

Wayne State University

Curriculum Vitae

R. Khari Brown

DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE: Sociology

EDUCATION: B.A. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, 1998
MSW, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2001
Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2004

ACADEMIC POSITIONS: Post-Doctoral Fellow: University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, 2004-2005

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, 2005-2011

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, 2011-2022

Professor, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, 2022-present

Adjunct Research Scientist, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan, 2012-2021

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Association for the Sociology of Religion
Religious Research Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association of Black Sociologists

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Brown, R. Khari, Ronald E. Brown, and Angela Keiser. Under Contract. *The Spirit is Willing, but the Flesh is Weak: Race and Congregation-based Social Justice Activism in America*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Brown, R. Khari, Ronald E. Brown and James S. Jackson. 2021. *Race and the Power of Sermons on American Politics*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

PEER REVIEW JOURNAL ARTICLES

Brown, R. Khari, Ronald E. and Randall Wyatt. 2023. Race, Religion, and Black Lives Matter: Assessing the Association between Sermon Content and Racial Justice Attitudes and Behaviors. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*: 1-20.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12844>

Brown, R. Khari, Karael Campbell, Berkeley Franz, and Ronald E. Brown. 2023. "Religious and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Intentions." *Sociological Focus*: 1-17. DOI: 10.1080/00380237.2023.2239739

R. Khari Brown, Angela Kaiser & Hannah Evans. 2023. Race, religious identities, and environmental activism, *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 51 (1): 90-109¹.

Brown, R. Khari and Angela Kaiser. 2021. Religious Ideology, Race, and Health Care Policy Attitudes. *Politics and Religion*, 1-23. doi:10.1017/S1755048320000656

Brown, R. Khari, Ed Eschler, and Ronald E. Brown. 2021. Political Congregations, Race, & Environmental Policy Attitudes. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 60 (2): 309-331.

Brown, R. Khari, Ronald E. Brown, and Angela Kaiser. 2021. Race, Religious Tradition, and Environmental Conservation. *Sociology of Religion* 82 (1): 1-30.

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Brown, R. Khari, Hannah Evans, and Ronald E. Brown. 2020. Race, Religion, and Boycotts. *Journal of Religion and Society*. 22: 1-22.

Brown, R. Khari, Angela Kaiser, Lara Rush and Ronald E. Brown. 2017. Immigrant-Conscious Congregations: race, ethnicity, and the rejection of anti-immigrant frames. *Politics and Religion*. 10 (4): 887–905.

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E., Brown. 2017. Race, Religion, & Immigration Policy Attitudes. *Race and Social Problems*. 9 (1): 4–18.

Brown, Ronald E., R. Khari Brown, Davin Phoenix, and James S. Jackson. 2016. Race, Religion, & Anti-Poverty Policy Attitudes. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55 (2): 308–323

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- Brown, R. Khari, Robert Joseph Taylor, and Linda M. Chatters. 2015. Race/ethnic and social-demographic correlates of religious non-involvement in America: Findings from three national surveys. *Journal of Black Studies* 46 (4): 335-362.
- Brown, R. Khari, and Ronald E. Brown. 2015. Race/ethnicity, religion and partisan leanings. *Review of Religious Research* 57 (4): 469-505.
- Brown, R. Khari and Ryan Dick Duff. 2015. Urbanism, Religion, and Race-based Residential Preferences. *Journal of Religion and Society* 17: 1-6.
- Brown, R. Khari, Angela Kaiser, and James S. Jackson. 2014. Worship Discourse and White Race-Based Policy Attitudes. *Review of Religious Research* 56 (2): 291-312.
- Taylor, Robert J. Jr., Linda M. Chatters, and R. Khari Brown. 2014. African American Religious Participation. *Review of Religious Research* 56 (4): 513-538.
- Brown, Ronald E., R. Khari Brown, and Aaron Blase. 2013. Religion and Military Policy Attitudes in America. *Review of Religious Research* 55 (4): 573-595.
- Brown, R. Khari, Robert J. Taylor, Jr., and Linda M. Chatters. 2013. Religious Non-involvement Among African Americans, Black Caribbeans and Non-hispanic Whites: Findings from the National Survey of American Life. *Review of Religious Research* 55 (3): 435-457.
- Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2011. The Challenge of Religious Pluralism: The Association between Interfaith Contact and Religious Pluralism. *Review of Religious Research* 53 (3): 323-340.
- Brown, R. Khari. 2011. Religion, Political Discourse, and Activism among Varying Racial/Ethnic Groups in America. *Review for Religious Research* 53 (3): 301-322.
- Brown, R. Khari. 2011. The Connection between Worship Attendance and Racial Segregation Attitudes among White and Black Americans. *Religions* 2 (3): 277-296.
- Brown, R. Khari. 2010. Religion, economic concerns, and African American immigration attitudes. *Review for Religious Research* 52 (2): 146-158.
- Brown, R. Khari, Angela Kaiser, and Anthony Daniels. 2010. Religion and the Interracial/Ethnic Common Good. *Journal of Religion & Society* 12: 1-12.
- Brown, R. Khari. 2009. Denominational Differences in Support for Race-Based Policies Among White, Black, Hispanic, and Asian Americans. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48 (3): 604-615.
- Brown, R. Khari and Amy Adamczyk. 2009. Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Provision of Health-related Programs among American Religious Congregations. *Journal of*

Sociology and Social Welfare 36 (2): 105-123.

