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EDUCATION

- M.A. *Forthcoming Fall 2010*. Sociology, *magna cum laude*, University of California, Irvine, California, 2010
2nd Year Paper: “Evangelicalism in the Modern World Culture”
Advisors: Ann Hironaka, Evan Schofer; Reader: David Meyer
- 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 Thyne
- B.A. Sociology, *magna cum laude*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Neo-institutional theory, globalization, women’s associations, advanced statistical modeling, culture, democracy, religion/religious movements, political sociology

HONORS

- 2009- Present Center for the Study of Democracy Affiliate, University of California, Irvine
- 2010 Pacific Sociological Association Travel Grant for travel to conference in Oakland, CA
- 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

Rachael Chatterson. “Evangelicalism in the Modern World Culture”

Schofer, Evan, **Rachael Chatterson**, et al. “Global Education Structures and Inequality.”

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 “Evangelicalism in the Modern World Culture: A Cross-National Analysis.” Presented at the 2010 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Oakland, California. Session: Community & Religion II.
- 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. Roundtable: Religion & Society.
- 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. Session.
- 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. Session: Religion and Theory.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine

- 2010 Spring, Research Collaborator with Dr. Evan Schofer
Research on cross-national educational structures and inequality over time

University of South Carolina

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advanced Academy, Irvine, CA

2009-present Tutor, High School and College Statistics

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

- 2010 Fall, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Tonya Schuster
Soc 154 (Medical Sociology), 76 students total
- 2010 Spring, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Sam Gilmore
Soc 110 (Research Methods), upper division research course, 100 students
- 2010 Winter, Effective Responses to Student Writing Workshop
- 2010 Winter, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Sam Gilmore
Soc 153W (Soc of Science), upper division undergrad writing seminar, 33 students
- 2009 Fall, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Carter Butts
Soc 138/Econ 149 (Business Decisions), about 400 students total (with 4 TAs)
- 2009 Spring, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Tonya Schuster
Soc 135 (Social Psych Networks), 89 students total
- 2009 Winter, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Alison Brysk
Poli Sci 149 (Int'l Human Rights), three discussion sections with 90 students total
- 2008 Fall, Teaching Assistant for Dr. 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 Dr. Brent Simpson
Two sections of Sociology 101, 310 students per class, 620 students total
- 2007 Aug. 15 and 16, University Classroom Teaching Workshop

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; Cohort Representative 2009-10; Faculty Representative 2010-2011)

Southern Sociological Society (Member 2006-2008)

University of South Carolina Sociology Graduate Student Association (Informal Activities Committee Co-Chair 2006-2008)