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**Education**

A.S. 1981, Oakwood College, Huntsville Alabama (Nursing)  
B.A. 1987, University of Washington (Sociology)  
M.A. 1990, University of Washington (Sociology)  
Ph.D. 1994, University of Washington (Sociology)

**Positions Held**

1987-94	Teaching/Research Assistant, University of Washington
1994-95	Lecturer Part Time, Liberal Studies Program, University of Washington Bothell Campus
1995-98	Acting Assistant Professor, Department of American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington
1998-2002	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
2002-present	Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

**Areas of Research Interest**

Comparative race and ethnic relations, stereotyping, ethnic and nationalist movements, ethnic identity, sociology of tourism, religion, integrating sociology with spirituality

**Areas of Teaching Interest**

Comparative race and ethnic relations, education, stratification, qualitative methods, sociology of religion, sociology of tourism

## **Grants, Honors and Awards**

- 2015        *The Sacred Gaze*, third place winner in “Prayer and Spirituality” category for Association of Catholic Publishers’ “2015 Excellence in Publishing” award.
- 2012        *God in the Dark*, second place winner in “Prayer and Spirituality” category for Assn of Catholic Publishers’ “2012 Excellence in Publishing” award.
- 2011        *God in the Dark*, *Library Journal* Best Books 2011, category “Spiritual Living” (one of seven)
- 1998        Boeing Endowment for Excellence, sponsored participation in Council’s International Faculty Development Seminar, South Africa, \$1,700.
- 1996        Research travel grant, College of Arts and Sciences, UW, \$5,000.
- 1993        Recognition of Leadership in Teacher Training, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 1993        Western Europe Dissertation Travel Grant. Funded by The Graduate School, University of Washington, \$3,500.
- 1991        Travel grant to attend Third National TA Training Conference, Austin, Texas. Funded by the Graduate School, University of Washington, \$650.
- 1990        "Family Income Study Graduate Summer Research Fellowship." Funded by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, \$3,000.

## **Departmental Service**

- 1998-99     Colloquium Committee, Awards Committee
- 1999-2000   Strategic Planning Committee
- 2000-2001   Graduate Program Committee
- 2001-2002   Undergraduate Program Committee
- 2002-2003   Graduate Program Committee
- 2003-2004   Undergraduate Program Committee (chair)
- 2004-2005   Colloquium Committee
- 2005-2006   Graduate Program Committee
- 2006-2010   Undergraduate Program Committee
- 2010-2011   Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2011-2013   Undergraduate Program Committee
- 2011-2012   Department Website Review Committee
- 2013-2017   Undergraduate Program Committee

2017-2019 Diversity Committee

## **Extra-Departmental Service**

Autumn 2016-Winter 2017 Served on committee training to facilitate ongoing discussions on race, Epiphany Parish, Seattle

## **Courses Taught**

Introduction to Sociology  
Seminar on Teaching Sociology  
African American History  
History of Education in the United States  
Ethnic Images and Image-making  
Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations  
Race and the American University  
The Political Economy of Race in the United States  
Race and Ethnicity in the United States  
Seminar on Race and Ethnicity in the United States  
Comparative Social Problems  
Seminar on Fieldwork/Qualitative Methods  
Zimbabwe/South Africa Prep Seminar and Study Abroad Program: “Sustainable Development”  
Belfast Prep Seminar and Study Abroad Program: “Conflict and Conflict Resolution”  
Independent study (12 students) on contemporary slavery (WTR 2010)  
Rome Prep Seminar and Study Abroad Program: “Christianity in Rome: Church vs. Empire, Church *as* Empire”  
Public Schooling in America

## **ACADEMIC WORK**

### **Books**

Pitchford, S, *The Sacred Gaze: Contemplation and the Healing of the Self*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, April 2014.

Pitchford, S.R., *Identity Tourism: Imaging and Imagining the Nation*, Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2008. Vol. 10 in TSSSeries (Tourism Social Science Series).

### **Papers**

Pitchford, S.R., “Identity Tourism: A Medium for Native American Stories,” *Tourism, Culture and Communication*, Vol. 6, 2006.

Pitchford, S., C. Bader and R. Stark, “Doing Field Studies of Religious Movements: An Agenda,” *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 40, No. 3, 2001, pp.379-392.

Pitchford, S.R., "Image-making Movements: Welsh Nationalism and Stereotype Transformation," *Sociological Perspectives* Vol. 44, No. 1, 2001, pp.45-66.

Pitchford, S.R., "Tourism and Cultural Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities," in *Sustainable Social Development: Critical Challenges in the New Millennium*, CDROM collection of the proceedings of the Symposium on Sustainable Social Development held in Potchefstroom, South Africa, February 2000.

Pitchford, S.R. 2000. "Race," *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, (Borgatta and Borgatta, eds.). New York: Macmillan Publishing Co. Revision and expansion of entry in the first edition, 1992.

