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Education

- Expected 2025 **PhD in Sociology** University of California, Los Angeles.
Dissertation: “Acting Outward While Looking Inward: Southern Baptist Missionaries Since the Conservative Resurgence.”
Committee: Stefan Timmermans (chair), Omar Lizardo, Melani McAlister, Edward T. Walker
- 2020 **MA in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2018 **BA in Sociology**, Haverford College

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Andrew Chalfoun. Forthcoming. “Picking Winners? Candidate Selection and Representatives’ Performance in the Southern Baptist Conservative Movement.” Accepted at *Social Currents*.

Andrew Chalfoun, Giovanni Rossi, and Tanya Stivers. OnlineFirst. “The Magic Word? Face-Work and the Functions of ‘Please’ in Everyday Requests.” *Social Psychology Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725241245141>.

Andrew Chalfoun. 2025. “Shifting Responsibility onto Coparticipants: Disaffiliative Accounts in Request Sequences.” *Discourse Studies* 27(1), 64-81.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/14614456241252950>

Tanya Stivers, **Andrew Chalfoun**, and Giovanni Rossi. 2024. “To Err is Human but to Persist is Diabolical: Toward a Theory of Interactional Policing.” *Frontiers in Sociology* 9.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2024.1369776>.

Andrew Chalfoun. 2023. “When God Calls: Temporality in Southern Baptist Calls to Missions.” *Review of Religious Research* 65(2):213-235.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0034673X231186329>.

Andrew Chalfoun. 2023. “Biblical Authority in Interaction: How Do Evangelicals Use the Bible?” *Journal of Pragmatics* 208:19-32.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2023.02.010>.

- 2024 Graduate Student Paper Award, *ASA Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section*.
- 2023 Student Paper Award—Published, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Tanya Stivers, Giovanni Rossi, and **Andrew Chalfoun**. 2023. “Ambiguities in Action Ascription.” *Social Forces* 101(3):1552-1579. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soac021>.

Manuscripts Under Review

Giovanni Rossi, Tanya Stivers, and **Andrew Chalfoun**. “When Requests Are Unarticulated: Accountability and Social Action Ascription.” Conditional Acceptance at *Research on Language and Social Interaction*.

Andrew Chalfoun, Giovanni Rossi, and Tanya Stivers. “Incurable Optimism about Getting What We Want: Anticipating Success in Everyday Requests.” Under Review.

Books

Preaching in the Shadows: International Missionaries in the Age of Covert Evangelism
(In progress)

Book Reviews and Other Writing

Andrew Chalfoun. 2024. Review of *Heathen: Religion and Race in American History* by Kathryn Gin Lum. *Reading Religion*. [\[Link\]](#)

Andrew Chalfoun. 2024. Review of *Baptizing Burma: Religious Change in the Last Buddhist Kingdom* by Alexandra Kaloyanides. *Reading Religion*. [\[Link\]](#)

Andrew Chalfoun. 2024. “Jerry Rankin.” *The Mississippi Encyclopedia Online*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fellowships and Grants

2024	Student Research Grant, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> (\$1200)
2022	Lynn E. May Study Grant. <i>Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives</i> (\$500)
2021	Graduate Student Research Mentorship. <i>UCLA</i> (\$6000)
2020	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship. <i>UCLA</i> (\$6000)
2016	Hurford Center Summer Research Fellow, <i>Haverford College</i> (\$4000)

Honors and Awards

- 2024 Graduate Student Paper Award, *ASA Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section*
- 2023 Student Paper Award—Published, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- 2022 Department of Sociology Service Award, *UCLA*
- 2020 Department of Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award, *UCLA*
- 2018 Inducted Phi Beta Kappa, *Haverford College*
- 2018 Graduated Magna Cum Laude, *Haverford College*
- 2017 Hurford Center Undergraduate Fellow, *Haverford College*

Presentations

Invited Talks

- Mar 2024 “Shifting Responsibility onto Coparticipants: Disaffiliative Accounts as an Interactional Practice.” *Language, Interaction, and Social Organization, University of California, Santa Barbara*
- Sep 2019 “(Meta)Physicians: The Religious Foundations of Alternative Medicine” (with Benjamin Kaplow). *Comparative Research Working Group, Yale University*

