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EDUCATION

2003 The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Sociology, Ph.D.

- Specializations in Social Psychology and Sociology of Religion

1996 The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Education Administration, M.Ed.

- Concentration in Secondary Education Administration

1990 Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA

Music, B.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000— Professor of Sociology (Department Chair), Covenant College

2016— Institutional Review Board, Richmond Graduate School, Chattanooga, Tennessee

2009— Adjunct Professor, Omega Graduate School, Dayton, Tennessee

1996-2010 Adjunct Instructor, Covenant College Quest Program

- Taught Interpersonal Communication, Applied Research

1993-2000 Academic Advisor/Recruiter, Covenant College Quest Program

1997 Adjunct Instructor, Covenant College Traditional Program

- Taught Principles of Sociology

COLLEGE COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

- Core Oversight Committee (secretary)
- Parking Committee
- Admissions Committee (chair)

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS

2012— Associate Editor (Book Review Editor), Journal of Sociology and Christianity
(sociologyandchristianity.org)

- 2016— Vice President, Christian Sociological Association (formerly ACTS)
(christiansociologicalassociation.com)
- 2014-2016 President, Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS)
- 2011-2013 Vice President, Association of Christians Teaching Sociology ACTS
- 2000— Southern Sociological Society

COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT

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| • Principles of Sociology | • Sociology of Religion |
| • Interpersonal Communication | • Leadership in Context |
| • Methods of Social Research | • Sociology of Sport |
| • Social Psychology | • Men, Women, & Society |
| • Contemporary Social Thought
(Sociological Theory) | • Christ & Culture (Lead Professor,
Multi-Professor Course) |
| • Applied Research Methods | • Senior Seminar in Sociology
(Capstone) |
| • Interpersonal Communication | |

GRADUATE RESEARCH

- “The Secularization Thesis: Perspectives on the Religious Restructuring of America”
- “Secularization Theory, Public Religions, and Modernity: A Review of Current Perspectives”
- “Mother Teresa as a Charismatic Leader: Americans, Avarice, and Altruism”
- “A Matter of Perspective: Psychologists, Symbolic Interactionists, and Explaining Human Behavior”
- “The Scholastic Aptitude Test and African Americans: Intelligence Testing and the Ideology of Meritocracy”
- “Robert K. Merton: Paradox, Latency, and the Sociology of Science”
- “Identities and Thought Communities: Cognitive Dimensions of Adult College Students”

PUBLICATIONS

- Vos, M. (Summer 2022). *Strangers and Scapegoats: Extending God's Welcome to Those on the Margins*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic. (Forthcoming)
- Vos, M. S., and Chiareli, A. (August 2021). Race and Ethnic Stratification (Ch. 8), in *Sociology: A Christian Approach for Changing the World*, 3^d edition.

- Vos, M. (April 2021). “‘Thugs’ in Context: Why Dividing People into ‘Good’ and ‘Bad’ is a Bad Idea.” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 11, No. 1, 70-75.
- Vos, M. (February 5, 2021). “Amanda Gorman: Prophet on a Precipice,” *The Chattanooga*. <https://www.chattanooga.com/2021/2/5/422828/Amanda-Gorman-Prophet-On-A-Precipice.aspx>
- Vos, M. (April 2020). “The Way That You See.” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 10, No. 1, 34-40.
- Vos, M. (October 2019). “Competing in Cedar: Nike, Superstar Athletes, and the Unseen Strangers who Make our Shoes.” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 9, No. 2, 7-28.
- Vos, Matt (2019) "Who Is My Neighbor?," *Pro Rege*: Vol. 47: No. 4, 27 -35. https://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/pro_rege/vol47/iss4/7
- Vos, M. (October 2017). “Asking Questions in a World of Answers,” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 7, No. 2.
- Vos, M. (April 2017). Review of Earl Babbie’s “Observing Ourselves: Essays in Social Research,” 2nd ed. *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 7, No. 1.
- Vos, M. (October 2016). Review of Marcia Mount Shoop’s, “Touchdowns for Jesus and Other Signs of Apocalypse: Lifting the Veil on Big-Time Sports,” in *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 6, No. 2.
- Vos, M. (October 2016). “There’s No Such Thing as Alone: From Bounded-being Accounts to the Confluence of the Saints.” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 6, No. 2.
- Vos, M. (June 29, 2016). “Rihanna, the *Anti* Role Model,” *The Chattanooga*. <https://www.chattanooga.com/2016/6/29/327052/Matthew-Vos-Rihanna-The-Anti-Role-Model.aspx>
- Vos, M. (October 2015). Review of James W. Brownson’s “Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church’s Debate on Same-sex Relationships,” *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*, 5, No. 2.
- Kapic, K. M., Morris, T., & Vos, M. S. (Sept/Oct 2015). “Where Does Authority Come From?: A Conversation with a Theologian, a Biologist, and a Sociologist.” *Modern Reformation*, 24 (5), 34-49.
- Vos, M. (May 2015). “A World of Our Own Making?: Examining America’s Changing Religious Landscape.” (Guest Blog) *WhiteHorseInn.org* (affiliated with Modern Reformation magazine). <https://www.whitehorseinn.org/2015/05/a-world-of-our-own-making-examining-americas-changing-religious-landscape-by-matthew-s-vos/>
- Vos, M. (April, 2015). “Editorial.” *Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society*, Vol. 5, No. 1.

