

# Lydia Bean

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## Education

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- 2009 Ph.D in Sociology, Harvard University  
Dissertation title: *The Politics of Evangelical Identity in the United States and Canada*  
Dissertation committee: Robert Sampson (chair), Theda Skocpol, Nancy Ammerman, Jason Kaufman
- 2006 A.M. in Sociology, Harvard University  
Qualifying Paper title: *Trashy People and Upstanding Citizens: Cultural Models of Citizenship in Street-Level Bureaucracy*
- 2002 B.A. in Spanish and Music, Austin College

## Employment

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- 2019- Fellow, New America, Washington DC
- 2019- Faculty Research Associate, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas
- 2013-2018 Founder and Executive Director, Faith in Texas, Dallas, Texas
- 2009-2013 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

## Publications

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### Books

- 2014 *The Politics of Evangelical Identity: Local Churches and Partisan Divides in the United States and Canada*. Princeton University Press.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2014 Lydia Bean. "Compassionate Conservatives? Evangelicals, Economic Conservatism, and National Identity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53(1): 164-186.
- 2014 Lydia Bean and Brandon C. Martinez. "Evangelical Ambivalence toward Gays and Lesbians." *Sociology of Religion* 75(3): 395-417.
- 2014 Lydia Bean and Brandon C. Martinez. "Sunday School Teacher, Culture Warrior: The Politics of Lay Leaders in Three Religious Traditions." *Social Science Quarterly* 96(1): 133-147.
- 2008 Lydia Bean, Marco Gonzalez and Jason Kaufman. "Why Doesn't Canada Have an American-style Christian Right? A Comparative Framework for Analyzing the Political Effects of Evangelical Subcultural Identity." *The Canadian Journal of Sociology* 33(4): 899-943.

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## Refereed Book Chapters and Reprinted Articles

- 2018 Lydia Bean and Brandon Martinez. “Evangelical Ambivalence towards Gays and Lesbians.” Reprinted in *Sociology of Religion: A Reader* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) William A. Mirola, Michael O. Emerson, & Susanne C. Monahan, editors. Routledge.
2006. Robert Sampson and Lydia Bean. “Cultural Mechanisms and Killing Fields: A Revised Theory of Community-Level Racial Inequality” in *The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America*. John Hagan, Laurie Krivo and Ruth Peterson, editors. New York University Press.

## Working Papers

- 2021 Lydia Bean and Steven Teles. “How Party Coalitions Anchor Group Positions: The Case of Evangelicals and Climate Change.” Preparing to Submit to *American Sociological Review*.

## Book Reviews

- 2019 “Thirty Year Retrospective on James Davison Hunter.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 58(4): 913-926.
- 2016 “Sacred Subdivisions: The Postsuburban Transformation of American Evangelicalism” by Justin Wilford. *Social Forces* 94(4): 116.
- 2015 “The New Evangelical Social Engagement” by Brian Steensland and Philip Goff. *Contemporary Sociology* 44(5):716-718.
- 2010 “God’s Heart Has No Borders: How Religious Activists are Working for Immigrant Rights” by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo. *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 11(1):125-127.

## Policy Research

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- 2019 Lydia Bean and Maresa Strano. December 4. “How Red States are Steamrolling Blue Cities.” *Washington Monthly*.
- 2019 Lydia Bean and Maresa Strano. September 9. “As State Governments Stifle Local Democracy, Funders and Nonprofits are Fighting Back.” *Inside Philanthropy*.
- 2019 Lydia Bean and Maresa Strano. July 11. “Punching Down: How States are Suppressing Local Democracy.” Political Reform Report, *New America*.
2019. Lydia Bean. July 27. “Texans deserve paid sick leave, but special interests are trying to steal it.” Opinion in the *Dallas Morning News*.
- 2016 Lydia Bean and Steven Teles. Spring 2016 Issue. “God and Climate: In the mid-2000s, Progressives courted evangelicals to join the fight against climate change. It worked—for a while.” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*.
- 2015 Lydia Bean and Steven Teles. November 13. “Spreading the Gospel of Climate Change: An Evangelical Battleground.” New Models of Policy Change Project, *New America*.

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## Teaching Experience

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Race, Ethnicity and American Politics  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Community Research Internship

Social Theory  
Social World I & II  
Introduction to Sociology

## Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

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- 2019 “How Party Coalitions Anchor Group Positions: The Case of Evangelicals and Climate Change.” Lydia Bean and Steven Teles. In “Old Problems and New Methods: The Resurgence of Political Parties in Political Sociology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 10-13.
- 2013 “Evangelicals and the Environment: Group Boundaries and Position Change in a Polarized Climate.” Invited Presentation at “Policymaking in Polarized Times,” sponsored by the Hewlett Foundation in Palo Alto, California. January 18, 2013
- 2012 “Sunday School Teachers and the Culture War: The Political Role of Lay Leaders in American Congregations.” Paper presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion. August 17-20.
- 2011 Guest Lecture Series, Sociology Department of the Beijing University of Science and Technology, Beijing, China. May 24-June 1. “Evangelical Churches and Politics in North America. Evangelical Christians and Poverty in the U.S. and Canada. Leadership and Civic Organizations. Public Narrative: Leadership and Meaning in Civil Society.”
- 2010 “‘Raising Up a Joshua Generation’: Evangelical Leadership Practices and the Civic Engagement Debates.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. October 29-31.
- 2010 “Telling a New Story: Leadership Development and Identity-Work in the Episcopal Church.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. August 12-15.
- 2009 “More Than Marketing: The Role of Public Narrative in ‘Entrepreneurial’ Religious Leadership.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. October 23-25.
- 2009 “The Boundaries of ‘Politics’ in Evangelical Congregations: The Role of Church-based Opinion Leaders in Political Engagement.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: *Secularization and Revival: The Fate of Religion in Modern Intellectual History*. October 8-10.
- 2009 “Evangelical Identity and the ‘Culture War’ in the U.S. and Canada.” Sociology of Religion Roundtable: *Religion and the Culture Wars*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA. August 7-11.
- 2009 “How Evangelical Protestants Construct Islam: National Identity and Religious Tolerance in the United States and Canada.” Welfare and Values in Europe. University of Uppsala, Sweden. March 26-28.

