Brenton Kalinowski

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EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D., Sociology, Rice University
Dissertation: "Trust in an Age of Uncertainty: Evangelical Christian Attitudes Towards Science and Medicine"
Nominated for School of Social Science John W. Gardner Award as best dissertation in sociology, 2025

2022 M.A., Sociology, Rice University

2018 M.A., Social Sciences, The University of Chicago

2017 B.A., Anthropology (with honors), The College of Wooster

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025- Postdoctoral Scholar, Indiana University, Department of Sociology

2025- Affiliated Faculty, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES), Indiana University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Culture | Medicine | Race & Ethnicity | Religion | Science & Technology

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2026 **Kalinowski, Brenton.** "From Denial to Discernment: How Religion and Race Shape Medical Mistrust among Evangelical Christians." (Forthcoming in *Religion and Society*).

2025 **Kalinowski, Brenton**. "Perils and Politicization: A Qualitative Examination of the Motivations and Pressures that Guided Christian Leaders' Responses to COVID-19." *Sociological Focus* 58(2):195-208.

2025 Scheitle, Christopher P., **Brenton Kalinowski**, Jauhara Ferguson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Polarization in Support for Anti-Muslim Policies in the United States from 2002 to 2019: The Shift from External Shock to Internal Division." *Sociology of Islam* 11(3):1-30.

2024 **Kalinowski, Brenton**, Rachel Schneider, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "How Christian Leaders Navigate Race after George Floyd's Murder: A Study of Unsettled Times." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 63(4):791-808.

2023 **Kalinowski, Brenton**, Denise Daniels, Rachel Schneider, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Called to Work: Developing a Framework for Understanding Spiritual Orientations Towards Work." *Sociology of Religion* 88(1):1-27.

2022 Daniels, Denise, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Robert Thomson, and **Brenton Kalinowski.** "The Impact of Gender and Organizational Position on Faith-Work Integration." *Journal of Management, Spirituality & Religion* 19(2):124-53.

2022 Khalsa, Simranjit, **Brenton Kalinowski**, Brandon Vaidyanathan, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Science-Religion Boundaries in Indian Scientific Workplaces." *Zygon: Journal of Science and Religion* 57(2):322-43.

2020 Khalsa, Simranjit, **Brenton Kalinowski** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Indian Scientists' Definitions of Religion and Spirituality." *Religions* 11(7).

Scholarly Manuscripts in Progress and Under Review

"Constructing Commonality Across Difference: Historical Bridging and the Making of Interracial Coalitions." (With Muna Adem and Dina Okamoto)

"Religious and Social Perspectives in Support and Opposition of Human Reproductive Genetic Technologies." (With Moses Biney and Elaine Howard Ecklund)

"The Role of Religion in Shaping Practical and Existential Understanding of Artificial Intelligence." (With Eduard van der Merwe and Elaine Howard Ecklund)

Book Reviews

2025 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. Review of *The Faithful Scientist: Experiences of Anti-Religious Discrimination in Scientific Training* by Christopher P. Scheitle in *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* 77(1):73-4.

2023 **Kalinowski, Brenton,** Moses Biney, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. Review of *The Routledge Handbook of Religious Literacy, Pluralism, and Global Engagement* edited by Chris Seiple and Dennis R. Hoover in *Review of Religious Research* 65(2):289-90.

Other Publications

2023 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, **Brenton Kalinowski**, and Denise Daniels. "Thinking about Work as a Calling Can be Meaningful, but There Can be Unexpected Downsides as Well." *The Conversation,* January 25. (Republished in over 30 media outlets and accessed over 8,000 times.)

2023 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "COVID-19 and the Changing Meaning of Attendance." *Studying Congregations.org,* August 16.

2023 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "COVID-19 Poses New Leadership Challenges." *Studying Congregations.org,* August 7.

2016 **Kalinowski, Brenton.** "Reawakening in Bundelkhand: Cultural Identity in Orchha and the Effects of Tourism on its Creation, Preservation, and Loss." *Black & Gold: College of Wooster Undergraduate Research Journal* 2.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2024	Travel Grant, *Rice University Department of Sociology* ($800)
2024	Student Travel Grant, *Religion Section of the American Sociological Association* ($200)
2024	Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, *Rice University Social Sciences Research Institute* ($4,859)
2022-2023	Graduate Research Fellowship, *Boniuk Institute and the Religion and Public Life Center, Rice University* ($29,500)
2022	Travel Grant, *Religious Research Association* ($500)
2020	Student Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (conference cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic) ($945)
2019	Presidential Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* ($500)
2017	Lambda Alpha, *National Honor Society for Anthropology*
2016	Copeland Grant for Senior Thesis Research, *The College of Wooster* ($913)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations and Panels

2025 "From Denial to Discernment: How Religion and Race Shape Medical Mistrust among Evangelical Christians." Religion, Science and Health Symposium *Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society, Crieghton University*. Omaha, NE.

