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Professional Preparation

University of Wisconsin, Madison	Sociology, Ph.D.	2005
University of Wisconsin, Madison	Sociology, M.S.	1997
Loyola Marymount University	Political Science, B.A.	1991

Academic Appointments

2012 - present; Instructional Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843

2005 – 2012; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843

2005 (January – August); Assistant Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University,

Research Interests

Sociology of Religion, Political Sociology, Comparative/Historical Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Latin America, Sociology of Sport

Publications

2013 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Liberation Theology/Base Communities (South America)." *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements (3 Vols.)*, edited by David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klendermans and Doug McAdam. Hoboken, NJ. DOI: 10.1002/9780470674871.wbespm331

2012 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Liberation Theology: The Radicalization of Social Catholic Movements." *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, 13: 333-351.

2012 Mackin, Robert Sean and Carol S. Walther. "Race, Sport and Social Mobility: Horatio Alger in Short Pants?" *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, 47: 670-689.

2010 Mackin, Robert Sean. "In Word and Deed: Assessing the Strength of Progressive Catholicism in Latin America, 1960s – 1970s." *Sociology of Religion*, 71: 216-242.

2008 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Salvador Allende." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* Vol. 1. 2nd edition, edited by William A. Darity, pp. 77-78. Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

2008 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Latin American Sociology." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, Vol. 7. 2nd edition, edited by William A. Darity, pp 676-677. Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

2008 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Social Welfare System." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, Vol. 7. 2nd edition, edited by William A. Darity, pp. 631-633. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.

2003 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Becoming the Red Bishop of Cuernavaca: Rethinking Gill's Religious Competition Model." *Sociology of Religion*, 64: 499-514.

2002 Mackin, Robert Sean. "Obispo consecuente, comunidad comprometida" in *Va Por Ti El Compromiso: Testimonios sobre don Sergio Méndez Arceo*, edited by Leticia Rentarí Chávez, pp. 83-4. Mexico City: Ediciones Dabar.

Fellowships and grants

2009 – 2010 Glasscock Center Travel to Archives Grant, Texas A&M University, Amount of Award: \$1000, Title: "Secularization and the Structuring of the Public Sphere in Mexico"

2007 – 2008 Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI) Research Fellow, Texas A&M University, Amount of Award: \$2000, Title: "The Other Taboo: Class, Race and Athletic Performance in College"

2006 Department of Sociology/Glasscock Center Stipendiary Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M University, Amount of Award: \$1500, Title: "Papal volunteers, Ivan Illich and the Origins of Liberation Theology in Latin America"

2006 Religious Studies/Glasscock Center Stipendiary Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M University, Amount of Award: \$1500, Title: "Papal volunteers, Ivan Illich and the Origins of Liberation Theology in Latin America"

2005 International Research Travel Assistance Grant, Texas A&M University, Amount of Award: \$1207, Title: "The Origins of Progressive Catholicism in Chile: The Young Catholic Worker Movement and the Legacies of Church Reform"

1998 Global Studies MacArthur Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Selected Professional Highlights

2012 The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research 14th Annual Susanne M. Glasscock Humanities Book Prize for Interdisciplinary Scholarship Selection Committee

2008 – 2011 *Sociology of Religion* Associate Editor

2012 Presenter, (with Nancy Plankey-Videla). "Déjà Vu All Over Again? Strikes, Globalization and Labor Movements." Society for the Study of Social Problems (Denver, CO, 16 August).

2012 Presenter, (with Nancy Plankey-Videla). "A Tale of Two Strikes: Gender, State Policy, Firm Organization, Movement Dynamics, and the Radicalization of Women Workers at

Moctezuma." Mini-Conference on Work, Inequality, and Shifting Social Contracts, Southern Sociological Society (New Orleans, LA, 22 March)

2011 Presenter, "Radical by Design? The Young Catholic Workers and the Origins of Radical Religious Movements." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV, August 2011).

2010 Presenter, "The Precarious Life of a Sponsored Social Movement: The Case of Social Catholicism in Mexico." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, August 2010).

2010 Presenter, (with Carol Walther), "Horatio Alger in Short-Pants? Race, Sport and Social Mobility." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, August 2010).

2009 Presenter (invited), with Carol Walther, "Horatio Alger in Short-Pants? Sport and Social Mobility." Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, September 2009

2009 Presenter, "The Precarious Life of a Sponsored Social Movement: The Case of Social Catholicism in Mexico." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA, August 2009).

2008 – 2009 Best Student Paper Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association

2008 Presenter, "The Oppositional Church: Embedded Autonomy and the Origins of Liberation Theology." Alpha Kappa Delta at Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (May).

2007 – 2008 Best Article Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2007 – 2008 Organizer (w/ Joseph Jewell) of Roundtable Sessions, Comparative Historical Section, American Sociological Association

Courses Taught

SOCI 205 Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)

SOCI 326 Sociology of Religion (Undergraduate)

SOCI 412 Political Sociology (Undergraduate: Designed and taught honors section)

SOCI 479 Professional Development in Sociology II (Undergraduate; co-taught with Dr. Dietrich)

SOCI 604 Comparative Historical Methods (Graduate)

SOCI 607: Sociology of Religion (Graduate; Spring 2014)

SOCI 608 Social Organization (Graduate)