dialogue (Feb.). Later broadcast on the city of Houston's cable channel.

Emerson, Michael O. 2006. Multiracial Congregations and Racialization. Midwestern Student Conference, Indianapolis, IN (Apr).

Emerson, Michael O. 2005. Plenary Speaker, Leadership Conference, Moody Graduate School, Chicago, IL (May).

Emerson, Michael O. 2005. Plenary Speaker, Midwinter Conference, Covenant Denomination. Spoke on issues of race and religion at two plenary sessions to pastors and other denominational leaders. Chicago, IL (Feb.)

Emerson, Michael O. 2004. "Multiracial Congregations: Promises and Limits to a Racialized Society." Horizons of the Mind Lecture Series, College of Arts and Sciences,

Montana St. University, Bozeman, MT (October)

Emerson, Michael O. 2003. "Shifting Color Lines in American Christianity." The Color Lines Conference, Civil Rights Project, Harvard School of Law, Cambridge, MA (August).

"Divided on Sunday: Race and the Evangelical Church in America." Francis Schaeffer Lecturer, Covenant Seminary, St. Louis, Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2003.

"Examining Racial Diversity in Religious Congregations." The University of Illinois at Chicago Colloquium Series, Feb. 12, 2003.

"Understanding Racial Diversity in Religious Organizations." The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Sociology Colloquium Series, October 2, 2002.

"Ethnic Pluralism and the Question of Integration in American Life." University of Notre Dame, Pew Graduate Seminar Series, June 8-22, 2002.

"What Difference Does it Make that Sunday is Segregated?" Bouma Lecturer, Calvin College. Nov. 2001.

"Changing Social Institutions: Religion and Race" Panel. The Changing Terrain of Race and Ethnicity Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago. Oct. 2001.

"Evangelicals and Black-White Relations," Colloquium: Evangelicals in Political and Civic Life, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C., June 2001.

"Race and the American City." Plenary Speaker, Community Development Association Conference, Dallas, TX, Nov. 2001.

"Race and Religion in the United States," E.R.A.C.E. Foundation Conference, Cornerstone College, Grand Rapids, MI, Apr. 2001.

"The Racial Divide and Education," Multicultural Leadership Summit, Baltimore, April 2001.

“Divided by Faith and Racial Futures,” CCCU Conference of College Presidents, Provosts, and Deans, Orlando, FL, February 2001.

“Initial Results of the Multiracial Congregations Study.” The Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, August 2000.

“Living Diversity.” Common Ground Seminar Series, Spring Branch Independent School District, Houston, TX. April 2000.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS & OP-EDS (1999 to present)**

\*2026, Transportation, Health, and Universal Basic Neighborhoods. Streetsblog.

\*2026 Houston’s Religious Diversity, for Smithsonian Institution’s America at 250.

\*2026 Guest, Hello Houston Radio Show, NPR 88.7 FM, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, for a segment on Christian Nationalism and Politics.

\*2026 “Divided by Faith, 25 Years Later.” Meet the Author Radio Show, Radio Maria National Catholic Radio. January 8.

\*2025 *Houston Chronicle*, “Why a Megachurch in The Woodlands is taking its Christian Conservative Activism to ‘Woke’ Regions,” December 7.  
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/religion/article/texas-megachurch-steve-riggle-grace-woodlands-21118953.php>

\*2025 *ReligionNews.com*, “Why Trump’s Immigration Crackdown May Make America Less Christian,” November.  
<https://religionnews.com/2025/11/18/why-trumps-immigration-crackdown-may-make-america-less-christian/> and reprinted in the *National Catholic Register*:  
<https://www.nconline.org/news/why-trumps-immigration-crackdown-may-make-america-less-christian>

\*2025 *Houston Chronicle*, for a story on a lawsuit at Second Baptist of Houston. September.

\*2025 *Houston Chronicle*, for a story on a lawsuit at Second Baptist of Houston, exploring Baptist governance structures. October.

\*2025 *The Washington Post*, for a story on the Charlie Kirk shooting and churches’ reactions.

\*2025 *The Washington Post*, for a story on Christians’ views of Ken Paxton.

