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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Employment:

Bryn Mawr College
Associate Professor of Sociology
Fall 2013 - Present

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Fall 2005 – Spring 2013

Education:

Northwestern University
Evanston, IL
M.A. in Sociology 2001
Ph.D. in Sociology 2006

Messiah College
Grantham, PA
B.A. in Sociology, 1996
Summa Cum Laude

Research Interests:

Cultural change and cultural persistence, especially with regard to religion, popular culture, and public opinion; Research methods

Book Manuscripts:

Regionalism and the Reading Class. Co-author with Wendy Griswold of 2 of 5 chapters (revised and edited from previously published work listed below). University of Chicago Press. 2008.

Peer-reviewed Publications:

“Attendance Matters: Religion and Ethical Affirmation of Gay and Lesbian Sexuality.” Nathan Wright. *Review of Religious Research*. 56 (2) 245-273. 2014.

“Producing Textbook Sociology.” Jeff Manza, Michael Sauder, and Nathan Wright. *European Journal of Sociology*, L, 2: 271-304. 2010.

“Reading and the Reading Class in the Twenty-first Century.” Wendy Griswold, Terry McDonnell, and Nathan Wright. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 31: 127-141. 2005.

“Cowbirds, Locals, and the Dynamic Endurance of Regionalism.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. *American Journal of Sociology*, 109: 1411-1451. 2004.

“Wired and Well Read.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. Chapter 13 in *Society Online: The Internet in Context*. Edited by Philip N. Howard and Steve Jones. Sage Publications. 2003.

“Religion and Political Behavior.” Jeff Manza and Nathan Wright. Chapter 21 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Edited by Michelle Dillon. Cambridge University Press. 2003.

Quantitative Survey Codebook:

“Survey2000 User’s Guide and Codebook.” James C. Witte, Allison Britt, Steve Lee, Lisa M. Amoroso, Philip E. N. Howard, and Nathan Wright.

Articles Currently Under Review:

“The Mantle of Joseph: The Charisma of Routinization in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Nathan Wright.

“Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood.” Nathan Wright.

“Processing Fads and Fashions in the Digital Age: The Relationship Between Online and Brick-and-mortar Forms of Production and Consumption in Designer Board Games” Nathan Wright.

Works in Progress:

“Informal Protections of Intellectual Property in the Absence of Legal Protections”

Presentations:

“How the Internet Has Been Great For Brick-and-mortar Production and Consumption of Designer Board Games.” Nathan Wright. 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Processing Fads and Fashions in the Digital Age: The Relationship Between Online and Brick-and-mortar Forms of Production and Consumption in Designer Board Games.” Nathan Wright. 2019 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“Promoting Best Practices for Reproducibility and Replication in the Teaching and Practice of Research Methodologies.” Nathan Wright. 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Three Pathways of Religious Youth through College and Into Adulthood: Exitors, Shifters, and Keepers.” Alessandra Lembo and Nathan Wright. 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Using Project TIER Protocols for Teaching Reproducibility of Research in Quantitative Methods Courses.” Nathan Wright. 2016 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“Mormon Globalization.” Nathan Wright. 2013 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“Becoming a World Religion: The Globalization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Nathan Wright. 2012 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Paths to Policy Implementation: Differential Paths of Needle Exchange and Housing First Programs.” Abigail Olson and Nathan Wright. 2011 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“Becoming a World Religion: The Globalization of Latter-day Saints.” Nathan Wright. 2011 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“A Tale of Two Trials: Lessons for Contemporary Turkey from Mormon History.” Nathan Wright. 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Paths to Policy Implementation: Differential Paths of Needle Exchange and Housing First Programs.” Abigail Olson and Nathan Wright. 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Early 20th Century Utah’s Relevance for Contemporary Turkey: Comparing the Senate Trial of Mormon Apostle Reed Smoot to Turkey’s Constitutional Court Trial of the AKP.” Nathan Wright 2010 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“Reflections on Religious Change and Persistence from the Mormon Story.” Eastern Mennonite University University Colloquium. March, 2010.

Invited critic for Author Meets Critic panel for Sharon Erickson Nepstad's *Religion and Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. August, 2009.

"Reflections on Religious Change and Persistence from the Mormon Story." Invited Panelist for Comparative Historical Sociology Section of American Sociological Society's Comparing Past and Present Conference. August, 2009.

"Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood." Nathan Wright. 2008 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"Fades In Gently: John Peel's Role in the Fall's Career." Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. Messing Up the Paintwork Conference. Salford, UK. May 9, 2008

"Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood." Nathan Wright. 2007 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

"The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and Dynamic Endurance in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Messiah College Public Lecture. October, 2007.

"The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and Dynamic Endurance in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"Fades In Gently: The Cultural Impact of BBC Radio DJ John Peel." Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"Fades In Gently: The Cultural Impact of BBC Radio Broadcaster John Peel." Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. 2006 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

"Toward a Dynamic Endurance Model of Religious Change and Persistence: The Case Study of the Mormons." Nathan Wright. 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and the Charisma of Routinization in the Mormon Succession Crisis of 1844." Nathan Wright. 2004 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"Chaos, Organization, and Imagined Community: An Ethnography of an Anarchist Collective." Nathan Wright. 2003 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

"What Every Conservative (and Most Liberals) Wants to Know: Why Poor Women Don't Get Married but Continue to Have Children They Can't Afford." Liana Sayer, Nathan Wright, and Kathryn Edin. 2003 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

“Classic and Contemporary Approaches to the Sociology of Consumption: A Summary and Critique.” Nathan Wright. 2002 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“The Production of Consumption in Time, Space, and Media.” Session organizer, presider, and discussant. 2001 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“The Relationship between Religion and Tolerance of Homosexuality.” Nathan Wright. 2000 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Reading the South Reading.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. 25th Annual Social Theory, Politics, and the Arts Conference. 1999.

“The Cultural Consequences of Cowbirds.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. 1999 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Post-Independence Culture Wars: Some Caribbean and African Comparisons.” Stephen Cobb and Nathan Wright. 1995 North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Teaching:

I have taught the following courses at Bryn Mawr College:

- Environmental Sustainability, Sociology 268
- Praxis Field Work Seminar: Social Justice, Sociology 420
- Emily Balch Seminar: Environmental Problems
- Social Problems, Sociology 160
- Problems in the Natural and Built Environment, Sociology 165
- Sociology of Religion, Sociology 309
- Sociology of Popular Music, Sociology 262
- Public Opinion, Sociology 252
- The Family in Social Context, Sociology 217
- Statistics and Quantitative Research, Sociology 265
- Junior Conference, Research Design and Writing, Sociology 303
- Senior Conference, Sociology 398

I taught the following courses at Northwestern University:

- Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Software, Sociology 400
- Sociology of Popular Music – Freshman Seminar, Sociology 101
- Social Problems: Norms and Deviance, Sociology 202
- American Society: The Rise of Modernity and its Consequences for Work and Play in Contemporary America, Sociology 205
- Second Year Paper Seminar, Sociology 490

Service and Advising:

Bryn Mawr College Sociology Chair, 2020 - present

Bryn Mawr College Posse Advisor, 2019 – present

Nanyang Technological University International Summer School Bryn Mawr
Coordinator, 2017 - present

Bryn Mawr College Committee on Nominations, 2017 – 2020

Bryn Mawr College, Sociology Department Chair, 2015-2018

Bryn Mawr College International Students Subcommittee, 2016-2018

Bryn Mawr College Overseas Study and Engagement Subcommittee, 2016-2018 (co-
chair)

