

Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Sociology**, Texas Woman’s University, 2023  
Dissertation: *Replacing Identity: Evangelical Christianity’s Role in Identity Restoration*  
Area of Concentrations: Criminology and Religion  
Faculty Advisor/Committee Chair: Dr. Jessica Smartt Gullion

**Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)**, Hardin-Simmons University, 2017  
Dissertation: *A Spiritual Formation Model for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Dan Stiver

**Master of Science (M.S.), Sociology**, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2020

**Master of Divinity (M.Div.)**, Liberty University, 2009

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Religion**, Liberty University, 2007

**Areas of Specialization**

Criminology, Religion, Clinical Sociology, and Disability

**Professional Experience**

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| 2023-Present | <b>Assistant Professor</b> , Midwestern State University            |
| 2022-Present | <b>Consultant/Owner</b> , SoVerge Consulting                        |
| 2022-2023    | <b>Adjunct Faculty</b> , Texas Christian University                 |
| 2022-2023    | <b>Graduate Research/Teaching Assist</b> , Texas Woman’s University |
| 2023-2023    | <b>Adjunct Faculty</b> , Texas Wesleyan University                  |
| 2013-2023    | <b>Director of Chaplaincy</b> , Texas Health & Human Services       |

## Teaching Experience

### *Courses taught at Midwestern State University*

SOCL 3333: Sociological Theory (1)  
 SOCL 4153: Criminology (1)  
 SOCL 3633: Research Methods (1)  
 SOCL 4733: Sociology of Religion (1)  
 SOCL 1133: Introductory Sociology (6)  
 SOCL 1143: Social Inquiry (2)

### *Courses taught at Texas Christian University*

SOCI 20213: Introductory Sociology (2)  
 SOCI 20223: Social Problems (2)

### *Courses taught at Texas Wesleyan University*

PHI 1313: Introduction to Ethics (1)  
 SOC 2301: Introduction to Sociology (1)  
 SOC 3325: Deviant Behavior (1)  
 SOC 4324: Social Science Research Methods (1)

### *Courses taught at Texas Woman's University*

SOCI 2023: Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships (1)  
 SOCI 3113: Juvenile Delinquency (1)

## Publications

Gullion, Jessica, **Wesley Cohoon**, Elizabeth Toombs, and Lisa Schafer. *In Press*, January 2025. "Chapter 27: An Overview of Arts-Based Research in Sociology, Anthropology, and Psychology." in *Handbook of Arts-Based Research: Second Edition*, edited by Patricia Leavy.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Villain to Antihero: An Autoethnographic Exploration of Damaged Identity Reconstruction, World-Building, and World-Maintaining." *Journal of Autoethnography* 5(3): 353-369.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2023. "Evangelical Christianity and Criminal Rehabilitation: A Clinical Sociological Approach to Stigma and Identity Management." *Clinical Sociology Review* 18(2):48-82.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2023. "Managing Identity When Worlds Collide: Stigma Management at the Intersection of Socioeconomic Class, Incarceration, Vocation, and Religion." *Journal of Autoethnography* 4(3): 456-473.

Cohoon, Wesley and Jessica Gullion. 2023. "'Maybe I'm Just Too Damaged' Revisiting Clergy Reasons for Leaving the Profession." *Discernment: Theology and the Practice of Ministry* 9(1): 38-60.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2021. "Research Beyond the Ivory Tower: A Book Review of Researching With: A Decolonizing Approach to Community Based-Action Research." *The Qualitative Report* 26(7): 2265-2267.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2013. "Religious Peace and Disability." *Peace Studies Journal* 6(4): 37-44.

Cohoon, Wesley. 2013. "Infant Baptism: An Evangelical Chaplain's Enlightenment." *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling* 67(2): 7:1-2.

### **Applied Research**

Cohoon, Wesley, 2024. "Stop Being Nice." May 23 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, 16:12. [Episode 8](#)

Cohoon, Wesley, 2024. "Information, Disinformation, and Reality." May 9 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, 33:10. [Episode Seven](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Love, Marriage, and Sociology." April 25 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, 29:44. [Episode 6](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Understanding and Navigating Societal Change." April 11 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, 28:48. [Episode Five](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Addressing Problems Sociologically." March 28 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, podcast, 28:45. [Episode Four](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Aligning Your Organization's Identity, Setting, and Purpose." March 14 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, podcast, 32:34. [Episode Three](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Common Misunderstandings About Sociology." February 29 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, podcast, 25:37. [Episode Two](#)

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Introduction to Sociology and the Podcast." February 15 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, Spotify, podcast, 26:58. [Episode One](#)

### **Presentations**

2023, April 25. "Recidivism and Religion: A Sociological Examination for Successful Reentry." Presentation given at the Spring 2023 SOAS Lecture Series at Texas Wesleyan University.

