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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University, April 2009

Dissertation title: "Critical Capitalism: Moral Discourse in the Debate Over Wal-Mart."

Committee: Robert Wuthnow (chair), Miguel Centeno, Viviana Zelizer

M.A. in Sociology, Princeton University, 2006

Examination areas: Religion, Organizations, Poverty

M.Div., Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, 2000

B.A., Davidson College, Phi Beta Kappa and *cum laude* with High Honors in Political Science, 1997

AREAS OF INTEREST

Teaching

Urban Poverty, Culture and Inequality, Social Stratification, Sociology of Religion, Consumption, Sociology of Culture, Economic Sociology, Sociology of Organizations

Research

Morality, low-wage work, market discourse and consumption, religious stratification, organizations and neighborhood poverty

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University, Fall 2009 – present

Quinn Morton Teaching Fellow, Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University, Spring 2009

Adjunct Faculty, Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2007, Spring 2009

Assistant Instructor Training Workshop Leader, Princeton University, Fall 2008

Preceptor, Sociology Department, 2004-2005, Fall 2006

Senior Thesis Writing Group Leader, Sociology Department, 2006 - 2007

Writing Partner for the Writing Center, Princeton University, 2004 - 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

In Preparation *Wal-Mart Wars: Families, Citizens, and Morality in the Debate Over America's Largest Retailer*

Articles and Chapters

- Under Review “Why Evangelicals Like Wal-Mart: Education, Region, and Religious Group Identity”
- Forthcoming “Moral Discourse in Economic Contexts.” In Steven Hitlin and Stephen Vaisey (Eds). *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality*. Springer, 2010. (with Amy Reynolds)
- 2009 “‘The Money is Just Immaterial’: Relationality on the Retail Shop Floor.” *Research in the Sociology of Work* 18: 185-206. (Special edition on Economic Sociology of Work)
- 2008 “Prayers of the People: Moral Metaphor in the Faith-Based Labor and Right to Life Movements.” *Poetics* 36(5-6): 338-357.
- “Educational Attainment and Cohort Change among Conservative Protestants, 1972-2004.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47(4): 545-562.
- “Why Organizational Ties Matter for Neighborhood Effects: A Study of Resource Access through Childcare Centers.” *Social Forces* 87(1): 387-414. (3rd author with Mario Luis Small and Erin Jacobs)
- 2006 “The Texture of Hardship: Qualitative Sociology of Poverty, 1995-2005.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 32: 423-446. (2nd author with Katherine Newman)

Book Reviews and Other Writing

- 2009 “Faithful Servants Fill the Aisles.” *Times Higher Education* (May 28-June 3, 2009): 52. Review of *To Serve God and Wal-Mart* by Bethany Moreton
- The SOC 300 Companion: A Guide to Writing Your Sociology JP Research Proposal*. Princeton University Department of Sociology. (Handbook for junior concentrators beginning the process of independent research)
- The SOC 300 Companion: A Guide for Preceptors*. Princeton University Department of Sociology. (Handbook for Assistant Instructors teaching a writing-intensive research methods course).

Works in Progress

- “Categories and Group Style in Public Discourse: The Case of Wal-Mart.” (In preparation)
- “Images of God and Moral Politics” (with Conrad Hackett). (Data being analyzed)
- “Sociology of Religion” Encyclopedia entry in the *New Westminster Dictionary of Theology*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. (In preparation)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Images of God and Moral Politics” (with Conrad Hackett). Paper presentation scheduled for the 2009 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO. October 25, 2009.
- “People Like Us Need People Like You: Individuals, Communities, and Morality in the Wal-Mart Debate” Paper presented at the 2008 meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA. August 3, 2008.
- “Prayers of the People: Familial Imagery in the Liturgy of the Faith-Based Labor and Right to Life Movements.” Paper presented at the 2007 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Tampa, FL. November 2, 2007
- “Thinking Outside the (Big) Box: Cultural and Moral Repertoires in the Wal-Mart Debate.” Paper presented at the 2007 meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 14, 2007.
- “What Do People Think of Wal-Mart? Exploring American Responses to the Retail Giant.” Paper presented at the 2007 meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. March 15, 2007.
- “Retail Religion: Faith and Work among Wal-Mart Women.” Paper presented at the 2005 meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA. August 13, 2005.
- “Religious Background and Educational Attainment: Gender and Cohort Change among Conservative Protestants.” Paper presented at the 2005 Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, Washington, DC. March 19, 2005.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research Grant (Fall 2009)
- Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, The Graduate School, Princeton University (declined for 2007-2008, 2008-2009).
- Seminary Teaching Internship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Fall 2007 Fall 2009.
- Project Coordinator, Cognition and Religion Initiative, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, Spring 2006-Spring 2008. (PI: Robert Wuthnow)
- Grant Recipient, Cognitive and Textual Methods Seminar, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, Spring 2006 – Spring 2008. (PI: Robert Wuthnow)
- Graduate Student Fellow, Religion and Public Life Seminar, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, 2005-2006, 2006-2007.
- Princeton University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2003 – 2008.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Wal-Mart Nation (Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University, Lecturer, Spring 2009, Fall 2009)

The Congregation as Organization (Princeton Theological Seminary, Adjunct Faculty, January 2009, Fall 2007)
Sociology for a New Century: Authors, Lives, and Works (Princeton University, Preceptor, Fall 2006)
The Western Way of War (Princeton University, Preceptor, Spring 2005)
The Sociological Imagination (Princeton University, Preceptor, Fall 2004)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
Member: American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion
Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Sociology Department, Princeton University, 2005-2006

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