\*2025 *Houston Chronicle*, for a story on Christian Nationalism and racial division.  
[https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/article/joel-webbon-pastor-texas-church-21040587.php?utm\\_source=marketing&utm\\_medium=copy-url-link&utm\\_campaign=article-share&hash=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaG91c3RvbmNocm9uaWNsZS5jb20vbmV3cy9ob3VzdG9uLXRleGFzL2FydGljbGUvam9lbC13ZWJib24tcGFzdG9yLXRleGFzLWNodXJjaC0yMTA0MDU4Ny5waHA%3D&time=MTc1NzUyMTU3NjQ1NQ%3D%3D&rid=OTJjYTc4ZTQtMzMzMyN00ZmIzLWJmOWMtNDE0OTc5ZTk3YmU0&sharecount=OA%3D%3D](https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/article/joel-webbon-pastor-texas-church-21040587.php?utm_source=marketing&utm_medium=copy-url-link&utm_campaign=article-share&hash=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaG91c3RvbmNocm9uaWNsZS5jb20vbmV3cy9ob3VzdG9uLXRleGFzL2FydGljbGUvam9lbC13ZWJib24tcGFzdG9yLXRleGFzLWNodXJjaC0yMTA0MDU4Ny5waHA%3D&time=MTc1NzUyMTU3NjQ1NQ%3D%3D&rid=OTJjYTc4ZTQtMzMzMyN00ZmIzLWJmOWMtNDE0OTc5ZTk3YmU0&sharecount=OA%3D%3D)

\*2025 *Houston Chronicle*, for a story on Texas Politics and Divorce. July.

\*2025 *Chronicle of Higher Education*, for a story on Catholic and Protestant Universities’ responses to DEI challenges. Forthcoming.

\*2025 *Wired Magazine*. “The Minnesota Shooting Suspect’s Background Suggests Deep Ties to Christian Nationalism.”  
<https://www.wired.com/story/christian-nationalist-roots-suspected-minnesota-assassin/>. June 18, 2025.

\*2025 *Newsweek*. “Is Christianity in America Back? Five Key Findings from Landmark Survey.”  
<https://www.newsweek.com/christianity-back-america-pew-research-poll-key-findings-2037493>. Feb. 28, 2025.

\*2024 *Financial Times*. “Donald Trump’s Support Among Evangelicals Shows Signs of Weakening.” Interviewed and quoted in the story. October 22.  
<https://www.ft.com/content/98e73635-2c82-4435-aebf-9c8881d43cbc?accessToken=zwAAAZK6fTvzK>



- \*2021 *Houston Chronicle*, for story on urban sustainability in Houston and Copenhagen, <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-and-Copenhagen-An-unlikely-duo-addresses-16160352.php> (May)
- \*2021 *Bloomberg/Newsroom*, for story on racial issues and Christian churches, (May) [https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-05-02/can-evangelical-christians-become-woke?sref=Fz2jplLp&utm\\_source=url\\_link](https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-05-02/can-evangelical-christians-become-woke?sref=Fz2jplLp&utm_source=url_link)
- \*2021 *Religion News Service*, for story on race and religion research and released monograph, <https://religionnews.com/2021/04/28/despite-multiracial-congregation-boom-some-black-congregants-report-prejudice/> (reprinted in full or part in the *Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, *Relevant* magazine, and *Slight* magazine, among others). (May)
- \*2021 *Bloomberg/Newsroom*, for story on internal conflict among American religious congregation. (Feb) <https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-02-21/after-trump-america-s-churches-are-more-polarized-than-ever?sref=gW8RJKE>
- \*2020 *Religion News Service*, for story on forthcoming paper on multiracial congregations. <https://religionnews.com/2020/11/12/study-multiracial-churches-growing-but-racial-unity-remains-elusive/> (Nov)
- \*2020 *New York Times*, for article, “Can the ‘Instigator-in-Chief’ Win on ‘Law and Order’?” <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/09/opinion/trump-portland-kenosha.html> (Sep)
- \*2020 *Washington Post*, for article “Black and White evangelicals once talked about ‘racial reconciliation,’ Then Trump came along.” <https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2020/08/21/black-and-white-evangelicals-trump-racial-reconciliation/>
- \*2020 *NPR*, All Things Considered, for show on multiracial congregations. July 17. <https://www.npr.org/programs/all-things-considered/2020/07/17/892197866>
- \*2020 *NPR.org*, for article on multiracial congregations, July 17. <https://www.npr.org/2020/07/17/891600067/multiracial-congregations-may-not-bridge-racial-divide>
- \*2020 *Christian Science Monitor*, for article on white evangelical churches and race. July 13. <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Society/2020/0713/Confess-these-sins-white-Evangelical-churches-reflect-on-racism>
- \*2020 *CNN.com*, for article on black Christians and white response. July 10. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/10/us/white-black-christians-racism-burke/index.html>
- \*2020 *Religion News Service*, for article on race, Christianity, and protests. July 1. <https://bit.ly/3dSECXx>
- \*2020 *Religion News Services*, for article on multiracial churches. Jan 20. <https://religionnews.com/2020/01/20/multiracial-churches-growing-but-challenging-for-clergy-of-color/>
- \*2018 *New York Times*, for feature article on racial tensions within American Christianity, March 9.
- \*2018 *Dallas Morning News*, for feature article on growth in the percentage of multiracial congregations, July.
- \*2018 *Houston Chronicle*, for article on religion in China (Feb. 20)
- \*2018 *The ARDA*, Ahead of the Trend: “A Conversation with Michael Emerson on race, humility, and ways we can talk to one another.” <http://blogs.thearda.com/trend/uncategorized/a-conversation-with-michael-emerson-on-race-humility-and-ways-we-can-talk-to-one-another/>
- \*2016 *Chronicle of Higher Education*, for article “Evangelical Colleges’ Diversity Problem” (Jan. 31).
- \*2015 *The State-Journal Register*, for article on race relations and multiracial congregations (October 2015).