- Vos, M. (March, 2015). Carolyn Custis James' Half the Church: Recapturing God's Global Vision for Women: A Review Essay, *Pro Rege*, Vol. XLVIII, No. 3, 19-23.
- Vos, M. (2014), *Faithful Learning Series: "Sociology,"* Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.
- Kapic, K. & Vos, M. (Fall, 2014), "Those Who Mourn." *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*. 10 (1).
- Vos, M. (Spring, 2014). "Grow Up Will You?!" *Covenant College View*.
- Vos, M. (Jan/Feb 2014). "Boasting: It is Included." *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 6-10.
- Vos, M. (October, 2013). Editorial, *Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society*, Vol. 3, No. 2.
- Vos, M. (February 1, 2013), "Prizes and Consumables: The Super Bowl as a Theology of Women." *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good*.
- Vos, M. (April, 2011). Review of Walter Brueggemann's, "Journey to the Common Good," in *Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society*, 2(1).
- Vos, M. (2011). "The Digital Embrace: College Students and Technology in a *Howzitgoing* World." *Sociological Imagination*, 47, 1, 55-70.
- Vos, M. (April, 2011). Review of Shirl J. Hoffman's, "Good Game: Christianity and the Culture of Sports," in *Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society*, 1(1).
- Vos, M., and Vos, J. (2011). "Enchanting the Disenchanted Student: From Self to Service in the College Community." *SACRAO Journal*, 24.
- Vos, M. S., and Chiareli, A. (2010). Race and Ethnic Stratification (ch. 8), in *Sociology: A Christian Approach for Changing the World*, 2nd edition, Marion, IN: Triangle Publishing.
- Vos, M. (Fall, 2010). "Kids These Days" in a World of Change, *Christian School Education*, ACSI, 14, 1, 2010/2011
- Vos, M. (2010). *Instructor's Resource Manual to accompany Beebe, Beebe, and Redmond's Interpersonal Communication: Relating to Others*, 6th ed., Allyn & Bacon.
- Heddendorf, R., and Vos, M. S. (2010). *Hidden Threads: A Christian Critique of Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed. Boston, MA: University Press of America.
- Vos, M. S. (2008). *Exploring McDonaldization*, in Ritzer, G. *The McDonaldization of Society* 5, Instructor's Resources. Los Angeles, CA: Pine Forge Press.
- Vos, M. S. (June, 2008). "Excellence: The Emperor's New Clothes," *Phi Delta Kappan*, 89, 10.

- Vos, M. S. (Summer, 2008). "To Dance with a Child." (adapted and reprinted), *LifeLines*, 15, 2.
- Vos, M. S. (Feb, 2008). "To Dance with a Child." *Chattanooga Christian Family*.
- Vos, M. S. (Winter, 2008). Seeing the Unseen, *The Christian Sociologist*.
- Vos, M. (Spring, 2006). "What Makes Us Us?: A Sociologist's Perspective." *Covenant College Bagpipe*, Spring, 2006.
- Vos, M. S. (2005). "Stepping Outside Society's Caves: In the World at a Christian College." *By Faith*, 4, 16-17.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *What Would It Take For You to Get the Covid-19 Vaccine?* Interview with Sydney Edwards, WTVC News Channel 9, Chattanooga, TN, December 14, 2020. [What would it take for you to get the COVID-19 vaccine? | WTVC \(newschannel9.com\)](https://www.wtvc.com/news/2020/12/14/what-would-it-take-for-you-to-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/)
- Faculty Panelist, *Conversations about Culture and Race*, Covenant College Chapel, September 9, 2020.
- Consulted on matters of Race and Ethnicity with Covenant Day School, Matthews, North Carolina, June 2020.
- *Prizes and Consumables: The Super Bowl as a Theology of Women*. Presentation at the Second Global Congress on Sport and Christianity, October 2019, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI.
- *Be Like Mike?: Big Sport, Nike, and the Unseen Strangers Who Make Our Shoes*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Christian Sociological Association, June 2019, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA.
- Presider, Session 60: *Gender and Embodiment – Paper Session*. Southern Sociological Society, 82nd Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2019. Presented *The Mother of All Surgeries: Redemption Language in Cosmetic Surgery's "Mommy Makeover."*
- Chapel Talk, Covenant College, April 3, 2019. *Strangers in the Pew: Girls and Symbolic Exclusion*.
- External Program Reviewer for the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at Northwestern College, Orange City, IA. February 2019.
- *Strangers in the Pew: Girls and Symbolic Exclusion*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Christian Sociological Association, June, 2018, Lee University, Cleveland, TN.
- *The Mother of All Surgeries: Exploring Cosmetic Surgery's "Mommy Makeover."* Presentation at the annual conference of the Mid-South Sociological Association, October 2017, Chattanooga, TN.

