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EMPLOYMENT

2021— Assistant Professor (UD1), Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam
2017—2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam
2015—2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Rice University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

M.Sc. in Global Media and Communications, *with Merit*, London School of Economics and Political Science

M.A. in Global Media and Communications, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California

B.S. in Broadcast Journalism, *Summa Cum Laude*, College of Communication, Boston University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Community and urban sociology, ethnography, poverty & inequality, religion, gender, family, mental health, death/dying, qualitative methods

BOOKS

Prickett, Pamela J., and Stefan Timmermans. *The Unclaimed*. Under Contract (Crown).

Prickett, Pamela J. 2021. *Believing in South Central: Everyday Islam in the City of Angels*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Reviewed in [Social Forces](#), [Sociology of Religion](#), [Reading Religion](#), and *Booklist*
Featured in [New Books Network](#)

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

Stefan Timmermans and **Pamela J. Prickett**. Forthcoming. "Who Counts as Family? How Standards Stratify Lives." *American Sociological Review*

Prickett, Pamela J. and Stefan Timmermans. 2022. "If No One Grieves, No One Will Remember": Religion and the Mourning of Abandoned Babies." *British Journal of Sociology*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12934>.

Dan Bolger* and **Pamela J. Prickett**. 2021. "Where Would You Go? Race, Religion, and the Limits of Pastor Mental Health Care in Black and Latino Congregations." *Religions* 12(12): 1062, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12121062>.

Coverage in [BET](#), [Religion News Service](#), and [Houston Public Media](#)

Timmermans, Stefan, and **Pamela J. Prickett**. 2021. "The Social Autopsy." *Sociological Methods and Research*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/004912412111036163>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2021. "When the Road is Covered in Nails: Making Sense of Madness in an Urban Mosque." *Social Problems* 68(1): 136–151. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spz057>

Sohn, Heeju, Stefan Timmermans, and **Pamela J. Prickett**. 2020. "Loneliness in Life and in Death? Social and Demographic Patterns of Unclaimed Deaths." *PloS one* 15(9): e0238348. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238348>

Coverage in [Washington Post](#)

Mirto, Giorgia, Simon Robins, Karina Horsti, **Pamela J. Prickett**, Deborah Ruiz Verduzco, and Victor Toom. 2020. "Chapter 5, Mourning missing migrants: Ambiguous loss and the grief of strangers" in *Border Deaths: Causes, Dynamics and Consequences of Migration-related Mortality*. Paolo Cuttitta and Tamara Last (eds). Amsterdam University Press.

Prickett, Pamela J. 2019. "Changing Constructions of Religious Visibility: The Case of an African American Muslim Community in South Central LA." *Social Compass* 66(1): 49-61. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0037768618813765>

Timmermans, Stefan and **Pamela J. Prickett**. 2019. "Becoming the City: Teaching Urban Ethnography and Mentoring Urban Ethnographers." *Research in Urban Sociology* (Special Issue, *Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges*) 16: 69-87.

Cleve Tinsley IV*, **Pamela J. Prickett**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2018. "How African American Protestants Frame Science." *Du Bois Review* 15(2): 533-546. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742058X18000309>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2018. "Complexity Beyond Intersections: Race, Class, and Neighborhood Disadvantage among African American Muslims." *Social Inclusion* 6(2), 98-106. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17645/si.v6i2.1416>

Vaidyanathan, Brandon, David R. Johnson, **Pamela J. Prickett**, Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2016. "Rejecting the Conflict Narrative: American Jewish and Muslim Views on Science and Religion." *Social Compass* 63(4): 478–496. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0037768616664473>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2015. "Negotiating Gendered Religious Space: The Particularities of Patriarchy in an African American Mosque." *Gender & Society* 29(1): 51-72. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243214546934>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2014. "Contextualizing from Within: Perceptions of Physical Disorder in a South Central L.A. African American Mosque." *City & Community* 13 (3): 214-232.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12078>

ASA Community and Urban Sociology Best Graduate Student Paper Award

*Indicates graduate student at time of publication

BOOK REVIEWS

Prickett, Pamela J. 2021. Review of *Wearing the Niqab: Muslim Women in the UK and the US*, by Anna Piela in *Sociology of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srab047>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2021. Review of *Muslim American City: Gender and Religion in Metro Detroit* by Elissa Perkins in *Social Forces*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soab043>

Prickett, Pamela J. 2018. Review of *Who Owns the Dead? The Science and Politics of Death at Ground Zero* by Jay D. Aronson in *Contemporary Sociology* 47(1): 40-42.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306117744805a>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"No Olvidados: Unclaimable Bodies of the US-Mexico Border." Invited essay for SSRC's *The Immanent Frame* (<https://tif.ssrc.org/category/exchanges/ecologies-of-dead-living/>). With Stefan Timmermans.