Crutchfield, R.D., and S.R. Pitchford, "Work and Crime: The Effects of Labor Stratification," *Social Forces*, Vol.76, No. 1, 1997, pp.93-118.

Pitchford, S.R., "Ethnic Tourism and Nationalism in Wales," *Annals of Tourism Research*, Vol. 22, No. 1, 1995, pp. 35-52.

Crutchfield, R.D., G.S. Bridges and S.R. Pitchford, "Analytical and Aggregation Biases in Analyses of Imprisonment: Reconciling Discrepancies in Studies of Racial Disparity," *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, Vol. 31, No. 2, May 1994, pp. 166-82.

Burstein, P., and S.R. Pitchford, "Social-Scientific and Legal Challenges to Education and Test Requirements in Employment," *Social Problems*, Vol. 37, No. 2, May 1990, pp. 243-57.

### **Papers Delivered**

Pitchford, S.R., "Ethnic Image-making: A Comparative Analysis of African American and Welsh Stereotypes," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., 2000.

Pitchford, S.R., "Tourism and Cultural Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities," presented at the Conference on Sustainable Social Development, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 2000.

Pitchford, S.R., "Sambo, Mammy, and Their Kin: The Evolution of African American Images," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 1998.

Crutchfield, R.D., M. Rankin and S.R. Pitchford, "Labor Markets, Jobs, and Juvenile Delinquency," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 1998.

Pitchford, S.R., "Ethnic Images: The Making and Unmaking of Stereotypes," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, 1996.

Crutchfield, R.D., M. Rankin and S.R. Pitchford, "Inheriting Stakes in Conformity: Effects of Parents' Labor Market Experience on Juvenile Violence," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Phoenix, 1993.

Pitchford, S.R., "The Color of Money: Ethnic Tourism and Ethnic Currency," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, 1992.

Pitchford, S.R., "TA Training in the Sociology Department at the University of Washington," panel presentation at the Third National TA Training Conference, Austin, Texas, 1991.

Pitchford, S.R., "Power and Efficiency in Cases Challenging the Use of Education and Testing Requirements in Employment," presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Spokane, Washington, 1990.

Crutchfield, R.D. and S.R. Pitchford, "Occupation, Lifestyle, and Criminal Behavior," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Reno, Nevada, 1989.

Pitchford, S.R. and R.D. Crutchfield, "Ethnic Population Change and Nineteenth Century Imprisonment," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 1989.

Burstein, P., and S.R. Pitchford, "Social-Scientific and Legal Challenges to Education and Test Requirements in Employment," presented at the Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association, Madison, Wisconsin, 1989.

Crutchfield, R.D., G.S. Bridges, and S.R. Pitchford, "Aggregation Biases in the Study of Imprisonment: Toward an Understanding of Racial Disparities," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 1988.

### **Government Reports**

Pitchford, S.R., "Determinants of AFDC Use for Women in Washington State and the U.S.," The Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 1990.

### **Work in Progress**

Pitchford, S.R. *Sotheology: A Faith-Based Look at Contemporary Social Problems* (working title). Building on the approach taken in *The Sacred Gaze*, this is a book-length analysis that integrates literatures from sociology and theology to create and model a hybrid perspective on globalization, racism, and modern slavery.

### **Manuscript Review**

*Annals of Tourism Research*  
*American Journal of Sociology*  
*Sociological Quarterly*  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*Journal of Family Issues*  
*Tourism, Culture and Communication*  
*Tourism Analysis*  
*Sociological Forum*  
*International Journal of Conflict and Violence*

## **NONACADEMIC WORK**

### **Books**

Pitchford, S, *God in the Dark: Suffering and Desire in the Spiritual Life*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, March 2011.

Pitchford, S, *Following Francis: The Franciscan Way for Everyone*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse, May 2006.

### **Articles**

Regular "Reflection" contributor to *Give Us This Day*, a monthly Catholic periodical published by Liturgical Press (first issue: August 2011).

Pitchford, S.R., "Prayer for Guidance: Basil of Caesarea," a special article commissioned for *Give Us This Day*, January 2019 issue.

Pitchford, S.R., "Canticle of the Creatures," a special article commissioned for *Give Us This Day*, October 2014 issue.

Pitchford, S.R., "Harnessing the Beast," review of *A Postcard Home*, by Robert Minhinnick, *Planet: The Welsh Internationalist*, No. 107, October/November 1994, pp. 95-96.

Pitchford, S.R., "The Tourist Trap: Turning Tourism to Our Advantage," *Planet: The Welsh Internationalist*, No. 104, April/May 1994, pp. 3-7.

Pitchford, S.R., "Women v. Men," review of *Gender Divisions and Social Change*, by Nickie Charles, *Planet: The Welsh Internationalist*, No. 103, February/March 1994, pp.89-90.

## **Work In Progress**

Pitchford, S.R. *Holy Poverty* (working title). This book will build on both *God in the Dark* and *The Sacred Gaze* to further explore the spiritual implications of suffering.

## **Presentations**

### Upcoming:

October 2020 Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, series of three adult forums on Franciscan spirituality

July 2021 Provincial Convocation, Province of Asia-Pacific, of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, Perth, Australia: Keynote speaker

July 2021 Retreat on Franciscan Spirituality, Shalom Spirituality Center, Dubuque IA (postponed from July 2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions)

### Past:

October-November Church of the Epiphany, Seattle: “Seven Women Mystics,” a seven week adult forum co-led with Robin Mondares

August 13, 2019 Dubuque Theological Seminary: 2019 John P. Woods Distinguished Lectureship in Religion and Culture, Dubuque, IA

December 16, 2018 Church of the Epiphany, Seattle: adult forum on St. Catherine of Genoa

July-August, 2018 Church of the Epiphany, Seattle: “Seven Women Mystics,” a six week adult forum co-led with Robin Mondares

August 11, 2018 TSSF Western Regional Convocation: workshop “Poverty Is Good News”

April 28, 2018 All day (four session) retreat at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI

February 19, 2017 Church of the Epiphany, Seattle: adult forum “Having a Rule of Life”

November 20, 2016 Church of the Epiphany, Seattle: adult forum on *The Sacred Gaze*

October 20, 2016 Founder’s Day Address, Alvernia University, Reading, PA

October 22, 2016 All day workshop on *The Sacred Gaze*, Christ Church, Reading, PA

February –March, 2016 Five week Lenten series on the sociology and theology of community,

St. Augustine-in-the-Woods Church, Freeland, WA

8/23-25/15 Keynote speaker for Annual Clergy Retreat, Diocese of Hawai'i

10/16-18/15 Featured speaker for Visiting Theologian Program, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Salem, Oregon

11/16 & 23/14 St Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, WA: Two adult forum sessions on *The Sacred Gaze*

11/13 Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: "Memento Mori: Preparing for a Good Death"

10/5-7/12 Keynote speaker for Third Order, Society of St Francis (TSSF), New Zealand Province Provincial Convocation, Wellington

7/1 & 15/12 (With Edie Burkhalter) Two part adult forum "On Spiritual Darkness"

3/11/12 St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: "Audio/Visio Divina"

2/26/12 St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: "God in the Dark"

2/12/12 Trinity Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: "God in the Dark, Part II"

2/5/12 Trinity Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: "God in the Dark, Part I"

1/28/12 St Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, WA: "God in the Dark"

11/13/11 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Mercer Island, WA: "God in the Dark"

10/9/10 Retreat, St John's Episcopal Church, Snohomish, WA: "Franciscan Values"

10/3/10 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Mercer Island, WA: "Francis of Assisi: The Message for Today"

5/6/10 Seattle, WA: Appearance on "Live from Seattle with Doug Bursch," KGNW radio. Subjects: Ecumenism, contemplative prayer, Franciscan spirituality

4/28/10 St Peter's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Sitka, AK: "On the Franciscan Way"

4/22-25/10 SE Keynote speaker: Alaska Deanery Convocation, Ketchikan, AK

2/27/10 Lenten Quiet Day, St James Episcopal Church, Sedro-Woolley, WA

10/4/09 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Mercer Island, WA: "On Not Raping the Earth: Francis, Chastity and Creation"

- 8/23/09 Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: “Audio-Visio Divina: New Takes on an Old Prayer”
- 8/7-9/09 Western Convocation of the Third Order, Society of St Francis, Danville, CA: Keynote speaker, on “Joy”
- 3/8/09 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Mercer Island, WA: “Christian Lifestyles: The Franciscan Way”
- 8/9/08 Western Convocation of the Third Order, Society of St Francis, Surrey, BC: “On Spiritual Darkness”
- 3/9/08 Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: “The Spirituality of the Beguines” (repeat 8/24/08)
- 2/24/08 Trinity Parish, Seattle, WA: “A Franciscan Take on Contemporary Slavery”
- 12/2/06 Daughters of the King Quiet Day: “Prayer: The Romance of a Lifetime” (with Edie Burkhalter)
- 11/19/06 Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA: “Why Have a Rule of Life?”
- 10/1/06 St Stephen’s Longview, WA: “Francis of Assisi and Prayer” (Newcomers and Inquirers’ class)
- 10/1/06 St Stephen’s Longview, WA: “Francis of Assisi and the Two Faces of Passion” (Adult Education class)
- 10/1/05 Church of the Apostles, “Francis and Love” (with Dianne Aid, Edie Burkhalter)
- 2/16/05 St Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle, WA: “Why Do They Hate Us? America in a Resentful World”