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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Oregon. June, 1998. Dissertation: "Opposite Sides of the Street: Religious Schism and One Jewish Community's Struggle" (Chair: Benton Johnson).

M.A. Sociology, University of Oregon. June, 1995.

B.A. (cum laude), Sociology, University of Oregon. June, 1992.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full Professor, Pitzer College. 2010-present.

Teaching: Classical Sociological Theory; Sociology of Secularity; Contemporary Sociological Theory; Sociology of Religion; Scandinavian Culture and Society; Introduction to Sociology; Secularism, Skepticism, and Irreligion; Sociology Through Film.

Associate Professor, Pitzer College, 2005-2010.

Guest Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark. 2005-2006, 2010

Research: Secularization in Scandinavia.

Taught: Religion in the United States; Secularization in Scandinavia; Atheism and Agnosticism

Affiliated Professor, Claremont Graduate University, 2002-present.

Teaching: Graduate seminar on the Sociology of Religion; Atheism and Secularity.

Assistant Professor, Pitzer College, 1999-2005.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College, 1998-1999.

Instructor, University of Oregon, 1996-1998.

BOOKS (as author)

Being Secular: What we Know About the Non-Religious, (with Frank Pasquale and Luke Galen), Oxford University Press, 2013

Faith No More: Why People Reject Religion, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Society Without God, New York University Press, 2008.

Book of the Year Silver Award, *ForeWord Magazine*, 2008

[Translated into Korean, Maumsanchaek, Seoul, Korea, 2011]

[Translated into Danish, *Samfund Uden Gud*, Aarhus, Denmark 2008]

Invitation to the Sociology of Religion, Routledge, 2003.

[Translated into Farsi, Tehran, Iran, 2005]

[Translated into Turkish, Ankara, Turkey, 2006]

Strife in the Sanctuary: Religious Schism in a Jewish Community, AltaMira Press, 1999.

BOOKS (as editor)

Studying Religion and Society, (with Titus Hjlem), Routledge, 2012.

Atheism and Secularity, Praeger, 2010.

Sex and Religion, (with Christel Manning), Wadsworth, 2005.

The Social Theory of W.E.B. Du Bois, Pine Forge Press, 2004.

Du Bois on Religion, AltaMira Press, 2000.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Atheism, Secularity, and Well-Being.” *Sociology Compass*, 3/6, 2009

“Why are Danes and Swedes so Irreligious?” *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, volume 22, no.1, 2009.

(Journal articles, continued)

"The Sociology of Religion of W.E.B. Du Bois," *Sociology of Religion*, vol.63, no.2, 2002.

[REPRINTED in *International Library of Essays in Classical Sociology*, edited by David Chalcraft and Alan Sica, Ashgate Publishing, 2011]

[REPRINTED in *W.E.B. Du Bois*, edited by Reiland Rabaka, Ashgate Publishing, 2011]

"Gender Regulation as a Source of Religious Schism," *Sociology of Religion*, vol.58, no.4, 1997

[REPRINTED in *Conflict and Culture*, Pat Chew, editor, New York University Press, 2000.]

"Jews and the Christian Right," *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, vol.73, no.1, Fall, 1996.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

"Secular Studies Arrives at Last," *Free Inquiry* August/September, 2011, vol.31, no.5

"Why Do Americans Still Dislike Atheists?" Op-Ed, (with Gregory Paul), *Washington Post*, April 29, 2011

"The Virtues of Godlessness: The Least Religious Nations are also the Most Healthy and Successful," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Volume 55, Issue 21, Page B4 1/30/09.

"The Secular Soul of the North," *Nordic Reach*, No.28, vol.22, 2009
[published also in *Nordstjernen*, issue #18, Oct.24, 2008]

"Aweism," *Free Inquiry*, April/May 2009, vol.29, no.3

"A New Argument for Unbelief" (with Michael Martin) *The Open Society*, volume 8, no.1, 2009.