Bryn Mawr College Faculty Awards and Grants Committee, 2016- 2019

Bryn Mawr College, Chief Enrollment Officer Search Committee, 2016-2017

Haverford College, Sociology Department Search Committee, 2016

Bryn Mawr College Advisory Council, 2015-2018

Bryn Mawr College Liaison to the Junior Faculty, 2015-2018

Bryn Mawr College 1902 Endowed Lectures Fund Committee, 2014 – 2017

Bryn Mawr College, Sociology Department Search Committee Chair, 2015

Bryn Mawr College Provost Search Committee, 2014-2015

Bryn Mawr College Sociology Department Search, 2014

Blogger for Katharine Houghton Hepburn Center *Just Kids* Book Club, 2012-2013

Bryn Mawr College Environmental Studies Steering Committee, 2012- present

Bryn Mawr College Co-Coordinator of New Media and Politics Group, 2010 – present

Bryn Mawr College Undergraduate Admissions Committee, 2011 – 2014

Bryn Mawr College Praxis Steering Committee, 2010 – present

Bryn Mawr College Environmental Sustainability Committee, 2010 – 2012

Bryn Mawr College Junior Faculty Coordinator, 2008-2011

Bryn Mawr College Faculty Welfare Committee, 2006-2010
Committee Chair 2008

WHRC Radio DJ, 2006-2008

First Year Student Academic Advisor, 2006-present

Social Justice Pilot Program Mentor, 2007-2008

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow Advisor:

Cristina Smith, 2011-2012

Mia Chin, 2010-2012

Kira Montagno, 2007-2009

Edisa Rodriguez, 2005-2007

Sarah Mackin, 2005-2007

Thesis Advising:

Sydney Huff (second reader), 2018

Dana Duncombe, 2017

Miranda Smith, 2016

Kelsey Weymouth-Little, 2016

Megan Kilmer (second reader), 2016

Michaela Olson, 2015

Monica Nelson, 2014

Jacklyn Saucedo, 2013

Alice Fischer, 2013

Mia Chin, 2012

Cristina Smith, 2012

Julia Manna, 2010 (second reader)

Antonia Kerle, 2010 (second reader)

Abigail Olson, 2010

Paul Rosenstein, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, 2010
(second reader)

Alexandra Heilbronner, 2008

Jennifer Weitz, 2008

Denise Lim, 2008

Sarah Simons, 2008

Tania Melo, 2008

Cindy Cheung, 2008

Claire Rotella, Haverford History 2008 (second reader)

Sreenjaya Banerjee, Anthropology 2006 (second reader)

Independent Studies:

Prianka Ball, Praxis Internship, Spring 2015

Hannah Rifkin, Spring 2015

Vanessa Ide, Praxis Internship, Spring 2013
Michelle Zauner, Praxis Internship, Fall 2010
Sofia Nitchie, Spring 2008
Caro Sauers, Spring 2008
Caroline Brigham, Spring 2007
Emily Coolidge, Fall 2006

Outside Chair of Ph.D. Supervising Committees:

Janet Panning, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research
Karen Grundy, Clinical Psychology

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee – 2003-2004.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Program Review Committee – 2001-2002.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Graduate Affairs Committee – 2000-2001.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Affairs Committee – 1999-2000.

Community Service:

Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Germantown Mennonite Church, 2015 – 2020

Board President, Waldorf School of Philadelphia, June 2011-May 2015

Parent Association Representative to the Board, Waldorf School of Philadelphia, 2009-2011

Board Member, Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 2009-present

Church Council Member-at-large, Germantown Mennonite Church, 2010-2011

Board Member, Summit Children's Program, 2007-2008

Awards:

Faculty Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College, 2018

Project TIER Faculty Fellow, 2015-2016

Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College Center for the Social Sciences, 2011

Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Bryn Mawr College, 2010

Faculty Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College, 2006

Dissertation Year Fellow, Northwestern University 2004-2005
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2004.
Graduate Research Fellow, Northwestern University, Winter 2004.
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2003.
Northwestern University Graduate School Research Grant. 2003.
Research Fellow, Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, 2002-2003.
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2002.
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2001.
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2000.
McArthur Summer Research Grant. 1999.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Lecturer, 2001-2002.
Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Teaching Assistant, 1999-2000.
Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Published or Presented Paper, 1999-2000.

Professional Involvement:

In-depth qualitative interviewer for Time, Love, and Cash in Couples with Children (TLC3) Project in Chicago and Milwaukee, 2004.

Peer Reviewer for: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Compass*, and Pine Forge Press statistics textbooks.

I am an active member of the American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, Religious Research Association, and Eastern Sociological Society