\*2015 *Reuters*, “America’s Churches: Often a Reflection of the Nation’s Racial Divide.” <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/21/us-usa-shooting-south-carolina-churches-idUSKBN0P10WC20150621?irpc=932> (June 21, 2015).

\*2015 *The Atlantic*, for story on the Southern Baptist Convention and race.

\*2015 *Al Jazeera America*, for story Southern Baptist Leadership Convention and reconciliation.

\*2014 *The Washington Post*, “How Adoption has Forced Evangelicals to Grapple with Race Relations,” (December 22).

\*2014 *Wall Street Journal*, “A Church of Many Colors: The Most Segregated Hour in America Gets Less So,” Front page story and also <http://online.wsj.com/articles/a-church-of-many-colors-the-most-segregated-hour-in-america-gets-less-so-1413253801> (October 14th).

\*2014 *Men’s Health.com*, “Why All Men Lie About Their Height (And if You Say You Don’t, You’re Probably Lying,” <http://new-mh.menshealth.com/best-life/all-guys-lie-about-height> (September).

\*2014 *Pacific Standard*, for story “The Politics of Anti-NIMBYism and Addressing Housing Affordability,” <http://www.psmag.com/navigation/business-economics/politics-anti-nimbyism-addressing-housing-affordability-89408/> (August).

\*2014 *Religion News Service*, for story on 100-year anniversary of Assemblies of God denomination, picked up by several other media outlets (August).

\*2014 *U.S. News and World Report*, *New York Daily News*, *HealthDay*, *Huffington Post*, *Science Blog*, *Health India*, *the Asian Age*, *Free Press Journal*, *Express.be* (in German), *KABC TV* (LA), *HealthCanal*, *Men’s Fitness*, *UPI.com*, *Health Newsline*, *Times of India*, *KRON TV* (San Francisco), *WGN* (Chicago), *KONG TV* (Seattle), *WPXI TV* (Pittsburgh), *KSHB TV* (Kansas City), *TopSanté* (in French), and 200

other media outlets, for stories on height preferences of females and males in romantic coupling (based on an article co-authored).

\*2013 *National Public Radio*, for a story on Houston region diversity and what it portends for Texas’ future (July).

\*2013 *Houston Chronicle*, for cover story on daytime population shifts, (June 11).

\*2013 *CBS News*, for a national story on religious diversity in religious congregations (April).

\*2012 *Christian Science Monitor*, for story “War on poverty? Why presidential campaigns don’t talk about the poor” (November 5). This article also appeared on *Yahoo.com*.

\*2012 *Sankei Shimbun* (Japanese Newspaper), for story on U.S. race relations and the presidential election (October).

