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EDUCATION

- (2016)** **Princeton University**
Princeton, NJ
MA, Ph.D.(expected), Sociology
Exams: Sociology of Culture (Paul DiMaggio), Sociology of Religion (Robert Wuthnow), Economic Sociology (Viviana Zelizer)
- 2011** **Harvard Divinity School**
Cambridge, MA
M.T.S., Religions of the Americas
- 2008** **Duke University**
Durham, NC
B.S., Biological Anthropology/Human Anatomy
Religious Studies
Minor: Chemistry

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Religion; Economic Sociology; Urban Ethnography; Race and Ethnicity; Qualitative Methods; Theory; Sociology of Art; Globalization

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Fluent) French (Reading: Excellent; Writing, listening, speaking: Good)

GRANTS & HONORS

- 2015 Chandler Award for Excellence in Religion Reporting, Religion Newswriters Association
- 2015 Summer Research Funding, Canadian Studies Program, Princeton University
- 2013 Princeton University Excellence in Teaching Award, Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, The Graduate School, Princeton University
- 2013 Marvin Bressler Award for Teaching, Sociology Department, Princeton University
- 2013 Graduate Research Award, Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University

- 2012-2014 Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
- 2005 Dean's Summer Fellowship, Research Grant, Duke University
- 2005 Youth Activity Fund, Research Grant, The Explorer's Club
- 2005 Danenberg Mentorship, Research Grant, Duke University

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Forthcoming Garcia, Alfredo, and Joseph Blankholm. "The Social Context of Organized Nonbelief: County-Level Predictors of Nonbeliever Organizations in the United States." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- 2015 Kugelmass, Heather, and Alfredo Garcia. "[Mental Disorders Among Nonreligious Adolescents](#)." *Journal of Mental Health, Religion, and Culture* 18(5): 368-379.
- 2014 Garcia, Alfredo. "[Relational Work in Economic Sociology](#): A Review and Extension." *Sociology Compass* 8(6): 639-647.
- 2011 Garcia, Alfredo. "[From Satan to Hume](#): The Secularization of Suicide in England and the Reaction from the Pulpit." *Culture* 6 (Spring).
- 2007 Garcia, Alfredo, and Christy Guzzo. "[Dientes Chiquiticos](#): An Analysis of Juvenile Dentition and Dental Health in Costa Rican Indigenous Communities." *McGill Journal of Medicine* 10 (2): 81-86.

PUBLICATIONS (IN PROGRESS)

- "Doing Work for Free: How Place Influences Pricing."
- "Colonial Art as Ethnic Unifier"

PUBLICATIONS (POPULAR PRESS)

- 2015 "[Pope Francis Causes Division Among Cubans in Miami](#)," *Religion & Politics*
- 2014 [translation help] Jenkins, Jack. "[Meet Carolina](#), Who Brought Her Daughters 1,500 Miles to the U.S. so they Wouldn't be Raped," *ThinkProgress*.
- 2013 "[The New Jim Crow](#): Churches Respond to Mass Incarceration," *Religion & Politics*
- 2012 "[Red State Religion](#): An Interview with Robert Wuthnow," *Religion & Politics*
- 2012 "[The Lonely Life of American Atheists](#)," *Religion & Politics*
- 2010 "'Left Behind' co-author warns Apocalypse is near," [NorthJersey.com](#) and [The Salt Lake Tribune](#).
- 2010 "Atheists campaign for 'right' to blaspheme religion," [Pew Forum](#)
- 2010 "Churches come up shot as delegates' US visas denied," [beliefnet.com](#)
- 2010 "Religious leaders blast Gingrich, Palin on New York mosque," [Pew Forum](#)
- 2010 "Baha'i leaders sentenced to 20 years in Iran," [Huffington Post](#) and [Pew Forum](#)

