

Dawson P. R. Vosburg

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EDUCATION

PhD Sociology	<i>In Progress, Expected Summer 2026</i>
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	
Committee: Korie Little and Eric Schoon, co-chairs; Steve Lopez.	
Dissertation title: “Money God’s Way: How Christian Personal Finance Advice Baptized Economic Inequality”	
MA Sociology	<i>Spring 2022</i>
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	
BA Sociology	<i>Spring 2019</i>
North Park University, Chicago, IL	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant	
Introduction to Sociology.	<i>Autumn 2020 – Spring 2021</i>
Statistics in Sociology. <i>Recitation leader.</i>	<i>Summer 2021 – Spring 2022</i>
Instructor	
Sociology of Poverty.	<i>Summer 2022 – Spring 2024</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race, gender, class; sociology of religion; inequality and poverty; social theory.

PUBLICATIONS

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. 2025. “‘I Thank God We’re Rich’: Justifying economic inequality in an evangelical congregation.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Kempler, Alex, Sam Mitchell, and Dawson P. R. Vosburg 2025. “Free to Learn: Ungrading in sociology courses.” *Teaching Sociology*.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “‘IT’S YOUR FAULT’: Personal finance literature, inequality rhetoric, and the DIY welfare state.” *In draft*.

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “Personal Finances at Church: Economic uses of social relations.” *In draft*.

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “Race, Religion, and Economic Inequality: How Black Protestants and White Evangelicals link faith, finances, and politics.” *In draft*.

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “Same Book, Different Story: Race, politics, and use of the Bible in large US congregations.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Dawson P. R. Vosburg. “Making Personal Finance ‘Christian’: How neoliberalism and evangelicalism built Christian personal finance advice.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. *August 2025*

Kempler, Alex, Sam Mitchell, and Dawson P. R. Vosburg. “Free to Learn: Alternate assessment in sociology courses.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. *August 2023*

Pearce, Lisa D., Melinda Denton, Claire Gilliland, Korie Little, Joshua Underwood, and Dawson P. R. Vosburg. “Sunday Morning Social Constructions of Racial Problems & Solutions.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. *November 2022*

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “Ideology Revisited: Capitalism, social structure, and evangelical congregations.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. *November 2022*

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. and Mo Woods. “Righteous or Riotous? Christian nationalist responses to Black Lives Matter protests.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, virtual. *August 2021*

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. et. al. “‘I’m not going back’: Decidivism and social environment in Chicago.” Illinois Sociological Association Annual Conference, Charleston, IL *November 2017*

Vosburg, Dawson P. R. “Break Every Chain: Church and resistance to mass incarceration.” North Park Research Experience for Summer Students, Chicago, IL. *August 2017*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher

Christian Personal Finances Project

Fall 2023 – Present

- Conceived and designed a multi-method inquiry including content analysis and in-depth interviews. Developed interview guides and multiple qualitative codebooks; recruited and performed all interviews; collected and coded all qualitative data. Presented my preliminary findings at the American Sociological Association annual meeting.

Race and Gigachurches Project

Spring 2021 – Present

- Conducted content analysis observations and extensive notes. Along with primary investigator Lisa D. Pearce and colleagues Melinda Denton, Korie Little, Joshua Underwood, and Claire Gilliland, developed a codebook and coded qualitative data. Assisted in the preparation for presentation of preliminary findings at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting.

Alternate Assessment in Sociology Courses Project

Fall 2022 – Fall 2023

- Developed along with colleagues Sam Mitchell and Alex Kempler a pedagogical approach and quantitative measure for alternative assessment and ungrading techniques in sociological pedagogy. Co-presented our preliminary findings at the American Sociological Association annual meeting; completed findings forthcoming in *Teaching Sociology*.

Undergraduate Researcher

June – July 2017

NPRESS (North Park Research Experience for Summer Students), North Park University, Chicago, IL

- Conducted an individually directed research project on racialized mass incarceration, performed extensive literature review of both empirical and theoretical literature across books and journal publications, and presented research to university faculty and peers.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Assistant, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. May 2024 – Present.

Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) VP of Teaching. Autumn 2023 – Spring 2024.

Member, OSU Sociology Instructional Development Committee. Autumn 2023 – Spring 2024.

HONORS AND AWARDS

OSU Sociology Graduate Research Support Award (\$1,000)

Spring 2025

Lilly Graduate Fellows Program (\$9,000)

Fall 2019 – Summer 2022

University Fellowship, Ohio State University (\$26,000)

Fall 2019-Summer 2020

North Park University Ahnfeldt Memorial Medallion

May 2019

Axel W. and Victoria Carlson Endowed Scholarship
David Nyvall Scholarship
North Park University Summer Research Grant (\$9,000)

August 2017 – May 2019
August 2015 – May 2019
Summer 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion