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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

Publications

Sanders, George. "Religious Non-Places: Corporate Megachurches and their Contributions to Consumer Capitalism." *Critical Sociology*. Forthcoming.

Sanders, George. 2014. "Ironically Religious, Blandly Fashionable" [Introduction to issue.] *Critical Sociology* 40(4): 495-498.

Burgess-Proctor, Amanda, Cassano, Graham, Condrón, 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 Scholarship Award, Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, \$150	Fall 2013
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Department Service Award, Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, \$300	Fall 2012
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Department Teaching Award, Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, \$300	Fall 2009
University Research Committee, Oakland University Faculty Research Fellowship, \$8,500	Summer 2009
Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University American Studies Fellow, \$20,000	2007-2008
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2007
Center for Ethics Graduate Writing Group, Vanderbilt University, \$1,000	Spring 2007
Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$720	Spring 2007
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2006
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Summer Research Grant, \$2,000	Summer 2005
Arts and Science Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Summer Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2005
Mellon Foundation and Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, "Fresh Ideas," Interdisciplinary Colloquium, \$2,000	Summer 2003
Graduate School, Assistantship, Vanderbilt University \$14,500/year	Fall 2002-Spring 2007
College of Arts and Sciences Honors Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, \$4,000/year	Fall 2002-Spring 2006
Graduate Student Annual Theory Award, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, \$100	Spring 2002

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-President 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.

Sanders, George. "From Formaldehyde to Frappuccinos: Enabling a Consumption of Care in the Funeral Industry." Paper to be presented at Consumers and Consumption Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2007. New York, NY.

Kelner, Shaul, and George Sanders. "Beyond the Field Trip: On Tourism as a Pedagogical Strategy." Paper to be presented at Integrating Spatial Thinking into the Sociology Curriculum Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2007. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. "Putting the 'Fun' in Funerals: Capitalism's Expression of the Carnavalesque in Contemporary Funeral Industries." Paper presented at Cultural Studies Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2006. Montreal, Quebec.

Sanders, George. "Negotiating Death: The Shifting Sociology of the Funeral Industry." Paper presented at Section on Sociology of Culture Refereed Roundtables, American Sociological Association. August 2005. Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Sociology	Fall 2008-Present
Introduction to Sociology; Sociological Theory; Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Religion; Sociology of Religion and Pop Culture; Social Stratification; Self and Society; Small Groups	

Editorial Experience

<i>Critical Sociology</i> Book Review Editor	2010-Present
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Service

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