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EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Ph.D., Sociology. Expected June 2010

Congregations and Community Organizing: Understanding the Motivations and Contributions of Religious Institutions Engaged in Broad-Based Organizations
Committee: Brian Steensland (Chair), Clem Brooks, Robert Robinson, Pamela Walters, Melissa Wilde

Qualifying Examination: Political Sociology
Passed With Distinction
Committee: Pamela Walters, Robert Robinson, Quincy Stewart

Minor: Research Methods

M.A., Sociology. August 2004
“Political Power Struggles and Urban School Reform: Chicago Public Schools, 1985-88”
Committee: Pamela Walters (chair) and Melissa Wilde

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
B.A. *cum laude*, May 2001. History and Sociology.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Movements	Research Methods	Religion	Politics
Culture	Urban Communities	Education	

PUBLICATIONS

Wilde, Melissa J., Kristin Geraty, Shelley Nelson, and Emily Bowman. Forthcoming. “Religious Competition and Legitimacy: Predicting Bishops’ Votes at the Second Vatican Council.” *American Sociological Review*.

Geraty, Kristin. 2006. “Saul Alinsky and the Industrial Areas Foundation.” *Encyclopedia of US Labor and Working Class History*. Edited by Eric Arneson. Routledge Press.

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$7499), 2009
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Research Award (\$3000), 2008
Association for the Sociology of Religion, Travel Grant, 2008
Indiana University, Advanced Departmental Fellowship, 2005-2006
Indiana University, Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 2001-2006

INVITED TRAVEL

Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference, University of Notre Dame
Invitation: travel, accommodations, and program funded, 2007

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Geraty, Kristin. "Community Organizations and Congregations: Why do Organizers Recruit Religious Institutions?"

Geraty, Kristin. "Problem Definition and the Development of Educational Policy: Chicago School Reform, 1985-88."

Wilde, Melissa and Kristin Geraty. "Explaining Religious Growth and Decline: The Roman Catholic Church from 1955-2005."

Wilde, Melissa, Dean Hoge, and Kristin Geraty. "Understanding International Variation in Seminarians Preparing to Become Catholic Priests."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sociology 100: *Introduction to Sociology*, Fall 2009- Spring 2010 (5 sections)
Sociology 190: *Urban Problems*, Fall 2009- Spring 2010 (2 sections)
North Central College, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Naperville, IL
Sole responsibility for designing courses, preparing lectures, and grading assignments.

Sociology 101: *Introduction to Sociology*, Spring 2008 (20 students)
Harper College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Palatine, IL
Sole responsibility for designing course, preparing lectures, and grading assignments.

Sociology 204: *Schools and Society*, Spring 2006 (45 students)
Sociology 316: *Urban Sociology*, Summer 2006 (30 students)
Northeastern Illinois University, Department of Sociology, Chicago, IL
Shared responsibility with a co-teacher for all aspects of course.

Sociology 370: *Research Methods in Sociology*, Fall 2002-Spring 2004
Sociology 371: *Statistics for Sociology*, Spring 2003
Indiana University, Department of Sociology, Bloomington, IN
Instructed students in lab sections and assisted instructor with course organization, grading assignments, and advising students.

Sociology 316 *The Family*, Fall 2001
Sociology 360 *Social Policy*, Spring 2002
Indiana University, Department of Sociology, Bloomington, IN
Assisted instructor with course organization and grading assignments.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Community Organizations and Congregations: How do Organizers Recruit Religious Institutions?” Paper to be presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver, CO.

“Faith as a Political Resource: Investigating Congregational Motivations for Engagement in Faith-Based Community Organizing.” Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Louisville, KY.

“Faith as a Political Resource: Understanding the Factors that Contribute to Congregational Political Engagement.” Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Boston, MA.

“Explaining Religious Growth and Decline: The Roman Catholic Church from 1955-2005.” Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Tampa, Florida (with Melissa Wilde).

“Faith as a Political Resource: Understanding the Factors that Contribute to Congregational Political Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, Illinois.

“Faith as a Political Resource: Understanding the Factors that Contribute to Congregational Political Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Portland, Oregon.

“Problem Definition and the Development of Educational Policy: Chicago School Reform, 1985-88.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“What Makes a Progressive Religious Leader? Analyzing Votes from the Second Vatican Council.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Kansas City, Missouri (with Melissa Wilde, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman, and Grace Yukich).

“National and Theological Factors Behind Bishops’ Votes at the Second Vatican Council.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, California (with Melissa Wilde, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman, and Grace Yukich).

“Exploring American Exceptionalism: Religiosity and Welfare Attitudes, 1984-2000.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Kansas City, Missouri (with Emily Bowman).

“Political Power Struggles and Urban School Reform: Chicago Public Schools, 1985-88.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association in Cleveland, Ohio.

“National and Theological Factors Behind Bishops’ Votes at the Second Vatican Council.” Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Norfolk, Virginia (with Melissa Wilde, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman, and Grace Yukich).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Industrial Areas Foundation Papers

University of Illinois Chicago, Special Collections Department, Chicago, IL
Archivist Assistant, 2005-2006

Vatican II Voting Behavior Project

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Project Director: Melissa Wilde
Research Assistant, 2005-2006

Indiana and Ohio Survey of Educational Policy Preferences Project

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Project Director: Pamela Walters
Research Collaborator/Telephone Interviewer, 2001-2002

Notre Dame Workshop on Riots and Protests

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Project Director: Daniel J. Myers
Research Assistant, 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Midwest Sociological Society

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

REFERENCES

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