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## CURRICULUM VITAE

*Nathan Wright  
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Bryn Mawr College  
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### **Employment:**

Bryn Mawr College  
Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Fall 2005 - Present

### **Education:**

Northwestern University  
Evanston, IL  
M.A. in Sociology 2001  
Ph.D. in Sociology 2006

Messiah College  
Grantham, PA  
B.A. in Sociology, 1996  
Summa Cum Laude

### **Research Interests:**

Culture, Religion, Public Opinion, Research Methods

### **Manuscripts:**

*Regionalism and the Reading Class.* Co-author with Wendy Griswold of 2 of 5 chapters (revised and edited from previously published work listed below). University of Chicago Press. 2008.

*The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and Dynamic Endurance in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* Nathan Wright. Dissertation being revised for book.

### **Peer-reviewed Journal Publications:**

“Producing Textbook Sociology.” Jeff Manza, Michael Sauder, and Nathan Wright. *European Journal of Sociology*, L, 2: 271-304. 2010.

“Reading and the Reading Class in the Twenty-first Century.” Wendy Griswold, Terry McDonnell, and Nathan Wright. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 31: 127-141. 2005.

“Cowbirds, Locals, and the Dynamic Endurance of Regionalism.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. *American Journal of Sociology*, 109: 1411-1451. 2004.

“Wired and Well Read.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. Chapter 13 in *Society Online: The Internet in Context*. Edited by Philip N. Howard and Steve Jones. Sage Publications. 2003.

“Religion and Political Behavior.” Jeff Manza and Nathan Wright. Chapter 21 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Edited by Michelle Dillon. Cambridge University Press. 2003.

### **Quantitative Survey Codebook:**

“Survey2000 User’s Guide and Codebook.” James C. Witte, Allison Britt, Steve Lee, Lisa M. Amoroso, Philip E. N. Howard, and Nathan Wright.

### **Book Reviews:**

*The Price of Freedom Denied: Religious Persecution and Conflict in the Twenty-first Century*. Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke. 2011. Cambridge University Press. Review by Nathan Wright forthcoming in *Contemporary Sociology*.

### **Articles Currently Under Review:**

“Attendance Matters: Religion and Ethical Affirmation of Homosexuality.” Nathan Wright. *Review of Religious Research*. (Revise and Resubmit)

“Fades in Gently: The Cultural Impact of BBC Radio DJ John Peel.” Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. *Journal of Popular Culture*. (Revise and Resubmit)

“The Mantle of Joseph: The Charisma of Routinization in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Nathan Wright. *Social Science History*.

“Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood.” Nathan Wright. *Sociological Quarterly*.

### **Works in Progress:**

“Reflections on Religious Change and Persistence from the Mormon Story.” Nathan Wright. For submission to *Contexts*.

“A Tale of Two Trials: Lessons for Contemporary Turkey from Mormon History.” Nathan Wright.

“Paths to Policy Implementation: Differential Paths of Needle Exchange and Housing First Programs.” Abigail Olson and Nathan Wright.

### **Presentations:**

“Paths to Policy Implementation: Differential Paths of Needle Exchange and Housing First Programs.” Abigail Olson and Nathan Wright. 2011 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“Becoming a World Religion: The Globalization of Latter-day Saints.” Nathan Wright. 2011 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“A Tale of Two Trials: Lessons for Contemporary Turkey from Mormon History.” Nathan Wright. 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Paths to Policy Implementation: Differential Paths of Needle Exchange and Housing First Programs.” Abigail Olson and Nathan Wright. 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Utah’s Relevance for Contemporary Turkey: Comparing the Senate Trial of Mormon Apostle Reed Smoot to Turkey’s Constitutional Court Trial of the AKP.” Nathan Wright 2010 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“Reflections on Religious Change and Persistence from the Mormon Story.” Eastern Mennonite University University Colloquium. March, 2010.

Invited critic for Author Meets Critic panel for Sharon Erickson Nepstad’s *Religion and Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. August, 2009.

“Reflections on Religious Change and Persistence from the Mormon Story.” Invited Panelist for Comparative Historical Sociology Section of American Sociological Society’s Comparing Past and Present Conference. August, 2009.

“Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood.” Nathan Wright. 2008 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Fades In Gently: John Peel’s Role in the Fall’s Career.” Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. Messing Up the Paintwork Conference. Salford, UK. May 9, 2008

“Racial Inclusion, Gender Exclusion, and Divine Revelation in the Mormon Priesthood.” Nathan Wright. 2007 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and Dynamic Endurance in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Messiah College Public Lecture. October, 2007.

“The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and Dynamic Endurance in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Fades In Gently: The Cultural Impact of BBC Radio DJ John Peel.” Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Fades In Gently: The Cultural Impact of BBC Radio Broadcaster John Peel.” Emily Coolidge and Nathan Wright. 2006 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

“Toward a Dynamic Endurance Model of Religious Change and Persistence: The Case Study of the Mormons.” Nathan Wright. 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“The Mantle of Joseph: Divine Revelation and the Charisma of Routinization in the Mormon Succession Crisis of 1844.” Nathan Wright. 2004 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Chaos, Organization, and Imagined Community: An Ethnography of an Anarchist Collective.” Nathan Wright. 2003 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“What Every Conservative (and Most Liberals) Wants to Know: Why Poor Women Don’t Get Married but Continue to Have Children They Can’t Afford.” Liana Sayer, Nathan Wright, and Kathryn Edin. 2003 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

“Classic and Contemporary Approaches to the Sociology of Consumption: A Summary and Critique.” Nathan Wright. 2002 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“The Production of Consumption in Time, Space, and Media.” Session organizer, presider, and discussant. 2001 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“The Relationship between Religion and Tolerance of Homosexuality.” Nathan Wright. 2000 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Reading the South Reading.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Theory, Politics, and the Arts Conference. 1999.

“The Cultural Consequences of Cowbirds.” Wendy Griswold and Nathan Wright. 1999 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Post-Independence Culture Wars: Some Caribbean and African Comparisons.” Stephen Cobb and Nathan Wright. 1995 North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

### **Teaching:**

I have taught the following courses at Bryn Mawr College:

- Social Problems, Sociology 160
- Problems in the Natural and Built Environment, Sociology 165
- Sociology of Religion, Sociology 309
- Sociology of Popular Music, Sociology 262
- Public Opinion, Sociology 252
- Statistics, Sociology 265
- Junior Conference, Sociology 303
- Senior Conference, Sociology 398

I taught the following courses at Northwestern University:

- Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Software, Sociology 400
- Sociology of Popular Music – Freshman Seminar, Sociology 101
- Social Problems: Norms and Deviance, Sociology 202
- American Society: The Rise of Modernity and its Consequences for Work and Play in Contemporary America, Sociology 205
- Second Year Paper Seminar, Sociology 490

### **Service and Advising:**

Bryn Mawr College Praxis Steering Committee, 2010 – present

Bryn Mawr College Environmental Sustainability Committee, 2010 – present

Bryn Mawr College Faculty Welfare Committee, 2006-2010  
Committee Chair 2008

WHRC Radio DJ, 2006-2008

First Year Student Academic Advisor, 2006-present

Social Justice Pilot Program Mentor, 2007-2008

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow Advisor:

Mia Chin, 2010-present  
Kira Montagno, 2007-2009  
Edisa Rodriguez, 2005-2007  
Sarah Mackin, 2005-2007

Thesis Advising:

Julia Manna, 2010 (second reader)  
Antonia Kerle, 2010 (second reader)  
Abigail Olson, 2010  
Paul Rosenstein, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, 2010  
(second reader)  
Alexandra Heilbronner, 2008  
Jennifer Weitz, 2008  
Denise Lim, 2008  
Sarah Simons, 2008  
Tania Melo, 2008  
Cindy Cheung, 2008  
Claire Rotella, Haverford History 2008 (second reader)  
Sreenjaya Banerjee, Anthropology 2006 (second reader)

Independent Studies:

Michelle Zauner, Praxis Internship, Fall 2010  
Sofia Nitchie, Spring 2008  
Caro Sauers, Spring 2008  
Caroline Brigham, Spring 2007  
Emily Coolidge, Fall 2006

Outside Chair of Ph.D. Supervising Committees:

Janet Panning, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research  
Karen Grundy, Clinical Psychology

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee –  
2003-2004.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Program Review Committee – 2001-  
2002.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Graduate Affairs Committee – 2000-  
2001.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Affairs Committee –  
1999-2000.

### **Community Service:**

Board President, Waldorf School of Philadelphia, June 2011-Present

Parent Association Representative to the Board, Waldorf School of Philadelphia, 2009-2011

Board Member, Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 2009-present

Church Council Member-at-large, Germantown Mennonite Church, 2010-2011

### **Awards:**

Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College Center for the Social Sciences, 2011

Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Bryn Mawr College, 2010

Faculty Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College, 2006

Dissertation Year Fellow, Northwestern University 2004-2005

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2004.

Graduate Research Fellow, Northwestern University, Winter 2004.

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2003.

Northwestern University Graduate School Research Grant. 2003.

Research Fellow, Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, 2002-2003.

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2002.

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2001.

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 2000.

McArthur Summer Research Grant. 1999.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Lecturer, 2001-2002.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Teaching Assistant, 1999-2000.

Northwestern University Department of Sociology Winch Award for Best Published or Presented Paper, 1999-2000.

### **Professional Involvement:**

In-depth qualitative interviewer for Time, Love, and Cash in Couples with Children (TLC3) Project in Chicago and Milwaukee, 2004.

Peer Reviewer for: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Compass*, and Pine Forge Press statistics textbooks.

I am an active member of the American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, and Religious Research Association.