

Resources & Updates: Spring/Summer 2021

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COVID-19, Religion, and Public Health

- May 2021 Webinar: [The role & impact of faith actors in global and national advocacy for vaccine equity and access](#)
- May 2021: ["If a rabbi did say 'you have to vaccinate,' we wouldn't": unveiling the secular logics of religious exemption and opposition to vaccination](#) (Kasstan), *Social Science & Medicine*
- May 2021: [Faith-based Approaches Can Overturn Vaccine Hesitancy](#) (Hornbeck)
- March 2021: [Faith leaders' year of pandemic: grief, solace, resilience](#) (Henao, Crary, and Fam)
- March 2021 Webinar: [Vaccines, the Role of Faith Groups, and How to Stay Safe](#)
- March 2021 Podcast: [Religion in the Time of Pandemic](#)
- March 2021 Webinar: [Partnerships in Religion and Public Health: Lessons Learned for the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- March 2021: [Combating Contagion and Injustice: The Shared Work for Public Health and Faith Communities During COVID-19](#) (Williams, Miller, and Nussbaum), *Journal of Religion and Health*
- January 2021: [Churches in predominantly Black communities can play a key role in vaccinating against COVID-19](#) (MacDonald)
- January 2021: [More Americans Than People in Other Advanced Economies Say COVID-19 Has Strengthened Religious Faith](#) (Pew Research Center)
- January 2021: [Taking the Cloth: How Religious Appeals Increase Compliance with COVID-19 Prevention Measures](#) (Adida et al.), *SocArXiv Papers*

New Research & Materials

- May 2021: [Religious Service Attendance and Implications for Clinical Care, Community Participation and Public Health](#) (VanderWeele, Balboni, and Koh), *American Journal of Epidemiology*
- May 2021: [Religion, Aging, and Public Health](#) (Levin and Idler), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Global Public Health*
- April 2021: [Measuring Well-Being: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the Social Sciences and the Humanities](#) (Lee, Kubzansky, and VanderWeele), *Oxford University Press*
- April 2021: [Religion and the World Health Organization: an evolving relationship](#) (Winiger and Peng-Keller), *BMJ Global Health*
- February 2021: [Training to Conduct Research on Religion, Spirituality and Health: A Commentary](#) (Koenig, Hamilton, and Doolittle), *Journal of Religion and Health*
- February 2021: [\[CHAPTER\] Religion, Spirituality, Belief Systems and Suicide](#) (Teo, Duchonova, Kariman, and Ng), *Suicide by Self-Immolation*
- February 2021: [The Study on Stress, Spirituality, and Health \(SSSH\): Psychometric Evaluation and Initial Validation of the SSSH Baseline Spirituality Survey](#) (Warner et al.), *Religions*
- January 2021: [Religious Beliefs About Health and the Body and their Association with Subjective Health](#) (Walters and Benjamins), *Journal of Religion and Health*
- December 2020: [Religion and Spirituality among American Indian, South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latina, and White Women in the](#)

[Study on Stress, Spirituality, and Health](#)
(Kent et al.), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Articles, Commentaries, Interviews, Webinars

- [TheoEd Talks](#) from Emory University (ongoing)
- [Emory Spiritual Health Youtube Playlist](#) (ongoing)
- [Duke University Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health Seminars](#) (ongoing)
- [Religion, Spirituality and Health Scientific Interest Group: Development of an Instrument to Assess Psychosocial Spiritual Healing – The NIH HEALS](#), Recorded Webinar from May 18, 2021
- [Religion and Mental Health: Is the Relationship Causal?](#), Recorded Seminar from April 27, 2021
- [Sacred Work: Science, Religion and Human Health with Ellen Idler and Rev. Emmanuel Lartey](#), Recorded Webinar from March 31, 2021
- [Religion, Spirituality and Health Scientific Interest Group: Harmonizing the Spiritual and Scientific Worldviews](#), Recorded Webinar from February 9, 2021
- [The International Association for Spiritual Care Seminar Series “What Is Spiritual Care from the Perspectives of Our Different Professions?”](#) (Includes seminars on Medicine, Public Health, Psychology, Nursing, and Pastoral Care), Recorded Seminar Series (Jan 5 to Feb 2, 2021)
- [Decolonizing Global Health Series | “The Role of Religion & Culture in Shaping Global Health”](#), Recorded Webinar from January 19, 2021
- [Bridging the Gap Between Science and Faith](#), Recorded Webinar from December 14, 2020

Upcoming Conferences & Conference Minutes

- UPCOMING: International Research Network for the Study of Science & Belief in Society (INSBS 2021 conference): STEM and Belief in Diverse Contexts: Publics, Praxis, Policy and Pluralism; Online conference 7-9 July 2021 (FREE REGISTRATION): <https://scienceandbeliefinsociety.org/2021/05/24/open-for-registration-insbs-conference/>
- UPCOMING COURSE: Duke University Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health’s 17th Annual Course on Religion, Spirituality and Health, August 9-13, 2021: <https://spiritualityandhealth.duke.edu/index.php/5-day-summer-research-course>
 - Partial Tuition Reduction Scholarship Application – [Link](#)
 - Full Tuition Reduction Scholarship Application for those in developing countries – [Link](#)
- UPCOMING: Health Ministries Association National Conference: One Voice, One Vision: Wisdom for Healthier Communities; The 2021 HMA National Conference will be held virtually over 3 weeks in October, with a session offered 2 days each week, Tuesday/Thursday: October 5 & 7, 12 & 14, 19 & 21, 2021). Further details at: <https://hmassoc.org/news-events/upcoming-conference/>
- PAST: Spirituality in Research, Professional Practice, and Education – The Sixth International Conference of the International Network for the Study of Spirituality, June 7-8, 2021: <https://spiritualitystudiesnetwork.org/Conference-2021/>
- PAST: Caucus on Public Health & Faith Community (CPHFC) and APHA’s Virtual Networking and Fellowship Event – Faith & Public Health: Allies & Partners in Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, March 14, 2021: <https://www.rphcemory.org/event/faith-public-health-allies-partners-in-disease-prevention-and-health-promotion/>