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EMPLOYMENT

2011- Present Director, Catholic Social and Pastoral Research Initiative (CSPRI)
Research Assistant Professor
University of Notre Dame

2005-11 Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology, Florida State University

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
Minor: Religious Studies
Contemporary Catholic Identities: Ideology and Politics among American Catholics. Committee: Robert V. Robinson (Chair), Clem Brooks, Melissa Wilde, and Mary Jo Weaver

2000 M.A., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
The New Economic Terrain: A Foundation for Fears?
Committee: Michael Wallace (Chair), Robert V. Robinson

1996 Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Sociology
University of Dayton

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Religion Political Sociology
Statistics and Research Methods Theory

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming B. Starks. "Exploring Religious Self-Identification among U.S. Catholics: Traditionals, Moderates, and Liberals" *Sociology of Religion*

Forthcoming D. Blouin, R. Robinson, and B. Starks. "Are Religious People More Compassionate and Does This Matter Politically?" *Politics and Religion*

- 2013 L. Picca, B. Starks, and J. Gunderson. "I Had No Idea It Related to Me!": Using Student Journal Writing to Make Visible Race, Class, and Gender in Everyday Life" *Teaching Sociology* 41(1): 82-93.
- 2010 S. Rote and B. Starks. "Racial/Ethnic Differences in Religiosity and Drug Use." *Journal of Drug Issues* 40(4): 729-754.
- 2009 B. Starks and R.V. Robinson. "Two Approaches to Religion and Politics: Moral Cosmology and Subcultural Identity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48(4): 650-669.
- 2009 B. Starks. "Self-Identified Traditional, Moderate, and Liberal Catholics: Movement-Based Identities or Something Else?" *Qualitative Sociology* 32 (1): 1-32. (Lead Article)
- 2007 B. Starks and R.V. Robinson. "Religion, Modernism and Parental Values." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 46 (1):17-35.
- 2005 B. Starks and R. V. Robinson. "Who Values the Obedient Child Now?: Religion and Adult Values for Children, 1986-2002." *Social Forces* 84: 343-59.
- 2003 B. Starks. "The New Economy and the American Dream." *The Sociological Quarterly* 44: 205-225.
- 2002 S. Cheng and B. Starks. "Racial Differences in the Effects of Significant Others on Students' Educational Expectations." *Sociology of Education* 75: 306-327.

REPORTS, REVIEWS, AND OTHER NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 B. Starks. "Review of *Claiming Society for God*." *Review of Religious Research* DOI: 10.1007/s13644-012-0101-2
- 2012 B. Starks and C. Smith. "Unleashing Catholic Generosity: Explaining the Catholic Giving Gap in the U.S." CSPRI Report
- 2006 B. Starks. "Paul Lazarsfeld." The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing.
- 2006 B. Starks and A. Junisbai. "False Consciousness." The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- B. Starks and K. Estep. "Will the Real Moralizers Please Stand Up?"

B. Starks. "Religious Identity Politics and Voting Behavior in the 2008 Presidential Election"

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 COFRS Grant (\$14,000)
- 2008 Nominated for National Society of Collegiate Scholars' Inspire Integrity Award
- 2006 First Year Assistant Professor Grant (\$15,000)
- 2003-2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$6, 010)
- 2004-2005 John H. Edwards Fellowship for Scholarship and Service, Indiana University (\$17,000)
- 2004 Social Action Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2002 Alfred Lindesmith-Elizabeth Ione Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Indiana University
- 2001 David Lee Stevenson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, "Racial Differences in the Effects of Significant Others on Students' Educational Expectations." American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Education (with Simon Cheng)
- 2001 International Enhancement Grant to work with Jonathan Kelley, Director, International Survey Center, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- 2000 Karl F. Schuessler Outstanding Research Paper Award, "Elaborating Racial Differences in Educational Expectations: A Test of Three Core Assumptions." Indiana University (w/ Simon Cheng)
- 1997-2002 Chancellor's Fellowship, Indiana University
- 1996 Dr. Edward A. Huth Award-- Outstanding Student in Sociology University Honors Program Graduate University of Dayton
- 1992-96 National Merit Scholarship, University of Dayton