- 2010 “Religious groups press for CIA torture probe,” [beliefnet.com](#)
- 2010 “Study finds strong Amish growth, western migration,” [The Houston Chronicle](#)
- 2010 “Polls find shifts on gay marriage ban,” [National Catholic Reporter](#) and [The Salt Lake Tribune](#)
- 2010 “The Most and Least Religious Colleges,” [Huffington Post](#)
- 2010 “Ground Zero Mosque appeal: Conservative law firm will fight go-ahead vote,” [Huffington Post](#)
- 2010 “Religious leaders hail cocaine-sentencing bill,” [beliefnet.com](#)
- 2010 “YMCA rebrands itself as ‘the Y,’” [The Christian Index](#)
- 2010 “Senate Democrats plead for religious support on key bills,” [Pew Forum](#)
- 2010 “Muslim Americans, ACLU seek data on FBI profiling,” with Omar Sacirby [Huffington Post](#)
- 2010 “Anti-Jewish incidents ‘sustained and troubling,’” [Pew Forum](#)
- 2010 “Is the Tea Party unbiblical?” [Washington Post](#) and [Huffington Post](#)
- 2010 “Methodists study the hallmarks of healthy churches,” [Huffington Post](#) and [beliefnet.com](#)
- 2010 “Do all dogs go to heaven? New books seem to think so,” [Huffington Post](#)
- 2010 “Evangelical’s bestseller is a must-read for members of Mexican drug cartel,” [Washington Post](#)
- 2010 “Must Sikhs, Hindus convert to get elected?” [National Catholic Reporter](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “[Comparative Religion: Christianity](#).” Study Guide. BarCharts, Inc.
- “[Bible Terminology](#).” Study Guide. BarCharts, Inc.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2016 “Street Art and the Global Neighborhood: The Creation of Place and Doing Work for Free.” Art Market in a Global Perspective Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2015 “Colonial Art as Ethnic Unifier: The Case of Creating a Global Catholic Site in Miami, FL.” Religion, Art, and Creativity in the Global City, Panel for the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Tolerance in the Age of Social Media: Muslims and Mosques in the United States.” Religion and Culture in the Digital Age, Graduate Student Conference, University of Florida.
- 2014 “Mental Illness Among Adolescent ‘Nones.’” 109th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. [presented by Heather Kugelmass]

- 2013 “The Social Context of Nonbelief Organizations.” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD. [with Joseph Blankholm]
- 2013 “Does the Extended Contact Effect Apply to Religion? An Experimental Design Examining Muslims and Mosques in the United States.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.
- 2013 “What Encourages the Nonreligious to Organize?” 75th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY. [with Joseph Blankholm]
- 2012 “Identity, Faith, and Tattoos.” Joint MAR and NEMAAR Regional Conference, American Academy of Religion, Newark, NJ.
- 2012 “Tattoos, Religion, and Pop Culture.” Religions in Conversation Conference: Navigating the Sacred and the Profane in American Popular Culture, Claremont Graduate University and Scripps College, Claremont, CA.

Invited Presentations

- 2011 “[The Lives of Nones, and the People who Study Them](#).” Massachusetts Bible Society.
- 2010 “[Losing My Religion: Disaffiliation as a Sociological Process](#).” Massachusetts Bible Society.

TEACHING

- 2015 Introduction to Sociology and Social Deviance
Adjunct Professor, Florida International University
- 2014 Introduction to Sociology
Co-Instructor, Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative
Mercer County Community College, Princeton University, East Jersey State Prison
- 2013 Introduction to Sociology
Co-Instructor, Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative
Mercer County Community College, Princeton University, Garden State Prison
- 2013 Sociology of Religion
Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University
- 2012 Money, Work and Social Life (Economic Sociology)
Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University
- 2012 Sociological Theory
Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University

- 2012 Introduction to Sociology
Co-Instructor, Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative
Mercer County Community College, Princeton University, Garden State Prison
- 2009 Science and Religion throughout History
Teacher, St. Paul's School, London, UK
- 2009 Cults, Sects and Rock n' Roll (Popular Religion)
Teacher, St. Paul's School, London, UK
- 2008 South Park, Religion, and Satire: Comedic Portrayals of Religion in Contemporary
American Film and Television
Co-Instructor, under guidance of Mark Goodacre, Duke University
- 2006-2007 Human Osteology
Teaching Assistant, Duke University
- 2006 Quaternary Prehistory of Southern Africa and Paleoanthropological Field Methods
Teaching Assistant, Duke in South Africa Program, Duke University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

- 2015-Present Grants Panelist
Youth Arts Miami Grants Program, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural
Affairs
- 2013-2014 Co-Organizer
Culture and Inequality Speaker Series, Sociology Department, Princeton University
- 2013-2014 Resident Graduate Student
Forbes College, Princeton University
- 2012-2014 Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative
Garden State Prison, Mercer County Community College, Princeton University
- 2010-2011 Student Member of Watson Search for Junior Position in Science and Religion
Harvard Divinity School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
American Academy of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion

Religion Newswriters Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion