

Katie Comeau

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Education

- PhD. 2019 (expected), University of Notre Dame, Sociology
Area exams: Theory (Fall 2016), Social Movements, passed with distinction (Spring 2017)
Dissertation: "Faith-Based Organizations and Cross-Cultural Engagement in Jamaica."
Committee: Lyn Spillman (Chair), Tamara Kay, Kraig Beyerlein, Kevin Christiano
- M.A. 2016, University of Notre Dame, Sociology
Thesis: "'Where Can I Find More Money?': How the Challenges of Fundraising Impacts the Religious Identity of Faith-Based Organizations"
Committee: Christian Smith (chair), Erin McDonnell, Kraig Beyerlein
- B.A. 2014, Fitchburg State University, Sociology with Honors, Summa Cum Laude
Honor's Thesis: "The Perceptions of the Efficacy of Treatment of Mental Illness in Post-Earthquake Haiti"

Research Interests

Sociology of religion, international development, organizations, and theory.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2017 Fulbright Study/Research Grant
- 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Travel Award
- 2014 Sociology Award in Academic Excellence, Fitchburg State Department of Sociology
- 2014 American Sociological Association Travel Award, American Sociological Association
- 2014 Distinguished Scholars Award, Fitchburg State University
- 2014 Leadership Academy Commonwealth Scholars' Award
- 2014 Sociology Special Award, Fitchburg State Department of Sociology
- 2012 President's Scholars' Award, Fitchburg State University

Publications

Under Review at *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, "Where Can I Find More Money?: How the Challenges of Fundraising Impact the Religious Identity of Faith-Based Organizations

Under Review at *Consumptions, Markets, and Culture*, "Proposing in the Stalled Revolution: Traditional Gender Norms as Status and Scrip?" [Second Author]

Presentations

- 2016 Comeau, Katherine. "The 'Faith of FBOs': Organizational Repertoires and Approaches to Humanitarian Development" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 2016 Comeau, Katherine. "Faith-Based Organizations and International Development: What does Religion Add?" American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Seattle
- 2015 Comeau, Katherine. "Non-governmental Organizations and the Impact of Religious Identity" American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2014 Arend, Patricia and Katherine Comeau. "Yes, I Will Marry You: Socioeconomic Incentives in the Reproduction of the Traditional Engagement Proposal" American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA
- 2014 "Access to Education: What Role Can NGOs Play?" Annual New England Sociological Association Undergraduate Research Conference, Bridgewater State University
- 2014 "The Capabilities Approach Applied to the Work of NGOs" Fitchburg State University Undergraduate Research Conference
- 2013 "Perceptions of the Efficacy of the Treatment of Mental Illness in Haiti" 19th Annual Research Conference for Honor's Undergraduate Students of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, UMass Amherst
- 2013 "Perceptions of the Efficacy of the Treatment of Mental Illness in Haiti" Fitchburg State University Undergraduate Research Conference
- 2013 "Perceptions of the Efficacy of the Treatment of Mental Illness in Haiti" Annual Eastern Sociological Society, Boston
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- 2012 "Students' Perceptions of the Stigma of Mental Illness" Annual New England Sociological Association Undergraduate Research Conference, Bryant University
- 2012 "Students' Perceptions of the Stigma of Mental Illness" Fitchburg State University Undergraduate Research Conference

Research Experience

2016-Present Research Assistant
Well-being at Work, Mendoza School of Business and Kellogg International Studies
Principle Investigator: Dr. Matthew Bloom

2016-Present Research Assistant
Sociology Department, University of Notre Dame
Supervisor: Dr. Kraig Beyerlein

2014-2016 Research Assistant, Lilly Parenting Project
Center for the Study of Religion and Society
Supervisor: Dr. Christian Smith.

2013-2014 Researcher Assistant
Sociology Department, Fitchburg State University
Principal Investigator, Dr. Patricia Arend.

Teaching

2015 Teaching Assistant, Dr. Christian Smith, Understanding Societies

2011-2014 Peer Tutor, Fitchburg State University

Professional Experience and Service

2015-2016	Consultant	Critical Realism Network, funded by John Templeton Trust Foundation
2015-2017	Haiti Working Group administrator	Funded by Kellogg Institute of International Development
2014	Panelist discussing the film <i>Deported</i>	Haitian Studies Association Annual Conference
2014	Rapporteur and Grant writer for Conference on Human Development and Dignity	Kellogg Institute

Languages

Basic conversation skills in Haitian Creole

Memberships and Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Section on Religion
Section on Development
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Kellogg Institute of International Development