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DEGREES EARNED

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

PhD, Sociology

May, 2005

Specialization in Political Sociology and the Sociology of Religion

- Preliminary Exams: 1) Class Analysis and Historical Change, passed January 1997
2) Political Sociology, passed January 1998

Dissertation: "The Movement that Fell from the Sky? Secularization and the Structuring of Progressive Catholicism in Latin America, 1920s – 1970s."

--Dissertation Committee: Erik Olin Wright (co-chair), Phil Gorski (co-chair), Pam Oliver, Gay Seidman, Leigh Payne

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

MS, Sociology

May, 1997

Masters Thesis: "The Limits to Radical Reform in the Catholic Church: The Case of Liberation Theology in Cuernavaca, Mexico, 1952-1992."

--Masters Committee: Erik Olin Wright, Pam Oliver, and Mitch Duneier

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

BA, Political Science

August, 1991

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Teaching & Research

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology

Instructional Associate Professor

September, 2015 – Present

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology

Instructional Assistant Professor

September, 2012 – August, 2015

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology
Assistant Professor

September, 2005 – August, 2012

Texas A & M University
Department of Sociology
Assistant Lecturer

January, 2005 – May, 2005

COURSES OFFERED

SOCI 205: Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 326: Sociology of Religion
SOCI 412: Political Sociology
SOCI 479: Professional Development in Sociology II (Undergraduate)
SOCI 489: Special Topics: Sociology of Ireland (Summer 2015)
SOCI 604: Historical and Comparative Methods (Graduate)
SOCI 607: Sociology of Religion (Graduate; Spring 2014)
SOCI 608: Social Organization (Graduate)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2012 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Liberation Theology: The Radicalization of Social Catholic Movements.” *Politics, Religion & Ideology*. v. 13, no. 3, pp. 333-351.
- 2012 **Mackin, Robert Sean** and Carol S. Walther. “Race, Sport and Social Mobility: Horatio Alger in Short Pants?” *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*. v. 47 no. 66, pp. 70-689.
- 2010 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “In Word and Deed: Assessing the Strength of Progressive Catholicism in Latin America, 1960s – 1970s.” *Sociology of Religion*. v. 71, no. 2, pp. 216-242.
- 2003 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Becoming the Red Bishop of Cuernavaca: Rethinking Gill’s Religious Competition Model.” *Sociology of Religion*, v. 64, no. 4, pp. 499-514.

Book Chapters

- 2017 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Teología de Liberación y Movimientos Sociales” pp 181-209 in *Movimientos Sociales en América Latina: Perspectivas, Tendencias, y Casos*. Eds. Pau Almeida, Allen Cordero Ulate. Buenos Aires: CLACSO. (Translation of 2015 chapter).

- 2015 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Liberation Theology and Social Movements” pp. 101-116 in *Handbook of Social Movements across Latin America*. Eds. Paul Almeida, Allen Cordero Ulate. New York: Springer Press.
- 2013 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Liberation Theology/Base Communities (South America)” in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Eds. David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klandermans, Doug McAdam. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers.
- 2008 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Salvador Allende” pp. 77-78 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences Vol. 1. 2nd edition*. Ed. William A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.
- 2008 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Latin American Sociology” pp. 676-677 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Vol. 7. 2nd edition*. Ed. William A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.
- 2008 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Social Welfare System” pp. 631-633 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Vol. 7. 2nd edition*. Ed. William A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.
- 2002 **Mackin, Robert Sean.** “Obispo consecuente, comunidad comprometida” pp. 83-4 in *Va Por Ti El Compromiso: Testimonios sobre don Sergio Méndez Arceo*, ed. Leticia Rentarías Chávez. Mexico City: Ediciones Dabar.

Works in Progress

“Religion and Social Movements in Latin America.” Chapter in the forthcoming, *Oxford Handbook on Social Movements in Latin America*. Frederico Rossi (ed.) Oxford University Press.

“Re-thinking Religion in an Actually Existing Public Sphere: *Laudato Si*, Habermas and Religious Authority.” (with Andrew McNeely)

Liberation Theology Derailed: The Rise and Fall of Progressive Catholicism in Mexico. (book ms.)

