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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D. Sociology. University of Georgia – Athens, GA
Dissertation: *Selling Salvation: Organizational Competition and the Southern Baptist Church*
- Committee: David Smilde (Chair), Joseph Hermanowicz, Linda Renzulli, Penny Edgell
 - Comprehensive Exams: *Culture*
 - Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Studies
- 2009 M.A. Sociology. University of Georgia – Athens, GA.
- 2007 B.A. Sociology. Franklin College – Franklin, IN. Summa Cum Laude
Minor: Psychology

APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Oakland University – Rochester, MI
- 2015- 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Oakland University – Rochester, MI

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion; Health; Work and Family; Qualitative Methods; Quantitative Methods; Theory

GRANTS

- 2017 Faculty Research Fellowship Award (\$10,000), Oakland University
- 2014 Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3,000), University of Georgia
- 2013 Graduate School Dean's Award in the Social Sciences (\$1,000), University of Georgia
- 2011 Lynn E. May Study Grant (\$400), Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

PUBLICATIONS (*indicates peer review)

*Paino, Maria, **Matthew May**, Lori A. Burrington, and Jacob H. Becker. [Forthcoming]
“Intersectionopoly: A Simulation of the Wage Gap.” *Teaching Sociology*.

***May, Matthew** and David Smilde. 2016. “Minority Participation and Well-being in Majority Catholic Nations: What Does it Mean to be a Religious Minority?” *Journal of Religion and Health*. 55(3): 874-94.

*Smilde, David and **Matthew May**. 2015. “Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 years of Sociology of Religion in the United States: Contributions to Paradigmatic Reflection.” *Sociology of Religion*. 76(4): 369-88.

- 2016 Distinguished Article Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion

***May, Matthew**. 2015. “Simulating Secularization: A Pedagogical Strategy for the Sociology of Religion.” *Teaching Sociology*. 43(1): 46-52.

*Reynolds, Jeremy and **Matthew May**. 2014. “Religion, Motherhood, and the Spirit of Capitalism.” *Social Currents*. 1(2): 173-88.

- Sage Podcast: <http://scu.sagepub.com/content/1/2/173/suppl/DC1>

*Chin, Jeffrey, **Matthew May**, Honora Sullivan-Chin, and Kaylyn Woodrick. 2014. “How Can Social Psychology and Group Dynamics Assist in Curriculum Development.” *Teaching Sociology*. 42(2): 86-94.

Smilde, David and **Matthew May**. 2010. “The Emerging Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion.” *Social Science Research Council Working Papers*. Social Science Research Council. New York, NY.

- Featured in *Inside Higher Ed*, 2-9-2010]

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

May, Matthew. “Should I Stay or Should I Go? Religious Commitment and Depressive Symptomatology” Revise and Resubmit at *Society and Mental Health*

May, Matthew and Jeremy Reynolds “Religious Affiliation and Work-Family Conflict among Women and Men”

May, Matthew and David Smilde. “Does Funding Impact our Research? Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 Years of US Sociology of Religion”

May, Matthew. “Rethinking Religious Competition: The Emergence of Southern Baptist Congregations in a Southeastern County, 1784-2011.”

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

May, Matthew. “Growing the Flock: Institutional Environments and Congregations’ Competitive Strategies”

May, Matthew. “Secularization and Social Attitudes: 1972-2014”

AWARDS

- 2016 Winner, Distinguished Article Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion, for “Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 years of Sociology of Religion in the United States: Contributions to Paradigmatic Reflection.” *Sociology of Religion* (2015). Co-authored with David Smilde.
- 2015 Beck Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Oakland University

Introduction to Sociology
 Introduction to Methods of Social Research
 Race and Ethnic Relations
 Sociological Theory
 Sociology of Gender
 Sociology of Religion

Instructor, University of Georgia

Social Movements and Collective Behavior
 Sociology of Religion

Instructor, Le Moyne College

Introduction to Sociology (Online)

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

National and Departmental Service

- 2016-2017 Member, Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee
- 2016-2017 Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, Go For the Gold, Oakland University
- 2012-2015 Student Organizer, *Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power, and History*
- 2012-2013 Student Representative, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association

Reviewer of Manuscripts

<i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	<i>Qualitative Sociology</i>
<i>Social Problems</i>	<i>Teaching Sociology</i>
<i>Sociology of Religion</i>	

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Growing the Flock: Institutional Environments and Congregations’ Competitive Strategies”, Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC (March 30)
- 2016 “The Emergence of Southern Baptist Congregations” American Sociological Association, Seattle (August 22)
- 2014 “*Religious (In)stability and Mental and Physical Health.*” American Sociological Association, San Francisco (August 19)
- 2013 “*Religion and Health: Is Participation Enough?*” Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York (August 11)
- 2012 “*Employment and Satisfaction: Men’s and Women’s Religiosity and their Perception of Work*” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver (August 17)
- 2011 “*Satisfaction Guaranteed: How Religious Competition Enhances Religion’s Rewards*” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 21)
- 2011 “*Finding Happiness in (Un)happy Places: How the Effect of Religious Participation on Life Satisfaction Varies across Nations*” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Las Vegas (August 20)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Sections: Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Mental Health, Teaching and Learning

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Southern Sociological Society