"Is Faith Good for Us?," *Free Inquiry*, August/September 2006, vol.26, no.5
[translated into Swedish in *Humanisten*, Stockholm, Sweden, 2006]
[also posted on www.onlineopinion.com in Australia, April 22, 2009]

“Secularization: Europe – Yes, United States – No.” *Skeptical Inquirer*, vol. 28, no.2, 2004.

“‘Environmental Terrorism’ is a Matter of Definition,” Op-Ed, the *Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 11, 2003.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Atheism and Society” in *Open Questions: Diverse Thinkers Discuss God, Religion, and Faith*, edited by Luis F. Ridriguez, Praeger, 2010

“The Social Scientific Study of Atheism and Secularity,” in *Atheism and Secularity*, edited by Phil Zuckerman, Praeger, 2010.

“Contemporary Atheism: Numbers and Patterns,” in *Cambridge Companion to Atheism*, edited by Michael Martin, Cambridge University Press, 2007. (books chapters, continued)

“The Irreligiosity of W.E.B. Du Bois,” in *The Souls of W.E.B. Du Bois*, edited by Edward Blum, Mercer University Press, 2009.

“The Social Theory of W.E.B. Du Bois: An Introduction,” in *The Social Theory of W.E.B. Du Bois*, Pine Forge Press, 2005.

“Sex and Religion: An Introduction,” (with Christel Manning), in *Sex and Religion*, Wadsworth, 2005.

“*The Negro Church*: An Introduction” (with Sandra Barnes and Daniel Cady) in *The Negro Church* by W.E.B. Du Bois, 100th Anniversary Edition, Alta Mira Press, 2003.

“Du Bois on Religion: An Introduction,” in *Du Bois on Religion*, pages 1-18, AltaMira Press, Fall, 2000.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Secularization in Norden” in *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Nordic Culture*, edited by Helena Forsås-Scott, Mary Hilson, Titus Hjelm, 2011

“Atheism in Norden” in *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Nordic Culture*, edited by Helena Forsås-Scott, Mary Hilson, Titus Hjelm, 2011

“W.E.B. Du Bois,” *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, edited by Austin Harrington, et al, 2006.

BOOK REVIEWS (selected)

- “The Political Influence of Churches,” *Journal of Church and State*, May, 2010.
- “An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion,” *Sociology of Religion*, 69(2), Summer, 2008.
- “From Quest for Truth to Being Oneself: Religious Change in Life Stories,” *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, 20 (2), 2007.
- “Religion and Everyday Life,” *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 21(2), May 2006.
- “Handbook of the Sociology of Religion,” *Contemporary Sociology*, 33(6), 2005.
- (selected book reviews, continued)
- “A Comparative Sociology of World Religions,” *Sociology of Religion*, vol.63, Fall, 2002
- “Dublin’s Merchant-Quaker: Anthony Sharp and the Community of Friends, 1643-1707” *Review of Religious Research*, vol. 41, Fall, 1999
- "Studying New Religions" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, vol.36, no.2, June, 1997
- "Standing Against the Wind: Evangelical Episcopalians in the 19th Century" *Review of Religious Research*, vol.38, no.1, Sept., 1996
- "Utopia in Zion: Worker Cooperatives in Israel" *Sociological Inquiry*, vol.66, n.4 Fall, 1996

WEB ARTICLES

- “Secular Studies arrives at Last,” *Huffington Post*, May 17, 2011
- “Why Evangelicals Hate Jesus” *Huffington Post*, March 11, 2011
- “Mistakes Atheists Make,” *Huffington Post*, Feb.14, 2011
- “Imagine No Religion,” *Huffington Post*, Sept. 22, 2010
- “Are we ‘Hard-Wired’ For God?” *Huffington Post*, Jan. 5, 2010

(Web articles, continued)

“Who Would Jesus Torture?” *Huffingtonpost.com*, May 5, 2009

“The Religious Support Behind Proposition 8” *Huffingtonpost.com*
Nov.20, 2008

“Why the Gods are not Winning”, co-authored with Gregory Paul in *The Edge*, edition #209, May 1, 2007. *www.edge.org*

INVITED LECTURES

“Contemporary Apostasy,” Reed College, April 22, 2011

“Society Without God,” Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Montclair, CA,
April 3, 2011.