\*2012 *KHOU television* and *KUHF radio*, for stories on the transformation of the Fifth Ward neighborhood of Houston (Oct. 4, 2012).

\*2012 *New York Times*, and many other media outlets via the Associate Press, for article on the first African American president of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 18.

\*2012 *Central China Television*, for piece on the population and economic growth of the Houston region, and the growth of Asians in major US metropolitan areas, April 11.

\*2012 *USA Today*, *Huffington Post*, cover story of the *Houston Chronicle*, and over 30 other media outlets, for story on racial diversity and segregation in Houston and other large U.S. metropolitan areas, March.

\*2011 *Houston Chronicle*, Feature on racial diversity in religious congregations, Nov. 4.

\*2011 *Associated Press*, for feature article on racial segregation in churches in the twenty-first century, September.

\*2011 *Forbes.com*, for blog on urban job creation, August 23. At

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/joelkotkin/2011/08/22/what-does-rick-perry-have-to-do-with-texas-success/1/>

\*2011 *Yahoo.com*, *MNN.com*, and over 30 other magazines, papers, television and radio outlets, for Emerson's research on metropolitan growth (July).

\*2011 *KRIV TV News*, interview on growing racial wealth gap (July)

\*2011 *News.az* (Baku, Azerbaijan), featured interview on regional conflict in the Southern Caucasus (May)  
<http://news.az/articles/politics/36248>

\*2011 *KRIV TV News*, interview about racism in the U.S. (May)

\*2011 *KPRC TV News*, for story on the apocalypse (May)

\*2011 *Houston Chronicle*, for articles on depopulating areas of the city (Feb.), prayer in the United States (May), changing black population (July)

\*2011 *Radio in Black and White*, on multiracial America (April)

\*2011 *Kansas City Star*, for article on multicultural churches (Feb.)

\*2010 *Houston Chronicle*, for article on black churches hiring white clergy (Oct. 28)

\*2010 *Houston Chronicle*, for question and answer feature on influence of racial composition on housing preferences of Houstonians (July 31).

\*2010 *Washington Post*, for a story on bilingual congregations. (Mar 28)

\*2010 *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, for a story on megachurch giveaways. (Mar 28)

\*2010 *Time* magazine, for a story on the growth of multiracial congregations in the United States. (Jan 11<sup>th</sup> edition)

\*2009 *Associated Press*, for a story on racial discrimination lawsuit of Billy Graham Association. Appeared in over 50 news outlets, including the *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Washington Post*, *Yahoo! News*, *USA Today*, (September 4, 2009).

\*2009 *Associated Press* and other media outlets, for articles on race, religion, and the presidential election.

\*2009 Multiple radio interviews (local and national shows) discussing *Passing the Plate* book findings and implications.

\*2008 *PBS*, for national special on multiracial congregations (filmed in October for December broadcast).

\*2008 *Houston Chronicle*, for article on black senior clergy of white congregations (August)

\*2008 *Houston Chronicle*, for article on new Ph.D program in sociology (July 12).

\*2008 *Interchange*, *KPFT* (90.1 FM Houston), for hour call in-show on race, religion, and politics (June).

\*2008 *Houston Media Source Channel*, for television show on race and religion (June).

\*2008 *Worlds Apart Television Series* (airing in Philadelphia and LA areas), on race and religion in urban America (April)

\*2007 *Washington Post*, for article on multiracial congregations in cities (Nov.)

\*2007 *Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch*, for article on multiracial congregations (Nov.)

\*2007 *Houston Chronicle*, for article on nation's largest church, Lakewood Church and the pastor Joel Osteen (Oct. 14)

\*2007 *New York Times*, for article of a multiracial congregation in NYC (Sept. 22)

\*2007 *Charlotte Observer*, for story on segregation in religious organizations (May)

\*2007 *CNN*, for a hour special on racial self-segregation (air date March)

\*2007 *Associated Press*, for an article on racial diversity in megachurches (appeared in *Newsday* (Feb.) and *Houston Chronicle* (Feb. 20), among dozens of other outlets).

\*2007 *ReligionLink*, a national media outlet, for articles on multiracial congregations.

