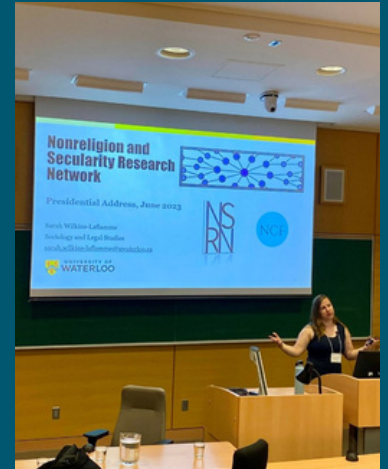


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TEAM MEETING AND CONFERENCE

We were excited to meet – both in-person and virtually – at the University of Ottawa in June for a team meeting and conference, organized in conjunction with the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network. During the week, the entire team gathered for updates from each project, team members presented research at the conference, and working groups met to discuss the next phases of their projects. Student team members attended an all-day workshop led by Professor Douglas Ezzy and a dinner in the evening. The Law group held a consultation workshop on reproductive rights, featuring experts from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (Catholics for the Right to Decide) Argentina. Thanks to all those who made the week such a success!



NCF PODCAST LAUNCH



The first episode of the Lifestances podcast has now been released. This episode explores how the rise of nonreligion is changing weddings and funerals. We are now hard at work on the second episode about prayer before state meetings. Find the podcast [here](#).

VISITING RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

This summer, we hosted two visiting researchers at the University of Ottawa:

- [Camila Silva Nicácio](#) (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais)
- [Henrique Antunes](#) (Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning [CEBRAP])

We also hosted two Mitacs Globalink students:

- [Saivaishnavi Suresh](#) and [Varsha S Viji](#) (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for the annual NSRN lecture on Sept. 19 at 12pm ET, co-hosted by the NCF. In this webinar, Isabella Kasselstrand, Phil Zuckerman, and Ryan T. Cragun will discuss their book, *Beyond Doubt: The Secularization of Society* (NYU Press, 2023). Register [here](#). For all upcoming NCF events, see [here](#).

INTRO TO THE NCF VIDEO

Learn more about the NCF with [this new introductory video](#) featuring Lori Beaman and the 8 NCF co-investigators. Please share with anyone who might be interested in the NCF's work.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following research assistants on the project:

- [Sarah Castle](#) (University of Tasmania)
- [Rafael Quintanilha](#) (University of São Paulo)
- [Lucas Ramos da Cunha](#) (University of São Paulo)

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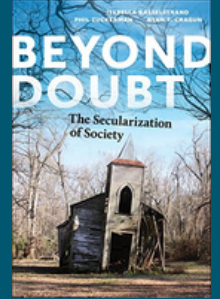
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

New book

Kasselstrand, Isabella, Phil Zuckerman, and **Ryan T. Cragun** (2023). *Beyond Doubt: The Secularization of Society*. New York: New York University Press.



New podcast

NCF Student Caucus leader **Guadalupe Allione Riba** produces and co-hosts a new podcast about media, popular culture, and gender violence called "Atravesades."

Other publications

Beaman, Lori G., and **Lauren Strumos** (2023). "Towards Equality: Including Non-Human Animals in Studies of Lived Religion and Nonreligion." *Social Compass*.

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