

# Greg Wurm

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## Education

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### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2023 **PhD Sociology** (expected)

Dissertation: "Depolarization Nation: Why and How Americans Bridge Political Differences"  
Committee Members: Christian Smith (advisor), Lyn Spillman, Abigail Ocobock, Terence McDonnell

Qualifying Exams: Religion (passed with distinction), Theory

### BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

2018 **MS Sociology**

2016 **BS Sociology**, Magna Cum Laude  
Valedictorian, Department of Sociology  
Honors Program

2014 University of Cambridge: Pembroke-Kings Programme (summer)  
University of Oxford: Seminar on Social Innovation (spring)

### MESA AND CHANDLER-GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2013 **Associates of Arts**, Summa Cum Laude  
**Certificate of Global Citizenship**

## Research and Teaching Interests

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Sociology of Family, Religion, and Politics; Theory; Culture; Morality; Qualitative Methods; Statistics

## Publications

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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2022 **Wurm, Greg J.** "Theorizing Arranged Marriage: The Case of Muslim Immigrants in Love Marriage Societies." In press at the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. Early View.  
DOI: [10.1111/jftr.12470](https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12470)

2019 David C. Dollahite, Loren D. Marks, **Greg J. Wurm.** "Generative Devotion: A Theory of Sacred Relational Care in Families of Faith" *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. 11(3):429-448  
DOI: [10.1111/jftr.12339](https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12339)

2019 Knapp, Stan J., **Greg J. Wurm.** "Theorizing Family Change: A Review and Reconceptualization." *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. 11(2):212-229  
DOI: [10.1111/jftr.12329](https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12329)

2018 **Wurm, Greg J.**, David C. Dollahite, and Loren D. Marks. 2018. "The Inner Logic of Religion(s): Theoretical Implications Regarding Eight American Religious-Ethnic Communities." *Marriage & Family Review* 54(7):635-347.  
DOI: [10.1080/01494929.2018.1469570](https://doi.org/10.1080/01494929.2018.1469570)

## BOOK CHAPTER

2019 **Wurm, Greg J.**, David C. Dollahite, and Loren D. Marks. 2019. "The Inner Logic of Religion(s): Theoretical Implications Regarding Eight American Religious-Ethnic Communities." Pp. 19-31 in David Dollahite and Loren Marks (Eds.). *Strengths in Diverse Families of Faith: Exploring Religious Differences*. New York: Routledge.

## Works in Progress

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### REVISE AND RESUBMIT

**Wurm, Greg J.** "Rethinking the Relationship between Ethics and Ontology: Toward a theory of ethical relationalism." Under Review at the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*.  
- The British equivalent of *Sociological Theory* (where the theories I discuss in my paper are more discussed).

### UNDER REVIEW

**Wurm, Greg J.** "Normative Inquiry and Lyrical Sociology." Accepted for special collection on normativity at the journal *Civic Sociology*.

### IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

**Wurm, Greg J.** "Religion, Family, and Modernization Theory in the West: Parallel Trajectories and Theorizations." Under preparation for submitting to the *Sociological Compass*.

**Wurm, Greg J.** "The Heteronormative Power of Marriage: Post-Obergefell Families and the Unequal Division of Paid Labor." Under preparation for submitting to the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

**Wurm, Greg J.** and David Sikkink. "Explaining Christian Nationalist Prejudice Toward Atheists and Muslims." Under preparation for submitting to *Social Forces*.

**Wurm, Greg J.** "Bringing Society Back In, Again: Institutional Logics Theory and Sociological Analysis." Under preparation for submitting to *Sociological Theory*.

## Awards & Scholarships

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2022-23	Graduate Fellow – Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NIDAS) - \$31,000
2022	Institute for Humane Studies (HIS) Grant - \$1,000
2021	Graduate Student Research Award (internal) \$4,000
2019	GSPDA Grant to attend Levinas Philosophy Summer Seminar - \$1,000
2018/19	Funding from CSRS to attend SSSR conference - \$600 per year
2018-2023	University Presidential Fellowship - \$29,000
2016-2018	Stipend for BYU Master's Program - \$22,080 per year
2014-2018	Ann Lowden Call/Dayna Lynn Ahern Scholarships - \$4,500
2017	Winner of Mary P. Oenslager National Achievement Award - \$6,000
2015-2017	Phi Kappa Phi, BYU Chapter - Top 7.5% of university class
2016	Grant from <i>Office of Research and Creative Activities</i> towards honor's thesis - \$1,500
2016	First Place in J. Reuben Clark Law Society <i>Religious Liberty in 30 Seconds</i> contest

- 2014-2016   BYU Undergraduate Continuing Student Scholarship – Full tuition  
 2014        Funding for study abroad to Oxford and Cambridge - \$6,500  
 2013        Mesa Community College Academic Honors, Award, and Recognition Banquet  
             - Outstanding Sociology Student of the Year  
             - Outstanding Honors Student of the Year  
 2012-2013   Phi Theta Kappa, Omicron Beta Chapter (Mesa Community College Honors Society)  
 2011-2013   Presidents’ Honors Scholarship (Community College) – Full tuition

