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Current Position

Research Fellow and Lecturer

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Education

- 2016 PhD (Sociology) University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation - *Enchanting Disciplined Selves and Secular Publics: Ethics and Politics in a Mexican Charismatic Christian Brotherhood*
- 2009 MA (Sociology) University of California, Berkeley
Thesis – “Reinvigorating *France* – the Symbolic Dimensions of French Immigration Administration”
- 2004 MA (History) Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Thesis – “La disparition du sujet à partir de la contingence, l’extériorité et la discontinuité dans la méthodologie historique de Michel Foucault”
Mention très bien (with highest distinction)
Jury: Marcel Gauchet, Gerard Jorland
- 2001 BA (History, Comp Lit.) University of Colorado, Boulder
Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Religion, Social Theory, Cultural Sociology, Political Sociology, Narrative, Identity, Europe, Latin America, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

“Unsettling the Self: the Paradoxes of Narrative Identity in Christian Testimonial Practice.” *Sociology of Religion* 2021 82(2): 208-239.

“Between Church and State: A Christian Brotherhood’s Faithful Claims to Secularity in Mexico City.” *Qualitative Sociology* 2019 42:663–686.

Winner of Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award

“Enchanting Self-Discipline: Methodical Reflexivity and the Search for the Supernatural in Charismatic Christian Testimonial Practice.” *Sociological Theory* 35(4) 2017: 288-311.

Winner of Robert J. McNamera Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award

“Religious Dissolution and the Crisis of Liberalism: Inside a Christian Brotherhood and a Masonic Lodge”

Under review at *European Journal of Sociology*

“Evangelicals Against “Ideología de Género” in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Brazil: Reaction or Adaptation?” (w/Edwin Ackerman)

Under review at *Journal of Latin American Studies*

Book Chapters, Essays and Book Reviews

“Conscience maçonnique : secret, symbole et les paradoxes de la séparation libérale.” *Masonica* 48 2022.

“Negociaciones cotidianas del concepto de la religión y sus consecuencias practicas para la política.” *Sacralización de la política y politización de lo sagrado*. Blancarte, Capdevielle, Molina (eds). Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. 2022.

“Review of *Lifeblood of the Paris*, by Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada.” *Sociology of Religion* 82 (4) 2021.

“Laicidad y religiosidad: conceptos opuestos entremezclados.” *Colección cuadernos Jorge Carpiño, Cuaderno 34*. Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. 2019.

“Review of *On Purpose: How We Create the Meaning of Life*, Paul Froese.” *Sociology of Religion* 79 (3) 2018.

“Evangelicalism as a Social Movement.” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements* (forthcoming)

In Progress

Not Religion: Liberal Separation and Self-transformation in a Christian Brotherhood and a Masonic Lodge
(book manuscript – chapters available upon request)

Grants, Awards, Honors, Fellowships

Global Religion Research Initiative-funded project: *The Rise of Evangelical Political Organizations in Latin America, 2018-2019*

Swiss National Science Foundation Grant-funded project: *Challenging Secularism From Within: Freemasons' Pursuit of the Spiritual and the Secular in France and Switzerland, 2016- 2019*

Amount awarded: \$296,455 (295,645 Swiss Francs)

Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award, 2015

Robert J. McNamera Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Graduate Student Paper Award, 2014

Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion Research Fellow, 2014

University of California, Berkeley Sociology Berkeley Connect Fellow, 2014, 2015

University of California, Berkeley Sociology Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, 2013, 2014

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Fellowship, 2010, 2013

UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Fellow, 2012

University of California, Berkeley Andrew Mellon Research Fellow, 2011

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Fellowship, 2010

University of California, Berkeley, Center for European Studies Research Fellowship, 2008

Invited Talks and Select Conference Presentations

“Religious Dissolution and the Crisis of Liberalism.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Crisis of Democracy? New Perspectives from Cultural Sociology. Los Angeles, 2022

“The Jewish Question and a Masonic Answer: Secrecy as a Response to the Problems of Liberal Separation.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, 2021

“Believing and Belonging: Everyday Experiments with the Paradoxes of Freedom of Conscience.” European Association of Social Anthropologists. Lisbon, 2020

“Evangelicals Against Gender Ideology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Public Religion in a Comparative Historical Perspective. New York, 2019

“Negotiating Secularism: Freemasonry and Esoteric Secrecy as a Technique for Intertwining Faithful and Secular Commitments.” Association for Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. New York, 2019

“And the secret is... there is no secret: Freemasonry and the everyday practice of secularism.” International Society for the Study of Religion. Barcelona, 2019

“Entre église et état: négociations quotidiennes de la laïcité.” Group Sociétés Religions Laïcités,

Laïcité et la Politique. Paris, 2019

“The Narrative Dissipation of Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Culture and Narrative Panel. Philadelphia, 2018

“Negociaciones cotidianas del concepto de la religión y sus consecuencias practicas para la política.” 5a edición de la Semana internacional de la Cultura Laica. Cátedra Extraordinaria Benito Juárez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2018

“Blurring Categorical Bounds of Selfhood in Christian Testimonial Practice.” European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Bologna, 2018

“An Enchanting Variety of the Secular? A Charismatic Christian Claim to Secularity in Mexico City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Spirituality and Religion Panel. Montreal, 2017

“Testimonial Practice: The Narrative Blending of Self and Other, Mundane and Supernatural.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference. Seattle, WA, 2016

“Reclaiming the Secular: A Charismatic Christian Fellowship’s Interventions on Secularism in Mexico City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Religion in the Broader Social World Panel. Chicago, 2015

“Enchanting Self-Discipline: Testimonial Practices of the Self and Orientation to the Supernatural in a Charismatic Christian Businessmen’s Fellowship.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, 2014

“Giving and Receiving Testimony: Self-discipline and the Supernatural in a Charismatic Christian Businessmen’s Fellowship.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Sociology of Religion Open Session. San Francisco, 2014

“The Spirit and the Secular: the Supernatural and Self-discipline in the Case of the Hombres de Negocios.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Sociology of Religion Edge Work Section. New York City, 2013

“God Without Religion: ‘Non-religious’ Christianity in Mexico City.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference. Denver, CO, 2012

Teaching Experience

(As Course Instructor)

Contemporary Social Theory

University of Bern

Classical Social Theory

University of Bern

Political Economy & Religious Experience

University of Bern

Liberalism and its Critics	University of Bern
Ethnography	University of Bern
Sociology of Identity	University of Bern
Democracy in America	University of Bern
Religion, Self and Society	University of Bern
Sociology of Religion	University of California, Berkeley
<i>(As Teaching Assistant)</i> Introduction to Religious Studies	University of California, Berkeley
Classical and Contemporary Social Theory	University of California, Berkeley
Introduction to Sociology	University of California, Berkeley

Professional Memberships

Affiliated researcher at Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (Paris)
 American Sociological Association
 ASA Culture Section
 ASA Religion Section
 ASA Theory Section
 ASA Political Sociology Section
 Association for the Sociology of Religion
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 International Society for the Sociology of Religion
 American Academy of Religion
 European Academy of Religion
 Latin American Studies Association

Languages

English (native)
 Spanish (fluent non-native)
 French (fluent non-native)
 German (intermediate)

References

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