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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, December 2013, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dissertation: "Government Involvement in Religion: Understanding Causes and Effects of Open Religious Markets." Chair: Kenneth Bollen.

Honors: Harvey Fellow, 2006-2009. Three-year fellowship from the Mustard Seed Foundation.

M.A. Sociology, December 2005, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Thesis: "Sexual Activity and Source of Moral Authority among American Adolescents."

B.A. Sociology, May 2001. Hope College, Holland, MI. Graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa. Hope College Sociology Department Outstanding Senior Award.

EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist and Methodologist, ARCA, Mebane NC. October 2014 – Present

- Developed statistical models measuring sales effectiveness and predicting sales success
- Designed and edited surveys measuring employee attitudes about integration after an international acquisition and merger
- Constructed surveys exploring willingness-to-pay and differentiated value of product features

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2014

Historical Sociology of Christianity (team-taught with Jason A. Staples from UNC Religious Studies) – Spring 2013

Family and Society – Spring 2013

Sociology of Health and Mental Illness – Fall 2011

Statistical Analysis for Public Policy – Spring 2011

Religion and Society (cross-listed under Religious Studies and Sociology) – Spring 2010, Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Summer 2005

Society, Science and Religion (cross-listed under Religious Studies and Sociology) – Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Public Policy Practicum – Fall 2012

Statistical Analysis for Public Policy – Fall 2009, Fall 2010; Statistics for Sociology – Spring 2012

Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2005

Social Theory – Fall 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion-State Relations, Group Identity and Political Conflict, Religion and Mental Health, Socio-genetics

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"Measuring Dimensions of Government Involvement in Religion: A Confirmatory Factor Analysis Approach"

Quantitative analyses: Structural Equation Modeling – categorical (Weighted Least Squares)

Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Difference Testing

"Impacts of Government Policy on Country-Level Institutional Religious Participation"

Quantitative analyses: Fixed-Effect panel models (testing for over-time changes) and Repeated Cross-Section panel models (testing for between-country differences)

"State-Level Predictors of Government Policy Toward Religion: A Cross-National Analysis"

Quantitative analyses: Fixed-Effect panel models (testing for over-time changes) and Repeated Cross-Section panel models (testing for between-country differences)

"Born This Way? A Socio-Genetic Analysis of Risk-Taking and Religiosity in Life-Course Transitions"

RESEARCH SKILLS

Quantitative data analysis:

- Multiple Regression techniques for categorical and continuous outcomes
- Panel Analysis and Multilevel Models
- Structural Equation Modeling, including adaptation for measurement models, group difference testing, and panel analysis
- Experience analyzing and managing both individual and aggregate (cross-national) data

Statistical software programming:

- Fluent in Stata, Mplus, and Excel, familiar with SPSS and R

Qualitative data collection:

- Conducted numerous open-ended interviews for the National Study of Youth and Religion

Certified access to National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health) data

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

"State Structure and Government Involvement in Religion." Workshop Presentation at the Institute for the study of Religion, Economics and Society, Chapman University, May 2014.

Center for Human Science Fellow, 2004-2009.

- Organized academic talks and discussions with graduate students from a variety of disciplines

"Individualistic Morality among American Teenagers: Causes and Consequences." Conference Presentation, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2004.

Attended *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* meetings in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2008.