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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Ph.D. in Sociology **2022 (anticipated)**
Dissertation: "COVID-19 and Partisan Boundary-Setting in Conditions of Uncertainty"
Committee: Lyn Spillman, Erika Summers-Effler, Ann Mische, Samuel Woolley (University of Texas)

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Master of Arts in Sociology **2019**
Thesis: "Rah Rah Ritual: High School Basketball and Community Identity"

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, magna cum laude **2016**
University Scholar (one of eight in my class; multidisciplinary liberal arts honors program)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Culture, Media, Social Theory, Collective Memory, American Politics, Research Design, Computational Social Science, Public Sociology

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

"*Confronting Systemic Racism in a Post-Truth World*" (with Abigail Bodeau, Baylor University)
Church Life Journal 2021

"*COVID-19 and Partisan Boundary-Setting in Conditions of Uncertainty*"
Dissertation research; will be 3 articles, titles pending in progress

"*Rah Rah Ritual: High School Basketball and Community Identity*"
Based on Master's thesis research in progress

"*The Construction and Invocation of Tradition in Public-Sphere versus Academic Contexts*"
Submitting to *Civic Sociology* in progress

"*1619 and 1776 in 2021: Critique, Continuity, Contestation, and 'Cancel Culture' in Collective Memory*" in progress

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"*The Construction and Invocation of Tradition in Public-Sphere versus Academic Contexts*"
Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (presenting online), November 2021

"*Death Rises in Mexico: Political Upheaval and Religious Innovation*"
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, online, August 2021

"*Rah Rah Ritual: High School Basketball and Community Identity*"
International Conference on Sport and Society, Granada, Spain (presented online), June 2021
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, online, August 2020
International Conference for Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, online, July 2020

"*Confronting Systemic Racism in a Post-Truth World*"
deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, South Bend, IN, November 2021 (presenting solo)
Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, South Bend, IN (presented online), April 2021 (presented with coauthor)

AWARDS

Rev. Robert S. Pelton, CSC Essay Contest winner - \$150 prize April 2019
Submission title: "Death Rises in Mexico: Political Upheaval and Religious Innovation"
Kellogg Institute for International Studies Latin American – North American Church Concerns (LANACC)
University of Notre Dame

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame

Teaching Assistant – Theology 33936, Summer Service Learning Program

Summer 2021

Managed a small group, provided assignment feedback and weekly and final grades

Teaching Assistant – Sociology 10033, Social Problems

Spring 2021

Assisted with lectures, led two class sessions, provided assignment feedback

John Paul II Junior College, Benque Viejo del Carmen, Belize

Instructor – Philosophy 101, Mathematics 101, Humanities 201, Philosophy 102, Rhetoric 101

2016-17

Developed syllabi, delivered lectures, assigned tests, quizzes, and papers, graded all assignments

Coached team for Social Security Board National Debate Competition, March 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Notre Dame Undergraduate Religion and Student Life Survey

August 2019 – June 2020

PI: Dr. Kraig Beyerlein

Coded Notre Dame student organizations and events into categories; determined relevant events to include in weekly survey

Landscape Study of Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry in the United States

August 2018 – July 2019,

PI: Dr. David Sikkink

August 2020 – May 2021

Searched and categorized US colleges and universities by religious affiliation

MEMBERSHIPS

Graduate Affiliate

Center for Information Technology and Public Life, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
2021-22

Participant

Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, Rutgers University, Brunswick, NJ (online)
June 2021

Graduate Sorin Fellow

deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame
2019-present

Student Member

American Sociological Association

Section memberships: Culture; Political Sociology; Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology; Social Psychology; Theory
2017-present

REFERENCES

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Dr. Samuel Woolley

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