- *The Mother of All Surgeries: Exploring Cosmetic Surgery's "Mommy Makeover."* Presentation at the annual meeting of the Christian Sociological Association, June 2017, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA.
- *Commencement Speaker*, Covenant Day School, June 2017, Matthews, North Carolina.
- *Re-enchanting Mission*. Joint presentation with Dr. Chris Robinson at the annual meeting of the Christian Sociological Association, June 2016, Union University, Jackson, TN.
- *Asking Questions in a World of Answers*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Christian Sociological Association, June 2016, Union University, Jackson, TN.
- *There's No Such Thing as Alone: From 'Bounded Being' Accounts to the Confluence of Doxology*, Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June 2015, Eastern University, Philadelphia, PA.
- Banquet Speaker for Lee University Alpha Kappa Delta, Tennessee Theta Member Induction of New Members, April 1, 2014.
- *Prizes and Consumables: The Super Bowl as a Theology of Women*. Presentation at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, June 2013, Greenville, SC.
- *Boasting: It is Included*, Paper Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June 2013, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL.
- *Prizes and Consumables: The Super Bowl as a Theology of Women*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June, 2012, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA.
- *Stranger Still*, Paper Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June, 2011, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.
- *Those Who Mourn*, Paper Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June, 2010, Eastern University, Philadelphia, PA.
- *Enchanting the Disenchanted Student: Recruitment and Retention in a Changing Culture*, Joint Paper Presentation with Joan Vos at the annual conference of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACRAO), Chattanooga, Spring 2010.
- Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Richmond, VA, *The Role of the Small College in Enchanting a Disenchanted World*. April, 2008.
- *The Digital Embrace: College Students and Community in the High-Tech Era*, Paper Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June, 2007, Campbellsville, KY.
- Presider/Discussant at Southern Sociological Society Conference in Atlanta, GA, April 2007. Section title: "Gastronomical Influences in Society."

- Banquet Speaker for Lee University Alpha Kappa Delta, Tennessee Theta Member Induction of New Members, October 25, 2006.
- Hosted Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS) Annual Conference, June 15-18, 2006. Gave Presentation Titled, “The Idolatry of Excellence: A Sociological Comment.” Currently Hold the Office of Graduate Student Liaison (2004—2010).
- Sociology Club Presentation with Student Melanie Bosma, “Chinese Immigration Control Policies,” May, 2006.
- Co-Presenter at Covenant College Kaleo Conference on Gender and the Church titled, “Living the Question: Social and Historical Dimensions of Gender and the Church,” Spring, 2006.
- “The Idolatry of Excellence: A Sociological Comment” Covenant College Chapel address, October 3, 2005
- Presider/Discussant at Southern Sociological Society Conference in Charlotte, NC, April 2005. Section title: “Social Theory and the History of Social Theory.”
- “Revealing Unseen Idols: The Prophetic Role of the Christian Sociologist” Three-Year Paper Presented to the Covenant College Faculty, Spring 2003
- “Bridging Thought Communities: Implications of Membership in Degree-completion Program Groups for the Self-concepts of Adult Students” Paper presentation at Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference in New Orleans, April 2003
- “Persevering toward the Promise” Covenant College Chapel address, November 2002
- Secretary, Association of Christians Teaching Sociology (ACTS), June 2002 – 2004.
- “From Enlightenment to Postmodernity: Feminist Perspectives on Science” Presentation to Philosophy Club, Covenant College, Spring, 2002.