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EDUCATION

2022-present	Ph.D., Sociology, Rice University (Expected May 2028) Dissertation: "Religion, Medicine, and Health Decision-Making among Ghanaian Immigrants in Houston." Advisors: Elaine Howard Ecklund and Christina J. Diaz
2022-2024	M.A., Sociology, Rice University, December, 2024
2019-2021	M.A., Applied Sociology, Northern Arizona University, April, 2021
2014-2018	B.A., Social Sciences (Sociology and Geography), University of Cape Coast, Ghana, May, 2018

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Religion| Immigration| Health| Culture| Family| Sociology of Science

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2026 **Biney, M**. 2026. "Making Medicine Sacred, Making Religion Healthy: Navigating Medical Pluralism among Christian African Immigrants in the United States." *Social Science & Medicine*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2026.119982.

2026 **Biney, Moses**, Zikang Hou, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2026. "Religious Representation in Science: How Scientists in the United States, Mexico, and South Africa Respond." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.70068

2025 Kerby Goff, Moses Biney, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Denise Daniels, How Workplace Support of Religion and Spirituality Buffered Burnout During the COVID-19 Pandemic, *Sociology of Religion*, Volume 87, Issue 4, Autumn 2026, Pages 497–525, https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/sraf025

Scholarly Manuscripts Under Review And in Progress

Christina J Diaz, Jingwen Liu, Jennifer Bratter, & **Moses Biney** "Loving Institutions? How the U.S. military, schools, and prisons shape intermarriage patterns" *(*In Progress)

Kalinowski, Brenton, **Moses Biney**, & Elaine Howard Ecklund "Religious and Social Perspectives and Support for Human Reproductive Genetic Technologies" (Under Review at Public Understanding of Science)

Book Reviews

2026 **Biney, M.** 2026. Religious Plurality in Africa: Coexistence, Conviviality, Conflict. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.* https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.70110

2025 **Biney, Moses.** 2025. Black Visions of the Holy Land: African American Christian Engagement with Israel and Palestine, by Roger Baumann. *Reading Religion* (American Academy of Religion). [Online] https://readingreligion.org/9780231198455/black-visions-of-the-holy-land/

2023 Kalinowski, Brenton, **Moses Biney**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2023. The Routledge Handbook of Religious Literacy, Pluralism, and Global Engagement. *Review of Religious Research*, *65*(2), 289-290

Other Publications

2019 Bowie, James I., Natalie D. Cawood, and **Moses Biney**. 2019. *Native Americans for Community Action, Inc. Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Program: Year Five Semi-Annual Evaluation Report (April 1–September 30, 2019)*. Northern Arizona University, Laboratory for Applied Social Research. Prepared for Native Americans for Community Action (NACA), funded by SAMHSA (Garrett Lee Smith State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026 Graduate Scholar, Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University ($38,000)

2026 Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, Religious Research Association ($2,223)

2026 June Veritas Graduate Conference, Selected Participant, University of Notre Dame, 29–July 2, 2026.

2026 ACLS Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future, American Council of Learned Societies, with Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY. Selected as one of 10 fellows nationally to conduct applied research at the intersection of religion and health ($15,400)

2025 American Sociological Association-Religion Section Student Travel Grant ($200)

2025 Population Association of America Annual Conference Best Poster Award

2023 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Travel Award ($850)

2023 Social Sciences Research Institute Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Rice University ($1,000)

2017 Certificate of Excellence – Dean's Award Ceremony of the Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Legal Studies, University of Cape Coast. (2016/2017 Academic Year)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations, Guest Lectures, and Panels

2026 Moderator. Panel on "Cities and States: Threats to and Possibilities of Active Religious Pluralism" *Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance Spring Convening*, Rice University, Houston, TX

2026 "Family and Religious Life." Sociology of the Family, Rice University

2025 "Fertility and Childbearing." Sociology of the Family, Rice University

2025 "Family and Religious Life." Sociology of the Family, Rice University

2024 "Emotions and Social Structure." Introduction to Sociology, Rice University

2024 Moderator. Panel on "Religious Pluralism Across States and Institutions in Europe and the UK," *Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance Spring Convening*, Rice University, Houston, TX

Selected Conference Presentations

2026 **Moses Biney**. "Religion, Medicine, and Health Decision-Making among Ghanaian Immigrants in the United States." *American Academy of Religion*. Denver, CO.

