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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Ethics and Social Theory
Graduate Theological Union
- 2006 M.A., Religion and Society
Graduate Theological Union
- 1997 B.A., Comparative Religious Studies
San Jose State University (with honors)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Religion: Religion and social theory, religion in America (from American Indian religion to Christianity to post-1965 religions from Asia and the Middle East), religion and social movements, religion and health/medicine, religion and gender, religion and race-ethnicity, religion and immigrant communities, religion and the body, new religious movements, religion and non-religion, new atheism, world religions

Sociology/Social Theory: Foundational social theory/sociological theory, research methods; additional topics in sociology: gender, race-ethnicity, health and illness, body and embodiment, religion, culture, cognition, breast cancer, environment; theories of ideology, power, and identity

Ethics: Healthcare ethics, ethics in research and human subjects, ethics and end-of-life issues, history of Western ethical and social thought, social justice, environmental justice

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Santa Clara University

- New Testament Narratives in Cinema, Lecturer (Fall 2017)
Ways of Understanding Religion, Lecturer (Fall 2017)

Santa Rosa Junior College

Introduction to Sociology, Instructor (Fall 2013 – Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016)
Self and Society, Instructor (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
Close Relationships and Family Life, Instructor (Fall 2016)
Modern Social Problems, Instructor (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
Sociological Research Methods, Instructor (Spring 2017)

UC Berkeley

Sacred Communities: Social Perspectives on Religion, Teaching assistant (Spring 2011)

Graduate Theological Union

Church, Power, Justice (graduate course), Teaching assistant (Fall 2009)
The “New Atheism” in American Culture, single lecture (Spring 2012)
Sociology of Religion, single lecture (Fall 2010)

Roseland University Prep – High School

Writing tutor, volunteer (Spring 2013)

INVITED TALKS

- 2014 “Intersections of health, illness, and religion,” for “Religion and Meaning” (RLGN 3160), Dominican University, San Rafael, CA. April 2014
- 2013 “Breast cancer, identity, and religion: Methods and preliminary findings,” for “The Roots of Healing” (CLQ 3250/3251), Dominican University, San Rafael, CA. December 2013
- 2009 “Subcultural and religious identity,” for “Early Christian Community” (TESP 4), Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. April 2009

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2012 Research assistant, Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: Religion, Culture, and End-of-Life Decisions, Graduate Theological Union, privately funded through Graduate Theological Union (Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, PI)
- 2008-2010 Research assistant, Atheist and Freethinker Groups in American History and Popular Culture, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, funded by Institute for Religion and Culture (Jerome P. Baggett, PI)

AWARDS

- 2012 Newhall Award. Teaching assistant, “Foundational Social Theory” (graduate course), \$3,000. Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA (Fall 2012)
- 2007 Newhall Award. Research grant, “Improving Interdisciplinarity in Area of Ethics and Social Theory,” \$3,000. Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional organization, conference

- 2017 Member of the Registration Coordinating Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Conference, Montreal, Canada (August 2017)
- 2016 Member of the Graduate Student Coordinating Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Conference, Seattle, WA (August 2016)

Academic service

- 2017 Contributed to curriculum review process for Close Relationships and Family Life, Santa Rosa Junior College (Spring 2017)
- 2016 Student Learning Outcomes Assessment for Introduction to Sociology, Santa Rosa Junior College (Fall 2016)
- 2014 Adjunct representative for Sociology, Curriculum Review Committee, revised course description and objectives for Self and Society, Santa Rosa Junior College (Spring 2014)
- 2014-2017 Faculty co-sponsor and social media coordinator, Sociology Circle (sociology club), Santa Rosa Junior College
- 2008-2010 Graduate Student Representative (Secretary, 2008-2009), Student Advisory Committee, Graduate Theological Union
- 2008-2010 Event organizer and coordinator for Institute for Religion and Culture, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
- 2008 Event organizer, Bay Area Religion Discussion Seminar (BARDS), Graduate Theological Union

PUBLICATIONS

Co-authored article (Peer Reviewed)

Contributing author in Candyce H. Kroenke, et al.'s "Social networks, social support mechanisms, and quality of life after breast cancer diagnosis." *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment Journal*. Volume 139, Issue 2, June 2013: 515–27.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Implants," "Piercing," and "Scarification and Branding." *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2015).

"Body Piercing" (p. 446), "Ear Piercing" (p. 93-99), "Earlobe Stretching" (p. 100-101), "Genital Piercing" (p. 231-234), "Nose Piercing" (p. 366-369), "Scarification" (p. 466-472). *The Cultural Encyclopedia of the Body*, (Greenwood Press, 2008).

Book Reviews

Book Review of Victoria Pitts-Taylor's *The Brain's Body: Neuroscience and Corporeal Politics* in *Body & Society* online (January 2017).

Book Review of Eileen Luhr's *Witnessing Suburbia: Conservatives and Christian Youth Culture* in *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* Volume 71 Issue 4, Winter 2010: 493-494.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "‘Get me through this’: Therapeutic Conversations with God and the Absence of Appeals for Supernatural Intervention among Women with Breast Cancer," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, (October 2016)
- 2016 "Medical Orthodoxy and Religion as a Complementary Medicine: The Personal Orientations of Women with Breast Cancer at Kaiser Permanente Northern California," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, WA (August 2016)
- 2014 "The Church of Medicine and the Cult of Religion: Negotiating a Path for Health and Healing among Women with Breast Cancer," Religion in California, Berkeley, CA (April 2014)
- 2014 "‘Giving it up to God’: Religion as a Resource for Strength and Stability during Breast Cancer," American Academy of Religion/Western Region Conference, Los Angeles, CA (March 2014)
- 2014 "Critical Realism and Chronic Illness: What Breast Cancer Can Teach Christian Smith about the Body," Eastern Sociological Society – Mini-Conference on the Body and Embodiment, Baltimore, MD (February 2014)

- 2013 “Discussing Internal Context: How illness challenges implicit sociological assumptions about the body,” Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Reno, NV (March 2013)
- 2009 “The Body Endogenous: Finding and Defining the Body in Sociology of Culture,” American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA (August 2009)
- 2008 “Modified Religiosity: How BMEzine.com Facilitates Body Modification Religiosity through Culture,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, IL. (November 2008)
- 2008 “Believing the Body: Body Experience and Religious Reality,” Pacific Coast Theological Society 2008 Conference, Berkeley, CA. (March 2008)
- 2006 “The Modification Loop between Skin and Self,” University of Texas at Austin American Studies Graduate Conference, Austin, TX. (September 2006)
- 2005 “Body Modification as Quasi-Religion,” Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association Conference, New Brunswick, NJ. (November 2005)
- 2005 “Body Modification as Ideology,” Body Modification: Mark II Conference, Macquarie University, Dept. of Cultural and Critical Studies, Sydney, Australia. (April 2005)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Sociology of Religion
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 American Sociological Association
 American Academy of Religion