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EDUCATION

2023-present Ph.D. Student, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2025 M.A. Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2023 B.A. Sociology and Politics, minor Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, *summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

2024 **Caitlin Anne Fitzgerald**. 2024. "Catholic Diocesan and Religious Priests' Perceptions of Social Support from their Fellow Peers, Bishops, and Religious Superiors." *Review of Religious Research* <https://doi.org/10.1177/0034673X241259146>
** The Mary Ellen Konieczny Award for The Best Graduate Student Sociology of Religion Paper from the Center for the Study of Religion and Society, 2025

2023 Di Di, Stephen Cranney, Brandon Vaidyanathan, and **Caitlin Anne Fitzgerald**. 2023. "Religion, Spirituality, and Mental Health Among Scientists During the Pandemic: A Four-Country Study." *Zygon*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/zygo.12912>

2022 **Caitlin Anne Fitzgerald** and Brandon Vaidyanathan. 2022. "Faith Leaders' Views on Collaboration with Mental Health Professionals." *The Community Mental Health Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-022-01031-8>

INVITED TALKS

2025 "Integrating and Compartmentalizing the Body, Mind, and Soul: Catholics' Perspectives on Contemporary Mental Health Care" for the Forum on the Future of Catholicism at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (*August 9-11*)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025 "Integrating and Compartmentalizing the Body, Mind, and Soul: Catholics' Perspectives on Contemporary Mental Health Care" at the International Society for the Sociology of Religion Conference, Kaunas, LTU (*June 30-July 4*)

2024 "The Congregation Effect of Women's Mental Health: Variation by Religious Tradition" with David Sikkink at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (*October 18-20*)

- 2024 “Catholic Diocesan and Religious Priests’ Perceptions of Social Support from their Bishops and Religious Superiors” at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (*August 9-11*)
- 2023 “Transformative Beauty: Catholic Priests’ Aesthetic Experiences at Work” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (*October 20-22*)
- 2022 “Religion, Spirituality, and Mental Health Among Scientists During the Pandemic: A Four-Country Study” with Brandon Vaidyanathan at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (*November 11-13*)
- 2021 “Faith Leaders’ Views on Collaboration with Mental Health Professionals” at The Catholic University of America Research Day, Washington, D.C. (*April 15*)
- 2020 “Faith Leaders’ Trust in Mental Health Professionals” at The Catholic University of America Research Day, Washington, D.C. (*April 21*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-2026 Teaching Assistant, Professors Terence and Erin McDonnell, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – “Becoming a Force for Social Good” (*Notre Dame Signature Course*)
- 2024-2025 Teaching Assistant, Professor Christian Smith, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – “Environment, Food, and Society”
- 2024 Teaching Assistant, Professor Chelsea Kelly, Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America – “Research Methods” and “Social Interaction”
- 2024 Teaching Assistant, Professor Mim Thomas, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – “Introduction to Criminology”
- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Professor Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America – “Global Social Problems and Social Justice”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026-2029 Qualitative Project Manager, [Can Beauty Save the World?](#)
- 2023 Graduate Assistant, Professor David Sikkink, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- 2023 Research Assistant, [National Study of Catholic Priests](#): Professor Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Qualitative Coder, [National Study of Catholic Priests](#): Dr. Tricia Bruce, Center for Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- 2021- 2022 Research Assistant, [Work and Well-being in Science](#) - An International Study: Professor Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2020-2021 Research Assistant, Mental Health in Congregations Study: Professor Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2025 Graduate Student Government Conference Presentation Grant: \$325
- 2025 Jacques Maritain Center Research Grant: \$500

2025	Sorin Fellow Summer Conference and Formation Grants: \$1200
2025	The Mary Ellen Konieczny Award for The Best Graduate Student Sociology of Religion Paper: \$200
2024	Sorin Fellow Fall Research Grant: \$1200
2024	Center for the Study of Religion and Society Conference Grant: \$150
2024	Institute of Human Ecology Conference Grant: \$122
2024	Sorin Fellow Summer Conference Grant: \$400
2024	Sorin Fellow Summer Conference Grant: \$1000
2024	Sorin Fellow Summer Formation Grant: \$1000
2023	Sorin Fellow Fall Conference Grant: \$558.93
2023	Institute for Human Ecology Travel Grant: \$400
2023	Monsignor William Joseph Kerby Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Dedication in the Field of Sociology, The Catholic University of America
2019-2023	University Honors Scholarship, The Catholic University of America: totaling ~\$120,000
2019-2023	Parish Scholarship, The Catholic University of America: totaling \$16,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND DISTINCTIONS

2024-present	Maritain Fellow, Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame
2023-present	Graduate Scholar, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame
2023-present	Graduate Scholar, Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America
2023-present	Sorin Fellow, deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame
2023	Honors Social Science Scholar, The Catholic University of America
2023	Phi Beta Kappa, The Catholic University of America

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-2026	Graduate Student Representative, Notre Dame Sociology Faculty Search Committee
2025	Graduate Student Representative, Notre Dame Sociology 100 th Anniversary Planning Committee
2025	Committee Member, Prospective Graduate Student Visit Day Planning Committee
2023	Symposium Planning Team Member, <i>Beauty at Work: An International Symposium</i> , The Catholic University of America (May 26-27)

ADDITIONAL WORK

2022-2023	Intern, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington D.C.
2022	Editorial and Social Media Intern, Busted Halo, Remote
2021	Intern, Grassroots Targeting, Alexandria, VA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024-present	International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)
2024-present	Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
2024-present	Religious Research Association (RRA)
2022-present	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Management: Atlas.ti, Dedoose, Stata, R(basic), Excel

LANGUAGES

Spanish (limited working proficiency)