

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, East Texas A&M University, 2020

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

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

Areas of Specialization

Criminology, Religion, and Clinical Sociology

Professional Experience

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

Teaching Experience

Courses taught at Midwestern State University

SOCL 3333: Sociological Theory
SOCL 4153: Criminology
SOCL 3633: Research Methods
SOCL 4733: Sociology of Religion
SOCL 1133: Introductory Sociology
SOCL 1143: Social Inquiry

Courses taught at MSU Study Abroad Program, Queen Mary University of London

SOCL 4883, 4893: British Culture and Society

Courses taught at Texas Christian University

SOCI 20213: Introductory Sociology
SOCI 20223: Social Problems

Courses taught at Texas Wesleyan University

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

Courses taught at Texas Woman's University

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

Publications

Gullion, Jessica, **Wesley Cohoon**, Elizabeth Toombs, and Lisa Schafer. 2025. "Chapter 26: An Overview of Arts-Based Research in Sociology, Anthropology, and Psychology." Pp. 515-531 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. 2025. “Busy Being Busy: Why Our Lives Feel Both Full and Empty.” May 14 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 2(5) Spotify, 25:29. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2025. “Academic Freedom Under Fire: Separating Fact from Fear.” April 29 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 2(4) Spotify, 22:02. ([click here to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2025. “Sociology Beyond Bootstraps: Resilience as a Social Act.” April 15 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 2(3) Spotify, 22:26. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2025. “The Liberal Indoctrination Myth: What Really Happens in College.” March 14 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 2(2) Spotify, 25:51. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2025. “Why New Year’s Resolutions Fail and How to Have a Better Year.” January 6 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 2(1) Spotify, 25:35. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. “Beyond the Horse Race: How to Read Polls and Why We Should: An Interview with John Zogby.” December 10 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(13) Spotify, 29:59. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. “Youth and Suicide in American Cinema: An Interview with Dr. Alessandra Seggi.” December 3 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(12) Spotify, 36:40. ([click to access](#))

Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. “Canceling the Cancel Culture.” November 19 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(11) Spotify, 19:13. ([click to access](#))

- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "The Social Nature of Hope." September 26 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(10) Spotify, 17:05. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Sociology of Self-Care." September 12 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(9) Spotify, 23:41. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Stop Being Nice." May 23 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(8) Spotify, 16:12. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Information, Disinformation, and Reality." May 9 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(7) Spotify, 33:10. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Love, Marriage, and Sociology." April 25 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone*, 1(6) Spotify, 29:44. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Understanding and Navigating Societal Change." April 11 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(5) Spotify, 28:48. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Addressing Problems Sociologically." March 28 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(4) Spotify, 28:45. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Aligning Your Organization's Identity, Setting, and Purpose." March 14 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(3) Spotify, 32:34. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Common Misunderstandings About Sociology." February 29 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(2) Spotify, 25:37. ([click to access](#))
- Cohoon, Wesley. 2024. "Introduction to Sociology and the Podcast." February 15 in *As a Matter of Interact: Practical Sociology for Everyone* 1(1) Spotify, 26:58. ([click to access](#))

Presentations

- 2024, November 15. "Sports Teams, Identity, and Meaning-Making: A Sociological Analysis of How Americans Build Community and Foster Division." 67th Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference: *Harmony and Discord*. Midwestern State University.
- 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.

Service to the Profession

2024-Present	Associate Editor , <i>Journal of Applied Social Science</i>
2023-Present	Certification Committee , Assoc for Applied & Clinical Sociology
2025-Present	Member-At-Large , Assoc for Applied & Clinical Sociology
2023-2024	Mentor , Sociologists Working Everywhere (ASA)
2024	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling</i>
2023	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Psychology and Theology</i>

University Service

2025-Present	Committee Member , Faculty Grievance Committee
2024-Present	Committee Member , Teaching and Scholarship Awards Committee
2023-Present	Sociology Department Library Representative , MSU
Spring 2025	Sociology Representative , MSU Junior Day 2025
Spring 2025	Mentor , EURECA Undergraduate Research
Feb 2025	Judge , Red River Regional Science and Engineering Fair, MSU
Feb 2024	Judge , Red River Regional Science and Engineering Fair, 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.

Invited Talks and Guest 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

2022-Present

Certified Clinical Sociologist, AACSB

2021-2026	Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research, CITI
2021-2026	Social and Behavioral Research – Basic/Refresher, CITI
2021-2027	Conflict of Interest, CITI
2018-2023	Board-Certified Chaplain, Spiritual Care Association
2015-2018	Board-Certified Clinical Chaplain, The CPSP
2010-2012	8 Units of CPE, Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
2010-2023	Chaplaincy Endorsement, Baptist General Convention of Texas
2009-Present	Ordination, The Crossroad Church

Awards and Honors

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)