Brown, R. Khari. 2009. Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Political Behavior of American Religious Congregations. *Sociological Spectrum* 29 (2): 1-22.

Brown, R. Khari. 2008. Denominational Differences in White Christian Housing related Racial Attitudes. *The Journal of Religion and Society* 10: 1-20.

Brown, R. Khari. 2008. Racial/ Ethnic Differences in Religious Congregation-based Social Service Delivery Efforts. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 35 (4): 95-113.

Brown, R. Khari. 2006. Racial Differences in Congregation-Based Political Activism. *Social Forces* 84 (3): 1579-1602.

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2003. Faith and Works: Church-Based Social Capital Resources and African American Political Activism. *Social Forces* 82 (2): 617-641.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTER

Rusch, L., Brown, R., Brown, R., & Banner, F. (2019). Social justice, anti-poverty work, and religion. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.993>

BOOK CHAPTERS AND INVITED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Brown, R. Khari. 2012. The Black Church and Immigration Policy. In R. Drew Smith (ed.). *Black Churches and Contemporary Civil Rights*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2003. The Black Church, Charitable Choice, and the Bush Administration. In Curtis Stokes and Theresa Melendez (eds.) *Racial Liberalism and the Politics of Urban America*. Lansing, MI.: Michigan State Press.

Brown, R. Khari, Bryan McKenzie, and Robert J. Taylor. 2003. Church Activism and Political Skill Development among Black Americans. *African American Research Perspectives* 9 (1): 117-132.

Brown, R. Khari. 2003. The Black Church & Charitable Choice. *African American Research Perspectives* 9 (1): 79-90.

BOOK REVIEWS

Brown, Ronald E. R. Khari Brown and Corwin Smidt. 2022. Book Talk: *Race and the Power of Sermons on American Politics*, by R. Khari Brown, Ronald E. Brown, and James S. Jackson (2021, University of Michigan Press). *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. 18 (9).

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2018. Book Review for *The Urban Church Imagined: Religion, Race, and Authenticity in the City* by Jessica M. Barron and Rhys H. Williams. *Review of Religious Research*, 60 (3): 425-427.

Brown, R. Khari. 2008. Book Review for *Voices of the Faithful: Loyal Catholics Striving for Change*. Edited by William D'Antonio and Anthony Pogorelc. *Contemporary Sociology*, 37 (6): 562-563.

POPULAR PRESS

Brown, Ronald E. and R. Khari Brown. 2024. Interviewed by April Baer about Race, Religion, and the 2024 Presidential Election. Michigan Public. Nov. 15.
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Brown, Ronald E. and R. Khari Brown. 2024. Why the cost of water for poor Black Detroit voters may be key to Kamala Harris winning – or losing – Michigan. *The Conversation*, Sept. 19.
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Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2022. Commentary. June 22. *Sojourners*.

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2021. What Americans hear about social justice at church – and what they do about it. Nov. 18. *The Conversation*.
<https://theconversation.com/what-americans-hear-about-social-justice-at-church-and-what-they-do-about-it-168713>

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2018. Trump's religious advisers are out of step with Rev. King's legacy. Jan. 22. *Religion News Service*.
<https://religionnews.com/2018/01/22/trumps-religious-advisers-are-out-of-step-with-rev-kings-legacy/>

Brown, R. Khari and Ronald E. Brown. 2017. Repealing the Johnson Amendment May Galvanize Churches to Support Progressive Candidates. Nov. 7. *Sojourners*.
<https://sojo.net/articles/repealing-johnson-amendment-may-galvanize-churches-support-progressive-candidates>

How Should Faith or Morality Instruct How We Act in Times of Crisis? Sept. 5, 2017. Aired on: *Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson*.
<https://wdet.org/posts/2017/09/05/85707-how-should-faith-or-morality-instruct-how-we-act-in-times-of-crisis/?autoplay=1>

Brown, R. Khari. 2017. Race, Religion, and Politics in America. Featured on the *Academic Minute on WAMC, New England regional Affiliate of NPR*. Wednesday, August 30.
<https://academicminute.org/2017/08/r-khari-brown-wayne-state-university-race-religion-and-politics/>