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- 2008 “The Last Crusade?: Constructing the Muslim ‘Other’ in U.S. and Canadian Evangelical Churches.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Louisville, KY. October 17-19.
- 2008 “Compassionate Conservatives? How U.S. and Canadian Evangelicals Talk about Poverty and Government Responsibility.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Boston, NY. August 1-4.
- 2007 “Baptizing Drug Dealers as Citizens: Explaining the Emergence of the Tulia Drug Sting Scandal.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in New York, NY. August 11-14.
- 2006 “Are American Evangelicals More Politically Conservative than Canadian Evangelicals? An Empirical Investigation using Multiple Data Sources.” With Jason Kaufman and Marco Gonzalez. Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2-5.
- 2006 “T.H. Marshall meets the Rube Goldberg State: Cultural Models of Citizenship in Local Governance.” Regular Session, Political Culture: Construction of Public Discourse on Social Issues. American Sociological Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 11-14.
- 2006 “Are American Evangelicals More Politically Conservative than Canadian Evangelicals? An Empirical Investigation using Multiple Data Sources.” With Jason Kaufman and Marco Gonzalez. Regular Session, Religion: Producing Religious Identity: Organizations, Environments and Adaptations. ASA 2006.
- 2006 “Trashy People, Upstanding Citizens: Symbolic Boundaries in Local Governance.” Harvard-Oxford-Stockholm Conference, Cambridge MA. April 21.

## Selected Professional Service

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- 2011-2013 Supervised Research Assistantship for Baylor Doctoral Student Brandon Martinez  
2012 Served on the Student Paper Award Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Spring)
- 2009-2011 Supervised Research Assistantship for Baylor Doctoral Student Scott Draper  
2011 Assisted in Coaching Rhodes Scholar Finalists at request of Fellowships Office  
2011 Assisted with Faculty Recruitment to Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (Spring 2011) and  
2009, 2011 Assisted with Faculty Recruitment to Baylor Sociology Department

## Professional Associations

*American Sociological Association*  
*Association for the Study of Religion*

*Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*Scholar Strategy Network*

## Manuscript Reader/Referee

*American Sociological Review*  
*Sociology of Religion*  
*Sociological Theory*

*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*Sociological Forum*  
*Mobilization*

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## Awards and Fellowships

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- 2011 Summer Faculty Institute, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University
- 2010 Summer Sabbatical Award, Baylor Honors College
- 2008 Harvard Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Research Fellow with Co-Principal Investigator Marshall Ganz (\$20,000)
- 2008 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Canada Research Award (\$10,000)
- 2007 Harvard University, Jeremy R. Knowles Graduate Student Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2007 National Science Foundation, Graduate Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, with Co-Investigator Jason Kaufman (\$7,500)
- 2006 Canada-US Fulbright Award, Visiting Scholar, McMaster University (\$17,000)
- 2005 Canadian Embassy, Graduate Student Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2005 Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Research Grant (\$5,000)
- 2004 Center for American Political Studies, Research Seed Grant (\$1,000)

## Nonprofit and Public Leadership

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- 2016-2021 Board President of **Whistleblower Aid**, a nonprofit that helps whistleblowers expose government lawbreaking without breaking the law, leading to multiple high-profile, high-impact cases including the Ukraine whistleblower and Facebook disclosures by Frances Haugen.
- 2013-2018 Founded **Faith in Texas**, a nonprofit that organizes faith communities across lines of race, ethnicity, and religion to work for local, state, and national policy change. As the organization's first Executive Director, built staff of fourteen and raised over two million dollars in startup funding from foundations, institutions, and individuals.
- 2017-2018 Founded **Faith in Texas Action**, the 501(c)4 sister organization of Faith in Texas.
- 2018 Executive Committee member of **Working Texans for Paid Sick Time**, which passed paid sick time ordinances in Dallas and San Antonio.
- 1999-2013 Co-founded and served as Board Member for **Friends of Justice**, a grassroots racial justice organization that organized for accountability the criminal justice system. In 2003, Friends of Justice helped pass the "Tulia Bill" in the Texas Legislature that raised the standards for undercover informant testimony. Friends of Justice supported organizing in other communities in well-known cases in Jena, LA, Hearne, TX (subject of movie *American Violet*), and Winona, MS (case of Curtis Flowers).

## Other Writing

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- 2018 Lydia Bean. Winter 2018 (47). "Yes, We Speak 'Faith' Here." Invited Essay for Symposium: What is Red State Liberalism? *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*.
- 2017 Lydia Bean. October 2017. "For Evangelicals and Catholics, Rejecting Elites Meant Ignoring the Clergy: How Voters Learned to Make their Faith Suit their Partisanship." *The Washington Post* (Invited commentary featured in the Special Edition on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.)

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## Languages

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Spanish (Fluent)

Cantonese (Beginner)