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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Ph.D., Sociology, 2012

Committee: James Mahoney (chair), Bruce Carruthers, Wendy Griswold, Carol Heimer

Master's Thesis, Sociology, 2005

Committee: Wendy Griswold (chair), Mary Pattillo

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
B.S.Ed. magna cum laude, 2002

Major: Learning & Organizational Change

Adjunct Major: International Studies, African region

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2020 – present Notre Dame, Kellogg Associate Professor of Sociology

2012 - 2020 Notre Dame, Kellogg Assistant Professor of Sociology

2016 – present Notre Dame, Concurrent appointment, Keough School for Global
 Affairs

2012 - present Notre Dame, Concurrent appointment, Department of Africana
 Studies

DISTINCTIONS, HONORS, AWARDS

2018 **Junior Theorist Award**, Theory Section of ASA

2018 **W. Richard Scott Article Award**, Organizations, Occupations & Work section of
 ASA

2018 **Faculty Article Award**, Sociology of Development Section of ASA

- 2015 **Theory Prize (article)**, Theory Section of ASA
- 2015 **Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award**, Consumption Section of ASA
- 2011 **Art Stinchcombe Dissertation Prize in Organizational Studies**, Northwestern University
- 2009 **Karpf Dissertation Prize**, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2008 **The Edward Shils - James Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper**. Theory Section, American Sociological Association

BOOKS

- 2020 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. *Patchwork Leviathan: Pockets of Bureaucratic Effectiveness in Developing States*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

** indicates an ND Grad Student at time of authoring*

- Forthcoming*. **McDonnell, Erin Metz**, Dustin Stoltz* & Marshal Taylor*. "Multiple Market Moralities: Systematic Differences in How Consumers Judge the Fairness of Price Changes" *Forthcoming at Socio-Economic Review* (impact factor 2.66.; top specialty journal for Economic Sociology).
- 2017 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. "The Patchwork Leviathan: How pockets of bureaucratic governance flourish within institutionally diverse developing states" *American Sociological Review*. 82(3): 476-510. [Journal impact factor: 5.06. Rank in Discipline: #1]
- * *Winner of the Junior Theorist Award from the Theory Section of the ASA*
 - * *Winner of the Faculty Article Award from the Sociology of Development ASA section*
 - * *Winner of W. Richard Scott Article Award from the Organizations, Occupations, & Work ASA section*
- 2016 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. "Conciliatory States: Elite Ethno-Demographics and the Puzzle of Public Goods within Diverse African States." *Comparative Political Studies* 49(11): 1513-1549. [Journal impact factor: 2.92. Rank in Discipline: #3]
- 2013 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. "Budgetary Units: A Weberian Approach to Consumption." *The American Journal of Sociology* 119(2): 307-350. [Journal impact factor: 3.764. Rank in Discipline: #2]
- * *Winner of the Theory Prize from the Theory Section of the ASA*

* Winner of the Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award from the Consumption Section of the ASA

- 2011 **McDonnell, Erin Metz** and Gary Alan Fine. "Pride and Shame in Ghana: Collective Memory and Nationalism among Elite Students." *African Studies Review* 54(3):121-42 [Journal impact factor: 0.58]
- 2007 Griswold, Wendy, **Erin Metz McDonnell** & Terence McDonnell. "Glamour and Honor: Going Online and Reading in West African Culture" *Information Technologies and International Development* 3(4)

Articles Currently Under Peer-Review:

McDonnell, Erin Metz & Abigail Jorgensen* "The Iron Cradle: A Cross-National Analysis of How Bureaucracy Affects Child Mortality" *Under Review*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Invited Publications

- forthcoming **McDonnell, Erin Metz** & Luiz Vilaça* (ND Grad Student). "Islands of Integrity & Pockets of Effectiveness: Understanding variation in the quality of government within central state administration." *The Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government* edited by Bo Rothstein, Monika Bauhr, and Andreas Bågenholm. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 **McDonnell, Erin**. "Food Porn: The Conspicuous Consumption of Food in the Age of Digital Reproduction" in *Food Media and Contemporary Culture: The Edible Image*. Peri Bradley (Ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Reviews