2022 Panelist, "Culture in a (Post)Pandemic World." *American Sociological Association.* Los Angeles, CA.

Selected Conference Presentations

2026 Adem, Muna, **Brenton Kalinowski**, and Dina Okamoto. "Policy Framing and the Racial Boundaries of Political Alliance." *American Sociological Association.* New York.

2026 **Kalinowski, Brenton**. "Contingent Collaboration and Evangelical Trust in Scientific Authority." The Annual Conference of the History and Philosophy of Science (HPS) Program at the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, IN.

2025 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Religion, Race, and Attitudes Towards Practical and Existential Understandings of Artificial Intelligence." *Association for the Sociology of Religion*. Chicago, IL.

2025 **Kalinowski, Brenton. "**From Climate Apathy to Climate Care: Evangelical Christian Views of Climate Change." *International Society for Science & Religion.* Swindon, UK.

2024 **Kalinowski, Brenton.** "Trust in Healthcare among Black, Latina/o, and White Evangelical Christians." *American Sociological Association.* Montreal, QC.

2024 **Kalinowski, Brenton.** "Race, Place, and Evangelical Christian Views of Scientific Authority." *Association for the Sociology of Religion.* Montreal, QC.

2022 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Pastor Burnout, Wellbeing, and Authority during COVID-19." *Religious Research Association*. Baltimore, MD.

2022 **Kalinowski, Brenton,** Andrea Henderson Platt, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. " Beliefs about the Role of Religion and Medicine and Subjective Aging." *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA.

2021 **Kalinowski, Brenton** and Christopher P. Scheitle. "Polarization in Support for Anti-Muslim Policies in the United States from 2002 to 2019: The Shift from External Shock to Internal Division." *American Academy of Religion*. San Antonio, TX.

2021 **Kalinowski, Brenton. "**Challenges and Opportunities: Religious Organizations in Houston Respond to COVID-19." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Portland, OR.

2021 **Kalinowski, Brenton**, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Christopher P. Scheitle. "The Effects of Perceiving Religious Discrimination on Opinions of Religious Minorities in the United States." *American Sociological Association*. Online.

2020 **Kalinowski, Brenton**, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Rachel Schneider. "Perceptions of Work as Calling." *American Academy of Religion*. Online.

Public Presentations

2025 Religious Literacy Series: Global Religion and Public Life "Hinduism: A Global Religion." Boniuk Institute.

2024 Teacher Professional Development Workshop "Hinduism: A Global Religion." Boniuk Institute.

2023 Teacher Professional Development Workshop "Religion and Immigration in America: Contemporary and Historical Trends." Boniuk Institute.

2022 "Pastor Burnout, Wellbeing, and Authority during COVID-19." Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University: Fellows Meeting.

2021 "Religious Organizations in Houston Respond to COVID-19." Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University: Fellows Meeting.

2020 "Keeping Your Religious Community Together During the Time of COVID." Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University: Religious and Civic Leaders Gathering.

TEACHING

Social Science Research Commons, Indiana University

2025 Workshops Taught
Recruiting Hard to Reach Populations in Qualitative Research

Rice University

2023-2024 Instructor
Data, Ethics, and Society
Science at Risk? Out of the Lab and into the Public Sphere

2020-2025 Teaching Assistant
Classical Sociological Theory

Introduction to Sociology
Research Methods
Religion and Public Life
Religion, Science, and Health: A Sociological Approach

2025 Additional Curriculum Development
Coursera Online Course: Religion, Science, and Health

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence
Principles of Effective College Teaching
Research on Teaching and Learning
Practicum in College Teaching
Teaching Portfolio

MENTORSHIP

2020-2024 First Year Graduate Student Mentor, *Department of Sociology, Rice University*
2015-2017 Study Abroad Mentor, *Office of Off-Campus Studies, The College of Wooster*

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2019-2025 **The Boniuk Institute, Rice University**
Co-Investigator
Project Manager
Graduate Researcher

2019 **NORC at the University of Chicago**
Field Interviewer

2018 **University of Chicago, MAPSS Career Services Office**
Research Assistant

MEDIA

Selected Research Mentions: *NPR WAMU 1A*, *Fast Company, Medium, Yahoo News, Rice Thresher, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express, Lake County News, Phys.org, Futurity*

SERVICE

Discipline

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Journal of Religion in Europe; Life; Religions; Review of Religious Research; Sociological Focus; Sociological Perspectives; Sociology of Religion; Socius; Work and Occupations*

2023-2025 Program Committee Chair, *Religious Research Association*
2016 Marketing Committee, *Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium*

University

2026 Judge, Three Minute Thesis Competition, *Indiana University*
2024-2025 Graduate Student Representative, *Department of Sociology, Rice University*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- *American Sociological Association*
  Section Memberships: Medical Sociology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Science, Knowledge, and Technology; Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Religion
- *Association for the Sociology of Religion*
- *Religious Research Association*
- *Society for The Scientific Study of Religion*