

VITA

Mark Sheldon Miller
Professor of Sociology
East Texas Baptist University
Marshall Hall, 103- F, 903.923.2092
mmiller@etbu.edu

Education

Ph.D.	The University of North Texas	2000
Master of Divinity	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	1987
Bachelor of Arts in Religion	Dallas Baptist College	1984

Teaching Experience

Professor of Sociology	East Texas Baptist University	2018 to present
Associate Professor	East Texas Baptist University	2010 to 2018
Assistant Professor	East Texas Baptist University	2005 to 2010
Adjunct Professor	Dallas Baptist University	1996 to 2006
Adjunct Professor	Collin County Community College	2004 to 2005
Adjunct Professor	Richland Community College	2004 to 2005
Adjunct Professor	North Central Texas College	1994 to 1996

Other Work Experience

Pastor	Creekside Baptist Church	1997 to 2003
Founding Pastor	SpringPark Baptist Church	1990 to 1997
Licensed Irrigator	Texas #LI0017046	2009 to present

Professional Development Experiences

SPSS and SAS (Statistical research software programs).

Published Article

“The Social Selfie” in the Southern Sociological Society. Volume 50, Number 3, Winter: 2019.

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/assets/TSS.v50/TSSVolume50Number3.pdf>

Unpublished Research Papers

“Do We Practice What We Preach? Have We Become Post-Christian?” This research, presented at the 2017 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC, was based on a survey of approximately 300 students about their religious beliefs and

May 4, 2023

how that fit into the Barna Group's definition of what it means to be "post-Christian". A person's level of religion was gauged using 15 metrics related to faith.

In 2016, I was selected to write standardized test question for the ETS Major Fields Test in Sociology. ("The *ETS*® Major Field Tests are comprehensive undergraduate and MBA outcomes assessments designed to measure the critical knowledge and understanding obtained by students in a major field of study." Source: their website). First we were asked to submit questions. I was then invited to travel to Princeton, New Jersey for an extended weekend with the other writers to finalize the question bank. Strangely, after completing this assignment, I was contacted by ETS and told that the test revision had been postponed for at least a year. They promised to contact me again when funding was available to continue the revisions.

"The Influence of Religious Beliefs on Alcohol and Drug Use at a Small Denominational University". The research indicated that students who ranked higher in evangelical beliefs were less likely to use alcohol and drugs. What was also somewhat surprising was that ETBU has a definite number of students who are classified as problem drinkers. Dr. Laurie Smith and I presented the findings at the SSSA Meeting in San Diego. (2012).

East Texas Baptist University: In the fall semester of 2012, I was commissioned by the Center for Excellence in Christian Scholarship at East Texas Baptist University to write a weekly blog about how I integrated my faith and teaching. The blog entries are archived here: <http://www.etbu.edu/php/theintersection/category/dr-mark-miller/>

"The Influence of Religious Beliefs on Alcohol and Drug Use at a Small Denominational University". Paper presented with Dr. Laurie Smith at Southwestern Sociological Association meeting, San Diego, CA, April, 2012.

Study Guide for Kendall, Social Problems in a Diverse Society, 5th Edition. 2010.
Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

"Housing Study in Marshall, Texas. Spring 2010. Research findings were presented to the Marshall, Texas City Council in April, 2010.

"Do Churches Practice What They Preach? An Examination of Church Charity". This paper was presented at the Southwest Social Science Annual meeting, April 2nd, 2010, in Houston, Texas. (It was co-authored by Dr. Laurie Smith)

"A Comparison of Immigrant, Ethnic and Language Groups with Existing Baptist Churches and Ministries in the Dallas Baptist Association" Fall, 2003.

Dissertation: "The Impact of Conservative Protestantism Upon the Time Fathers Spend with Their Children" December, 2000.

May 4, 2023

"Social Movements in the Book of Acts" UNT, 1993.

"Parent/Child Interaction Patterns: A Qualitative Study of a McDonald's Playground"
UNT, 1994.

Professional Memberships

Southwestern Social Science Association

2010 to present

Southwestern Sociological Association

2012 to present

Southern Sociological Society

2013 to present

May 4, 2023