

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Robert D. Woodberry		POSITION Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin	
eRA COMMONS USER NAME			
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL	BA	1987	International Politics
Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA	MA	1993	Cross-Cultural Studies
University of Notre Dame, Notra Dame, IN	MA	1997	Sociology
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	PhD	2004	Sociology

A. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Bob Woodberry's research looks at the long-term impact of missionaries and different colonial governments on education, economic development and democracy in post-colonial societies. Other research interests include the spread of religious liberty, the international diffusion of social movements, religious influences on political institutions and the economy, religious attitudes of elites, religious tolerance, conservative Protestants, and measuring religious groups on surveys.

With grants from Lilly, NSF, SSSR, RRA, and ASR, he is constructing a dataset of virtually all Protestant and Catholic missionary activity from 1813 to 1968. This includes data about most formal education and medical work in the nonwestern world during this period. Because the data are spatially located, they can be adjusted to match any modern national or provincial boundaries. He is also collecting data on missionary death rates to determine how life expectancies of Europeans in the colonies influenced investment patterns and levels of colonial abuses.

B. POSITIONS AND HONORS**Positions and Employment**

- 1988-1990 Instructor, Shandong Polytechnic University, Peoples Republic of China.
 1991 Instructor, ANUP English Land, Sakai, Japan.
 2004-Present Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin, TX
 2004-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, TX

Honors, Other Experience and Professional Memberships

- 1996 Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 1996-1998 Consultant, *Religious Influence and Identity Project*, Pew Charitable Trusts
 1997 Graduate Student Paper Award, American Association for Public Opinion Research
 1998-1999 Associate Editor, *Social Forces*
 1998-1999 NSF Democracy Traineeship, University of North Carolina
 1998-2000 Consultant, *Secular Revolutions Project*, Pew Charitable Trusts
 1999 Topic Consultant, *Annual Review of Sociology*
 1999 Graduate Student Paper Awards, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Southern Association for Public Opinion Research; Religion Section, American Sociological Association
 1999 Presenter, *Religion and Democratization: Explaining a Robust Empirical Relationship*, Religious Research Association, Boston, MA
 1999 Presenter, *Can We Trust the Polls? The Over-Sampling of American Religion and Its Implications for Weighting Procedures*, American Sociological Association, Durham, NC
 2000 Consultant, *Adolescent Health Survey-Wave 3*
 2000 Consultant, *Evangelical Christianity and Political Democracy in Asia, Africa, and Latin America*, Pew Charitable Trusts and the Ethics and Public Policy Center
 2000 Discussant, *Studying Religion: Projects and Surveys*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX
 2000 Presenter, *The Impact of Religious Traditions on Colonial Policy and Post-Colonial Democratization*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX

2000 Presenter, *Christian Missions and Democracy in Post-Colonial Societies*, Conference on Missions, Nationalism, and the End of Empire, Queen's College, Cambridge University, UK

2000 Presenter, *The Long-Term Influence of Religious Traditions on Levels of Democratization*, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington, DC

2002 Presenter (with D. Sikkink), *Same Time Next Year: Annual 'Secularization' and the Appearance of Declining Church Attendance on Time-Use Surveys*, Religious Research Association, Houston, TX

2000-2001 NSF Democracy Traineeship, University of North Carolina

2001 Roundtable Presider, *Movements in Latin American Religion*, American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA

2001 Organizer and Discussant, *The History of the Sociology of Religion*, joint session of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Anaheim, CA

2001 Consultant, *Morality, Culture, and the Power of Religious Faith: Explaining the Effects of Religion in Social Life*, Pew Charitable Trusts

2001 Outstanding Published Article Award (with B. Steensland, J.Z. Park, M.D. Regnerus, L.D. Robinson and W.B. Wilcox), Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, for The Measure of American Religion, *Social Forces* 79(1):291-318.

2001 Presenter, *The Impact of Religion and Colonialism on Democratization in the Non-Western World*, Conference on *The Road to Democratization: Freeways and Detours*, Duke University

2001-2002 Consultant, *Religion, Political Economy and Society Project*, Harvard University, R. Barro, PI

2001-2002 Consultant, *Religion in an Age of Terrorism*, Pew Charitable Trusts

2002 Invited Speaker, *Religion, Political Economy and Society Project*, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2002 Presenter, *Religious Liberty, Education, and Economic Development*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT

2002 Presenter, *Monopolistic Religion and the Exploitation of Colonial Societies*, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL

2002 Discussant, *Religion, Political Economy and Society*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT

2002 Consultant, on Recoding Denominations on Religion Surveys, *American Religion Data Archive*

2002-2003 Nominations Committee, History of Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2003 Invited Speaker, *Spiritual Capital: Promises and Pitfalls*, Workshop on Spiritual Capital: Developing a New Interdisciplinary Field, Templeton Foundation, Cambridge, MA

2003-2004 Consultant, Survey Questionnaire Design, *Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project-Wave 3*

2004 Distinguished Article Award Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2004 Invited Speaker, *Protestantism and Democracy*, Symposium on Christianity and Democracy: Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Contributions, sponsored by *Journal of Democracy* and the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC

2004 Discussant, *Globalization and Transnationalism*, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA

2004 Discussant, *Minority Religions*, Conference on *Religion and Demography*, The University of Texas at Austin

2004 Presenter, *Missionaries and Abuse in Colonial Territories: The Rubber Terror in French and Belgian Congo*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, MO

2004-2005 Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Institute, The University of Texas at Austin

2004-Present British Studies Junior Fellow, The University of Texas at Austin

2005 Chair, Distinguished Article Award Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2005 Advisory Board, *Baylor Longitudinal Survey of Religious Behaviors and Values*

2005 Respondent, *Quantitative Perspectives on Protestant Christianity*, Conference on *Is God Brazilian? Christianity and New Religious Movements*, The University of Texas at Austin

2005 Invited Speaker, *Restricting Religious Liberty and its Social Consequences in the Middle East*, Conference on *Mission in the Middle East: NGOs and the New Evangelism*, Middle East Institute, Columbia University

- 2005 Invited Speaker, *Religion and the Economy*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, NY
- 2005 Presider, Religion and Theory, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 Invited Speaker, *Religion and Economic Development*, Symposium on Global Economies and the Impact of Religion, Metanexus Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 Presenter, *Religion and Economic Development: Exploring Possible Causal Mechanisms*, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Rochester, NY
- 2005 Presenter (with X Lu), *Missionary Data (1813-1968) as a Resource for Testing Religious Economies and Secularization Theory*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, NY
- 2005 Presenter, *The Global Impact of Missions and Education*, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 Presenter, *Blessed Orientalism: The Impact of Christian Missions on Nonwestern Societies*, Conference on *Global Christianity: Challenging Modernity and the West*, Baylor University
- 2005-2006 Consultant, Survey Questionnaire Design, *Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project-Wave 4*
- 2005-2008 McNamara Award Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2006 Invited Speaker, *Missionary Higher Education and Its Consequences*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
- 2006 Presenter (with W. R. Clark and J.A. Doces), *Aid, Protestant Missionaries, and Growth*, Western Economics Association, San Diego, CA
- 2006 Presenter, *Where Do Institutions Come From? Population Density, Settler Mortality, Colonizers, and Church-State Relations in the Construction of Economic Friendly Institutions*, Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture, Portland, OR
- 2006 Presenter, *The Enlightenment Veneer: Religion and the Origins of Immediate Abolitionism*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR
- 2006 Presenter (with J.C. Esparza), *Pastoral Service in Indigenous and African American Sectors in the Study of Religion and Economic Change*, Latin American Religious Studies Association, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Present Ad Hoc Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Research on Aging*, *Mobilization: An International Review*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*
- Present Member: American Sociological Association; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Religious Research Association; Association for the Sociology of Religion; Association for Social Economics; American Economics Association; American Political Science Association; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture

C. SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Woodberry, R.D. and H.E. Aldrich. 2000. Planning and Running Effective Classroom-Based Exercises. *Teaching Sociology* 28(3):241-248.
- Smith, C.S. and R.D. Woodberry. 2001. Sociology of Religion. In *The Blackwell Companion to Sociology*, J. Blau. (Ed), pp. 100-113. Cambridge, UK: Blackwell Publishing.
- Ammerman, N. and R.D. Woodberry. 2001. Graduate Education in the Sociology of Religion. *ASA Sociology of Religion Section Newsletter* 7(2):1-2.
- Woodberry, R.D. and T.S. Shah. 2004. Christianity and Democracy: The Pioneering Protestants. *Journal of Democracy* 15(2):47-61.
- Woodberry, R.D. 2005. Spiritual Capital. In *Spiritual Information*, C.L. Harper, Jr. (Ed), pp.12-19. Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Foundation Press.
- Woodberry, R.D. and T.S. Shah. 2005. The Pioneering Protestants. In *World Religions and Democracy*, L. Diamond, M.F. Plattner, P.J. Costopoulos (Eds), pp. 117-132. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Ammerman, N., W. Cadge, M. Peña, R.D. Woodberry and O. McRoberts. 2006. On Being a Community of Scholars: Practicing the Study of Religion. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(2):134-148.
- Woodberry, R.D. 2006. Reclaiming the M-Word: The Consequences of Missions for Nonwestern Societies. *The Brandywine Review* 4(1):3-12.

- Woodberry, R.D. 2006. The Economic Consequences of Pentecostalism. *Society* 44(1):29-35.
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. Missions and Economics. In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. Modernity. In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. Religious Liberty. In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. Missions and Politics. In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. Missionary Higher Education and its Consequences. In *Christian Higher Education in East Asia*, P. Ng (Ed.).
- Woodberry, R.D. In press. The Economic Consequences of Pentecostalism. In *Markets, Mortals, and Religion*. Piscataway, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

D. RESEARCH SUPPORT DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

Ongoing Research Support

None at present.

Completed Research Support

5 R01 HD050142 (S. Watkins, PI)

06/15/05-05/31/08

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to the University of Pennsylvania

Religious Organizations, Local Norms, and HIV in Africa

The principal aim of this proposed study is to collect new data on religious organizations to examine how the organizations and their "moral communities" influence responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Malawi.

Role: Co-Investigator