“Religion and Irreligion in Denmark” Folkeuniversitet, Copenhagen. March 13,
2011

“Religion and Irreligion in Contemporary Scandinavia,” Farstrup-Mortensen
Lecture Series, Bethania Lutheran Church, Solvang, California, March
26, 2011

“Society Without God,” Jefferson Center, Ashland, OR, Feb. 17, 2011.

“Atheism, Secularity, and Societal Well-Being,” Center For Inquiry, Hollywood,
CA, Jan. 23, 2011.

“Samfund Uden Gud,” Egå Gymnasium, Aarhus, Denmark, Jan, 13, 2011.

“Why is the USA so Religious?” Viby Gymnasium, Aarhus, Denmark,
Nov. 30, 2010

“Atheists and Secular People: What Social Science Reveals” AtheistSelskab,
Copenhagen, Nov. 25, 2010

“Contemporary Apostasy,” University of Copenhagen, Nov. 26, 2010

“Religion in Denmark and the USA” Favrskov Gymnasium, Hadsten, Denmark,
Nov. 23, 2010

“Why is Denmark so Irreligious?” A.P. Møllers Gymnasium, Slesvig, Germany,
Oct. 27, 2010

- “Contemporary Apostasy,” University of Aarhus, Sept. 21, 2010
- “Atheism and Religion in Denmark,” Folkeuniversitet, Aarhus. Sept 27, 2010
- “Contemporary Irreligion” Humanist Society of Santa Barbara, July 17, 2010
- “Secularity and Society” Orange County Free-thought Alliance Conference, Costa Mesa, CA, May 8, 2010
- “Society Without God,” Loma Linda University, April 17, 2010.
- “Society Without God,” Humanist Association of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, April 11, 2010.
- “Religion, Secularity, and Morality,” Scripps College, March 22, 2010
- “Secularity and Society,” Citizens United for the Separation of Church and State, Orange County chapter, Feb. 20, 2010
- “What We Can Learn From the World’s Least Religious Nations,” Southern California Political Action Group, Los Angeles, Nov. 15, 2009
- “The Goodness of Godlessness,” Annual Conference of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, November 7, 2009
- “Society Without God,” Honnold Library, Claremont, CA Oct.28, 2009
- “Secularity and the Social Sciences,” Center For Inquiry, Amherst, New York, July 17, 2009
- “Aweism.” Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fullerton, California. June 28, 2009.
- “Society Without God,” Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, March 17, 2009
- “Contemporary Secularity,” Claremont School of Theology, Feb. 24, 2009
- “Samfund Uden Gud,” University of Aarhus, Denmark, Aug. 26, 2008
- “W.E.B. Du Bois and the Bible,” Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University, Nov. 8, 2007
- “Why are Danes and Swedes so Secular?” University of Aarhus, Denmark, Sept. 26, 2007

- “A Qualitative Analysis of Religion and Secularization in Denmark and Sweden,” University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 17, 2006
- “Society Without God: Secularization in Northern Europe,” European Union Center of California, Claremont, March 23, 2005
- “The Sociology Job Market”, Dept. of Sociology, University of Oregon, Nov. 5, 2004
- “Secularization: Data and Theories,” Marching and Chowder Society, Pitzer College, April 28, 2004
- “Many Faiths, Many Faces: The Future of Racial and Religious Diversity in Southern California,” moderator, Thorton F. Bradshaw Seminar, Claremont Graduate University, Feb. 28, 2004
- “Du Bois, Religion, and the *Souls of Black Folk*,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 1, 2003.
- “Sex and Judaism,” California State University Long Beach, Oct. 16, 2002.
- “Sex and Religion,” California State University, Long Beach, December 11, 2001
- “Strife in the Sanctuary,” Portland State University, July 12, 1999

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Atheism, Secularity, and Well-Being,” Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, Aug. 8, 2009
- “Why Are Danes and Swedes so Irreligious?” Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, Aug. 8, 2009
- “Secularity and Irreligion in Denmark and Sweden,” Religion in the 21st Century, University of Copenhagen, Sept. 23, 2007
- “Scandinavian Perspectives on God,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Portland, 2006
- “Congregations and Community,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, 2004.
- “Cult or Religion?: The Social Construction of Religious Legitimacy,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Pasadena, 2003.

