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Ph.D. in Sociology at Loyola University Chicago

ACADEMIC DEGREES

- May 2000: B.A. (Sociology and Christian Ministries, Summa Cum Laude) Azusa Pacific University.
- May 2002: M.A. (Theological Studies) Boston University.
- May 2004: M.A. (Sociology) Loyola University Chicago, May 2004. Thesis: "Doing Friendship, Making Contacts, and Building Trust: Christian Indian Responses to Religious Diversity."
- Fall 2004-Fall 2010: PhD (Sociology) Loyola University Chicago
(Specializations: race and ethnicity, religion, social movements, and methodology.)
Dissertation titled: Practice and Meaning of Communitarian Spirituality in the Focolare Movement

CONFERENCES

- Spring of 1998 & Spring of 1999: Co-led two seminars in Post-Modernism and Pop Culture in an APU event, Common Day of Learning.
- Summer 2001: Attended and present two papers at the Annual Conference for the American Sociology Association in Anaheim, CA in conjunction with the Honors Program. The papers were presented and discussed in student-refereed roundtables: "The Social Gospel and the Liberal Churches," and "Student Leadership at a Christian Institution."
- Fall 2003: Attended and presented at the Religious Pluralism in America Pluralism Project Fall Research Conference Co-sponsored by and held at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University. Title of paper, "Doing Friendship, Making Contacts, and Building Trust: Christian Indian Responses to Religious Diversity."
- Spring 2004: Attended and presented paper at the Chicago Ethnography Conference at Northwestern University. Title of paper, "Doing Friendship, Making Contacts, and Building Trust: Christian Indian Responses to Religious Diversity."
- Fall 2006: Attended and presented paper at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Title of paper, "Practice and Meaning of Communitarian Spirituality in a New Religious Movement"
- Spring 2010: Attended and presented paper at the Pacific Sociological Association. Title of paper, "A Different World, A Sense of Purpose and Agency"

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Summer of 1999: Pew Younger Scholars Summer Seminar. \$750 stipend. One of seven students chosen to work with Dr. Christian Smith on a quantitative study in the area of religion and society at Notre Dame University. Title of work: "Recent Trends and Relationships Between the Social Gospel and Liberal Protestants."

- Fall 2000-2002: Research assistant to Dr. Peter Berger and Dr. Claire Wolfteich in the School of Theology at Boston University in their forthcoming work "Church and Theology in the Contemporary World."
- Summer 2001: Research assistance for Dr. Jon Orr's publication, "Religion-Based Employment Discrimination in Charitable Choice: A Guide for the Perplexed" published by the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California.
- Fall 2002-2004: Research assistant to Dr. Fred Kniss at Loyola University Chicago in his forthcoming work, "Religion, Immigration, and Civil Society in Chicago."
- Summer 2003: Research assistant to Dr. Paul Numrich at Loyola University Chicago on his forthcoming work, "The Church Next Door: Christian Congregation Face America's New Religious Diversity."
- Spring 2004: Master's thesis funded by the Pluralism Project, "Doing Friendship, Making Contacts, and Building Trust: Christian Indian Responses to Religious Diversity."
- Fall 2004-Spring 2005: Instructor of "Sociological Perspectives: Introduction to Sociology" at Loyola University Chicago.
- Fall 2005-Spring 2006: Instructor of "Religion and Society" at Loyola University Chicago.
- Fall 2006: Instructor of "Social Movements" at Pepperdine University
- Winter 07-Spring 2008: Instructor of Sociology 1 at West Los Angeles College and the hybrid course Sociology 1
- Fall 2008-Present: Assistant Professor at Azusa Pacific University, currently teaching: Introduction to Sociology; Basic Sociological Theory; Social Movements; Qualitative Social Research Methods; and Senior Seminar: Faith and Social Issues

PUBLICATIONS

- 2008: "Doing Friendship, Making Contacts, and Building Trust: Creating a Christian Indian Community" in the edited volume South Asian Christian Diaspora: Invisible Diaspora in Europe and North America, edited by Knut Jacobsen and Selva Raj

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HONORS

- 1996-2000: President's I scholarship at Azusa Pacific University. A scholarship given for students with at least a 3.7 GPA.
- 1996-2000: Honors Program at Azusa Pacific University. Twenty students from each class have the opportunity to take honors classes and participate in honors activities.
- 1997-2000: Member of the Pew Younger Scholars Programs. Helping students from Christian universities to get a higher education.
- 1998-2000: Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
- Spring 2000: Outstanding Senior award in Sociology at Azusa Pacific University.
- Spring 2000: Outstanding Senior award in Christian Ministries at Azusa Pacific University.
- Spring 2000: Recipient of a full tuition scholarship and stipend at Boston University School of Theology.
- Fall 2000-2001: Elected Vice President of the Boston University School of Theology Union, a student council board.
- Fall 2002-2006: Recipient of the Boston University Hester Beebe Scholarship for higher education.
- Fall 2002-2006: Recipient of a graduate assistantship from Loyola University Chicago.

Summer 2003: Recipient of a grant from the Pluralism Project at Harvard University to study Christian Indians in Chicago.

Fall 2003-Spring 2004: Elected Co-Chair of the Graduate Association of Sociologists at Loyola University Chicago, a student council board of the Sociology Department.

Fall 2004-Spring 2005: Elected representative from the sociology department to the Graduate Student Advisory Committee at Loyola University Chicago, a student council board of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Fall 2007-Spring 2008: Recipient of the Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship

APU ACTIVITIES

Spring 2009: APU Diversity Conference (organized a panel)

Spring 2010: Matheteis Forum: The American Dream

Spring 2011: Justice Week: Politics of the Body