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EDUCATION

- M.A. Sociology, *summa cum laude*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 2008
Thesis: "Religious Seekership and the New Age Movement: A Rational Choice Approach."
Committee: Christine Fountain (Chair), Barry Markovsky, Shane Thye
- B.A. Sociology, *magna cum laude*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religious movements, Social movements/political sociology, culture, gender, sexuality, quantitative and qualitative methods

HONORS

- 2009 Center for the Study of Democracy Affiliate, University of California, Irvine
- 2008-2013 Full Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of California, Irvine, Sociology (Nonresident tuition fellowship 2008-2009)
- 2007 University of South Carolina Departmental Travel Grant for travel to Southern Sociological Society conference in Atlanta, GA
- 2007-2008 Full Graduate Assistantship, University of South Carolina, Sociology
- 2006 University of South Carolina Outstanding Senior Major Award in Sociology
- 2006 Inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, National Sociology Honor Society
- 2006 Inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

WORKING PAPERS

Brent Simpson, Matthew Cazzessus and **Rachael Chatterson**. "Sincere, Trustworthy Type Seeks Blindly Optimistic Dupe: Self Presentation in Lonely Hearts Advertisements."

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 "Religious Seekership and the New Age Movement: A Rational Choice Approach." Presented at the 2009 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.
- 2008 "Sincere, Trustworthy Type Seeks Blindly Optimistic Dupe: Self Presentation in Lonely Hearts Advertisements." Presented at the 2008 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2007 "A Test of the Stark-Bainbridge Theory of Religious Seekership: Religious Switching and the New Age." Presented at the 2007 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina

- 2008 Spring, Research Assistant for Brent Simpson
- 2007 Spring, Research Assistant for Brent Simpson
Research in experimental methods, social psychology, prosocial behavior
- 2006 Fall, Research Assistant for Suzanne Sutphin on NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2005 Fall, Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dave Willer
Research in experimental methods, network exchange theory
- 2004-2006 Undergraduate Research Assistant for Brent Simpson

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

- 2009 Spring, Teaching Assistant for Tonya Schuster
Soc 135 (Social Psych Networks), 89 students total

- 2009 Winter, Teaching Assistant for Alison Brysk
Poli Sci 149 (Int'l Human Rights), three discussion sections with 90 students total
- 2008 Fall, Teaching Assistant for David Frank
Soc 2 (Int'l Sociology), Four discussion sections with 120 students total
- 2008 Sept. 23 and 24, Graduate Teaching Assistant Training
South University, Columbia, SC
- 2008 Summer, Adjunct Faculty
Two Introduction to Sociology courses
- Midlands Technical College**, Columbia, SC
- 2008 Summer, Adjunct Faculty
Two Introduction to Sociology courses
- University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC
- 2007 Fall, Teaching Assistant for Brent Simpson
Two sections of Sociology 101 with 300+ students each
- 2007 Aug. 15 and 16, University Classroom Teaching Workshop

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Summer, Victoria's Secret, Sales Associate
- 2007-2008 Hennessy's Restaurant and Lounge, Server
- 2006 Edventure Children's Museum, Tourguide/Counselor.
- 2005-2006 Upward Bound, University of South Carolina, Tutor.
- 2003/2005 Winter, Brookstone, Assistant Manager.
- 2005 The Sunshine House, Inc., Afterschool Teacher/Counselor.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- American Sociological Association (Current Member)
- Pacific Sociological Association (Current Member)
- University of California, Irvine Sociology Graduate Student Association (End of Year Party Committee Co-Chair 2008)
- Southern Sociological Society (Member 2006-2008)
- University of South Carolina Sociology Graduate Student Association (Informal Activities Committee Co-Chair 2006-2008)