

*Curriculum Vitae – October, 2017*  
*Jerome Richard Koch*

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*Academic and Administrative Experience*

**Current Academic Position:**

Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work  
Texas Tech University  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 2009 – present

**Current Administrative Position:**

Associate Chair  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work  
Texas Tech University  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 2015 – present

**Previous Academic Positions:**

Visiting Assistant, Assistant, and Associate Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work  
Texas Tech University 1994 – 2009; tenured in 2001

Adjunct Instructor  
School of Medicine  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center 1996 - 2001

*Education*

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN	1991-94	Ph.D., 1994.	Sociology
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL	1989-91	M.A., 1991.	Sociology
Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL	1978-82	M.Div., 1982.	Pastoral Ministry
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	1971-75	B.A., 1975.	Sociology

*Areas of Specialization and Interest*

**Primary:** Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Medicine, Body Modification.  
**Secondary:** Social Deviance, Organizations, Drugs/Alcohol, Bio-ethics

## *Research*

### **Major Research Support:**

Principal Investigator: "Seeking the Moral Community: Religion, Deviance, and Well-Being Among American College Students." 2010-2013. This project was funded for \$107,965 by the E.A. Franklin Charitable Trust. The work involved surveying 3610 American university students at 12 different schools in order to compare trends and tendencies regarding their religious beliefs and practices, deviant behavior, and their emotional well-being.

Co-PI: "Community Building and Job Creation." 2001-2004. This project was funded for \$373,739 by Covenant Health Systems. It was administered through Goodwill Industries of Lubbock and the Texas Tech University Sociology department. I proposed, developed, and administered the Evaluation component of the project. This involved continuous monitoring and evaluating the efficacy of the program and its budget, compiling a data set for future research, and supervising a graduate student. I directly administered and disbursed \$53,818.

### **Peer-Reviewed Research -- Journal Articles (31):**

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2015. "Tattoos, Gender, and Well-Being Among American College Students." *The Social Science Journal* 52(4): 536-541

Armstrong, Myrna L., Jane Tustin, Donna C. Owen, Jerome R. Koch, and Alden E. Roberts. 2014. "Body Art Education: The Earlier the Better." *Journal of School Nursing* 30(1)12-18.

Owen, Donna C., Myrna L. Armstrong, Jerome R. Koch, and Alden E. Roberts. 2013. "College Students With Body Art: Well Being Or Higher Risk Behavior?" *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing* 51(10): 20-28.

Koch, Jerome R., and Alden E. Roberts. 2012. "The Protestant Ethic and the Religious Tattoo." *The Social Science Journal* 49(2): 210-213.

Koch, Jerome R., and I. Luis Ramirez. 2010. "Religiosity, Christian Fundamentalism, and Intimate Partner Violence Among U.S. College Students." *Review of Religious Research* 51(4): 402-410.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2010. "Body Art, Deviance, and American College Students." *The Social Science Journal* 47(1): 151-161. (Online, December, 2009).

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jana C. Saunders, Donna C. Owen, and Jerome R. Koch. 2009. "Need for uniqueness in older women: An exploratory look." *International Journal of Older People Nursing* 4: 254-262.

Koch, Jerome R. "Is Religion a Health Resource for the Poor?" 2008. *The Social Science Journal* 45: 497-503.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, Donna C. Owen, and R. Rox Anderson. 2008. "Motivation for Contemporary Tattoo Removal: A Shift in Identity." *Archives of Dermatology* 144 (7) : 879-884.

Klein, Charles, Oscar Reyes, and Jerome R. Koch. 2007. "A Service Learning Project Involving ... the Mentoring of Younger At-Risk Youth." *NACTA Journal* 51(4): 55-61.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, & Donna C. Owen 2007 "Investigating the Removal of Body Piercings." *Clinical Nursing Research* 16: 103-118.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, Alden E. Roberts, and Donna C. Owen. 2007. "The Hole Picture: Risks, Decision Making, Purpose, Regulations, and the Future of Body Piercing." *Clinics in Dermatology* 25(4): 398-406.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2007. "Frequencies and relations of body piercing and sexual activity in college students." *Psychological Reports* 101: 159-162.