Papers & Presentations

- 2018 Presenter (with Nancy Plankey-Videla), “Striking Over “Soap and Towels”? Conditional Solidarity, Collective Indignation and Emotions in a Mobilization.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA, August 2018).
- 2018 Presenter (with Nancy Plankey-Videla), “Emotions and (Ir)rationality in Choosing To Go on Strike.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress (Barcelona, Spain, May 2018).

- 2017 Presenter (with Andrew McNeely), “Re-thinking Religion in an Actually Existing Public Sphere: *Laudato Si*, Habermas and Religious Authority.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada, August 2017)
- 2014 Presenter, “Whither Liberation Theology? Secularization and the Structuring of Radical Religious Movements.” Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX, April 2014).
- 2014 Presenter, “Liberation Theology is Dead? Long Live Liberation Theology!” Paper presented at the Texas A&M University Department of Sociology Colloquium (College Station, TX, February 2014).
- 2013 Presenter, “Religion and Globalization.” Guest lecture in Dr. Plankey-Videla’s SOCI 324: Globalization and Social Change at TAMU-Santa Chiara, (Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy, June 2013).
- 2012 Presenter (with Nancy Plankey Videla), “Déjà Vu All Over Again? Strikes, Globalization, and Labor Movements.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting (Denver, CO, August 2012).
- 2012 Presenter, (with Nancy Plankey-Videla). “A Tale of Two Strikes: Gender, State Policy, Firm Organization, Movement Dynamics, and the Radicalization of Women Workers at Moctezuma.” Mini-Conference on Work, Inequality, and Shifting Social Contracts, Southern Sociological Society (New Orleans, LA, 22 March)
- 2011 Presenter, refereed roundtable, “Radical by Design? The Young Catholic Workers and the Origins of Radical Religious Movements.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV, August 2011).
- 2010 Presenter, refereed roundtable, “The Precarious Life of a Sponsored Social Movement: The Case of Social Catholicism in Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, August 2010).
- 2010 Presenter, (w/ Carol Walther), refereed roundtable, “Horatio Alger in Short-Pants? Race, Sport and Social Mobility.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, August 2010).
- 2009 Presenter (invited), w/ Carol Walther, “Horatio Alger in Short-Pants? Sport and Social Mobility.” Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, September 2009
- 2009 Accepted, “The Precarious Life of a Sponsored Social Movement: The Case of Social Catholicism in Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA, August 2009).

- 2008 Presenter, “The Oppositional Church: Embedded Autonomy and the Origins of Liberation Theology.” Alpha Kappa Delta at Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (May).
- 2007 Presenter, “The Oppositional Church: Embedded Autonomy and the Origins of Liberation Theology.” Political and Economic Sociology Brownbag at Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (November).
- 2007 Presenter, “The Embedded and Autonomous Church: Explaining Variation in the Strength of Liberation Theology in Latin America.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (New York City, NY, August 2007).
- 2007 Presenter, “Church Strength and the Origins of Liberation Theology.” *Race, Religion and Democracy: Latin America in a Globalized World* Conference at Baylor University (Waco, Texas February 2007).
- 2006 Presenter, “Liberation Theology: The Movement that Fell from the Sky?” Latin American Studies Association Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico March 15-18, 2006).
- 2005 Presenter, “Secularization, The New(er) Paradigm? The Socio-Political Conflict Model.” *Global Christianity: Challenging Modernity and the West* Conference at Baylor University (Waco, Texas November 2005)
- 2004 Presenter, “Secularization and the Structuring of Progressive Catholicism in Mexico, Columbia and Chile, 1920s – 1970s.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA, August 2004)
- 2003 Presenter, “From Social Catholicism to Progressive Catholicism in Latin America: Social Movement Theory and the Unintended Consequences of Vatican Social Policy.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA August 2003)
- 2003 Presenter, poster session, “Left Out: Secularization and the Structuring of Progressive Catholicism in Latin America, 1920-1973.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, August 2003)
- 2001 Presenter, refereed roundtable, “The Origins of Liberation Theology: A Framework for the Comparative-Historical Study of Progressive Catholicism in Mexico and Chile, 1942-1973.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA August 2001)