2022, October 8. "Using Clinical Sociology to Build Relationships and Clarify Meaning." Presentation given at The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.

2021, September 15. "The American Religion of Patriotism." Webinar presented at the Spiritual Grand Grounds for the Healthcare Chaplaincy Network.

2018, September 21. "Pastoral Care to People with Intellectual Disabilities." Presentation at the 2018 Chaplaincy Workshop for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Galveston, Texas.

2018, September 12. "Spiritual Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities." Webinar presented at the Spiritual Grand Rounds for the Healthcare Chaplaincy Network.

### University Service

2024-Present **Member**, Teaching and Scholarship Awards Committee, MSU

Feb 2024 **Judge**, Red River Regional Science and Engineering Fair, MSU

Fall 2023 **Sociology Department Library Representative**, MSU

### Community Service

2024, July 21. "How Can We Seek Justice?" A community presentation given at Doxology Church. [Doxology Alliance](#)

2024, April 3. "MSU Professor Launches Podcast to Teach Listeners About Social Behaviors: Dr. Wesley Cohoon Debuts *As a Matter of Interact*." Interviewed by Brayel Brown, *News Channel 6 KAUZ-TV*. [Channel 6 News Interview](#)

2023, October 15. "Individual and Community Responsibilities for Identity Creation and Redemption: A Practical Guide for Churches." A community presentation given at Doxology Church.

### Service to the Profession

2024-Present **Associate Editor**, *Journal of Applied Social Science*

2023-Present **Certification Committee**, Assoc for Applied & Clinical Sociology

2024 **Reviewer**, *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*

2023

**Reviewer, *Journal of Psychology and Theology*****Invited Lectures**

2023, October 5. “George Herbert Mead and Symbolic Interactionism.” Lecture given to undergraduate students at Dr. Christiansen’s SOCL 4153: Sociological Theory class at Midwestern State University.

2022, June 22. “Chaplaincy from a Disability Perspective.” Lecture to graduate students at Respect Graduate School for a Clinical Pastoral Education class through the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy.

2021, January 14. “Chaplaincy in a Mental Health Setting.” Lecture to faculty and graduate students at Baylor University’s Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas.

2020, January 9. “Chaplaincy in a Mental Health Setting.” Lecture to faculty and graduate students at Baylor University’s Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas.

2017, March 4. “Developing a Pastoral Relationship in Disability Community.” Lecture to faculty and graduate students at The Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas.

2014, February 6. “Listening to Those without a Voice.” Presentation to faculty and graduate students at SMU’s Perkins School of Theology: Pastoral Care Luncheon, Dallas, Texas.

2013, November 26. “Offering Spiritual Care to Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.” Presentation to faculty and graduate students at SMU’s Perkins School of Theology: CHAP Session, Dallas, Texas.

**Certifications**

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| 2022-Present | <b>Certified Clinical Sociologist, AACCS</b>                         |
| 2021-2026    | <b>Social &amp; Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research, CITI</b> |
| 2021-2026    | <b>Social and Behavioral Research – Basic/Refresher, CITI</b>        |
| 2021-2027    | <b>Conflict of Interest, CITI</b>                                    |
| 2018-2023    | <b>Board-Certified Chaplain, Spiritual Care Association</b>          |
| 2015-2018    | <b>Board-Certified Clinical Chaplain, The CPSP</b>                   |

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| 2010-2012    | <b>8 Units of CPE</b> , Association of Clinical Pastoral Education  |
| 2010-2023    | <b>Chaplaincy Endorsement</b> , Baptist General Convention of Texas |
| 2009-Present | <b>Ordination</b> , The Crossroad Church                            |

### **Awards and Honors**

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| April 2023 | Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student Award in Scholarship  |
| April 2016 | The Bratton Family Ministry Award, Hardin-Simmons University |
| May 2009   | Graduated <i>magna cum laude</i> from Liberty University     |

### **Professional Affiliations**

Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACCS)

American Sociological Association  
(Sections: Sociology of Religion; Crime, Law, and Deviance)