## **Presentations**

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- 2022   Putting People over Politics: Explaining the Possibility of Political Depolarization  
        - American Sociological Association (ASA) section session for Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity (AMSS): Value Pluralism in Polarized Times. Los Angeles, CA: August.
- 2021   Theorizing Arranged Marriage: The Case of Muslim Immigrants in Love Marriage Societies  
        - Theory Construction and Research Methods (TCRM) workshop for annual meeting of the National Council of Family Relations (NCFR), November (virtual session).
- 2021   Rethinking the Relationship between Ethics and Ontology: Toward a Theory of Ethical Relationalism  
        - ASA Theory Roundtable, August (virtual).
- 2021   Political Polarization within the American Family  
        - Studies in Politics and Movements workshop, Notre Dame, IN, March.  
        - Research & Analysis Sociology of Religion workshop, Notre Dame, IN, March.
- 2020   “The (Non)Heteronormative Power of Marriage: Post-Obergefell Families and the Division of Paid Labor.”  
        - ASA Family Roundtable, August (virtual).  
        - Gender Workshop, Notre Dame, IN, April.
- 2019   “Religion, Family, and Modernization Theory in the West”  
        - Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) session: St. Louis, MO, October.  
        - Research and Analysis in the Sociology of Religion (RASR) workshop, Notre Dame, IN, November.
- 2019   “Doing Normative Inquiry: Toward an Ethical Theory of the Lyric”  
        - Chicago Ethnography Conference session, Northwestern University: Evanston, IL, March.
- 2018   “The Missing Link in Secularization Theory: The Family as an Autonomous Field”  
        - Eastern Sociological Society session, Baltimore, MD, February.
- 2018   “A Logic for Research that Changes the World: The Pragmatic Imperative to Change Oneself”  
        - Pacific Sociological Association session, Long Beach, CA, March.
- 2017   “Theorizing Family Change: A Review and Reconceptualization” (with Stan Knapp)  
        - Theory Construction and Research Methods Pre-conference workshop of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL, November.

- 2017 “Family, Religion, and the Rise of the Non-Religious Humanitarian Field”  
 - Social Science Historical Association session, Montreal, QC, November
- 2017 “Living in Detroit: *Doing* Lyrical Sociology”  
 - Society for the Study of Social Problems session, Montreal, QC, August.
- 2017 “Living in Detroit: *Interpreting* Lyrical Sociology”  
 - Society for the Study of Social Interactionism session, Montreal, QC, August.

## Research Experience

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- 2020-22 *Research Assistant –David Sikkink*  
 - Research on Christian Nationalism in the U.S. using data from the 2017 Baylor Religion Survey.
- 2019-20 *Research Assistant –Abigail Ocobock*  
 - Literature review on arranged marriages among 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation South Asian Immigrants to the United States.
- 2018 *Research Assistant –Christian Smith*  
 - Researched on the connection between the family and economy before and after the industrial revolution.
- 2016-18 *Research Assistant –Stan Knapp*  
 - Undertook an extensive literature review on how family change has been conceptualized by scholars over the past half-century, compiled key citations, and assisted in writing a paper that was eventually published which provides both a review of these findings as well as proposes a new way forward using Weberian Institutional Logics
- 2017 *Research Assistant (spring/summer)- Curtis Child*  
 - Assisted in the writing and revision of a paper on the history of the LDS Genesis Group, an auxiliary organization for Black men and women in the LDS church formed at a time when those of African descent were banned from holding the church’s priesthood  
 - Read interview transcripts, relevant historical work, and attended monthly meetings  
 - Helped briefly with a project of his on multi-level marketing

## Teaching Experience

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- 2021 *Linear Regression Lab (Graduate)*  
 - University of Notre Dame, Fall. Teaching first-year graduate students the basics of data analysis using Stata.
- 2021 *Statistics Bootcamp (Graduate)*  
 - University of Notre Dame, Summer term. Accelerated introductory statistics course for incoming graduate students
- 2019 *Teaching Assistant/Instructor: Introduction to Social Problems*  
 - University of Notre Dame, Spring term w/ Abigail Ocobock (led class for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of semester while professor was out on maternity leave)

- 2018 *Instructor: "Introduction to Family Sociology" (SOC 360)*  
- Brigham Young University Department of Sociology, Summer.
- 2015 *Family Facilitator Intern for the Strengthening Families Program*  
- Co-taught a 10-week research-based family skills class at Utah Valley University to parents and children recommended by local school districts

## **Professional Associations**

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### Active

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
- Sections: Family; Religion; Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity; Theory  
National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)  
- Sections: Religion, Spirituality, and Family; Research and Theory  
- Focus Groups: Diverse Family Structures; Qualitative Family Research Network; Work & Family  
Social Science History Association (SSHA)  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)  
Sorin Fellow – de Nicolas Center for Ethics and Culture

## **Service**

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Graduate Admissions Committee – Student Representative – 2021  
Distinguished Career Award Committee Member - ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity section - 2021  
Volunteer – Sociology of Development Conference – 2019  
NCFR Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer – 2021

## **Languages and Programming**

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Spanish- Fluent in Reading, Writing, Speaking  
Stata  
Qualtrics

## **References**

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### **Christian Smith**

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