

# RELIGION AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH

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She earned her PhD from Yale University and held a fellowship at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Dr. Idler is a Fellow and past Chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America. She served as Chair of the American Sociological Association's Section on Aging and the Life Course and received its 2021 Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award. She studies the influence of attitudes, beliefs, and social connections on health, including the effect of self-ratings of health on mortality and disability, and the impact of religious participation on health and the timing of death among the elderly.