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 “Who’s Moral Sense?: Investigating Which Political Issues are Moral Issues,” Fordham University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, New York, NY (February)
- 2010 “Religious War and Religious Peace: What can Research on Religious Identity tell us about Religious Conflict?” Stanley Saxton AKD Induction Lecture, University of Dayton, Department of Sociology, Dayton, OH. (April)

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2010 B. Starks. “Which Issues are Moral Issues.” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore. (October)
- 2009 B. Starks and R. V. Robinson. “Two Approaches to Religion and Politics” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco. (August)
- 2009 R. Cobb, J. Sumerau, and B. Starks. “Religious Leaders Accounts of Navigating Religion and Politics.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans. (April)
- 2008 B. Starks and M Honisch. “Let Go and Let God: Religiosity, Avoidance Coping, and Substance Abuse.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston (August)
- 2008 S. Rote and B. Starks. “Racial Differences in Drug Usage and Disorders.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond. (April)
- 2007 B. Starks. “Stability vs. Change: Identity Work among American Catholics.” Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York. (August)
- 2007 B. Starks. “Catholic Identity Work.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta. (April)
- 2006 B. Starks. “Catholic Identity Formation: Catholics as Cultural Agents.” Presented at the American Sociological Association, Montreal. (August)
- 2006 B. Starks. “Catholic Religious Movements: Religion-in-Action or Missing-in-Action.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans. (March)
- 2004 B. Starks. “Catholics, Gender, and the Religious Divide.” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, Missouri. (April)

- 2001 B. Starks and R. Robinson. "Moral Cosmology and Religious Self-Identification: Differing Political Consequences?" Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, California. (August)
- 2001 B. Starks and R. Robinson. "Religion, Modernism, and Parental Values." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. (April)
- 2000 B. Starks. "The American Dream and Class Consciousness." Presented at the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (August)
- 2000 S. Cheng and B. Starks. "Elaborating Racial Differences in Educational Expectations." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (August)

GRANTS

- 2012 B. Starks. Social Science and Catholic Generosity. Provost Initiative on Engaging the Community (\$700)
- 2009 B. Starks. "Religion, Moral Values, and Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election." *COFRS* Grant for Analysis of items placed on 2008 CCAP survey. (\$14,000)
- 2005 B. Starks. "The Parish and Catholic Divisions: The Role of Pastoral Leadership and Parish- Shopping in Shaping the Institutional Context of Religious Conflict" First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Grant for a study of parish leadership. Conducted 15 in-depth interviews with parish leaders in three different Midwestern cities. (\$15,000)
- 2003 B. Starks. "Contemporary Catholic Identities." National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant for a study of American Catholics. Conducted 50 in-depth interviews at parishes in three different Midwestern cities and analyzed nationally representative quantitative data on 974 Catholics, (\$6,010)

SERVICE

Departmental

Inequality/Social Justice Area Committee, Theory Committee (Chair), Honors and Awards Committee, Undergraduate Program Committee (Chair), Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, and Colloquium Committee

Professional

- 2007-10 Fichter Award, Grant Committee Member
Association for the Sociology of Religion

- 2007 Elections Committee Member
 Southern Sociological Society
- 2002 Consultant, Wadsworth Publishing, Developed short video clips and
 “questions for further discussion” used on Wadsworth’s internet web site
 to complement their Introductory Sociology textbooks.

Manuscript Reviewer,

*Journals: American Sociological Review, Gender, Work and
Organizations; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Review of
Religious Research; Social Forces; Social Science Quarterly; Sociological
Perspectives; Sociology of Religion; and The Sociological Quarterly.*

Advising and Supervising:

Allison Hand, Masters- International Relations 2010
J. Sumerau, Masters 2010
Marlee McCleary, Honors Thesis 2010
Sunshine Rote (chair), Masters 2009
Carolyn Sawtell, Ph.D 2008
Kevin Hodges, Applied Master’s 2008.
Jordan Brown, Masters 2007.
Sarah Conn, Masters 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Religious Research Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

REFERENCES

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