

# **Sophie Bjork-James**

**Assistant Professor of the Practice in Anthropology at Vanderbilt University**

Nashville, TN, US

Expert on the U.S.-based religious right and the white nationalist movement, particularly online communities.

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## **Biography**

Sophie Bjork-James has engaged in long-term research on both the U.S.-based Religious Right and the white nationalist movement. She is working on a book manuscript which explores the importance of the family in the white evangelical tradition. Her work has appeared on the NBC Nightly News, NPR's All Things Considered, BBC Radio 4's Today, and in the New York Times.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Conservative Christianity, Religion, White Nationalism, Reproductive Politics, Race and Racism, Evangelicalism, Hate Crimes, Feminism & Gender Studies, Racism

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## **Selected Event Appearances**

**The Alt-Right and the Legacy of Racism in the US**  
Outside the Box Series

**Gender and nation in US Evangelicalism**  
Religious Studies Colloquium

**Understanding the Alt-Right**  
Government Accountability Office

**The Alt-Right in US History**  
The Poynter Smart Conference

**Where do we go from here? Racism, Populism, Fascism and the Future of the Hard Right**  
Center for Place, Culture, and Politics

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## **Education**

**City University of New York**  
Ph.D. Anthropology

**University of Toronto**  
M.Ed. Sociology and Equity Studies in Education

**Western Washington University**  
B.A. Race, Class, and Environmental Politics

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## **Accomplishments**

**Jack Shand Research Award**  
2015-2017, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

**Wenner-Gren Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Award**  
2010

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