

# PHIL DAVIGNON

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Sociology	Baylor University: 2014
M.A. in Sociology	Baylor University: 2011
B.A. in Sociology and Religion	Hillsdale College: 2008

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Associate Professor of Sociology, Union University	2020 - Present
Department Chair, Sociology and Family Studies, Union University	2017 - Present
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Union University	2014 - 2020
Senior Research Analyst, Federation of State Medical Boards	2013-2014

## BOOK

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Davignon, Phil. 2023. *Practicing Christians, Practical Atheists: How Cultural Liturgies and Everyday Social Practices Shape the Christian Life*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Dougherty, Kevin, Perry Glanzer, Theodore Cockle, and **Phil Davignon**. 2022. "The Ethnic Church Attendance Gap at Christian Colleges." *International Journal of Christianity and Education*. Forthcoming.

Thomson, Robert A. and **Phil Davignon**. 2017. "Religious Belief in Christian Higher Education: Is Religious and Political Diversity Relativizing?" *Social Compass* 64(3): 404-423.

Hunt, Emily and **Phil Davignon**. 2016. "The Invisible Thread: The Influence of Liberal Faculty on Student Political Views at Evangelical Colleges." *Journal of College and Character* 17(3): 175-189.

**Davignon, Phil**. 2016. "The Influence of Religious Preferences on Choice of Church Congregation and Church Attendance." *Social Compass* 63(2): 268-283.

- Davignon, Phil.** 2016. "Factors Influencing College Choice and Satisfaction for Christian College Students." *Religion and Education* 43(1): 77-94.
- Davignon, Phil** and Robert A. Thomson Jr. 2015. "Christian Colleges and Universities as Moral Communities: The Effects of Institutional Characteristics on Student Religiosity." *Review of Religious Research* 57(4): 531-54.
- Davignon, Phil**, Aaron Young, and Dave Johnson. 2014. "Medical Board Complaints against Physicians Due to Communication: Analysis of North Carolina Medical Board Data, 2002-2012." *Journal of Medical Regulation* 100 (2): 28-31.
- Cain, Frances E., **Phil Davignon**, Thomas R. Henzel, Andrea Ciccone, and Aaron Young. 2014. "The Special Purpose Examination: An Evaluation of Physicians Taking SPEX and their Pass Rates." *Journal of Medical Regulation* 100(1): 9-14.
- Young, Aaron, **Phil Davignon**, Margaret B. Hansen, and Mark A. Eggen. 2013. "State Medical Boards' Perceptions of a Minimum Data Set and Current Practices for Collecting Physician Information." *Journal of Medical Regulation* 99(4): 40-45.
- Davignon, Phil.** 2013. "The Effects of R-rated Movies on Adolescent and Young Adult Religiosity: Media as Self-Socialization." *Review of Religious Research* 55(4): 615-28.
- Davignon, Phil.** 2013. "Religiosity as a Potential Moderator of the Effects of Media on Delinquency." *Sociological Spectrum* 33(6): 1-12.
- Davignon, Phil**, Perry L. Glanzer, and P. Jesse Rine. 2013. "Assessing the Denominational Identity of American Evangelical Colleges and Universities, Part III: The Student Experience." *Christian Higher Education* 12(5): 315-330.
- Rine, Jesse P., Perry L. Glanzer, and **Phil Davignon**. 2013. "Assessing the Denominational Identity of American Evangelical Colleges and Universities, Part II: Faculty Perspectives and Practices." *Christian Higher Education* 12(4): 243-265.
- Glanzer, Perry L., P. Jesse Rine, and **Phil Davignon**. 2013. "Assessing the Denominational Identity of American Evangelical Colleges and Universities, Part I: Denominational Patronage and Institutional Inquiry." *Christian Higher Education* 12(3): 181-202.
- Young, Aaron, Kelly Alfred, **Phil Davignon**, LaSharn Hughes, Lisa Robin, and Humayun J. Chaudhry. 2012. "Physician Survey Examining the Impact of an Educational Tool for Responsible Opioid Prescribing." *Journal of Opioid Management* 8(2): 81-88.

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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- The Eucharist and Intentional Community. \$13,790 awarded from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship
- Innovative Teaching Award (2022)
- Nominated for Faculty of the Year (2020)
- “The Culture of Death in Everyday Life: Exploring the Roots of Secularization.” \$4,500 awarded from the Pew Research Program at Union University (2018).
- “Living Joyfully in the Modern World: The Role of Small Christian Communities.” \$9,828 awarded from the Yale Center for Faith and Culture (2018).
- Presidential Scholarship – Baylor University (2009-2014)
- Presidential Fellow – Baylor University (2011-2012)
- Fully-funded Research Assistantship (2009-2014)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Religious But Still Secular: How Treating Religion as a Virtue Changes the Debate Over Secularization” at the Society of Catholic Social Scientists annual meeting at Franciscan University of Steubenville on October 29, 2021.