Roberts, Alden E., Jerome R. Koch, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2006. "Correlates of tattoos and reference groups." *Psychological Reports* 99: 933-934.

Koch, Jerome R., and Robert E. Beckley. 2006. "Under the Radar: AIDS Ministry in the Bible Belt." *Review of Religious Research*. 47: 393-408.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2005. "College students, tattoos, and sexual activity." *Psychological Reports*. 97: 887-890.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Julie Harms Cannon, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2005. "College Students, Tattooing, and the Health Belief Model." *Sociological Spectrum*. 25: 79-102.

Curry, Evans W., Jerome R. Koch, and H. Paul Chalfant. 2004. "Concern for God and Concern for Society: Religiosity and Social Justice." *Sociological Spectrum* 24: 651-666.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Donna C. Owen, and Jerome R. Koch. 2004. "Toward Building a Composite of College Student Influences With Body Art." *Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing* 27: 273-291.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2004. "Religious Belief and Practice in Attitudes Toward Individuals With Body Piercing." *Psychological Reports* 95: 583-586.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2004. "Contemporary College Students and Body Piercing." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 35: 58-61.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2004. "Correlations of religious belief and practice on college students' tattoo-related behavior." *Psychological Reports* 94: 425-430.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. "College Students and Tattoos: The Influence of Image, Identity, Family, and Friends." *The Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* 40(10): 20-29.

Koch, Jerome R., and Jean A. Lewis. 2002. "Twenty Volumes of *ATQ*: A Content Analysis." *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly* 20(3-4): 131-142.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. "College Tattoos: More Than Skin Deep." *Dermatology Nursing* 14(5): 317-323.

Pyle, Ralph E., and Jerome R. Koch. 2001. "The Religious Affiliations of American Elites, 1930s to 1990s: A Note on the Pace of Disestablishment." *Sociological Focus* 34(2): 125-137.

Koch, Jerome R., and Julie D. Blanco. 2001. "Studying 'Alcohol, Drugs, and Society' from a Sociological Perspective: Comparing the Academic Performance of Pre-professionals in Addiction Studies with Students Majoring in Other Disciplines." *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly* 19(4): 81-91.

Roberts, Alden E., Jerome R. Koch, and D. Paul Johnson. 2001. "Reference Groups and Religion: An Empirical Test." *Sociological Spectrum* 21(1): 81-98.

Koch, Jerome R., and Evans W. Curry. 2000. "Social Context and the Presbyterian Gay/Lesbian Ordination Debate." *Review of Religious Research* 42: 206-214.

Koch, Jerome R. and D. Paul Johnson. 1997. "The Ecumenical Outreach Coalition: A Case Study of Converging Interests and Network Formation for Church and Community Cooperation." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 26(3): 343-358.

Ferraro, Kenneth F. and Jerome R. Koch. 1994. "Religion and Health Among Black and White Adults: Examining Social Support and Consolation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33(4): 362-375.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Research -- Book Chapter:**

Davidson, James D. and Jerome R. Koch. 1998. "Beyond Mutual and Public Benefits: The Inward and Outward Orientations of NonProfit Organizations." In N. J. Demerath III, Peter Dobkin Hall, Terry Schmitt, and Rhys H. Williams (Eds.), pp. 292-306. *Sacred Companies*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Peer-Reviewed Research – Data Set:**

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2012. "Religiosity, Christian Fundamentalism, Deviance, Sensation-Seeking, and Body Art." Data Set of 1753 student survey respondents at four American universities, 2005-2006. *Association of Religion Data Archives*, Penn State University, State College, PA. <http://www.thearda.com>

### **Research Monograph:**

Beckley, Robert E. and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. *The Continuing Challenge of AIDS: Clergy Responses to Patients, Families, and Friends*. Westport, CT: Auburn House.

"This monograph makes an outstanding contribution to several types of literature: sociology of religion, HIV/AIDS, sexuality, and perhaps even gender studies. ... The reader is able to see beyond the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and observe it as a social phenomenon with broader implications." J. Michael Cruz, in his review published in the *Journal of Church and State*, 2003, Volume 45 (3): 615-616.