2026 **Moses Biney**. "God Heals Through Doctors: How African Immigrants Interpret the Connection Between Religion and Health." *American Sociological Association*. New York City, NY.

2025 **Moses Biney**, Zikang Hou, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Religious Representation in Science: How Scientists in the U.S., Mexico, and South Africa Respond." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.

2025 Christina J. Diaz, Jingwen Liu, Jennifer Bratter, and **Moses Biney.** "Loving Institutions? How the U.S. military, schools, and prisons shape intermarriage patterns." *Population Association of America*, Washington, DC.

2023 Kerby Goff, **Moses Biney**, Denise Daniels, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "How Workplace Support of Religious Faith Buffered Burnout during the Height of the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion,* Salt Lake City, UT.

2023 Christina J. Diaz and **Moses Biney**. "Consuming Ethnicity: How Asian and Hispanic Populations Influence Local Tastes." *Population Association of America*, New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING

Rice University, Department of Sociology
Teaching Assistant
Spring 2025 SOCI 334: Sociology of the Family
Spring 2024 SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology

Northern Arizona University, Department of Sociology
Teaching Assistant
Fall 2020 SOCI 215: Race and Ethnic Relations
Spring 2020 SOCI 215: Race and Ethnic Relations

University of Cape Coast, Ghana, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Teaching Assistant
August-December 2018: SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
January-May 2019: SOC 313: Social Stratification, Class and Conflict
January-May 2019: SOC 413: Industrial Sociology

RESEARCH

2026-Present **Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance**
Graduate Scholar
Revitalizing Interfaith Leadership in Houston and Beyond.

2023-2026 **Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance**
Graduate Researcher

2025-2026 Revitalizing Interfaith Leadership in Houston and Beyond.
2024 Science, Diversity, and Religion in the National Context

2022-2026 **Department of Sociology, Rice University**
Graduate Research Assistant

2022-2026 **Religion and Public Life Center, Rice University**
Graduate Scholar

APPLIED RESEARCH

2026 **Norton Healthcare Faith & Health Ministries, Louisville, KY**
ACLS Graduate Intern (completed July 31, 2026). Built a ZIP code–level map of partner congregations against community health data; developed an activity-tracking tool, partner surveys, and pre- and post-program assessments; evaluated a health education program; presented findings to the Norton Faith & Health Committee.

CONSULTING

2026 **Institute for Spirituality and Health, Houston, TX**
Survey Design Consultant, Faith Health Community Survey. Invited to recommend survey questions for a planned study of faith communities and health.

RECOGNITION AND INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE

2026 **American Council of Learned Societies**
"Religious Studies PhD Students Explore and Share Ways Their Doctoral Training Can Help Community Initiatives," August 2026. Feature on the 2026 Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future cohort. https://www.acls.org/news/religious-studies-phd-students-explore-and-share-ways-their-doctoral-training-can-help-community-initiatives/

2026 **Boniuk Institute, Rice University**
"Institute Announcements 8.4.26," August 4, 2026. Announcement of 2026–2027 Boniuk Institute Graduate Scholar appointment and 2026 Constant H. Jacquet Research Award. https://boniuk.rice.edu/institute-announcements-8426

2026 **Rice News, Rice University**
"New Research Shows the Hidden Challenges Facing Religious Scientists," June 29, 2026. Coverage of Biney, Hou, and Ecklund (2026), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
https://news.rice.edu/news/2026/new-research-shows-hidden-challenges-facing-religious-scientists

2026 **Boniuk Institute, Rice University**
"Salon Scholar Receives National Graduate Internship," April 30, 2026. Announcement of selection as one of ten inaugural recipients of the ACLS Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future.
https://boniuk.rice.edu/salon-scholar-receives-national-graduate-internship

2026 **American Council of Learned Societies**
"ACLS Announces 2026 Awardees of the Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future Program," April 24, 2026. Names Biney among ten national awardees, placed with Norton Healthcare.
https://www.acls.org/news/acls-announces-2026-awardees-of-the-graduate-internships-on-the-spiritual-infrastructure-of-the-future-program/

SERVICE

Discipline

2026 Presider, Table 7, Clergy and Congregations, Sociology of Religion Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.

Ad hoc Reviewer:

- Journal of Religion and Health
- Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith
- Sociology of Religion
- Review of Religious Research

University

2023-2024 Founding President, Rice African Graduate Students Association

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion

- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- Religious Research Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion