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*Curriculum Vitae*

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### Academic Positions

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2014-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, *Grinnell College*

### Education

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2014 PhD, Sociology, *Indiana University*  
Minor: Social Science Methodology  
Dissertation: Mobilizing Epistemic Conflict: The Creation Museum and the Creationist Social Movement  
Tom Gieryn (Chair), Bernice A. Pescosolido, Fabio Rojas, Brian Steensland

2011 Graduate Certificate in Preparing Future Faculty Program, *Indiana University*

2007 Masters of Arts (Distinction), Sociology, *DePaul University*

2007 Graduate Certificate in Women Studies, *DePaul University*

2005 Bachelor of Arts (Magna cum laude), Sociology, *DePaul University*

### Research and Teaching Areas of Interest

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Social Movements & Organizations	Place & Built Environment
Medical Sociology & Health Inequities	Sociology of Culture
Methods (Historical/Qualitative/Quantitative/Spatial)	Religion & Science
Science, Technology & Society	Public Sociology & Community Research

### Peer Reviewed Publications

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2020 [Creating the Creation Museum: How Fundamentalists Beliefs Come to Life](#). New York University Press: New York, NY.

2019 "What the Public Thinks: Understanding the Current Context for Teaching Scientific Topics with Religious Implications" [Making Sense of Science and Religion: Strategies for the Classroom and Beyond](#), edited by Joseph W. Shane, Lee Meadows, Ronald S. Hermann, and Ian C. Binns. National Science Teachers Association: Arlington, VA.

2019 ["Biblical Literalism Influences Perceptions of History as a Scientific Discipline"](#) (first author) with Christopher Scheitle, *Socius* 5.

2016 ["Beyond Access: Social Safety Nets and the Use of Free Health Care Services"](#) with Oren Pizmony-Levy, *Sociological Perspectives* 59:640-667.

2015 ["Place and Culture-Making: Geographic Clumping in the Emergence of Artistic Schools"](#) (first author) with Tom Gieryn, *Poetics* 50:20-43

## Peer Reviewed Publications, continued

- 2012        [“Teaching with Movement: Using the Health Privilege Activity to Physically Demonstrate Disparities in Society”](#) with Amy Irby-Shasnami and Tiffani N. Saunders, *Teaching Sociology* 40(2):123-141.

## Other Publications

- Forthcoming    “Watching, Talking, and Listening” in *Research Methods in Action*, editors Kristin Kenneavy and Catherine Harnois. SAGE publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.
- 2018        [Book Review in the \*Journal of American Studies\*](#), Trollinger, William and Susan. *Righting America at the Creation Museum*. Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins University Press.
- 2016        “Science” Pp. 47-66 in [Handbook of Religion and Society](#), edited by David Yamane. Springer.
- 2015        [“Sociology of Science”](#) with Tom Gieryn, Pp. 261-267 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, edited by James Wright. Oxford: Elsevier, UK.
- 2015, Fall    [“Science Museums and Cultural Authority: The Case of the Creation Museum”](#) *Cosmologics: A Magazine of Science, Religion, and Culture*, Harvard Divinity School
- 2012        “In Sickness and In Health: Undermining the Dominant Ethos of Individual Responsibility through Celluloid Stories” with Bernice A. Pescosolido, in [Cinematic Sociology: Social Life in Film](#), edited by Jean-Anne Sutherland and Kathryn Feltey. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, SAGE publications.
- 2012-2014    [Contributing Editor, Mobilizing Ideas Blog](#)  
*The Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame*
- 2012        [Findings from the 2010/2011, Social and Health Assessment of Patients. Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County](#) with Oren Pizmony-Levy,
- 2011        [“On the Spot: Tips for Successfully Handling the Q&A”](#) with Shiri Noy, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*: In print and online, September 8

## Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

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### Major

- 2017-2019    Faculty Development Fund, Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship, *Grinnell College*
- 2012, 2013    Atherton Bean Fellowship (Fall), Department of Sociology, *Indiana University*
- 2012        Alumni Field-Building Initiative Grant  
*Social Science Research Council*

**Major, continued**

- 2011            Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG), Award Number 1126535  
*National Science Foundation*
- 2010            Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Spaces of Inquiry  
*Social Science Research Council*
- 2010            Community Action Research Initiative Grant (CARI): Jack K. Martin (PI) &  
Oren Pizmony-Levy, Co-PI, *American Sociological Association*
- 2010            Friends of the Library Grant-in-Aid, Archival Research  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2010            Advanced Departmental Research Fellowship (Fall), Department of Sociology,  
*Indiana University*
- 2007-2012      Full Graduate Assistantship and Tuition, Department of Sociology, *Indiana  
University*
- 2009, 2010      Department Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, *Indiana  
University*
- 2005-2006      Full Graduate Assistantship and Tuition, Department of Sociology, *DePaul  
University*

**Minor**

- 2017, 2018      Summer Research Collaboration, Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry: A  
*Grinnell College/ University of Iowa Partnership, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*
- 2016            Summer Institute on Digital Pedagogy, Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry: A  
*Grinnell College/ University of Iowa Partnership, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*
- 2015            Mellon Bridging Project, GIS training, *Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*
- 2013            College of Arts and Sciences, Travel Grant, *Indiana University*
- 2012            Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement  
*Sociological Practice & Public Sociology, American Sociological Association*
- 2012            Society for the Social Study of Science (4S) Graduate Student Travel Grant  
*National Science Foundation*
- 2010            Graduate Student Travel Grant, *Social Science History Association*
- 2009, 2011,  
2013            Graduate Student Forum Annual Meeting Travel Grant  
*American Sociological Association (ASA)*
- 2012            Social Action Award, Department of Sociology, *Indiana University*
- 2005            Inductee, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, *DePaul  
University*

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor of Record

#### Grinnell College

##### 2014-2019    **Introductory/ First Year Courses**

- Death, Sex, and Money: Advice from Social Scientists, First Year Tutorial
- Global Disabilities: Art, Architecture, and Activism (co-taught), Global Learning Program Tutorial
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Statistics

##### **Core Requirements and Special Topic Courses**

- Research Methods
- Science and Its Social Problems
- Social Movements
- Spatial Stratification

#### Indiana University

##### 2009-2013    **Core Requirements and Special Topic Courses**

- Charts, Tables, & Graphs
- Medical Sociology
- Research Methods

### Teaching Assistant

#### Indiana University

2007-2008    Medicine in America, Professor Bernice Pescosolido; Media & Society, Lecturer  
Chris Von Der Haar

#### DePaul University

2006    Introduction to Statistics, Professor Roberta Garner, Department of Sociology;  
Death in the City, Professor Sean Kirkland, Department of Philosophy, First Year  
Program

### Presentations

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#### Invited

2018    “Lucy’ Up Close: Museum Exhibits and the Materiality of Plausibility” Presented  
at *Installed Knowledge: The Material Culture Network meets Museum  
Practitioners*, Science History Institute: Philadelphia, PA (August)

**Invited (continued)**

- 2018 “Enacting a Museum [Book Chapter]” Presented at the *Culture Workshop*, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame: South Bend, IN (April)
- 2016 “Religion and Science at the Creation Museum.” Presented at the *Science & Religion: Exploring the Spectrum*, University of California-San Diego: San Diego (May).
- 2016 “Mobilizing Conflict: Why the Creationists Built a Museum.” Presented at the *Grinnell College Faculty Colloquium*, Grinnell College: Grinnell, IA (March).
- 2016 “Enacting a Museum: How the Creation Museum Works as an Alternative Institution.” Presented at the *Ethnography Workshop*, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University: Chicago, IL (February).
- 2012 “Cultural Change and Movement Factionalization.” Presented at *Young Scholars in Social Movements*, University of Notre Dame: South Bend, IN (May).
- 2011 Keynote Address, Induction Ceremony. *Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society*. DePaul University: Chicago, Illinois (May).

**Conferences**

- 2018 “Biblical Literalism and Perceptions of History as a Scientific Discipline” Presented at *American Sociological Association (ASA)*: Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Museums, Pluralism, and Social Change” Presented at *American Sociological Association (ASA)*: Montreal, Québec CAN
- 2016 “Science Education, Museums, and Social Change: The Creation Museum as a Challenger Museum” Presented at Social Science History Association (SSHA): Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Unpacking the Reception of an Alternative Institution: Media Attention to the Creation Museum” Presented at Social Science History Association (SSHA): Baltimore, MD.
- 2015 “Enacting a Museum: How the Creation Museum Works as an Alternative Institution” Presented at *American Sociological Association (ASA)*: Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Museums and Science Education: The Case of the Creation Museum” Presented at SSHA: Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Mobilizing Epistemic Conflict: How Young Earth Creationists Enact a Museum” Presented at *Society for the Social Study of Science (4S)*: San Diego, CA
- 2013 “Movement Factionalism and Ideology: Young Earth Creationism, 1963-2007” Presented at ASA Annual Meeting: New York, NY
- 2012 “Truth Spots by Design” with Tom Gieryn. Presented at *Society for the Social Study of Science (4S)* Annual Meeting: Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012 “Cultural Change and Movement Factionalization.” Presented at ASA Annual Meeting: Denver, CO
- 2011 “Mobilizing Epistemic Conflict: A Place-based Inquiry into Religion and Science” Presented at 4S Annual Meeting: Cleveland, OH

**Conferences (continued)**

- 2011 "Beyond Access: Exploring Utilization Patterns of Free Clinics" with Oren Pizmony-Levy Presented at the ASA Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 "Believing It. Defending It. Proclaiming It. The Rise of the Creation Science Movement and the Creation Museum, 1970 to 2010" Presented at the SSHA Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL
- 2010 "Believing It. Defending It. Proclaiming It: Using the Museum Form to Challenge Science" Presented at the *Space/Place Conference*: Bloomington, IN
- 2009 "Place and the Production of Culture: Geographic Clumping in the Emergence of Artistic Schools" Presented with Tom Gieryn at the ASA Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA
- 2008 "Negotiations of Agency and Complacency: A Bourdieusian Analysis of Teen Dating Violence" Presented at the *Stony Brook Ethnography Conference* SUNY-Stony Brook: New York, NY
- 2006 "Teen Dating Violence" Presented at the ASA Annual Meeting: Montreal, Canada
- 2006 "How Habitus Affects Teen Dating Violence" Presented at the *Chicago Ethnography Conference*, University of Chicago: Chicago, IL

**Professional Research Experience**

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- 2008-2011 Research Assistant, Stigma in Global Context: Mental Health Study Professor Bernice Pescosolido, Department of Sociology, *Indiana University*
- 2008 GIS Assistant, Anthropological Center for Training and Research on Global Environmental Change, Professor Leah VanWey, *Indiana University*
- 2006-2007 Graduate Research and Lab Assistant, Egan Urban Center, *DePaul University*
- 2004-2006 Program Evaluator, Take Back the Halls: Ending Violence in Relationships and Schools Program, Department of Women and Gender Studies, *DePaul University*

**Additional Training**

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- 2017 User Expert Training, *Institute for Human Centered Design*, Boston, MA, March
- 2015 Intermediate and Network Analysis Tools, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), *Washington College*. Conducted by Keota Silaphone, June
- 2011 Organizational Qualitative Methods Workshop, *University of California-Davis*. Conducted by Beth Bechky, Kim Elsbach, Andy Hargadon, July
- 2011 Demystifying Qualitative Research, Indiana Intensive Didactic Seminar (IIDS), *Indiana University*, April
- 2008 Fuzzy-Set & Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), *University of Notre Dame*. Conducted by Steve Vaisey, April
- 2008 Stata Workflow, IIDS, *Indiana University*, February
- 2008 Space and Place, IIDS, *Indiana University*, February