- 2019 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. Book Review of *The Moral Power of Money: Morality and Economy in the Life of the Poor* by Ariel Wilkis. *American Journal of Sociology* 125(1): 316-318
- 2017 **McDonnell, Erin Metz**. "Complete These Forms in Triplicate: An anarchist anthropologist contemplates how bureaucracy is ruining everything" a review of David Graeber (2015) *The Utopia of Rules: On Technology, Stupidity, and the Secret Joys of Bureaucracy*. *European Journal of Sociology* 58(3): 520-530.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003975617000327>

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 **Plenary Panel, Emory University**, Economic Sociology Conference, Sept 27
"What complexity and heterogeneity within organizations means for Economic Sociology"

- 2019 **Keynote, Junior Theorist Symposium**, Aug 9.
Theorizing Dual Habitus and Organizational Change
- 2019 **World Bank & Government of Zambia**. July 30.
"Pockets of Bureaucratic Effectiveness: What we can learn from relatively high performing niches within low-income states"
- 2019 **World Bank, Bureaucracy Lab**. May 15.
"Pockets of Bureaucratic Effectiveness: What we can learn from relatively high performing niches within low-income states"
- 2019 **University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management**. April 11.
"States as Organizational Entities: What pockets of effectiveness in low-income states can teach us about institutional change and organizational cultures"
- 2019 **New York University, Tandler Network**. March 22.
"Organizational 'Bright Spots': The long arc of disseminating Tandler-style work"
- 2018 **University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, Interdisciplinary Committee on Organizational Studies**. Nov 2.
"Interstitial Bureaucracy: How some state agencies succeed in the context of weak and fractious institutional environments"
- 2017 **Northwestern University, Buffett Center for Global Affairs**. Oct 6.
"Patchwork Leviathans in Comparative Historical Perspective: Explaining pockets of effectiveness from early-modern America to contemporary Nigeria"
- 2017 **Brown University, Watson Institute, Development & Governance Seminar**. Mar 2.
"Interstitial Bureaucracy: How some state agencies succeed in the context of weak and fractious institutional environments"
- 2017 **Duke University, Sociology Department Colloquium**. January 27.
"Interstitial Bureaucracy: How some state agencies succeed in the context of weak and fractious institutional environments"
- 2016 **University of Chicago, Social Theory and Evidence Workshop**. February 29.
"Interstitial Bureaucracy: How high institutional variation affects organizational characteristics of effective public sector agencies in Ghana"
- 2015 **Stanford University, Organizational Behavior Seminar**. October 15.
"Interstitial Bureaucracy: Rethinking State Organizational Dynamics in the Global South"
- 2015 **Brown University, Sociology of Development Conference** (invited panelist), March 14.
"Patchwork Leviathan: Interstitial Bureaucracy and Statecraft in the Global South"
- 2014 **Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)**. May
"Arriving at the African Fiscal Contract: Ethnic Diversity and State Capacity in Ghana and Botswana"

- 2013 **Harvard Academy, Ethnicity and State Capacity.** Oct
 "On Death and Taxes: Ethnicity and State Capacities in Health and Revenue"
- 2008 **University of Wisconsin Madison, Economic Change and Development Seminar.**
 Oct 3
 "The Subcultural Approach to the Development of Bureaucracy"
- 2007 **University of Chicago, Workshop on Money, Markets and Consumption.** Feb 7
 "Budgetary Units: A Weberian Approach to Consumption."

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 **Stanford University**, The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness
- 2009 **Northwestern University**, Weinberg Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 2007 **National Science Foundation**, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (#0728059)
 "Subcultural Bureaucracy" \$7,500
- 2007 **Northwestern University**, Department of Sociology, Sociology Research Fellowship
- 2006 **Northwestern University**, Program of African Studies, Hans E. Panofsky Fellowship.
 "The Subcultural Origins of Bureaucracy" Predissertation & Archival Research
- 2002 **Fulbright Fellowship** (Institute for International Education): Ghana
 "Consuming Tradition, Creating Nation: How traditional cultural symbols are transformed for consumption as contemporary nationalist goods." \$20,000

GRANTS & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- 2019 Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), Large Henkels Conference Grant (\$10k)
- 2019 Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute, Faculty Conference Grant (\$9650)
- 2018 Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute, Faculty Research Grant
 "Brazilian State Building: From Isolated Pockets of Effectiveness to Seeds of Change"
- 2014 The American Sociological Association's Travel Award Grant (SES-1345594) supported by the National Science Foundation (\$1500)
- 2014 Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Travel to International Conferences Grant, (\$2500)
- 2014 Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute, Faculty Travel Grant
- 2014 Notre Dame, Office VP Research, Faculty Scholarship Research Program Initiation Grant

- “Fairness and Pricing: Historical Shifts and Demographic Differences in the Evaluation of Moral Behavior in the Market” (Primary Investigator) (\$9996)
- 2013 Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Small Research and Creative Work Grant (\$1772)
- 2012 Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute, Faculty Research Grant (with Fang Liu) (\$5395)

OTHER NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Current Research Projects in Progress

McDonnell, Erin Metz and Luiz Vilaça (ND Grad Student). “Elective Affinities and Configurational Theorizing in Sociology” (in preparation)

McDonnell, Erin Metz and Luiz Vilaça (ND Grad Student). “The Structure of Theoretical Framing in Sociology” (analysis phase)

Professional Consultations

2019-Present Leadership	World Bank , Academic Research Consultant, Field Level
2019-Present Consultant	Emerging Public Leaders of Ghana , Academic Research

Professional Memberships

2004-present	American Sociological Association
2010-present	Social Science History Association
2013-present	African Politics Conference Group
2014-2016	American Political Science Association

Conference Presentations

2019 November. “The American State as Patchwork Leviathan: Rethinking the New Deal Agricultural Adjustment Agency as a Pocket of Effectiveness” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.

2019 October. “Beyond Executive Will: When Merely Interested or Inattentive Elites Foster PoEs in State Administration.” Development in Dialogue annual conference of the Sociology of Development section, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN.

- 2019 September. "Beyond Executive Will: When Merely Interested or Inattentive Elites Foster PoEs in State Administration." Effective States and International Development Conference, University of Manchester, Manchester UK.
- 2019 August. "The Materiality of Development." Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2018 October. "Do Political Institutions Improve Health? A Cross-National Analysis of Democracy, State Health Spending, and Weberian Bureaucracy." Sociology of Development Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- 2018 August. "Do Political Institutions Improve Health? A Cross-National Analysis of Democracy, State Health Spending, and Weberian Bureaucracy." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2017 August "Multiple Market Moralities? The Cultural Variability of Fairness in Pricing Schemas." Section on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 2016 November. "State-Making through the Management of Public Goods." Social Science History Association, Chicago.
- 2016 October. "Conciliatory States: Elite Ethno-Demographics and the Puzzle of Public Goods Within Diverse African States" 5th annual conference of the Sociology of Development Section, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 6-8, 2016.
- 2016 August. "Patchwork Leviathan: Interstitial Bureaucracy and Statecraft in Ghana" Section on Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 2015 August. "Weberian Bureaucracy and Health: Does Bureaucratic State Capacity Improve Wellbeing?" Section on the Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 2015 August. (with Megan Austin) "Ethnic Diversity & Fiscal State Capacity" Sections on Economic Sociology & Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 2014 August. "War & Contemporary State-Building? Threat & Trusted Taxation" Section on Comparative & Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, San Francisco
- 2014 July. "Charisma and Subcultural Bureaucracy: Challenging Weber's Ideal Typical Distinction" International Sociological Association Conference, Yokohama, Japan.
- 2012 November. "The Subcultural Origins of Bureaucracy in Contemporary States" ASA Sociology of Development Conference: Development in Crisis, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2011 August. "Weberian Bureaucracy and Human Wellbeing: Cross-national Analysis of Childhood Mortality in 33 Countries" Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.

- 2010 August. "Seeking the Origins of State Capacity for Development: Highly Skilled Migration and Administrative Reputation" Section on International Migration, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2009 August. "Making Meritocracy: Structures and Processes in the Production of Merit-Based Public Sector Recruitment" Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2009 July. "Subcultures of Bureaucracy: Sub-state Variation in (Weberian) Bureaucratic Quality" Adjusting to Economic and Social Challenges: Reconsidering the Roles of State and Market. Harvard Weatherhead Center, Cambridge, MA.
- 2008 August. "Feedback and supplement: Theory and methods in the approach of opaque problems." Invited presentation to the Theory Section Mini-Conference. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2008 May. "Making Meritocracy: Structures and Processes in the Production of Merit-Based Public Sector Recruitment" Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat. Sponsored by Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard and the Center for Comparative Research at Yale, Boston.
- 2007 August. "Budgetary Units: Revisiting Weber's Forgotten Economic Unit of Consumption" Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2007 April. "Courtiers of Compromise: The Fate of Coordinating Agencies in the African Developmental Regime." Session: "Development Policy Debates: Africa in the Age of Globalization." Midwestern Sociological Society, Chicago.
- 2005 November. "Deadbeats, Goldiggers, and the 'Good Parent': The Social Meaning of Child Support Arrangements for Low Income Parents." Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington D.C.
- 2005 August. "Learning Transnationalism: Social Capital and Students' Socialization to Transnational Practices." Section on International Migration. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2005 February. "Geeks, Puns, and Food: Organizational Supports for Individual Boundary Work in 'The High IQ Society'" Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2004 February. "Symbol or Proxy: How Race is Constructed as Meaningful in the Teacher-Student Relationship." Chicago Ethnography Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston.
- 2002 April. "Adinkra, the story of the stories: A history of Ghana's narrative 'iconoglyphs'" Special conference on "The State of the Art: Africa and America in Comparative Perspective," University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana.

SERVICE

Notre Dame Service

2022-2020	Kellogg Institute	Kellogg Faculty Committee
2022-2020	Sociology Dept	CRPT-Executive Committee
2020	Sociology Dept	Placement committee for students on the job market
2019	Sociology Dept	Colloquium Committee
2019	Sociology Dept	Recruitment Committee
2015-present	Notre Dame	Provost's Committee on Internationalization
2015-present	Arts & Letters	Faculty speaker at New Admits weekend & Reilly Forums
2011-present	Kellogg Institute	Advisory Committee, International Development Studies
2011-present	Sociology Dept	Exam committee member for Organizations, Political Sociology, and Economic Sociology
2018	Sociology Dept	Placement committee for students on the job market
2014-2017	Kellogg Institute	Faculty Grants Committee
2014-2017	St. Mary's	SPARK program for low-income female entrepreneurs
2011-2018	Notre Dame	Graduate Fulbright Campus Committee member
2014-2016	Kellogg Institute	Coordinator, Africa Working Group
2014-2015	Kellogg Institute	Visiting Fellows Application Committee
2013	Arts & Letters	Invited speaker at the Social Sciences Building Benefactor Reception
2012-2013	Kellogg Institute	Experiencing the World Fellowship Evaluation Committee
2012	A&L, Kellogg	One of three assistant professors invited to meet with the Dean and advisory board members for the College of Arts & Letters and Kellogg Institute collaboration meeting
2012	Sociology Dept	Recruitment Committee
2012	Notre Dame	Presentation on Academic Integrity at new faculty orientation

Service to the Discipline

2021-2023	Sociological Theory Journal , Editorial Board
2023-2020	Consumers & Consumption Section , Council Member
2022-2020	Sociology of Development Journal , Editorial Board
2021-2019	American Journal of Sociology , Consulting Editor
2019-2018	Development Section , ASA. Executive Organizer, Annual Section Conference

2019	Theory Section , ASA. Member of the Junior Theorist Prize Committee
2018	Theory Section , ASA. Chair of the Student Paper Prize Committee
2018	Development Section , ASA. Chair of the Student Paper Prize Committee
2018-2015	Development Section , ASA. Council Representative
2017-2014	Theory Section , ASA. Co-Editor, Perspectives section newsletter
2013	Theory Section , ASA. Chair of the Student Paper Prize Committee
2012-2009	Theory Section , ASA. Theory Council Student Representative
2011	Development Section , ASA. Committee on Nominations

Reviewer for: Africa Today, American Sociological Review, the American Journal of Sociology, Communication Research and Practice Journal, Critical Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Theory, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Migration Studies, Sociological Forum, Social Science Quarterly, Ethnopolitics.

TEACHING

Teaching Honors

2014	Undergraduate Mentoring Award, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame
2005	Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Notre Dame

63591: International & Global Sociology	Fa14 Fa18
63820: Sociology of Organizations	Fa12 Sp16 Fa19
63588: The State in the Global South**	Su16
43510: Governance and Africa	Fa11 Sp12
30518: Sociology of Money	Sp14 Sp16 Fa17
30952: International Research Design*	Sp15 Fa15 Sp17 Fa17 Sp18 Fa18 Sp19 Fa19
23951: End of Int'l Research Design**	Fa12 Fa14
20550: Development & Human Wellbeing	Fa11 Sp14 Fa14 Fa15
13181: Sociology of Money (USEM)	Sp12 Sp13 Sp15 Sp18 Sp19

* Featured on Sociology and Arts & Letters homepages:
<http://al.nd.edu/news/57868-sociology-course-helps-students-prepare-for-international-field-research/>

**indicates a one-credit course

Instructor, Northwestern University

Political Sociology	Su2008
Economic Sociology	Sp2008
Seminar on College Teaching & Research (Grad)	Sp2007 Sp2008

From Benjamins to Bling: The Sociology of Money Sp2007

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Classical Social Theory Fa2008

Sociology of Complex Orgs Win2006

Economic Sociology Sp2005

Social Inequality Fa2004

Introduction to Sociology Sp2004

Teaching Assistant, African American Studies Department, Northwestern University

The Black Diaspora and Transnationality Fa2005

MENTORSHIP & RESEARCH ADVISING

Doctoral Dissertations Advised

<i>Student</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Placement</i>
Luiz Vilaça	current	Co-Chair	
Leslie MacColman	current	Member	
Abigail Jorgensen	current	Member	
Dustin Stoltz	2020	Co-Chair	Asst. Professor, LeHigh University
Kelsie Vercel	2019	Member	Asst. Professor, Augustana
Matthew Linford	2016	Member	Research Team Lead, US Air Forces
Kevin Estep	2017	Member	Asst. Professor, Creighton University

Masters Theses Advised

Chang Liu	current	Chair	
Jing Li	current	Member	
Jennifer Dudley	current	Member	
Michelle Sawwan	current	Member	
Leslie MacColman		Chair	
Katherine Comeau		Member	
Megan Austin Research		Member	Researcher, Amer. Institutes for

Undergraduate Theses Advised

<i>Student</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Grad Yr</i>	<i>Grants & Honors</i>
Braye Alamene	PolSci	2020	ISLA grant
Dayonni Phillips	IDS	2020	Kellogg Institute Research Grant
Gifty Marfowaa	IDS	2019	Kellogg Institute Research Grant
Deborah Bineza	IDS	2019	Kellogg Institute Research Grant
Meghan Santella	Soc	2018	UROP Summer
Comprehensive (\$4500)			
			*Fulbright to South Africa
Dan Kendall	IDS	2017	Kellogg Institute Research Grant
Scott Copeland	Soc	2016	Nanovic Research Grant (\$2995), Eisch Research Grant

K.K. Fiannaan	Soc/IDS	2016	Kellogg Institute Research Grant Eisch Award winner. Honorable Mention, Undergrad Scholars Conference
Jaclyn Paul	Soc	2015	
August Bossu	PolSci/IDS	2014	
Alex Li	Soc	2014	
Luke Heneghan	IDS	2013	

Non-Thesis Undergraduate Fieldwork Supervised

<i>Student</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Grad Yr</i>	<i>Grants & Honors</i>
Emily Fisher (\$3392)	IDS	2017	Experiencing the World Fellowship
Petra Rantanen	Soc	2017	Glynn Grant (\$5000)
Matthew Rory Coscia	Soc	2017	American Dream Research Grant (\$3000), Eisch Research Grant
Stephanie DuBois	Soc	2018	American Dream Research Grant

Undergraduate Research Mentorship (including International Scholars Program)

<i>Student</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Grad Yr</i>	<i>Grants & Honors</i>
Megan Kendall	ISP	2022	
Lizbeth Lucero	SROP	2020	
Kyle Murphy	ISP	2020	
Emily Fisher (\$3392)	ISP	2017	Experiencing the World Fellowship
Olivia Mogaka	ISP	2017	
Morgan Benson	ISP	2014	Fulbright Finalist