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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Aug. 2017 (Sociology)

Dissertation Title: Embodied Cultural Transitions in Immigrant Latino Congregants

Comprehensive Exams: Culture (passed with distinction) and Theory

M.A., University of Notre Dame., Jan. 2013 (Sociology)

Thesis Title: Religion, Gender, and Body Satisfaction Among Emerging Adults

B.A., Wheaton College, May 2008 (*summa cum laude* and Scholastic Honors Society Member)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Culture, Immigration, Body and Embodiment, Religion, Gender, Latino and Latin American studies,

PUBLICATIONS

2022 **Michalka, Karen Hooge.** 2022. "How Local Scholarship Can Help: Building Better Knowledge about Immigrants and Refugees in Western North Dakota." *Humanities ND Grey Matters Issue* Nov. 2022, 26-29.

Michalka, Karen Hooge. 2022. "Welcoming the Stranger: Pockets of Bridging Social Capital between white evangelical Protestantism and Immigrants and Refugees" *PRRI Spotlight* <https://www.prii.org/spotlight/welcoming-the-stranger-pockets-of-bridging-social-capital-between-white-evangelical-protestantism-and-immigrants-and-refugees/>

Hong, Jane, **Karen Hooge Michalka**, Laura Alexander, and Luis Romero. June 3, 2022. "Not a competition: Pro-immigrant attitudes of Black Americans have increased over time." PRRI at <https://www.prii.org/spotlight/not-a-competition-pro-immigrant-attitudes-of-black-americans-have-increased-over-time/>

Alexander, Laura, Jane Hong, **Karen Hooge Michalka**, and Luis Romero. April 28, 2022. "How race and religion have always played a role in who gets refuge in the US." The Conversation at <https://theconversation.com/how-race-and-religion-have-always-played-a-role-in-who-gets-refuge-in-the-us-181700>

2019 **Karen Hooge Michalka**, Mary Ellen Konieczny. "The Continuance of Gender Culture amid Change in Mexican-American Immigrant Catholic Contexts." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 34(2):291-310.

2017 **Karen Hooge Michalka**, Mary Ellen Konieczny, and Elexis Ellis. "Individualism and Marriage: Ideal Types for Making Sense of the Relationship Between Self and Sacrifice." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(3):287-310.

Under Review: "Youth as Bridges, Churches as Bunkers: Hope and Fear in the Strategies of Cultural Reproduction in two Latino Immigrant Communities."

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Mary - 2018 to Current

Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 171)
General Sociology (SOC 107)
Social Problems (SOC 302)
Deviant Behavior (SOC 305)
Human Diversity (SOC 307)
Marriage and the Family (SOC 404)
Sociology of Religion (SOC 325)
Political Sociology (SOC 408)
Sociology Capstone Experience (SOC 450)
Peoples and Cultures (GEO 350)

Southwest Baptist University - 2017

Minorities in American Society (SOC 4043)
The Family (SOC 3003)

Missouri State University - 2017

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 155)

University of Notre Dame - 2015-2016

Marriage and the Family (SOC 20432)
Latino Communities Organizing Against Violence; In-class and immersion week in various communities in Chicago (CSC 33959 / THEO 33959 / SOC 33062)

TEACHING CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

- 2017 Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate from the Kaneb Center for Excellence in Teaching
"Teaching and Learning Online" course (1 credit hour)
- 2015 Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate from the Kaneb Center for Excellence in
- 2015 Wakonse Fellow - Participant in the 2015 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching
- 2011 "Effective and Excellent Teaching in the Humanities and Social Science " course (1 credit

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

Karen Hooge Michalka. "Symbolic Boundaries and the creation of embodied distance from Catholicism through ritual practice in immigrant Latino congregations." Working paper from Dissertation

Karen Hooge Michalka. "Gender relations, marriage, and parenting in Immigrant Latino communities." Working paper from Dissertation

RESEARCH

- 2020-current New American Needs Assessment survey administration and analysis; in collaboration with Bismarck Global Neighbors
- 2017 Research Associate with Prosper Springfield, a community initiative evaluating projects focused at alleviating poverty in the Springfield, MO area
- 2014-2017 Dissertation research using ethnographic methods and interviews at area Latino
- 2015 Research Assistant for Prof. Mary Ellen Konieczny on the "Serving God and Country: Religion and the United States Air Force Academy" Project; Data management
- 2011-2014 Research Assistant for Prof. Mary Ellen Konieczny on the Marriage and Faith, Conflict and Violence project; Project Administration, Employed qualitative methods, grant writing
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant for Prof. Christian Smith on the Parenting Project; Data Analysis
- 2012-2014 Research Assistant for Prof. Christian Smith on the National Study of Youth and Religion; Interviews, Project development, Data management
- 2010 Research Assistant for Prof. David Sikkink on the Cardus Education Survey; Project management quantitative data analysis
- 2007-2008 Research Assistant for Prof. Kersten Bayt Priest (Wheaton College) on Short Term Mission Trips: Qualitative data analysis