“The Logos of Social Structure: Communio Theology and Sociology” at the Society of Catholic Social Scientists annual meeting in Belmont, NC on October 27, 2018.

“Joy in Intentional Community” at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture’s Future of Joy and the Good Life conference in New Haven, CT on August 1, 2018.

“Re-thinking Causation: Challenging the Positivist Paradigm in Sociology” at the Mid-South Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Chattanooga, TN on October 20, 2017.

“Predictors of Moral and Religious Pluralism Among American Adolescents” at the Southern Sociological Society’s annual meeting in Greenville, SC on March 31, 2017.

“Critical Realism and Adolescent and Young Adult Religiosity” at the Christian Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Jackson, TN on June 10, 2016.

“Religious Identity and Moral Worldviews Among American Adolescents” at the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology’s annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA on June 5, 2015.

“Statistics on Medical Discipline” at the American Association for the History of Medicine’s annual meeting in Chicago, IL on May 10, 2014.

“Liturgical Music Preferences and Theological Habitus” at the Southwest Social Science Association’s annual meeting in New Orleans on March 28, 2013.

“The Challenges of Collecting Data on Freshman Retention” at the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology annual meeting in New Orleans on October 14, 2011.

“Cultural Broadening Theory Revisited: The Effects of Peers and Media on Adolescent Religiosity” at the Southwest Social Science Association’s annual meeting in Las Vegas on April 2, 2011.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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“Truly ‘Another Life is Possible.’ ” *Front Porch Republic*. December 2, 2020.

“Finding Joy in Intentional Community.” *Front Porch Republic*. August 25, 2020.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Sociology of Religion, Social Theory, Social Deviance, Principles of Sociology, Social Research II, Media and Technology in Society, Justice (Honors Program), Food, Culture, and Society, Gender and Sexuality, Juvenile Justice, Introduction to Studying Families, Contemporary Issues in the Family, Strengthening Marriages and Families, Urban Sociology, Criminology

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Critical Realism and Human Flourishing Working Group – Yale University (2016-2017)

Critical Realism Summer Seminar – Yale University (June 2016)

Qualitative Research Summer Intensive – University of North Carolina (July 2018)

Leadership Union (2017-2018)

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

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- Chair – Department of Sociology and Family Studies (2017 – present)
- Advisor – Union University Students Engaging Culture club (2015 – present)
- Union University Institutional Review Board (2015-2017)
- Leadership Union advisory committee (2020 – present)
- Mentorship
  - New faculty mentor: Aaron Beasley, Micah Fern, Nate Daniels
  - Leadership Union mentor: Jacob Shatzer, Kevin Morgan

## **OTHER LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- “The Culture of Death in Everyday Life: Exploring the Roots of Secularization.” Pew Research Luncheon. November 11, 2020.
- “Megachurch vs. Intentional Community: The Challenges and Benefits of New Ways of Doing Church” (with Matt Henderson). October 3, 2019.
- “Implicit Associations and Substance Abuse.” Union University School of Pharmacy. February 1, 2019.
- “Diversity” (with Frank Anderson). Leadership Union. December 5, 2018.
- Invited lecturer to University School of Jackson’s *Designing Jackson* class. September 22, 2017.
- “My Favorite Book: The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis.” Town and Gown lecture series. March 3, 2015.
- “Marital Conflict: The Fight Over Marriage and Its Implications for Families, Children, and Society.” Town and Gown lecture series. April 30, 2015.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- Co-Principal Investigator for study of students and faculty at member institutions of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (2011-2013)
- Research Analyst for a study of retention at Baylor University (2010).
- Research Analyst at the Center for Community Research and Development (2009-2013)
- Research Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School (2010-2013)
- Research Assistant studying student engagement and intent to re-enroll (2013)
- Research Assistant studying freshman retention (2010)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCE AND REFERENCES**

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- Interviewed on intentional community for Archangel Radio’s morning show (2020)
- Interviewed on Bible Broadcasting Network’s Weekend Connection (2018)
- Interviewed for Jackson Sun article on demographic changes in West Tennessee (2014)
- Research on religiosity and R-rated movies (2013) discussed by:
  - Christianity Today, Focus on the Family, Focus on the Family’s Plugged In, The Huffington Post, Lafayette Journal and Courier, News Talk 1230 AM - KWTX

## **PEER REVIEWER**

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- *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- *Sociology of Religion*
- *Christian Higher Education*

- *International Journal of Christianity and Education*

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- SAS
- SPSS
- Qualtrics