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Education:

Ph.D., 1993, University of Illinois at Chicago, Sociology, "Moral Cultures and the Movement against Abortion"

M.A., 1990, University of Illinois at Chicago, Sociology, Paper title: "Out-of-Class Experiences: The Pull Factors Which Affect Freshman Year Attrition on A Commuter Campus"

A.B., 1970, Loyola University of Chicago, Sociology (during academic year 1967-68 I was enrolled in Paris-Lodron Universitaet, Salzburg, Austria)

Areas of Research and Teaching Interest:

Sociology of religion; Community and urban sociology; American congregational studies; Urban religion; Moral culture and the abortion debate; Race and ethnic relations; Field research

Current Teaching Position:

Loyola University Chicago

Instructor, Department of Sociology, 2006-present Research Associate, 2009-present, McNamara Center for the Social StudyofReligion Associate Faculty, 2009-present, Graduate College

Previous Teaching Positions (adjunct):

2005-2006,

Social Psychology Social Theory and Social Research Society in a Global Age Sociology of Aging Sociology of the American Catholic Imagination Urban Semester Seminar

Publications:

Journal articles and review essays

- 2009 "A uthority versus Liberalism: Is There a Third Way?" Contemporary Sociology, 38:2, (March) 125-129
- 2008 "Structure, agency, and adaptation in congregations" Cross Currents, (Fall) 363-368.
- 2005 "'If we let the market prevail, we won't have a neighborhood left.' Religious Agency and Urban Restructuring on Chicago's Southwest Side" *City and Society* 17:2, 211-233.
- 2003 "The 'Religious District' of Elite Congregations: Reproducing Spatial Centrality and Redefining Mission" *Sociology of Religion* 64:1, 47-64.

Books (co-authored)

- Forthcoming, Religion and Community in the New Urban America [with Paul D. Numrich], Oxford University Press
- 2004 Sacred Circles and Public Squares: The Multicentering of American Religion. [with Arthur E. Farnsley, II, N. J. Demerath III, Etan Diamond, Mary Mapes], Bloomington: Indiana University Press

Book chapters

- 2004 "Religion in the City on the Make" in Religion and Public Life in the Midwest:

 A merica's Common Denominator? [with Lowell W. Livezey], Philip Barlow and Mark Silk, (eds.) Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press
- 2000 "Catholic Spirituality in a New Urban Church" in *Public Religion and Urban Transformation: Faith in the City.*

Urban Culture, 2:8, September

- 1999 "Ethno-Racial Diversity Within Indianapolis Congregations" Research Notes from the Project on Religion and Urban Culture, 2:4, August
- 1995 "The Southwest Side: Its Catholic Churches, Community Organizations, and Other Religious Institutions" in Religious Organizations and Structural Change in Metropolitan Chicago: The Research Report of the Religion in Urban America P

- 2010 "When a group's abortion views are complex, can an organization survive? Or is there a third way toward social change? *Religious Research Association* annual meetings, Baltimore, Maryland, October 29
- 2010 "How organizational claims can advance (or not) ideological agendas: Success and failure among prolife groups" LUC Department of Sociology colloquium, October 1
- 2010 Comment on "Beyond the immigrant church: conceptualizing relationships between immigrant and non-immigrant churches" for the Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities, Loyola University Chicago, April 10
- 2008 "Mapping as a Tool Connecting Religious and Urban Restructuring" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Louisville, Kentucky, October 17
- 2007 "Urban Religion in Shaping Space" *International Society for the Sociology of Religion* meetings, Leipzig, Germany, 23-27 July
- 2007 "Learning and Researching in Chicago from the Eighties to the Aughts" (invited talk) R. Stephen Warner Retirement Research Symposium, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, June 2
- 2005 "Religious Ideas, Congregational Practices, and Cultural Fit in American Society" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Rochester, New York, November 4-6
- 2005 "'If we let the market prevail, we won't have a neighborhood left': How religious organizations cope with urban restructuring in Chicago" International Society for the Study of Religion annual meetings, Zagreb, Croatia, 18-22 July
- 2004 Comment on "Religion and Social Space" panel at Social Science History annual meeting, Chicago, November 18-21
- 2004 "The parish, the neighborhood, and the building of place in Chicago's Southwest Corridor" *The Changing Face of Metropolitan Chicago*, Conference on Chicago Research and Public Policy, May 12-13
- 2004 Comment on "Congregations, Community, and Social Capital" Faith in Boston Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, April 30
- 2003 " Global Catholicism in Chicago Neighborhoods: Ethnic Conflict and Social Integration" Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, August
- 2003 Comment on "Religion, Immigration, and Civil Society in Chicago" for the Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities, Loyola University Chicago, April
- 2002 "Congregations as Social Laboratories: Paths to Multiracial Public Dialogue" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, November
- 2002 " A re conservative churches critical voices in A merican culture?" *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, August
- 2002 "The Parish, a Modern Institution in a Postmodern Culture" *Religion in an Urban Ecology* conference, Birmingham, England, April
- 2000 "Many Roads to Building Multiracial Congregations" *Remaking Chicago* Conference, Chicago, December
- 2000 "The Use of Geographic Information Systems in Analyzing Multiracial Congregations" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, October
- 2000 Comment on "A Particular Place: Social Ecology and Religious Restructuring in a Southern Exurb" by Nancy L. Eiesland, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Houston, October
- 1999 "Multiracial Congregations in Religiously Conservative Churches" Religious Research Association, Boston, November
- 1999 Comment on "Saving Souls, Saving Society: The Role of Evangelism in Church-Based Ministries" for the Chicago A rea Group for the Study of Religious Communities, Loyola University Chicago, November

1999 "Meeting Up with Yourself: Can Scholarship Help Inform One's Faith?" Faith in the Academy Series, IUPUI, October
1999 "Community and Culture on Chicago's Southwest Side"

Wagner School of Public Service, New York University, Erica Foldy 2003 - 2005, evaluation research for implementation of Community Technology