### **Research Under Review and in Final Preparation -- Peer Reviewed Journals:**

Maloney, Patricia, and Jerome R. Koch. "The Young Adult's Religious Tattoo: Respect, Reverence, Remembrance." Revised and re-submitted to the editors of *Sociological Focus*.

Koch, Armstrong, Slavin, Roberts, Owen. "Getting – and Getting Rid of = Tattoos." Under review by the editors of *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology*..

Koch, Jerome R., Brandon Wagner, and Alden E. Roberts. "Religion and Well-Being: Personal and Contextual Effects Among American University Students.." Final draft in preparation for submission to the *Review of Religious Research*.

Dougherty, Kevin, Jake Kane, and Jerome Koch. "The Religious Tattoo: Deep Emotion – Skin Deep. Final draft in preparation for invited submission to *Visual Sociology*.

### **Other Professional Publications:**

Koch, Jerome R. 2012. Book Review of: Davidson, James D. and Ralph E. Pyle. *Ranking Faiths: Religious Stratification in America*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. 2011. *Social Forces*.

Koch, Jerome R. 2008. Book Review of: Wittberg, Patricia. 2006. *From Piety to Professionalism - and Back? Transformations of Organized Religious Virtuosity*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. *Sociology of Religion* 69(4): 497-498.

Koch, Jerome R. 2002. "Health and Society." In Cynthia Tweedell (Editor), Chapter 14, pp. 233-246. *Sociology: A Christian Approach for Changing the World*. Marion, Indiana: Triangle. (Re-printed, 2010).

Koch, Jerome R. 1998. In William Swatos and Peter Kvisto, (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Society*. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press. Five entries: "Calvinism," pp. 69-70; "Dogmatism," pp. 141-142; "Eliade, Mircea," pp. 163-164; "Hymns," p. 232; "Reformation," pp. 404-405.

Koch, Jerome R. 1995. Book Review of: Wuthnow, Robert. 1993. *Christianity in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Oxford University Press. *Journal of Church and State* 37(3): 643.

**Academic Presentations: (9 since 2012. 44 total. Details available on request.)**

Koch, Jerome R., Brandon G. Wagner, and Alden E. Roberts. "Religion and Well-Being." Accepted for presentation at the 2017 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2017.

Koch, Jerome R. "Faith and Data." Public Lecture (Invited). April 20, 2017. Outstanding Sociology Opportunity (OSO) Speaker's Series. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Baylor University.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Finding Moral Community: Religion and Deviance at Twelve American Universities." Presented at the 2016 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2016.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "The Hypocrisy Factor: Cognitive Dissonance, Religion, Sex, Drinking, and Suicide Attempts Among Students at an American Christian and Public University." Presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2015.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Religion, Race, Gender, and Well-Being Among American University Students." Accepted for presentation at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2015.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Gender, Sex, and Drinking at Six American Universities." Presented at the joint meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, March, 2015.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Moral Community at Four American Private Universities." Presented at the joint meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, November, 2013.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Seeking the Moral Community: Religion, Deviance, and Well-Being Among American College Students – Year Two." Presented at the joint meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, November, 2012.

Koch, Jerome R. Keynote Speaker, Texas Conference of Churches Assembly. "How Do Religious Entities Work in Unity in the Midst of Diversity." March 30, 2012.

### *Teaching*

#### **Student Course Evaluations:**

For all Undergraduate instruction, 2001 - present, approximately 16,000 students)

Summary Course Evaluation Scores:

"Overall, this instructor was effective." 4.80 (5=Strongly Agree)

"Overall, this course was a valuable learning experience." 4.75 (5=Strongly Agree)

#### **Teaching Awards:**

I am very fortunate to be a three-time recipient of the "Professing Excellence" award, 2004, 2005, 2016. This comes from *The Success Center*, TTU, awarded solely through student nominations: "For demonstrating commitment to student success."

#### **Undergraduate Instruction, Sociology:**

##### **1301, Introductory Sociology**

Fall, 1994-2017, Spring, 2002-2017, Summer, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004

##### **3383, Alcohol, Drugs, and Society**

Fall, 1995-2015, Spring, 1995-2001, 2007-08; 2010; 2013; Summer, 1997-99; 2001-09

**4381, Sickness, Health, and Society**, Spring, 1995-2001, 2006; Summer, 2003

#### **Undergraduate Instruction, Honors College:**

**Sociology 1301 (Honors Section)**, Fall, 1997-2000

**Honors 3303: Religion and Health in American Society**

Fall, 2001, 2007, 2008, Spring, 1999, 2003-2005, 2010

**Honors Seminar 3303: Religion in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America (Team taught)**

Fall, 1996, Spring, 1998

#### **Graduate Instruction, Sociology:**

**5381: Medical Sociology** Spring, 1995-2000, Summer, 2003, Spring, 2012, 2014, 2016

**5332: Professional Socialization** Fall, 2001-2004; Spring, 2002-2005

**5331: Sociology of Religion** Fall, 1994

#### **Thesis Direction and Mentor-ship:**

Thesis Director, Chelsey Tucker. M.A., expected, 2018

Thesis Director, VJ Fehoko, M.A., Sociology, 2016.

Non-Thesis Project Director, Macallister Jeffrey, M.A., Sociology, 2015.

Thesis Director, Amber Thompson, M.A., Sociology, 2014

Thesis Director, Sofia Symcox, M.A., Sociology, 2014.

Thesis Director, Lyndsey Burnett, M.A., Sociology, 2011

Thesis Director, Randall Gentry, M.A., Sociology, 2011  
Faculty Mentor, Miranda Woodruff, McNair Scholar, 2008-2009  
Thesis Director: Deanna Garcia, B.A., Honors College, 2005  
Thesis Director: Chandra Childers, M.A., Sociology, 2004  
Thesis Director: Lisa Rotge', B.A., Honors College, 2002.  
Thesis Director: Carissa Waida, B.S., Honors College, 2000  
Thesis Director: Nick Stransky, M.A., Sociology, 1998

**Thesis and Dissertation Committee Participation:**

Thesis Committee member, Servet Tas, MA (Expected), 2017  
Thesis Committee member, Jonah Higginbotham, MA (expected), 2017  
Thesis Committee member, Stephanie Kirkland, MA, 2017  
Thesis Committee member, Vanessa Leos, M.A., 2016  
Thesis Committee member, Kembra Gerner, M.A., Soc. 2015  
Thesis Committee member, Tyler Sims, M.A., Soc. 2014  
Thesis Committee member, Jeffrey Ajufe, M.A., Soc. 2013.  
Thesis Committee member, Lauren Dent, M.A.. Soc. 2013.  
Project Committee member (Non-Thesis): Melissa Galica, MA, Soc. 2012.  
Thesis Committee member, James Henson, M.A., Soc. 2008.  
Thesis Committee member, Breandan Jennings, M.A., Soc. 2008  
Dissertation Committee Member, Alicia Rozycki, Ph.D., Psychology, 2007  
Thesis Committee member: Rachael Hoover, M.A., Soc. 2003  
Thesis Committee member: Gary Bones, M.A., Soc. 2002  
Thesis Committee member: Caitlin Pause', M.A., Soc. 2002.  
Project Committee member (Non-Thesis): Richard W, Ayers, M.A., Soc. 2001  
Thesis Committee member: Julie Blanco, M.A., Sociology, 2000  
Project Committee member: (Non-Thesis) Mercedes Montero, M.A., Soc. 2000  
Thesis Committee member: Sharon Sarles, M.A., Sociology, 1998  
Dissertation Committee member: Ronald Wood, D.Min., 1996. Doctorate in Ministry Program, Princeton Theological Seminary.

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine (1996-2001):**

I was part of a team of physicians, social scientists, and clergy regularly teaching: "The Physician and Society," and "Ethics for Physicians."