- “Teaching Social Theory,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Vancouver, B.C. 2002.
- “Muslim Reactions to September 11th and Beyond,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Vancouver, B.C. 2002.
- “The Sociology of Religion of W.E.B. Du Bois,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Houston, 2000.
- “Studying and Theorizing About Sex and Religion,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, 1999.
- “Towards a More Comprehensive Theory of Religious Schism,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, San Diego, 1997.
- “Power and Conflict in Religious Organizations” (discussant), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, San Diego, 1997.
- “Religious and National Identity, Class, and the Culture Wars,” (discussant), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, 1997.
- “Equality vs. Tradition: Gender Issues as a Source of Religious Schism,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Nashville, 1996.
- “Jews and the Christian Right,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual meeting, Nashville, 1996.
- “Horkheimer, Adorno, and Snoop Doggy Dogg: Critical Theory and Rap,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, 1996.

IN THE MEDIA

- “Pitzer College Adds Major in Secular Studies,” *New York Times*, May 7, 2011
- “Secularism as a Major?” radio interview with Patt Morrison, KPCC, May 12, 2011.
- “Let's Talk About It” radio interview, 880 AM, South Florida, April 20, 2011.
- “Losing Religion” radio interview on PRI/To The Best of Our Knowledge. Aug, 22, 2010

“A Matter of Faith” radio interview ABC Australia/The Spirit of Things, Aug. 1, 2010

Interviewed/Featured in “Secularists Spreading the Word,” by Manya Brachear, *Chicago Tribune*, June 16, 2010

Review Article on *Society Without God* by Peter Steinfels, *New York Times*, Feb. 28, 2009, page A-15

Society Without God review by Ed Doerr, *Free Inquiry*, April/May, 2009

Society Without God review by Lisa Graham McMinn in *Christianity Today*, Feb. 2, 2009

Society Without God review by Louis Bayard, on salon.com, Oct. 22, 2008

Society Without God review by Paul Bloom on slate.com, Nov. 7, 2008

Interviewed on KQED/NPR “Forum” radio show with Michael Krasny, San Francisco, Feb. 23, 2009

Interviewed by Dan Barker on Freethought Radio, Air America, Oct. 18, 2008

Interview article by Marcus Rubin, *Politiken* (Denmark), April 11, 2009

Samfund Uden Gud, review by Karin Ström, *Svenska Dagbladet* (Sweden), March 2, 2009

Samfund Uden Gud, review by Dennis Nørmark, *Jyllands Posten* (Denmark), October 29, 2008

Samfund Uden Gud, review by David Rehling, *Information* (Denmark), Aug. 16, 2008

Samfund Uden Gud, review by Sidsel Nyholm, *Kristeligt Dagblad* (Denmark), June 28, 2009

“Lykkelig Uden Gud,” by Charlotte Rørth, Nordjyske.dk (Denmark), Aug. 24, 2008

“Scandinavia – den sekulære himmel” by Per Eriksen, Vårt Land (Norway) (Norway), April 27, 2009,

Interviewed on “Living Room” radio show, KPFA (Berkeley), Dec. 12, 2008

Interviewed on “Deadline” television show, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 24,

2008

Interviewed/featured in “Sects and the City,” by Joel Kotkin in *The Weekly Standard*, May 2, 2005.

Interviewed/Featured in “The Centennial of ‘Souls’” by Scott McLemee, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 4, 2003, page A16.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Book of the Year Silver Award for *Society Without God*, *ForeWord Magazine*, 2008

Scholar in Residence, Pitzer College, Spring 2009

One faculty member every year is chosen by a committee to be released from teaching and committee work in order to focus on research and publications.

Top 5 Professor at the Claremont Colleges, 2001-2002

Listed two years in a row as one of the five most outstanding professors in the entire Claremont College system by “CourseReview.Org.”

