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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D. Sociology. University of Georgia – Athens, GA
- 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; Mental Health; Work and Family; Gender; Quantitative Methods; Qualitative Methods; Theory

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Faculty Research Fellowship Award (\$10,000), Oakland University (funded)
- 2017 Faculty Research Fellowship Award (\$10,000), Oakland University (funded)
- 2014 Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3,000), University of Georgia (funded)
- 2013 Graduate School Dean's Award in the Social Sciences (\$1,000), University of Georgia (funded)
- 2011 Lynn E. May Study Grant (\$400), Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives (funded)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

May, Matthew. 2018. "The Emergence and Decline of Southern Baptist Congregations in a Southeastern County, 1784-2011: An Ecological Analysis." *Review of Religious Research* 60(4): 455-75.

May, Matthew. 2018. "Should I Stay or Should I Go? Religious Commitment and Depressive Symptomatology." *Society and Mental Health* 8(3): 214-30.

- PsyPost.org feature (February 5, 2018): <http://www.psypost.org/2018/02/people-think-leaving-religion-dont-likely-feel-depressed-hopeless-50712>
- The Daily Beast feature (March 3, 2018): <https://www.thedailybeast.com/does-faking-religion-lead-to-depression>

May, Matthew and David Smilde. 2018. "Does Funding Impact our Research? Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 Years of US Sociology of Religion." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 57(3): 432-49.

May, Matthew and Jeremy Reynolds. 2018. "Religious Affiliation and Work-Family Conflict among Women and Men." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(7): 1797-1826.

Paino, Maria, **Matthew May**, Lori A. Burrington, and Jacob H. Becker. 2017
"Intersectionopoly: A Simulation of the Wage Gap." *Teaching Sociology* 45(2): 177-86.

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.

BOOK REVIEWS

May, Matthew. Forthcoming. *White Kids: Growing up With Privilege in a Racially Divided America* by Margaret A. Hagerman. *Sociological Inquiry*.

INVITED/NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

May, Matthew. Forthcoming. "Interfaith Couples" in *MacMillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach* edited by James J. Ponzetti, Jr., Maureen Blankemeyer, Sean Horan, Heidi Lyons, and Aya Shigeto. Cengage.

May, Matthew. Forthcoming. "Religion: Evangelical Christianity" in *MacMillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach* edited by James J. Ponzetti, Jr., Maureen Blankemeyer, Sean Horan, Heidi Lyons, and Aya Shigeto. Cengage.

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

Reynolds, Jeremy, **Matthew May**, and He Xian. "Not by Bread Alone: Religion and Perceptions of the Stratification System." Revise and Resubmit at *Socius*

May, Matthew. "Normative Pressures and Congregations' Competitive Strategies." Under Review.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

May, Matthew. "Politics, Religion, and Generalized Trust."

May, Matthew. "Interfaith Relationships and Perceptions of Marital Happiness: Does Being Unaffiliated Matter?"

AWARDS

2018 Outstand Scholarship Award, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, Oakland University

- 2016 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

Introduction to Sociology
 Introduction to Sociology through Health and Medicine (Scheduled)
 Introduction to Methods of Social Research
 Race and Ethnic Relations
 Sociological Theory
 Sociology of Gender
 Sociology of Religion
 Social Movements and Collective Behavior

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2021 Editorial Board, *Teaching Sociology*
- 2018-2019 Nominations Committee, Section on Teaching and Learning, American Sociological Association
- 2017-Present Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club, Oakland University
- 2017-2018 Member, Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee
- 2016-2018 Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, Go For the Gold, Oakland University
- 2016-2017 Member, Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee
- 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:

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Journal of Contemporary Religion
Journal of Religion and Health
Qualitative Sociology
Religions
Social Problems
Social Science Research
Society and Mental Health
Sociology of Religion
Socius
Teaching Sociology

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “*Religion and Happiness in a Secular Age.*” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas (October 27)
- 2018 “*Interfaith Relationships and Perceptions of Marital Happiness: Does Being Unaffiliated Matter?*” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia (August 13)
- 2018 “*Politics, Religion, and Generalized Trust.*” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans (April 7)
- 2018 “*Holding onto the Dream: Religion, Immigrants, and the American Dream.*” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans (April 7) – w/ Jeremy Reynolds
- 2017 “*Normative Pressures and Congregations’ Competitive Strategies.*” American Sociological Association, Montreal (August 15)
- 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)
- 2010 *“The Emerging Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion: A Critical Engagement.”* American Sociology Association, Atlanta (August 15) – w/ David Smilde