

## **Megan Rogers**

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### **EDUCATION**

*Ph.D.*, Sociology

The University of Notre Dame, *in progress*

- Area exams: Religion, March 2013; Theory, March 2014
- Dissertation: “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.” Committee: Mary Ellen Konieczny (chair), Robert Fishman, Lionel Jensen, and Christian Smith

*Master of Arts*, Sociology

The University of Notre Dame, 2013

- Master’s thesis: “Conceptualizing and Measuring Religion in China: Theory and Measures Appropriate for the Case.” Committee: Robert Fishman (chair), Lionel Jensen, Mary Ellen Konieczny, and Christian Smith

*Master of Arts*, East Asian Language and Literatures

The Ohio State University, 2011

- Master’s thesis: “Chinese Religious Scholars’ Views and Understanding of Religion” (written in Chinese). Advisor: Jianqi Wang

*Bachelor of Arts*, International Studies

*Bachelor of Arts*, Chinese Language (English minor)

The University of Mississippi, 2008

- Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi
- Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Scholar

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Sociology of Religion, China, Social Theory, Sociology of Culture, Qualitative Methods

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Konieczny, Mary Ellen, and Megan Rogers. “Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets’ Freethinkers Group.” Accepted for publication at the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Article Manuscript, “Conceptualizing and Measuring Religion in China: Theory and Measures Appropriate for the Case.”

Article Manuscript, “Being a Real Christian: Cultivating a Christian Identity among Young White-Collar Protestants in Urban China.”

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

- 2016 *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2016 *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Student Travel Award*, support for presenting at the 2016 SSSR annual conference in Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 *Fulbright Fellowship*, Study/Research Grant to China for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.”
- 2015 *National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award* for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.”
- 2015 *Confucius China Studies Program Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship* for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China” (declined).
- 2015 *National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Fellowship* to China for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China” (declined).
- 2014 *SSSR Student Research Award*, support for a research trip to China.
- 2014 *University of Notre Dame Professional Development Award*, support for pre-dissertation work in China during summer 2014.
- 2014 *University of Notre Dame Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Graduate Student Research Award*, support for pre-dissertation work in China during summer 2014.
- 2014 *University of Notre Dame Professional Development Award*, support for presenting at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston, MA (declined).
- 2013 *University of Notre Dame Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant*, support for presenting at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston, MA.
- 2008 *NSEP Flagship Fellowship*, fellowship for two years’ of study in the Ohio State University’s National Flagship Language Program in Chinese.
- 2008 *Taylor Medal for Meritorious Scholarship and Deportment*, the University of Mississippi’s highest academic honor.
- 2008 *Croft Institute for International Studies thesis award* for best thesis in the East Asia concentration, University of Mississippi.
- 2008 *Croft Institute language award* for exceeding the faculty’s expectations in language study, University of Mississippi.
- 2008 *Critical Language Scholarship*, awarded for summer Chinese language study in Suzhou, China.

2006 *NSEP David L. Boren Scholarship*, awarded for study at the CET/Middlebury College C.V. Starr School in China, 2006-07 academic year.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2016 “‘Learning to Pray:’ Cultivating a Christian Identity among Young White-Collar Protestants in Urban China,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “Who Are China’s Buddhists? Applying Riesebrodt’s Theory of Religion to Contemporary Chinese Buddhism,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets’ Freethinkers Group,” with Mary Ellen Konieczny, religion regular session at *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “The Impact of Differing Levels of Legal Regulation on Chinese Religiosity,” religion roundtable at *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “How Religious Are the Chinese? An Application of Riesebrodt’s Theory of Religion to the Chinese Case,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Boston, MA.
- 2013 “Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets’ Freethinkers Group,” with Mary Ellen Konieczny, *2013 International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “Contemporary Chinese Religious Scholars’ Views and Opinions of Religion,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 “Shaping American Perceptions of Christianity in China: An Analysis of Examples from the American Mainstream Media,” the *Sixth Symposium for the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China*, Wuxi, China.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Spring 2016: *Guest Lecturer*, Jiangsu Theological Seminary, Suzhou Campus. Series of lectures on the sociology of religion (in Chinese).
- Summer 2015: *Sole Instructor*, the University of Notre Dame. SOC 10002: Understanding Societies.
- Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013: *Sociology Teaching Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame. SOC 30900: Foundations of Social Theory.
- Spring 2014: *Sociology Teaching Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame. SOC 20683: Religion, Gender, and Family.
- Spring 2008: *Chinese Language Teaching Assistant*, the University of Mississippi. CHIN 212: Intensive Chinese IV.

July 2007: *Startalk Chinese Language Program counselor and language tutor*, the University of Mississippi.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2010-spring 2015: *Sociology Research Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame.

- 2012/15: Assistant Professor Mary Ellen Konieczny
  - Project manager for her project on religion and the military, focusing on the United States Air Force Academy.
- 2011/12: Assistant Professor Erin Metz McDonnell
  - Research, coding, and transcription for projects involving elite migration, international education, and bureaucracy
- Summers 2011 & 2012: Assistant Professor Kraig Beyerlein
  - Research and coding for projects involving religion, activism, and the media.
- 2010/11: Professor Robert Fishman
  - Research on topics such as cultural narrative and cosmopolitanism.

Fall 2009: *Internship with Comparative Literature Program*, Shanghai Normal University.

- Edited translations of academic articles for the English-language comparative literature academic journal *Cowrie*. Researched the treatment of aspects of Chinese culture in English-language academic publications.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Occasional reviewer for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Modern Asian Studies*, and *Review of Religion Research*.

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| 2016       | Reviewer for the Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame.  |
| 2016-2017  | Mentor for the Department of Sociology's Undergraduate Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame.  |
| 2015       | Boren Campus Interview Panel committee member, Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement, University of Notre Dame.                                      |
| 2014, 2016 | Mentor for Department of Sociology's Graduate Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame.   |
| 2012-2015  | Graduate student coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Asia and Asian Studies Working Group, University of Notre Dame.              |
| 2013       | Graduate student coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Forum "China, the Chinese and the World: Trajectories of Change," May 13-14. |

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mandarin Chinese: professional-level reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills

- August 2009: Advanced on China's HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) test
- May 2008: Superior on the Mandarin Chinese American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) test

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Association for Asian Studies  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion