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## EDUCATION

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### Expected Ph.D. Sociology

**2021** University of Notre Dame  
*Dissertation* – Good Sex: Moral Identities and Sexuality  
*Committee* – Kraig Beyerlein (chair), Abigail Ocobock (chair), Elizabeth McClintock, Erika Summers-Effler  
*Exams* – Sociology of Religion; Sociology of Gender  
*Minor* – Gender Studies  
*Certificates* – Community Engagement and Public Scholarship

### 2015 M.A. Sociology

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
*Thesis* – Thou Shalt Not: Experiences of Contraceptive Use and Religious Identity Negotiation Among Married Catholic Women  
*Committee* – Carrie Foote (chair), Linda Haas, Devon Hensel  
*Concentration* – Family and Gender

### 2012 B.A. Sociology, summa cum laude

Marian University, Indianapolis  
*Thesis* – Women are What Women Read: A Comparative Content Analysis of Mass-Market and Christian Romance Novels of the 21st Century  
*Second Major* – English  
*Minor* – Pastoral Leadership

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender, Social Psychology, Sexualities, Religion, Marriage and Family, Feminist Theory

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2016 Blinn-Pike, Lynn, [McCaslin, Brianna](#). "College Granddaughters' Memories and Emotions Related to Their Relationships With Their Deceased Grandfathers." *OMEGA-Journal of Death and Dying* 77(4): 307-329.
- 2015 Blinn-Pike, Lynn, [McCaslin, Brianna](#). "College Students: Journaling about Their Intergenerational Relationships with Their Living and Deceased Grandparents." *College Student Journal* 49(4): 475-486.

### Professional Reports

- 2014 Foote, Carrie E., [McCaslin, Brianna](#), Drea, Andrew, Davis, and Sandra Shea. *Navy and Marine Family Diversity Study Results*. Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University.

## Other Papers

- 2020 Ambord, Paige and Brianna McCaslin. "Developing a Sociological Imagination: Understanding Social Problems." Summer Service Learning Program Course Reading, University of Notre Dame.
- 2012 McCaslin, Brianna. "Artemis and the Phenomenon of the Women's Bathroom." *The Fioretti, Marian University Literary Magazine*.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

McCaslin, Brianna. "Condemnation or Condonation?: Religious Effects on Adolescent Sexual Health Knowledge."

McCaslin, Brianna. "Contraceptive Use and Religious Identity Negotiation Among Catholic Women."

McCaslin, Brianna. "Gender and Religiosity in Adolescent Sexual Self-Efficacy."

McCaslin, Brianna. "'Your Vulnerable Strength Shows so Beautifully: Self-Presentation to Transform Fat Stigma."

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- 2020 Gender Studies Graduate Research Grant, *University of Notre Dame*
- 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Travel Award, *SSSR*
- 2015 Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellowship, *University of Notre Dame*
- 2015 Anne Donchin Women's Studies Graduate Research Award, *Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*
- 2015 David C Bell Theory Fellowship in Sociology, *Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*
- 2014 IUPUI University Fellowship, *Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*
- 2012 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- 2008 San Damiano Scholars Program Scholarship, *Marian University*
- 2008 Sts. Francis and Clare Academic Scholarship, *Marian University*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 Accepted for presentation – "Religious Masculinities: Sexual Pleasure and Power" *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meeting*
- 2020 Accepted for referred roundtable – "Good Sex: Moral Identity and Sexuality" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*
- 2019 "Subjectivity and Pleasure: The Influence of Social Identities on Sexuality" *SSSR Annual Meeting, St. Louis MO*

