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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
Dissertation: “Faith and the Fragility of Justice: Religious Responses to Gender-Based Violence in South Africa.”
Committee: Mary Ellen Konieczny (chair), Robert Fishman, Paul Kollman, Christian Smith, Lyn Spillman.
Comprehensive Exams: Cultural Sociology (with distinction), Social Theory.
- 2010 M.A., Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
Thesis: “American Evangelical Gender Ideology and Intimate Partner Violence.”
- 2007 B.A., Pike Honors Program: Gender Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*, Gordon College.
Honors Research Thesis (Sociology): “The Construction of Masculinity in American Evangelical Christianity.”

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2023-present Associate Professor of Sociology, Westmont College
- 2015-2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Westmont College

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Meredith Whitnah. “Evangelical Organizations’ Responses to Domestic Violence: How the Cultural Production of Religious Beliefs Challenges or Enshrines Patriarchy.” *Review of Religious Research* 64(3):427-450.
- 2018 Meredith Whitnah. Book review of *Getting to Church: Exploring Narratives of Gender and Joining* by Sally Gallagher (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017) in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 57(2):413-414.
- 2013 Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Tatom Ammerman, Jose Casanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, John H. Evans, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen

- 2012 The Graduate School Zahm Research Fund. University of Notre Dame.
- 2012 Center for the Study of Religion & Society Student Research Fund. University of Notre Dame.
- 2012 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Graduate Student Professional Development Grant. University of Notre Dame

2008-2014 Supervisor, Research Assistants: Allison VanderBroek, Sara Middendorf, Shannon Noonan (University of Notre Dame).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2024 “Theological Cultures and the Fragility of Gender Justice in Anti-Apartheid South African Organizations.” Presenter at the Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2023 “Pursuing Justice: How Theology & Race Intersect to Shape Organizations’ Actions against Apartheid.” Presenter at the Race & Religion Symposium at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “Theory in Practice: Reimagining ‘Sociological Theory.’” Presenter at the Teaching & Learning Symposium at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 “Evangelical Organizations’ Responses to the #ChurchToo Movement.” Presenter at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 “Gender, Religion, and Power.” Session co-organizer and convener at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

2014 “Religion and Intimate Partner Violence among Emerging Adults.” Presenter at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

2014 “Religion and Gender in Global Perspective: The Fragility of Justice in South Africa.” Presenter at “Religion in Global Perspective” Section on Faith and

Member, Institutional Review Board Committee
Organizer and Presenter, Teach-In on Charlottesville
Faculty Presenter, Intercultural Programs “Connect” Retreat

- 2016-2017 Member, Institutional Review Board Committee
Presenter, “What Is Gender?” Gender Studies Panel
Co-Advisor, Racial Equality & Justice Intercultural Organization
Organizer, Department Chapel
- 2015-2016 Presenter, “The Next Step” Program with Intercultural Programs
Facilitator, “Exploring Whiteness” Program with Intercultural Programs
Presenter, Teach-In on Syrian Refugee Crisis
Presenter, “Faith and the Fragility of Justice,” Gender Studies Lecture Series
Organizer, Department Retreat
Organizer, Department Chapel
Presenter, “Faith and the Fragility of Justice,” Department Brown Bag Series

Other Professional Service

- 2009-present Manuscript Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Gender & Society*; *Mobilization*; *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*.
- 2013-2014 Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2012-2013 Mellon Working Group for “Religion Across the Disciplines,” Sociology, University of Notre Dame Office of the Provost.
- 2010-2011 Chicago Ethnography Conference Planning Committee (2011 Keynotes: Elijah Anderson and Paul Lichterman), Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010-2011 Graduate Studies Committee, Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Sociology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010 Committee for Internal Review of Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
(Member: Sex and Gender, Theory, Culture, Religion, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Sections)
Association for the Sociology of Religion

Religious Research Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Sociologists for Women in Society