Conference Presentations

- Nov 2024 “Incurable Optimism about Getting What We Want: Anticipating Success in Everyday Requests” (with Giovanni Rossi and Tanya Stivers). *National Communication Association. New Orleans*
- Nov 2024 Critic for *Revolution and Witchcraft: The Code of Ideology in Unsettled Times* by Gordon C. Chang. *Social Science History Association. Toronto*
- Nov 2024 “Don’t Over-Spiritualize It: Identifying the Relevance of Religion within Institutional Change Processes.” *Social Science History Association. Toronto*
- Oct 2024 “What Do Missionaries Do All Day? Precarious Work in the Age of Covert Evangelism.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh*
- Aug 2024 “Resisting the Innovator but Embracing the Innovation: Organizational Battles for Control over Novel Institutions.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Roundtable. Montreal*
- Aug 2024 “Is the Mission Field a Liberalizing Work Environment” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. Montreal*
- Nov 2023 “Blinded by the Light: How Movement Success Leaves Targeted Organizations Vulnerable to Unexpected Failures.” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC*

- Aug 2023 “Who Will Represent Us? Disentangling the Sources of Disloyalty among Southern Baptist Conservatives, 1979–1993.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. Philadelphia*
- Aug 2023 “The Magic Word? Oh Please: The Interactional Functions of Please in Requests” (with Giovanni Rossi and Tanya Stivers). *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia*
- July 2023 “Shifting Responsibility onto Coparticipants: Disaffiliative Accounts as an Interactional Practice.” *International Conference on Conversation Analysis. Brisbane, Australia*
- Nov 2022 “Biblical Authority in Interaction: The Case of an Evangelical Call-In Radio Show.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore*
- Aug 2022 “God’s Time: Temporality in the Organization of Calls to Missions in the Southern Baptist Convention.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Roundtable. Los Angeles, California*
- Aug 2021 “Ambiguities in Action Ascription” (with Tanya Stivers and Giovanni Rossi). *American Sociological Association. Online*
- Nov 2019 “(Meta)Physicians: The Religious Foundations of Alternative Medicine” (with Benjamin Kaplow). *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago*
- Feb 2019 “The Birth of the Clone: The Development of Gay Masculinity in the United States, 1900-1980.” *Hawaii Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Honolulu*

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

- 2021 **Talk and Social Institutions** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Steven Clayman. *UCLA*
- 2021 **Sociology of Violence** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Aliza Luft. *UCLA*
- 2021 **Social Change** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Rebecca Emigh. *UCLA*
- 2020 **Economy and Society** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Gabriel Rossman. *UCLA*
- 2020 **Medical Sociology** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Stefan Timmermans. *UCLA*

- 2020 **Collective Behavior** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Michael Calderón-Zaks. *UCLA*
- 2019 **Sociology of Gender** (3 discussion sections)
Instructor: Abigail Saguy. *UCLA*
- 2017 **Foundations in Social Theory** (1 discussion section)
Instructor: Mark Gould. *Haverford College*

Reader

- 2021 **Sociology of Family**
Instructor: MJ Hill. *UCLA*
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Instructor: MJ Hill. *UCLA*

Research Experience

- 2021-2024 Graduate Student Researcher, Sociology Department, *UCLA*
Research Supervisors: Tanya Stivers and Giovanni Rossi.
- 2024 Graduate Student Researcher, Sociology Department, *UCLA*
Research Supervisor: Stefan Timmermans.
- 2019 Graduate Student Researcher, Sociology Department, *UCLA*
Research Supervisor: Stefan Timmermans.
- 2017 Student Research Assistant, Sociology Department, *Haverford College*
Research Supervisor: Mark Gould.

Service

- 2022-2024 Information Officer, *ASA Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section*
- 2022-2023 Editorial Board Member. *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*
- 2021-2022 Student Coordinator, Conversation Analysis Working Group,
Sociology Department, *UCLA*
- 2020-2021 Sociology Representative, Social Sciences Council, *UCLA*
- 2020-2021 Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, *UCLA*
- 2016 Student Representative, Sociology Faculty Search Committee,
Haverford College
- 2015 Co-head, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, *Haverford College*

Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology; Journal of Communication; Review of Religious Research*

Media Appearances

Commentary or coverage of my research has appeared in Reader's Digest; Yahoo Life; New York Post; Daily Mail; La Dépêche du Midi; RTBF; CJOB; "A Little More Conversation with Ben O'Hara-Byrne" (Corus Radio); "Connect with Sarah Crosbie" (QR Calgary); Focus (Φokyce); Midi Libre; Phys.org; PerthNow; Malay Mail; and Deutschlandfunk Nova.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

American Sociological Association (*Sections:* Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis; Organizations Occupations, and Work; Political Sociology; Social Psychology; Sociology of Religion)

Association for the Sociology of Religion

National Communication Association (*Divisions:* Communication and Social Cognition; Language and Social Interaction; Organizational Communication; Political Communication; Spiritual Communication)

Social Science History Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Institutional Affiliations

Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture (CLIC), *UCLA*