How Do We As a Community Move Forward After Racial Violence and Rhetoric? Aug. 18, 2017. Aired on: *Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson*.
<http://wdet.org/posts/2017/08/18/85652-how-do-we-as-a-community-move-forward-after-racial-violence-and-rhetoric/>

Brown, R. Khari, Robert J. Taylor and Linda M. Chatters. American is not losing its religion - population trends mean that it is simply becoming more religiously diverse. *The London School of Economics and Political Science*. Web. June 3, 2015. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/06/03/america-is-not-losing-its-religion-population-trends-mean-that-it-is-simply-becoming-more-religiously-diverse/>

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Last 5 years

Brown, R. Khari. 2023. "Race/Faith, Religion, and Environmental Activism," Oct. 20-22. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Brown, R. Khari. 2022. "What's the Role of Social Science of Religion Scholars?: SSSR AWARDS AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS" Nov. 11-13. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Brown, R. Khari. 2021. "Race, Religion, and Black Lives Matter." October 22-24. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Brown, R. Khari. 2019. "Race, Religion, and Environmental Policy Attitudes." October 18-19. *Michigan Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Detroit, MI.

Brown, R. Khari. 2018. Race, Religion, and American Politics. October 28-30, 2018. *Midwest Political Science Association, Michigan State University*.

INVITED SEMINARS OR LECTURES PRESENTED: Last Five Years

Brown, R. Khari. 2024. "My Thoughts on Race, Religion, & Politics: From Richard Jackson to Kira Brown." University of Texas-Arlington. September 12.

Brown, R. Khari. 2023. "My thoughts on being Black in America: From Richard Jackson to Kira Brown." Furman University The Tocqueville Center Fall Lectures. November 14-15. <https://www.furman.edu/academics/tocqueville-program/lectures/the-black-experience-in-america/>

Brown, R. Khari. 2023. "Race, Religion, and Black Lives Matter" Emory University JWJI Colloquium. April 17.
<https://www.emory.edu/home/events/trumba.html?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D163777573>

Brown, R. Khari. 2023. Race and the Power of Sermons on American Politics. Let's Talk about Books at Northern Michigan University - Dr. R. Khari Brown from Wayne State University. Jan 20.
<https://nmu.edu/events-and-announcements/lets-talk-about-books-nmu-dr-r-khari-brown-wayne-state-university>

Brown, R. Khari. 2022. "Race, Religion, and Black Lives Matter" The Center for the Study of Religion and Society: The University of Notre Dame. Sep 26, 2022.
<https://sociology.nd.edu/news-and-events/events/2022/09/26/the-center-for-the-study-of-religion-and-society-presents-r-khari-brown-race-religion-and-black-lives-matter/>

GRANTS

A. Fellowships/Grants/Special Awards in Last Three Years:

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| 2023 | Brown, R. Khari (PI). 2023. Detroit Religion and Politics Study. Grant # 2024026. Louisville Institute. \$30,000 |
| 2023 | Brown, R. Khari (PI). 2023. Detroit Religion and Politics Study. Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts. \$12,000 |
| 2023 | Brown, R. Khari (PI). 2023. Detroit Religion and Politics Study. Religious Research Association. \$1,750 |
| 2020 | Brown, R. Khari (PI). 2020. Religion and Political Tolerance. Grant # 2020034. Louisville Institute. \$12,000. |
| 2020 | Brown, R. Khari (PI). 2020. Religion and Political Tolerance. Issachar Fund. \$16,000. |
| 2019-2021 | Brown, R. Khari. Research Core. The Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAR). Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University and Program for Research on Black Americans, The University of Michigan. |

CONSULTATION WORK

2009: The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life: Religion and Social Welfare Data Reference Tool Template

2018-2020: Pew Research Center: 2019-2020 Survey Of Religion Among Black

Americans

2024: Pew Research Center: 2024 Religious Landscape Survey

COURSES TAUGHT

SOC. 2000: Understanding Human Society

SOC. 4996: Sociology Capstone

SOC. 2209: Sociology of Religion

SOC. 5010: Sociology of Race in Detroit

SOC. 4600: Internship in Sociology

SERVICE-DISCIPLINE

2023-	Editor: Sociological Focus
2021-2022:	President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
2020-2021:	President-elect, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
2020-2021:	Special Issues Editor: Religion and African American Politics, Religions.
2016-2018:	Nominating Committee, Religious Research Association
2016-Present:	Editorial Board, Politics and Religion
2017-Present:	Editorial Board, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
2019-Present:	Editorial Board, Review of Religious Research
2020-Present:	Editorial Board, Sociology of Religion
2017-2019:	Membership Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion