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Current Position

Research Fellow and Course Instructor

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Education

- 2016 PhD (Sociology) University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation - *Enchanting Disciplined Selves and Secular Publics: Ethics and Politics in a Mexican Charismatic Christian Brotherhood*
- 2009 MA (Sociology) University of California, Berkeley
Thesis – “Reinvigorating *France* – the Symbolic Dimensions of French Immigration Administration”
- 2004 MA (History) Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Thesis – “La disparition du sujet à partir de la contingence, l’extériorité et la discontinuité dans la méthodologie historique de Michel Foucault”
Mention très bien (with highest distinction)
Jury: Marcel Gauchet, Gerard Jorland
- 2001 BA (History, Comp Lit.) University of Colorado, Boulder
Cuma Sum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Religion, Social Theory, Cultural Sociology, Political Sociology, Narrative, Identity, Europe, Latin America, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

“Unsettling the Self: the Paradoxes of Narrative Identity in Christian Testimonial Practice.” *Sociology of Religion* 2021 82(2): 208-239.

“Between Church and State: A Christian Brotherhood’s Faithful Claims to Secularity in Mexico City.” *Qualitative Sociology* 2019 42:663–686.

Winner of Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award

“Enchanting Self-Discipline: Methodical Reflexivity and the Search for the Supernatural in Charismatic Christian Testimonial Practice.” *Sociological Theory* 35(4) 2017: 288-311.

Winner of Robert J. McNamera Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award

“Evangelicals Against “Ideología de Género” in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Brazil: Reaction or Adapatation?” (w/Edwin Ackerman)

Revised manuscript under review at *Latin American Politics and Society*

Book Chapters, Essays and Book Reviews

“Laicidad y religiosidad: conceptos opuestos entremezclados.” *Colección Cuadernos Jorge Carpijo, Cuaderno 34*. Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. 2019.

“Review of *On Purpose: How We Create the Meaning of Life*, Paul Froese.” *Sociology of Religion* 79 (3) 2018.

“Negociaciones cotidianas del concepto de la religión y sus consecuencias practicas para la política.” *5a Semana Internacional de la Cultura Laica*. Cátedra Extraordinaria Benito Juárez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (forthcoming).

“Conscience maçonnique : secret, symbole et les paradoxes de la séparation libérale.” *Masonica* (forthcoming).

Projects in Process (papers available upon request)

Not Religion: Liberal Separation and Self-transformation in a Christian Brotherhood and a Masonic Lodge

Book manuscript in progress

“And the Secret is... There is no Secret: Secrecy as Means and Ends of Masonic Symbolic Practice”
Manuscript in progress

Grants, Awards, Honors, Fellowships

Global Religion Research Initiative-funded project: *The Rise of Evangelical Political Organizations in Latin America, 2018-2019*

Swiss National Science Foundation Grant-funded project: *Challenging Secularism From Within: Freemasons' Pursuit of the Spiritual and the Secular in France and Switzerland, 2016- 2019*

Amount awarded: \$296,455 (295,645 Swiss Francs)

Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award, 2015

Robert J. McNamera Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award, 2014

Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion Research Fellow, 2014

University of California, Berkeley Sociology Berkeley Connect Fellow, 2014, 2015

University of California, Berkeley Sociology Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, 2013, 2014

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Fellowship, 2010, 2013

UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Fellow, 2012

University of California, Berkeley Andrew Mellon Research Fellow, 2011

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Fellowship, 2010

University of California, Berkeley, Center for European Studies Research Fellowship, 2008

Invited Talks and Select Conference Presentations

“Believing and Belonging: Everyday Experiments with the Paradoxes of Freedom of Conscience.” European Association of Social Anthropologists. Lisbon, 2020

“Evangelicals Against Gender Ideology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Public Religion in a Comparative Historical Perspective. New York, 2019

“Negotiating Secularism: Freemasonry and Esoteric Secrecy as a Technique for Intertwining Faithful and Secular Commitments.” Association for Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. New York, 2019

“And the secret is... there is no secret: Freemasonry and the everyday practice of secularism.” International Society for the Study of Religion. Barcelona, 2019

“Entre église et état: négociations quotidiennes de la laïcité.” Group Sociétés Religions Laïcités, Laïcité et la Politique. Paris, 2019

“The Narrative Dissipation of Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Culture and Narrative Panel. Philadelphia, 2018

“Negociaciones cotidianas del concepto de la religión y sus consecuencias practicas para la política.” 5a edición de la Semana internacional de la Cultura Laica. Cátedra Extraordinaria Benito Juárez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2018

“Blurring Categorical Bounds of Selfhood in Christian Testimonial Practice.” European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Bologna, 2018

“An Enchanting Variety of the Secular? A Charismatic Christian Claim to Secularity in Mexico City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Spirituality and Religion Panel. Montreal, 2017

“Testimonial Practice: The Narrative Blending of Self and Other, Mundane and Supernatural.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference. Seattle, WA, 2016

“Reclaiming the Secular: A Charismatic Christian Fellowship’s Interventions on Secularism in Mexico City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Religion in the Broader Social World Panel. Chicago, 2015

“Enchanting Self-Discipline: Testimonial Practices of the Self and Orientation to the Supernatural in a Charismatic Christian Businessmen’s Fellowship.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, 2014

“Giving and Receiving Testimony: Self-discipline and the Supernatural in a Charismatic Christian Businessmen’s Fellowship.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Sociology of Religion Open Session. San Francisco, 2014

“The Spirit and the Secular: the Supernatural and Self-discipline in the Case of the Hombres de Negocios.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Sociology of Religion Edge Work Section. New York City, 2013

“God Without Religion: ‘Non-religious’ Christianity in Mexico City.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference. Denver, CO, 2012

Teaching Experience

(As Course Instructor)

Ethnography Spring 2021 (University of Bern, Switzerland)

Sociology of Identity Fall 2020 (University of Bern, Switzerland)

Democracy in America Spring 2020 (University of Bern, Switzerland)

Contemporary Social Theory Spring 2020 (University of Bern, Switzerland)

Religion, Self and Society Fall 2019 (University of Bern, Switzerland)

Sociology of Religion Fall 2014 (University of California, Berkeley)

(As Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to Religious Studies Spring 2013 (University of California, Berkeley)

Classical and Contemporary Social Theory Spring 2008; Fall 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Fall 2010 (University of California, Berkeley)

Professional Memberships

Affiliated researcher at Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (Paris)
American Sociological Association
ASA Culture Section
ASA Religion Section
ASA Theory Section
ASA Political Sociology Section
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
International Society for the Sociology of Religion
American Academy of Religion
European Academy of Religion
Latin American Studies Association

Languages

English (native)
Spanish (fluent non-native)
French (fluent non-native)

References

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