*Service*

**Service to the Department:**

Member, Graduate Committee, 2000 - 2017.  
Member, SASW Executive Committee, 2013 - 2015  
Member, Chair Search Committee, 2010–2012.  
Chair, Graduate Committee, 2001-2005.  
Advisor, Rho of Texas Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, 2001.  
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 1995 - 2000.  
Member, Departmental Search Committee, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2006 (chair); 2012, 2013. 2015



**Service to the College and University:**

Chair, Graduate Program Review, College of Human Sciences, Department of Family, Community, and Addiction Studies. 2015.  
Member, Search Committee – Vice-Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School. 2013 –2014.  
Member, CAS Committee to Reorganize Communication Studies, 2010-2011.  
Member, College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Programs, 2008-2011.  
Member, Texas Tech University Faculty Senate, 2007-2010. (Vice President, 2009-2010).  
Member TTU Faculty Senate Study Committee A, 2007-2009.  
Member, TTU Health Sciences Center Clinical Ethics Committee, 1996-2009.  
Member, University Medical Center Bio-Ethics Education Sub-Committee and Task Force on Peaceful Death, 1996-2000.

**Invited Speaking Engagements:**

Guest Lecturer (2X), Red Raider Orientation – Parents and Students, Summer, 2014  
Guest Lecturer (2X), Office of Admissions “Techsan Preview” program, Summer, 2014.  
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Guest Lecturer, Red Raider Orientation – Parents and Students, Summer, 2011  
Guest lecturer, Red Raider Experience--prospective Honors students, July, 2010.  
Panelist, Faculty Q & A for parents, Red Raider Experience--Honors, July, 2010.  
Keynote speaker, Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center, July, 2009  
Panel Discussion, Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center, July, 2009  
Guest Lecturer: Red Raider Academy for prospective students, June, 2009.  
Guest Lecturer, Honors College Passport Program March, 2006  
Guest Lecturer, Office of Admissions “Techsan Preview” program, January, 2004.  
Guest Lecturer, College of Education Recruitment Day, March, 2001.  
Keynote Speaker, Honors College Awards Banquet, May, 1999  
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations University Day, April, 1999  
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations Honors Symposium, April, 1999  
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations Honors Symposium, April, 1998

**Service to the Profession:****National Committee Involvement:**

Member, Constant R. Jacquet Research Award Committee, Religious Research Association, 2000-2001, 2002-2003.  
Chair, Constant R. Jacquet Research Award Committee, 2001-2002

**Peer Reviewer for Scholarly Journals:**

*Canadian Journal of Higher Education*, 2016. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 2015, *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Sexuality and Culture*, 2012. *Qualitative Sociology*, 2011. *Social Science Journal*, 2008, 2009 (twice), 2010 (twice), 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 (twice), 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. *Review of Religious Research*, 1995 - 2000, 2006. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016

(twice), 2017. *Sociological Focus*, 2010. *Sociological Forum*, 2010, 2011. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Problems*, 2009. *Research on Aging*, 2009. *Social Problems*, 2007. *Social Forces*, 2006. *Psychological Reports*, 2006. *Sociological Spectrum*, 2005. *Sociological Inquiry*, 2002. *Deviant Behavior*, 2001. *Sociological Focus*, 2000.

**Service to the Community – Representative examples:**

Clergy member, Palo Duro Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA) 1994 - present.

Volunteer – Shalom Readers, 2004-present.

Volunteer and Facilitator, South Plains Mobile Food Pantry, Post, Texas, 2011-present

Member, Palo Duro Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 1995 – 2000; 2011-present.

Member, Palo Duro Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission, 2008-2014.

Presenter, Lubbock Interfaith Alliance Annual Conference. “Christian Extremism.” April 26, 2014

Panelist for Bio-Ethics Case Presentation, Fall Medical/Surgical Symposium, Lubbock, Crosby, and Garza County Medical Society, September 27, 2003.

Convener and Chair of the task force for “Vatican Exhibit Symposium: Religious Art from the Old World to the New.” In conjunction with Vatican Museums Exhibition on the Texas Tech University campus, May - September, 2002.

Co-Facilitator, "A Peaceful Death: Where Are We?" (November, 1995). Featured speaker: Joanne Lynn, MD, (JAMA, November, 1995).