"Today is L.A. County's crucial annual memorial for the living and the dead." Op-ed in *Los Angeles Times* (<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-timmermansandprickett-county-burials-20181205-story.html>). With Stefan Timmermans.

Cited in *The New York Times* <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/07/us/los-angeles-dead-homeless.html>

"The State of Sociology." Invited editorial in *Times of Higher Education* special feature on sociology (<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/cn/features/group-think-scholars-assess-state-sociology>)

"Faith communities should lead on path to hospitality." Op-ed in *San Antonio Express News* (<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Faith-communities-should-lead-on-path-to-11306213.php>). With Elaine Howard Ecklund, Hayley Hemstreet, and Cleve V. Tinsley IV.

"Study people, not numbers, for truth post Trump's election." Op-ed in *Times Higher Education* (<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/comment/study-people-not-numbers-truth-post-trumps-election>). With Elaine Howard Ecklund.

"Is Islam an Innately Patriarchal Religion?" Invited blog entry for *Gender & Society* (<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2015/02/02/is-islam-an-innately-patriarchal-religion/>).

MAJOR GRANTS

Henry Luce Foundation, \$550,000 USD, "Turning the Tables on Gender and Religion," Public Theology division, Co-PI: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Rice University), 2019-2023

Co-host [Religion Unmuted](#) podcast

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND SMALL GRANTS

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Jack Shand International Travel Grant, 2021

Department of Sociology NWO Aspasia diversity grant, 2019-2020

Ralph A. Gallagher International Scholar Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2019

Social Science Research Institute Mini-Grant, Rice University, 2017

Boniuk Institute Small Grant, Rice University, 2016

Social Science Research Institute Mini-Grant, Rice University, 2016

Best Graduate Student Paper, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2015

Excellence in Teaching Award, Sociology, UCLA, 2015

Excellence in Teaching Fellow, Sociology, UCLA, 2014

Dean's Dissertation Launchpad Invited Speaker, UCLA, 2014

Dorothy L. Meier Fellowship, Sociology, UCLA, 2013

Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Prize Award, Sociology, UCLA, 2013

Graduate Fellowship, Sociology, UCLA, 2013

Collegium of University Teaching Fellowship (CUTF), UCLA, 2013

Graduate Fellowship, Sociology, UCLA, 2011

Graduate Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA, 2010

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA, 2010

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA, 2008

Graduate Fellowship, Sociology, UCLA, 2007

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate-level

Urban Ethnography
Working with Fieldwork Data
Qualitative Data Analysis
Quality and Ethics in Social Science Research

Undergraduate-level

Urban Places and Social Problems
Urban Sociology
Production of Poverty Knowledge
Sociology of Gender

RECENT SELECTED TALKS

“Living in a Stratified Ummah,” UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Minoritization in Middle Eastern Geopolitics: Histories and Theoretical Approaches Mellon Conference, January 2022

“‘If No One Grieves, No One Will Remember’: Religion and the Mourning of Abandoned Babies,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2021

“Idealists about Islam, Pragmatists about Gender,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Religion section, August 2020

“Idealists about Islam, Pragmatists about Gender: Marriage and Sisterhood in an African American Muslim Community,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 2019

“Managing Madness at the Mosque: Informal Social Control in an Urban Community,” Urban Risk and Religion Symposium, University of Amsterdam, November 2017

“Durable Inequality in American Islam,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Invited panelist, “Muslim Americans: Social Inequality and Structured Integration” thematic Session, August 2017

“Houston Congregations Engaged: Efforts to End Local Poverty,” Invited panelist, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University, February 2017

“Believing in South Central: Everyday Islam in an Inner City,” Department of Sociology colloquium, Stanford University, January 2017

“Islam and Public Life,” Moderator, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University, September 2016

“The Role of Congregations in Community Mental Health Care,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, March 2016

“Constructing Ethnic Boundaries within American Islam,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Convention, Gender and Islam panel, October 2015

“Constructing Ethnic Boundaries within American Islam,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Invited panelist, Thematic Session: “Religion and Race in America” (co-sponsored with the Association for the Sociology of Religion), August 2015

MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Community and Urban Sociology Section
Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section
Sociology of Culture Section
Sociology of Religion Section

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
Association for Sociology of Religion (ASR)