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 "Immigration in the Midwest: What's Happening and How are Communities Responding?" University of Nebraska Omaha Human Rights Week, Omaha, NE
- 2021 "Who Is My Neighbor? Immigration, Churches, and Public Opinion." Christian Leadership Center at the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND
- 2019 "The Continuance of Gender Culture Amid Change in Mexican-American Immigrant Catholic Contexts." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in St. Louis, MO
- 2017 "Communal Rituals and Collective Effervescence in ex-Catholic Immigrant Latino Congregations." Harvard Ways of Knowing Conference in Cambridge, MA
- "Congregational rituals, symbolic boundaries, and Catholicism: How the "Old Country" figures in Protestant congregants' orientations towards what it means to be a Latino Immigrant in the U.S. Midwest." Association for the Sociology of Religion in Montreal,
- 2016 "Symbolic Boundaries at Latino Christian Churches." American Sociological Association in Seattle, WA
- 2015 "Including the Youth: Processes of Incorporation at Two Latino Protestant Congregations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Newport Beach, CA
- "Symbolic Boundaries with Catholicism at two Latino Protestant Congregations." Latino Protestant Congregations Study annual meeting, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- "Embodiment and Worship at two Latino Protestant Congregations," Latino Protestant Congregations Study annual meeting, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

- "Community and Identity in Latino Protestant Congregations." Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) Conference in Notre Dame, IN
- "Journey from Wheaton to Graduate School." Invited Talk at Wheaton College, Wheaton,
- 2014 "Naming Practices: Fields, Solidarity, and Power." American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA
- "Frameworks for studying embodiment and rural sites." Latino Protestant Congregations Study annual meeting, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2013 "Resources & Opportunities for Awareness & Action: A Catholic University's Response to Human Trafficking." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston, MA
- "Individualism and Marriage: Ideal Types for Making Sense of the Relationship between Self and Sacrifice." with Mary Ellen Konieczny. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in
- 2012 "Religiousness and Body Satisfaction in Emerging Adults." Association for the Sociology of Religion in Denver, CO
- 2011 "Gender and Emotions in Religious Congregants' Understandings of Marital Conflict" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Milwaukee, WI
- "Relationship Satisfaction and Religious Affiliation" American Sociological Association in Las Vegas, NV
- "Solidarity in the East African Revival of the 1930s" Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting in St. Louis. MO

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2021-2022 UMary Student Organization Advisor of the Year for work with the Interfaith Student Public Fellow of immigration and migration studies with the PRRI's Religion and Renewing Democracy Initiative, which seeks to increase understanding of the role of religion in public life at a time when America is facing great challenges.
- 2021 - 2022
- 2020-2021 Faculty Research Grant recipient, University of Mary, for a New American Needs Assessment survey collaboration with local organization Bismarck Global Neighbors, \$2,000
- 2017 Gallagher Travel Grant Recipient, for the 2017 Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference
- 2016 Winner of the William V. D'Antonio Award for Graduate Student Excellence in the Sociology of Religion. Presented by the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame. \$1,100
- 2015 Notebaert Professional Development Fund for conference presentation, \$132
- Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame. Grant for funding transcription, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Travel Grant, \$300
- Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Grant for attending the Wakonse Conference of College Teaching, \$600

- 2014-2017 Fellow with the Latino Protestant Congregations Project
Funded by the Lilly Endowment; part of a national team participating in collecting profiles of five local Latino Protestant Congregations. \$8,000
- 2014 Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame. Grant for funding transcription. \$1,026
Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism, Wheaton College, Research Travel Grant for dissertation research, \$2,000
Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, \$300
- 2013 Outstanding Progress towards Degree; commendation by Sociology Faculty, University of Notre Dame
- 2012 Jack Shand Foundation; Co-wrote (with Mary Ellen Konieczny) for project on Marriage and Faith; Conflict and Divorce, from the Jack Shand Foundation, \$3,000
- 2010-2016. Graduate Assistantship and Full Tuition Scholarship, University of Notre Dame
- 2010 Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society Scholarship, \$1,000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2017 Convener for the "Lived Religion" Session at the Association for the Sociology of Religion meetings in Montreal, Quebec
- 2017 Co-organizer for the Sociology Department Graduate Student Lunch Panel on Ethics and Positionality in Research
- 2016-2017 Mentor in the sociology department for the Undergraduate Mentoring Program
- 2015-2016 Representative to the Department of Sociology's Graduate Studies Committee at the University of Notre Dame
- 2015-2016 Organizer for the Latino Religions Graduate Workshop, sponsored through the Institute for Latino Studies
- 2015 Presider at the American Sociological Association Meeting Culture Section Roundtables, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Convener at the International Association for Critical Realism's 2015 Annual Conference in Notre Dame, IN
- 2015 Wakonse Fellow, Participant in the 2015 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching
- 2014 Co-Organizer and Convener for the Sociology Department Graduate Student Lunch Panel "Approaches to Challenges in Qualitative Research, University of Notre Dame
- 2014 Presider at the American Sociological Association Meeting Theory Section Roundtables, San Francisco, CA
- 2013-2015 Graduate Student Representative to the University Committee for Women Faculty and Students, University of Notre Dame
- 2013-2015 Organizer for the Culture Workshop at Notre Dame
- 2012-curr. Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Religions*, *Sage Open*, *Emerging Adulthood*

- 2010-curr. Member of the American Sociological Association; *Member of the Culture, Latino Sociology, Religion, Emotions, Altruism, and Theory Sections*
- 2010-curr. Member of The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2011-curr. Member of The Association for the Sociology of Religion

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Professional working proficiency

REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2018-curr. Bismarck Global Neighbors Mentor and Board Member (2020-current)
- 2018-2021 Committee member on the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governor's Mansion in Bismarck, ND
- 2019 Panel member on anthropology and spirituality at Christian Leadership Center and New Song Church, Bismarck, ND