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EDUCATION

- 2020 – present Doctoral Student in Sociology
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Area Exams: Culture, Theory
- 2018 – 2020 M.A. in Sociology.
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Thesis: “‘Out to Get Us’: Contemporary Evangelical Expressions of Identity in Interaction.”
- Committee: Amy McDowell (chair), Minjoo Oh, John Sonnett
- 2014 – 2018 B.A. in English (with Honors), Minor in Sociology. *Cum laude.*
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Honors Thesis: “‘Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identities by Defining the Skeptic.”
- Committee: Amy McDowell (chair), Kirsten Dellinger, James Thomas
- Capstone Paper, B.A. in English:* “Tess Durbeyfield’s Blighted Star: Domination in Hardy’s *Tess of the D’Urbervilles*.”

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Cultural Sociology – Theory – Ethnographic Methods – Cognition – Emotions – Embodiment – Religion – Addiction & Recovery

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

McDowell, Amy and **Pace T. Ward**.* “‘The Tables Are Turning’”: The Evangelical Defense of Anti-LGBTQ+ Religious Liberty. Forthcoming. *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. [*Equal Authorship].

BOOK CHAPTERS

Summers-Effler, Erika, Joseph O’Donnell, and **Pace T. Ward**. “Interaction Ritual, Relational Sociology, and Spiraling Evolutions.” Forthcoming. *Handbook of Social Network Analysis and Culture*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Summers-Effler, Erika, Clara Gaddie, and **Pace T. Ward**. “Beyond the Bounds of the Skull: Aesthetic Synergy, Hyperbrain, and Collective Cognition.”—Draft available upon request.

Hartson, Taylor E., and **Pace T. Ward**. “Tending to the Self: Embodiment and Identity in Addiction Recovery and Farming.”—Draft available upon request.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2020-present Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, \$4,000
- 2019 Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Program for M.A. thesis research, University of Mississippi, \$2,500.
- Graduate Student Paper Competition, “Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identity by Defining the Skeptic.” 2nd Place Winner. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2018 Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Grant for Honors Thesis Research, the University of Mississippi, \$1,000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Hartson, Taylor E. and **Pace T. Ward**. “Tending to the Self: Embodiment and Identity in Addiction Recovery and Farming.” Section on The Individual, Organizations, and Health. Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 **Ward, Pace T.** “Everything or Nothing, Contests and Communities: The Locus of Feedback and the Development of Group Bonds.” Section on Community and Identity. Chicago Ethnography Conference. Virtual.
- 2021 **Ward, Pace T.**, and Amy McDowell. “Bias without Bigotry: Anti-LGBTQ Discrimination and Religious Accommodations in Mississippi.” Section on Sociology of Religion: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2019 **Ward, Pace.** “Ensure, Sustain, Multiply: Rearticulating Boundary Permeability via Cultural Capital and Biopower.” Roundtable on Interrogating Analytical Constructs. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- Ward, Pace.** “Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identities by Defining the Skeptic.” Graduate Student Paper Competition. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Starkville, MS.
- 2018 McDowell, Amy and **Pace Ward**. “Doing Church on the Defense: Religious Freedom and the Protection of the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System in Mississippi. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Research Assistant, Erika Summers-Effler, University of Notre Dame
 Co-authored a journal article and book chapter
 Collected and organized relevant literature for review

- 2022 Research for course on Ethnographic Methods and Analysis, University of Notre Dame
Collected and transcribed 40 hours of participant observation data
- 2021 Research Assistant, Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame
Coded survey data
- 2020 Research Assistant, John Sonnett, University of Mississippi
Collected and organized online news content for analysis
- Research Assistant, Amy McDowell, University of Mississippi
Collected and transcribed participant observation data
Transcribed church sermons
Coded and wrote analytic memos on interview data
- 2019 Research Assistant, Amy McDowell, University of Mississippi
Transcribed in-depth, semi-structured interviews (N = 10)
Conducted in-depth, semi-structured interviews (N = 2)
Literature searches
- M.A. Sociology thesis research
Collected and transcribed 40 hours of participant observation data
- Field researcher for Invisible Queer Histories Project-Mississippi
Collected and transcribed participant observation data at Tupelo Pride, Tupelo, Mississippi (October 11, 2019)
- 2018 Honors thesis research
Collected and transcribed 30 hours of participant observation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
SOC 10722 Introduction to Social Psychology, Fall
Erika Summers-Effler (33 students)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
SOC 30900 Foundations of Sociological Theory, Spring
Erika Summers-Effler (15 students)
- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
SOC 10722 Introduction to Social Psychology, Fall
Erika Summers-Effler (34 students)
- 2020 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
SOC 20666 Environment, Food, and Society, Fall
Christian Smith (32 students)

2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
SOC 329 Identities and Subjectivity, Fall
Minjoo Oh (10 students)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology, Spring
Ana Velitchkova (66 students)
SOC 336 Sociology of Religion, Spring
Amy McDowell (20 students)

2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology, Fall
Amy McDowell (63 students)
SOC 365 Methods of Social Research, Fall
Ana Velitchkova (13 students)

I also provided additional assistance as lecturer, assistant proctor, or grader in the following courses:

INST 101 Introduction to International Studies (University of Mississippi)
SOC 302 Sociological Theory (University of Mississippi)
SOC 451 Sex and Power (University of Mississippi)
SOC 601 Studies in Social Theory (University of Mississippi)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

2022-2023 Graduate student coordinator, University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology, Ethnography Workshop

Graduate student representative, University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology, Graduate Studies Committee

2019-2020 Website manager, The Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SCG). <http://scginfo.org>

2017-2018 Editor, Social Sciences section, The University of Mississippi, *The University of Mississippi Undergraduate Research Journal (UMURJ)*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Sections: Sociology of Culture, Sociology of Religion, Social Psychology, Theory