Outstanding Teaching Award. 1997

Recognized from among 1,300 Graduate Teaching Fellows at the University of Oregon and awarded honorarium for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

American Sociological Association (Religion Section) Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st place. “Social Theory and Religious Schism,” San Francisco, August, 1998.

Centurion Award. 1992 .

Recognizing leadership/community service; University of Oregon.

GRANTS

“Islam, Immigration, and Irreligion,” Travel/Research Grant, European Union Center of California, 2010

Course Development Grant on Secularization and Secularism, Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture, 2006

Fichter Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion
“Irreligion and Gender Equality: The Case of Scandinavia.” 2005.

Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion:
“Secular Identity in Scandinavia: A Qualitative Exploration.” 2005

“Secularity in Denmark and Sweden,” Travel/Research Grant, European
Union Center of California, 2005.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Reviewer for Oxford University Press: *Allergic to Religion: Inside the Minds of
“Spiritual but not Religious”*, 2011

Reviewer for Oxford University Press: *Culture War Blues*, 2010

Reviewer for Oxford University Press: *The Next Enlightenment: A Journey Into
Our Secular Future*, 2010

Reviewer for Routledge: *Studying Religion and Society*, 2009

Reviewer for Routledge: *Sociology: The Key Concepts*, 2005

Reviewer for Northern Illinois University Press: *“I Believe In the Prince of
Peace”*: A Religious Biography of W.E.B. Du Bois, Fall, 2004

Reviewer for Sage/Pine Forge -- Social Theory Textbook, 2002

Reviewer for Jossey-Bass Publishers -- Soc. of Religion Textbooks, 1997, 2000

Reviewer for AltaMira Press - Soc. of Religion Textbooks, 1998, 2000, 2001

JOURNAL ACTIVITY

Committee Member, Outstanding Article Award, *Journal for the Scientific Study
of Religion*, 2011

Referee for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2011

Referee for *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 2011

Referee for *Journal of Comparative Social Science*, 2010

Referee for *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 2010

Referee for *Religion*, 2010

Referee for *POETICS*, 2010

Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*, 2006-2009

Referee for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2009

Referee for *RELIGION*, 2009

Referee for *Review of Religious Research*, 2009

Referee for *Rural Sociology*, 2008

Referee for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2007

Referee for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2007

Referee for *Sociological Perspectives*, 2006

Referee for *Review of Religious Research*, 2006

Referee for *Sociology of Religion*, 2005

Referee for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2005

Referee for *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 2005

Referee for *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 2005

Referee for *Sociological Inquiry*, 2004

Referee for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2002

Referee for *Sociological Perspectives*, 2001

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Academic Planning Committee, Pitzer College, 2009- 2011
Sociology Field Group, convener, Pitzer College, 2009-1010
Faculty Representative, External Studies Committee, Pitzer College, 2008
Faculty Executive Committee, chair, Pitzer College, 2007-2008
Judicial Council Committee, chair Pitzer College, 2003-2004
Judicial Council Committee, chair, Pitzer College, 2004-2005
Ad-Hoc Committee on Advising, chair, Pitzer College 2004-2005
Academic Events Committee, chair, Pitzer College, 2001-2002
Sociology Field Group, convener, Pitzer College, 2001,2002
Sociology Field Group, convener, Pitzer College, 2002-2003
Diversity Committee, member, Pitzer College, 2000-20001
Organizer/Director of the 2nd Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Pitzer College, April 15th, 2001

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

PhD Committee member/reader – Winlsey Hector, “Racial Reconciliation, Privilege, and the Debate Within the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the United States on the Future of Regional [Black] Conferences.” Claremont School of Theology, 2011.
PhD Committee member/reader – Paula McGee, Claremont Graduate University, 2012.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Secularity and Secularism. Scandinavian Society. Atheism and Apostasy.
Introduction to Sociology. Social Theory.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Secular Life. Apostasy. Atheism. Agnosticism. Scandinavian culture.

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa
Alpha Kappa Delta
American Sociological Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Pacific Sociological Association
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies

REFERENCES

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