### **Additional Training (continued)**

- 2007 Social Networks, IIDS, *Indiana University*, September  
 2006 Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Summer Training, *DePaul University*.  
 Conducted by Nandhini Gulasingam, July

### **Service**

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#### **Department**

- 2014-2019 Member, Awards, Curriculum, and Search Committees, *Grinnell College*  
 2010-2011 Elected Chair, Race and Ethnic Relations Committee, *Indiana University*  
 2009-2010 Elected Member, Graduate Affairs, *Indiana University*  
 2007-2010 Member, Public Sociology Committee, *Indiana University*  
 2009 Reviewer, Faculty Mentor & Graduate Mentor Award(s), *Indiana University*  
 2008-2009 Graduate Mentor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, *Indiana University*  
 2005-2006 Graduate Student Representative, Departmental and University level  
 committees, *DePaul University*  
 2005-2006 Editor, bi-weekly graduate newsletter, *DePaul University*

#### **College/University**

- 2018-2019 Member, Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship, *Grinnell College*  
 2018-2019 Member, Global Fellowships and Awards Committee, *Grinnell College*  
 2016-2017 Member, Rosenfield Program Committee, *Grinnell College*  
 2016-2017 Member, EcoCampus Committee, *Grinnell College*  
 2016, 2017 Co-Organizer & Moderator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, *Grinnell*  
 2015-2016 Co-Chair, Early Career Faculty Group, *Grinnell College*  
 2015-2016 Member, Disability and Accommodations Task Force, *Grinnell College*  
 2014-2015 Department Liaison, ARH/Carnegie Planning Committee, *Grinnell College*  
 2011-2012 Member, Preparing Future Faculty Committee, *Indiana University*  
 2008-2009 Travel Grants Award Reviewer, *IU Graduate Student & Professional*  
*Organization (GPSO)*  
 2008-2009 Elected Sociology Assembly Representative, GPSO, *Indiana University*

#### **Discipline**

- 2012-present Occasional Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Mobilization*, *Journal for*  
*the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Poetics*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Socius*

## Discipline (continued)

- 2017 Member, Richard A. Peterson Award Committee for Best Student Paper, *ASA Culture Section*
- 2015-2017 Culture Network Representative, *Social Science History Association*
- 2013-2016 Elected Council Member, *Sociological Practice & Public Sociology Section, ASA*
- 2015 Organizing Committee Member, *Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT), ASA Mini-Conference: Chicago*
- 2012-2015 Elected Student Representative, *SKAT, ASA*
- 2014 President, "Assessing Public Health(s): Methodological Issues, Theoretical Choices" SPPS, *ASA Annual Meeting: San Francisco*
- 2014 President, "Knowledge Networks" SKAT, *ASA Annual Meeting: San Francisco*
- 2011 Roundtable Organizer, SKAT, *ASA Annual Meeting: Las Vegas*
- 2009 President, "Cultural Classification and Commercialization" Sociology of Culture Section, *ASA Annual Meeting: San Francisco*

## Community

- 2009-2012 GIS Consultant and Research Collaborator, *Volunteers in Medicine Clinic* Bloomington, Indiana
- 2009-2010 GIS Consultant, *Payday Lending Project*, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2004-2007 Member, Curriculum Committee, Program Facilitator, *Take Back the Halls: Ending Violence in Relationships and Schools* program, Chicago, IL

## Professional Memberships

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American Sociological Association

*Sections:* Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Communication, Information Technologies, and Media; Science, Knowledge & Technology; Sociological Practice & Public Sociology; Culture; Sociology of Religion

## References

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Available upon request.