\*2007 *Seattle Times*, for article on multiracial congregations (publication date Jan. 2007)

\*2007 *WBAI radio*, New York City, for report on our research on white parental education and racial segregation (air date: Jan 9<sup>th</sup>)

- \*2006 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, for article on declining Sunday evening religious services (publication date Sept. 2006)
- \*2006 *Akron Beacon-Journal*, for article on black-white congregational division in Episcopal denomination (publication date Sept. 2006)
- \*2006 *Dallas Morning News*, for feature article on multiracial congregations and book *People of the Dream*. Article reprinted in over 30 newspapers nationwide (publication date July 2006)
- \*2006 *KPFT* (Houston) for Call-in Show on Houston's Racial and Religious Diversity (August 21)
- \*2005 *CBS Evening News*, for piece on Evangelical Marketing (spring)
- \*2005 *Chicago Tribune*, for article on Christianity and race (June 4, 2005)
- \*2005 *New York Times*, for article on the significance of black Baptist denominational leaders meeting (publication date March 2005)
- \*2005 *Milwaukee Sentinel*, for feature story on multiracial congregations nationwide and in Milwaukee ("Worship in Living Color, March 27, 2005).
- \*2005 *Chicago Sun-Times*, for article on racial division among Christians (One Faith, One Bible – but Two Races, Feb. 14, 2005).
- \*2004 *Washington Post*, for story on Minority Clergy in White Congregations. (April 4, Page A01)
- \*2004 *Christianity Today*, for cover story on *United by Faith* (April. 2005)
- \*2003 *Voice of America*, feature on benefits of a panel study of religion and race (week of Sept. 22, 2003).
- \*2003 *Forbes* magazine, for article on mega-churches (publication date unknown).
- \*2003 *Atlanta Constitution*, for an article on integrated congregations and the racial reconciliation movement. (April 20, 2003)
- \*2002 *New York Times*, for article on race and religion and Bob Jones University (publication date unknown)
- \*2002 *Associated Press*, feature article on Asian American congregations and desire to be Pan-Asian and interracial. (Jan 20,2002)
- \*2002 *Religion News Service*, for feature article on racially integrated congregations (appearance date unknown)
- \*2002 *Dallas Morning News*, for feature article on multiracial congregations (publication date unknown)
- \*2002 *Milwaukee Sentinel*, for feature article on multiracial congregations, (May 2002).
- \*2002 Numerous local newspapers, for information ranging from race relations to religion in the U.S.
- \*2001 *National Public Radio*, for feature on the role of religion in the historical creation of racism in the United States (aired September 2, 2001).
- \*2001 *The Los Angeles Times*, for article on multiracial congregations (appeared May 27, 2001).
- \*2001 *Christian Science Monitor*, for article on multiracial congregations (appeared Sept. 12, 2001).
- \*2000 *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, for feature article on recent research on Evangelical Christians in the U.S.
- \*2000 *Philadelphia Inquirer*, for series on black-white relations in American churches.
- \*2000 *Houston Chronicle*, for article Sept. 24, 2000 article on notifying citizens about sex offenders living in their neighborhood.
- \*2000 Numerous local newspapers, for information ranging from race relations to crime issues to religion in the U.S.
- \*2000 *The Christian Century*, for article on multiracial congregations (Feb. 28, 2001).
- \*1999 *USA Today Weekend*, for article on mixed-race churches.
- \*1999 *New York Times*, for article on church integration.

## REVIEWER

National Science Foundation, Russell Sage  
Foundation, Cambridge University Press,  
Oxford University Press, New York University

Press, California University Press, Rutgers University Press, Am. Journal of Sociology, American Soc. Review, Social Currents, Social Forces, Sociological Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Social Problems, Sociology of Education, Journal for Scientific Study of Religion, acta sociologica (Scndnvn), Review of Religious Research, Sociological Forum, Contemporary Sociology, Journal of Urban Affairs, Int Jnl Urban & Reg Res, Int Jnl of Public Opn Res, Jnl of Ethnic & Migr Studies, Soc Psych Journal, Soc. of Race & Ethnicity

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- \* Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

## **THESES & DISSERTATIONS**

Korie Little Edward (Ph.D., Sociology, UIC, 2004)

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Rusty Hawkins (Ph.D, History, Rice University, 2009)

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