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# **Education**

# **Vanderbilt University**

# Ph.D., Department of Sociology

Dissertation: “’Late’ Capital: Negotiating the New American Way of Death” July 2008

# **The University of North Carolina, Greensboro**,

# M.A., Sociology

Thesis: “Neither Here Nor There: Dementia and the Construction of Meaning for

Families, Friends, and Caregivers” May 2002

**University of Florida**

B.A., Honors, Philosophy December 1993

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# **Teaching Experience**

Associate Professor of Sociology Fall 2008-Present

Areas of Interest: Contemporary social theories; Sociology of gender; Religion; Cultural studies; Queer theory; Inequality

Courses Taught: Introduction to Sociology; Sociological Theory; Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Religion; Sociology of

Religion and Pop Culture; Social Stratification; Self and Society; Small Groups; Queer Social Theory

Publications

Sanders, George. 2018. “An Implicit Religion of Control: Corporate Mindfulness Meditation Programs.” *Implicit Religion* 21(1): 70-92.

Sanders, George and Josh Packard. 2016. *The Air we Breathe: A Sociology of Religion* [textbook]. Kendall Hunt.

Sanders, George. 2016. “Religious Non-places: Corporate Megachurches and their Contributions to Consumer Capitalism.” *Critical Sociology* 42(1): 33-48.

Sanders, George. 2014. “Ironically Religious, Blandly Fashionable” [Introduction to issue.] *Critical Sociology*

40(4): 495-498.

Burgess-Proctor, Amanda, Cassano, Graham, Condron, Dennis, Lyons, Heidi, and George Sanders. 2014. “A

Collective Effort to Improve Sociology Students’ Writing.” *Teaching Sociology*: 42(2): 130-139.

Packard, Josh and George Sanders. 2013. “The Emerging Church as Corporatization’s Line of Flight.” *Journal of*

*Contemporary Religion*, 28(3): 437-455.

Sanders, George. 2013. “Punk May Just Be Dead.” [Review essay on the collected works of Cristy Road.] *Critical Sociology*, 39(2): 295-301.

Sanders, George. 2012. “Branding in the American Funeral Industry.” *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 12(3):

263-282.

Sanders, George. 2012. “Help for the Soul: Pastoral Power and a Purpose-Driven Discourse.” *Journal of Cultural*

*Economy*, 5(3): 321-335.

Sanders, George. 2012. “*Panem et Circenses*: Worship and the Spectacle” *Culture and Religion*, 13(1): 1-18.

Sanders, George. 2011. The Gimmick, Or, The Productive Labor of Nonliving Bodies. Pp. 207-220 in *Corpus: An Interdisciplinary Reader on Bodies and Knowledge*, edited by Monica J. Casper and Paisley Currah. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Sanders, George. 2010. “The Dismal Trade as Culture Industry,” *Poetics*, 38(1), pp. 47-68.

Sanders, George. 2010. “The Contribution of Implosion to the Exuberance of the Dead,” *Fast Capitalism* 5(2).

Pitt, Richard and George Sanders. 2010. Revisiting Hypermasculinity: Shorthand for Marginalized Masculinities? Pp 33-51 in *What’s Up with the Brothers? Essays and Studies on African-American Masculinities*, edited by Whitney Harris and Ronald T. Ferguson. Harriman, TN: Men’s Studies Press.

Kelner, Shaul and George Sanders. 2009. “Beyond the Field Trip: Teaching Tourism through Tours.” *Teaching Sociology* 37(2), pp. 136-150.

Sanders, George. 2009. “‘Late’ Capital: Amusement and Contradiction in the Contemporary Funeral Industry,” *Critical Sociology* 35(4), pp. 447-470.

Sanders, George. 2009. Encyclopedia entries “Death Care Industry” (pp. 309-312), “Funeral Home” (pp. 472-475), and “Mortuary Science Education” (pp. 755-758) in *The Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience*, edited by Clifton Bryant and Dennis Peck. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Book Reviews**

Sanders, George. 2014. “Review of *Religion, Consumerism and Sustainability: Paradise Lost?” Journal of Contemporary*

*Religion*. 29(2): 341-344.

Sanders, George. 2014. “Review of *Travel Connections: Tourism, Technology and Togetherness in a Mobile World*.” *Contemporary Sociology*. 43(2): 241-243.

Sanders, George. 2010. “Review of *Class Struggle on the Home Front: Work, Conflict, and Exploitation in the Household*.”

*Critical Sociology*, 36(6), pp. 920-923.

Sanders, George. 2009. “Review of *Dialectic of Solidarity: Labor, Antisemitism, and the Frankfurt School*.” *Critical Sociology*,

35(6), pp. 895-899*.*

Sanders, George. 2009. “Review of *God’s Heart Has No Boundaries: How Religious Activists Are Working for Immigrant Rights*.” *Mobilization* 14(1), pp. 141-142.

# **Fellowships, Honors, & Grants**

# Department Research Award, Oakland University, $5,000 Summer 2016

# Department Scholarship Award, Oakland University, $150 Fall 2013

# Department Service Award, Oakland University, $300 Fall 2012

# Department Teaching Award, Oakland University, $300 Fall 2009

# University Research Committee, Oakland University

# Faculty Research Fellowship, $8,500 Summer 2009

###### Conference Presentations

Sanders, George. Co-Organizer of Film Exhibits, Society for the Study of Social Problems. August, 2013.

New York, NY.

Sanders, George. Panelist on The Academic Job Market, Society for the Study of Social Problems. August,

2013. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. Co-Presider of New Media and Sociology Panel, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

August, 2013. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. “Evangelicalism and Resistance.” Paper presented at North American Labor History

Conference. October, 2012. Detroit, MI.

Sanders, George. Discussant of Religion, Politics, and Cognitive Change Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2010. Atlanta, GA.

Sanders, George. Chair of Conducting Critical Social Science Research Panel, Left Forum. March 2010. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. “Corporate Christianity in Late Capitalism.” Paper presented at Social Movements in Everyday Life Panel, Left Forum. March 2010. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. “Death and Distraction: Discourses of Legitimation in the Contemporary American Funeral Industry.” Paper presented at Cultures of Industry Panel, Social Science History Association. October 2008. Miami, FL.

## **Editorial Experience**

*Critical Sociology*

Book Review Editor 2010-2015

## **Selected Service**

Women and Gender Studies Executive Committee 2015-Present

Sociology Undergraduate Adviser 2014-Present

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Programming Committee 2012-2013

Committee on Instruction 2011-2012

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly 2010-2011