- 2019 "Catholics and Contraception: Sexual Decision Making and Religious Identity Negotiation" *ASA Annual Meeting Referred Roundtables, New York NY*
- 2018 "Organizational Legitimacy: Catholics and Contraceptive Coverage" *SSSR Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV*
- 2018 "'Vulnerable Strength Shows so Beautifully': Self-Presentation to Transform Fat Stigma" *ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA*
- 2018 "Resistance and Boundaries: Contraceptive Coverage at a Catholic Institution," *ASA Sexualities Preconference, Philadelphia PA*
- 2017 "Gender and Religiosity in Adolescent Sexual Self-Efficacy" *Gender Studies Research Workshop, University of Notre Dame*
- 2017 "Adolescent Religiosity and Sexual Self-Efficacy" *ASA Annual Meeting, Referred Roundtables, Montreal*
- 2016 "Condom Nation or Condemnation?: Religious Effects on Sexual Health Knowledge" *Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) Annual Conference, Phoenix AZ*
- 2016 "'Am I going to be able to call myself Catholic?': Contraceptive Use and Religious Identity Negotiation," *SSSR Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA*
- 2016 "Condom Nation or Condemnation?: Religious Effects on Sexual Health Knowledge" *ASA Annual Meeting Referred Roundtables, Seattle WA*
- 2015 "Thou Shalt Not: Experiences of Contraceptive Use Among Married Catholic Women" *SSSS Annual Conference, Albuquerque NM*
- 2015 "Thou Shalt Not: Experiences of Contraceptive Use and Religious Identity Negotiation Among Married Catholic Women" *IUPUI Research Day*
- 2015 "Catholic Female Sexuality: Religious Choice, Experience and Negotiation" *Women's Studies Award Ceremony*
- 2014 "Thou Shalt Not: Experiences of Contraceptive Use and Religious Identity Negotiation Among Married Catholic Women" *Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences 85th Annual Meeting*
- 2012 "Women are What Women Read: A Comparative Content Analysis of Mass-Market and Christian Romance Novels of the 21st Century" *Honors Colloquium Presentations*

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2019-2020 Co-Investigator, Notre Dame Undergraduate Religion and Spirituality Longitudinal Study (ND-URSLS), PI: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame
- Collaborated on the construction of study design and research instruments
- 2018 Graduate Assistant to Dr. Clemens Sedmak, Catholic Social Tradition Research Lab, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame
- Collaborated on drafting research plan and procedures, including IRB application

- Collected and analyzed interview data
- 2018 Assistant Editor, American Sociological Review, University of Notre Dame
- Organized manuscript reviewers
  - Assisted in review process logistics
- 2015-2017 Research Assistant to Dr. Mary Ellen Konieczny, University of Notre Dame
- Directed undergraduate research assistants
  - Led a team in collecting archival and secondary data
  - Coded and analyzed interview transcripts
  - Served as project manager and organizer
- 2013-2015 Research Assistant to Dr. Lynn Blinn-Pike, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- Coded qualitative journal data
  - Organized analysis and research results
  - Proposed and planned a journal article, including literature
  - Resulted in two published academic articles
- 2014 Research Assistant to Dr. Carrie E. Foote, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- Coded interviews and focus group discussions with veterans
  - Analyzed and drafted main themes and concerns of participants
  - Resulted in published professional research report

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020 Co-Instructor, Intro to Gender Studies, Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame (30 students)
- 2019 Teaching Apprentice, Intro to Gender Studies, Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame (Instructor: Pam Butler; 29 students)
- 2019 Instructor, Marriage and Family, Department of Sociology (12 students)
- 2017-2019 Teaching Assistant, Summer Service Learning Program, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame (Instructor: Ben Wilson)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Marriage and Family, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (Instructor: Abigail Ocobock; 38 students)
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Inner City America: Decoding "The Wire," Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (Instructor: Bill Carbonaro; 50 students)
- 2013-2015 Teaching Assistant Sociological Statistics, Department of Sociology, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (Instructors: Ain Haas, Devon Hensel)
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Statistics, Department of Sociology, Marian University Indianapolis (Instructor: Heather Rodriguez)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2020-2021 Graduate Student Representative to Steering Committee, Gender Studies Program
- 2018 Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2017 Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2011-2012 Sociology Editor, Marian University Undergraduate Journal of History and Social Science

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- American Sociological Association
  - Sections: Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Religion, Sexualities, Sociological Practice and Public Sociology, Emotions, Body and Embodiment
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences
- Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society