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- present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 2003-present Courtesy Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
- July–Dec., 2012 Visiting Associate Research Professor, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University. Position held during research sabbatical.
- 1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 1998-2003 Courtesy Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.

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## Research and Teaching Interests

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Sociology of Religion; Social Inequality; Race and Ethnicity;  
Social Movements; Research Methods; Sociological Statistics

## Publications

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### Book:

- 2025 *Catholicism at a Crossroads: Understanding the Present and Future of America's Largest Church* (Maureen K. Day, James C. Cavendish, Paul M. Perl, Michele Dillon, and Mary L. Gautier.) New York: New York University Press. (Forthcoming; book contract approved 3/23/2023.)

### Refereed Journal Articles:

- 2023 Schanbacher, William D. and James C. Cavendish. "The Effects of COVID-19 on Central Florida's Community Gardens: Lessons for Promoting Food Security and Overall Community Wellbeing." *Frontiers in Public Health* 11:1147967. doi:10.3389/fpubh.2023.1147967
- 2023 "Religion as a Resource in an Increasingly Polarized Society." Presidential Address to the Association for the Sociology of Religion. *Sociology of Religion* 84(1):1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srac033>.
- 2019 "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of DignityUSA" (N. Lampe, J. Cavendish, and Jason Sumerau). *The Qualitative Report* 24(9).
- 2018 "The Social Functions and Dysfunctions of Brazilian Immigrant Congregations in 'terra incognita'" (R. Serrao and J. Cavendish). *Review of Religious Research* 60(3):367-388.
- 2018 "Why Should Social Scientists Care about Catholic Parishes Today?" *American Catholic Studies* 129(1):4-12.
- 2011 "Historical Events and Spaces of Hate: Hate Crimes against Arabs since 3 1 Tf-0.(s)3.z-1.1feabecadsace90.(s)



[Ann-ExecutiveSummary.pdf](#)

- 2004 2002 USF Campus Climate Survey: A Report on the Attitudes and Experiences of USF Faculty and Staff. Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, University of South Florida.  
[http://usfweb2.usf.edu/ea/climate\\_diversity.asp](http://usfweb2.usf.edu/ea/climate_diversity.asp)

### Book Reviews

- 2023 Religion in America Today by Richard Stivers and M. van der Laan. Contemporary Sociology 52(6):580-582.
- 2021 Empty Churches: No Affiliation in America by James L. Heft, S.M. and Jan E. Stets. Sociology of Religion 82(4).
- 2021 Catholic Social Activism: Progressive Movements in the United States by Sharon Erickson Nepstad. Journal of Social Encounters 6(1):91-92.
- 2021 American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism by Gary J. Adler, Jr, Tricia C. Bruce, and Brian Starks, editors. American Catholic Studies 132(1):85-87.
- 2019 Perseverance in the Parish? Religious Attitudes from a Black Catholic Perspective







Principal Investigator for the Office of the Provost, University of South Florida, for the

Technical College, Fayetteville, NC).  
Donna Copp, Sociology, M.A. completed 2001.  
Mark Lemaire, Sociology, M.A. completed 2000 (currently Instructor at Florida  
State College at Jacksonville, FL).  
Michelle Petrie, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999 (currently Associate Professor of Sociology at  
University of South Carolina Aiken).

Committee Member for (54, listed by degree and date of completion)

Arnaldo Mejias, Curriculum and Instruction: Adult Education, Ph.D. candidate, 2019-present.  
Georgi Georgiev, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2024.



## Service

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### Professional:

Over course of career, manuscript reviewer for:

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, The Sociological Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Spectrum, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Review of Religious Research, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Journal of Sociology and Social Work, American Journal of Political Science, Politics and Religion, Mobilization, Journal of Homosexuality, and Journal of Contemporary Ethnography

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| 2021-2022    | Past President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.  |
| 2019-2021    | President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.   |
| 2018-2019    | President Elect of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.   |
| 2019-present | Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, a quarterly publication of the School of Social Work at Western Michigan University.  |
| 2017-2018    | Chair of the Development Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion.  |
| 2012-2016    | Executive Officer, Association for the Sociology of Religion, <a href="http://www.sociologyofreligion.com">www.sociologyofreligion.com</a> .  |
| 2012-present | Member of the Editorial Board of Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, a quarterly publication of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, <a href="http://www.ssrweb.org/">http://www.ssrweb.org/</a> . |
| 2002-2021    | Associate Editor, Sociology of Religion, a quarterly publication of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, <a href="http://socrel.oxfordjournals.org/">http://socrel.oxfordjournals.org/</a> .                    |
| 2009-2013    | Treasurer for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.   |
| 2009-2010    | Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Design a New Website for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Solicited bids from professional webpage designers.  |
| 2007-2010    | Elected Council Member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.  |
| 2007         | Organizer for the 2007 ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session "Comforting the Afflicted" (S)1(r)-4.4 ( )  |

## USF University-wide Committees/Service:

Member of the USF Student Success Council, chaired by Vice President of Student Success, Dr. Paul Dosal, 2016-2022, and by Vice President of Student Success, Dr. Cynthis DeLuca, 2022-present.

Member of the Cluster K12 Program Alignment in the Social Sciences Group of the USF Consolidation Implementation Planning, January-February, 2019.

Participant in the Zero Planning Committee of Phase 2 of the Faculty Information System (FIS) implementation, July-October, 2017.

Member of USF Faculty Senate's Research Council (RC), which advises the President and the Senior Vice President for Research & Innovation across the USF System on matters intending to promote research and creative activity, 2014-2015.

Member of the USF Global Pathways Implementation Team, which advises the university on the implementation of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in anticipation of the SACS evaluation, 2015.

Panelist for the "Forum on Poverty and Inequality: Lessons from Research and Community Engagement," USF Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, September 26, 2013.

Principal Investigator, 2010 USF Campus Climate Survey, 2009-2010.

Faculty Affiliate of USF's International Study Abroad Program at Cambridge University, 2009-2011.

Faculty Advisor for student organization "Students Working for Equal Rights" (SWER), 2011-2015.

Presentation of **Fostering a Positive Learning Environment for All Students** at the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching Excellence Workshop Series and TA orientation, every August, 2004-2011.

TA Orientation Planning Committee, Cith(-)5.003 Tc -6.6 (6 (u)6 (de)9.6l.2 (xc)3..5 (dv)5.6 (u)6d(T)3.29(e)3.9 (a)3.9 (c)3.9

USF College of Arts and Sciences Committees/Service:

Member of the CAS Technology Committee, 2016-2018.  
Member of the Faculty Development Committee, 2000-2002; 2013-2014.  
Member of the Faculty Advisory Council, 2010-2013.  
Member of the Undergraduate Council, 2005-2007.  
Chair, Student Grievance Committee, Spring, 2004; member 1997-2000.  
Chair, Diversity Committee, 1998-2001.  
CAS Community Initiative, 2000-2004.

USF Sociology Departmental Committees/Service:

Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, 2021-present.  
Chair of the Visiting Instructor Search Committee, 2017.  
Chair of the Curriculum and Course Planning Committee, 2016-

Bay History Center's summer course "Tampa's Earliest Places of Worship," May, 2016. Videos of presentations available at <https://watch.tbae.net/m/ZdG61367/james-cavendish-part-1?list=PTE50XNA>

Invited Presentation on "The Influences of College Experiences on Vocational Discernment to Diocesan and Religious Order Priesthood" for the Summit on Vocations: Exploring Ways to Promote Vocations to the Priesthood at Boston College, Boston, MA, June 20-21, 2013, <http://www.bc.edu/offices/fopa/priesthoodsummit/collegeexperience.html>

Invited Presentation on "Faith and the Counterculture: The Role of Religion in the Protest Movements of the 1960s and 70s" for The History of American Faith Series at The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, St. Petersburg, FL, April 14, 2013.

Scout for the Recruitment Activities of the Direct Action Research Training (DART) Center, which identifies and trains community leaders to join DART's community organizing network, 2008-2012.

Member of the Peace and Social Justice Committee of Catholic Charities-Diocese of St. Petersburg, July, 2004 - 2012.

Invited Presentation on "Framing Discrimination" for Community Tampa Bay, May 4, 2010.

Invited Presentation on "Sociological Perspectives on Racial and Ethnic Inequality in the United States." Brewster Technical Institute, Tampa, FL, March 31, 2006, as part of the USF Speakers Bureau

Invited Presentation on "Anti-Arab Hate Crimes in the Aftermath of September 11, 2001: Examining the Influence of Contextual Factors." College of Arts and Sciences' Lunch with a Scholar Series, University Club of Tampa, January 18, 2006.

Invited Presentation on "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight: The Church's Response to Racism in the Years Following Brothers and Sisters to Us report commemo

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Interviewed, Our Sunday Visitor on the influence of college experiences on vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life (see July 9, 2014, news story “Study Offers Strategies for Increasing Vocations” by Brian Fraga, <https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/15688/Study-offers-strategies-for-increasing-vocations.aspx>).

Interviewed, The Digital Bullpen (USF’s digital student newspaper), on secularization in American society (see November 1, 2011, news story “Religion in America: is the end near” by Sheenabell, <http://jou2100.wordpress.com/2011/11/01/religion-in-america-is-the-end-near/>).

Interviewed, The Oracle

## References

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Mark Chaves, Professor