- 2000 Presenter, refereed roundtable, “Becoming the Red Bishop of Cuernavaca: Rethinking Gill’s Religious Competition Model.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC, August 2000)
- 1999 Presenter, “La Radicalización de Sergio Méndez Arceo: repensando el modelo de la competencia religiosa.” XIII Congreso Nacional: Estado, Iglesias y Grupos Laicos. (Cuernavaca, México, November 1999)

PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITY

Service

Texas A&M University
Religious Studies Program (RELS)
 Program Coordinator

January 2018 – Present

Texas A&M University
Faculty Senate
 Senator

Dec. 2018 – Present

Texas A&M University
Department of Sociology
 Student Awards Committee (Chair)

Fall 2017 – Present

Texas A&M University
Department of Sociology
 Undergraduate Program

Fall 2011 – Present

Texas A&M University
College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award Committee

December 2013 –
 December 2014

Texas A&M University
Department of Sociology
 Graduate Instructor Mentoring

Fall 2012-Fall 2015

Texas A&M University
The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research
 14th Annual Susanne M. Glasscock Humanities Book Prize
 for Interdisciplinary Scholarship Selection Committee

Summer 2012

Sociology of Religion
 Associate Editor

Fall 2008-Fall 2012

Texas A&M University
Department of Sociology
 Fundraising (Chair)

Fall 2006-Present

American Sociological Association

Best Student Paper Committee, Sociology of Religion Section

Fall 2008 – Fall 2009

Best Article Committee, Political Sociology Section

Fall 2007 – Fall 2008

Organizer (w/ Joseph Jewell) of Roundtable Sessions,
Comparative Historical Section

Fall 2007 – Fall 2008

Texas A&M University**Department of Sociology**

Diversity Recruitment and Retention

Fall 2006 – Fall 2007

Texas A&M University**Department of Sociology**

Faculty and Staff Awards

Fall 2005 – Fall 2006

Texas A&M University**Department of Sociology**

AKD

Fall 2005 – Fall 2006

Anonymous Reviewer for

- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *Sociological Theory*
- *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- *Politics, Religion & Ideology*
- *Qualitative Sociology*
- *Routledge*
- *Research in Political Sociology*
- *Sociology of Religion*
- *Social Sciences and Missions*
- *Humanity & Society*
- *Journal of Sport & Social Issues*
- *Journal of Research on Women & Gender*
- *Pearson*

Manuscript Reviewer for

• Schoenherr, Richard. 2002. *Goodbye Father: The Celibate Male Priesthood and the Future of the Catholic Church*. Edited and with an Introduction by David Yamane. New York: Oxford.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

- *Collective Behavior & Social Movements*
- *Religion*

Comisión de Estudios de la Iglesia en América Latina

Honors & Fellowships

- 2018 College of Liberal Arts: College International Travel Support (CITS) Award
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$1500
Title: “Emotions and (Ir)rationality in Choosing To Go on Strike.”
- 2009-10 **Glasscock Center Travel to Archives Grant**
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$1000
Title: “Secularization and the Structuring of the Public Sphere in Mexico”
- 2007-08 **Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI) Research Fellow**
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$2000
Title: “The Other Taboo: Class, Race and Athletic Performance in College”
- 2006 **Department of Sociology/Glasscock Center Stipendiary Faculty Fellow**
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$1500
Title: “Papal volunteers, Ivan Illich and the Origins of Liberation Theology in Latin America”
- 2006 **Religious Studies/Glasscock Center Stipendiary Faculty Fellow**
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$1500
Title: “Papal volunteers, Ivan Illich and the Origins of Liberation Theology in Latin America”
- 2005 **International Research Travel Assistance Grant,**
Texas A&M University
Amount of Award: \$1207
Title: “The Origins of Progressive Catholicism in Chile: The Young Catholic Worker Movement and the Legacies of Church Reform”
- 2002 **Department of Sociology Research Grant,**
University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2002 **Graduate Student Council Vilas Travel Grant,**
University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2000 **Department of Sociology Research Grant,**
University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 1998 **Global Studies MacArthur Fellowship,**
University of Wisconsin, Madison

1995 **Tinker Summer Research in Latin America Grant,**
University of Wisconsin, Madison

I hereby acknowledge that this is the most current version of this document as of 22 February 2019.

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