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EMPLOYMENT

2005-present Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology, Florida State University

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
Minor: Religious Studies
Contemporary Catholic Identities: Ideology and Politics among American Catholics. Committee: Robert V. Robinson (Chair), Clem Brooks, Melissa Wilde, and Mary Jo Weaver

2000 M.A., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
The New Economic Terrain: A Foundation for Fears?
Committee: Michael Wallace (Chair), Robert V. Robinson

1996 Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Sociology
University of Dayton

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology	Sociology of Religion
Theory	Statistics
Research Methods	Stratification

HONORS AND AWARDS

2006 First Year Assistant Professor Grant (\$15,000)

2003-2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$6, 010)

2004-2005 John H. Edwards Fellowship for Scholarship and Service,
Indiana University (\$17,000)

2004 Social Action Award, Department of Sociology,
Indiana University

- 2002 Alfred Lindesmith-Elizabeth Ione Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Indiana University
- 2001 David Lee Stevenson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, "Racial Differences in the Effects of Significant Others on Students' Educational Expectations." American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Education (with Simon Cheng)
- 2001 International Enhancement Grant to work with Jonathan Kelley, Director, International Survey Center, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- 2000 Karl F. Schuessler Outstanding Research Paper Award, "Elaborating Racial Differences in Educational Expectations: A Test of Three Core Assumptions." Indiana University (w/ Simon Cheng)
- 1997-2002 Chancellor's Fellowship, Indiana University
- 1996 Dr. Edward A. Huth Award-- Outstanding Student in Sociology University Honors Program Graduate University of Dayton
- 1992-96 National Merit Scholarship, University of Dayton

PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 B. Starks and R.V. Robinson. "Religion, Modernism and Parental Values." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 46 (1):17-35.
- 2006 B. Starks. "Paul Lazarsfeld." The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing.
- 2006 B. Starks and A. Junisbai. "False Consciousness." The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing.
- 2005 B. Starks and R. V. Robinson. "Who Values the Obedient Child Now?: Religion and Adult Values for Children, 1986-2002." *Social Forces* 84: 343-59.
- 2003 B. Starks. "The New Economy and the American Dream." *The Sociological Quarterly* 44: 205-225.
- 2002 S. Cheng and B. Starks. "Racial Differences in the Effects of Significant Others on Students' Educational Expectations." *Sociology of Education* 75: 306-327.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

B. Starks. "Traditional, Moderate, and Liberal Catholic Identities: Movement-based or Joint Creation?" Revise and Resubmit at *Qualitative Sociology*

B. Starks and M. Honisch. "Let Go and Let God: Religiosity, Avoidance Coping, and Substance Abuse"

B. Starks and R.V. Robinson. "Moral Cosmology and Religious Self-Identification: Differing Political Consequences?"

B. Starks. "Catholic Identity Work: Constructing Identities for Change or Stability."

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2007 B. Starks. "Stability vs. Change: Identity Work among American Catholics." Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York. (August)
- 2007 B. Starks. "Catholic Identity Work." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta. (April)
- 2006 B. Starks. "Catholic Identity Formation: Catholics as Cultural Agents." Presented at the American Sociological Association, Montreal. (August)
- 2006 B. Starks. "Catholic Religious Movements: Religion-in-Action or Missing-in-Action." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans. (March)
- 2004 B. Starks. "Catholics, Gender, and the Religious Divide." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, Missouri. (April)
- 2001 B. Starks and R. Robinson. "Moral Cosmology and Religious Self-Identification: Differing Political Consequences?" Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, California. (August)
- 2001 B. Starks and R. Robinson. "Religion, Modernism, and Parental Values." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. (April)
- 2000 B. Starks. "The American Dream and Class Consciousness." Presented at the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (August)
- 2000 S. Cheng and B. Starks. "Elaborating Racial Differences in Educational Expectations." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (August)

GRANTS

- 2005 B. Starks. "The Parish and Catholic Divisions: The role of Pastoral Leadership and Parish- Shopping in Shaping the Institutional Context of Religious Conflict" accepted for First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) grant, (\$15,000)
- 2003 B. Starks. "Contemporary Catholic Identities." National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant for a study of American Catholics. Conducted 50 in-depth interviews at parishes in three different Midwestern cities and analyzed nationally representative quantitative data on 974 Catholics, (\$6,010)

SERVICE**Departmental**

- 2005-present Inequality/Social Justice Area Committee, Member
- 2005-07 Theory Committee, Chairperson
- 2007 Undergraduate Program Committee, Chairperson
- 2006-07 Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Member
- 2005-06 Honors and Awards Committee, Member

Professional

- 2007-present Fichter Award, Grant Committee Member
Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2007 Elections Committee Member
Southern Sociological Society
- 2003-2007 Occasional Reviewer for *Sociology of Religion*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Gender, Work and Organizational*, and *Social Forces*
- 2007 Convener, Session on *Christian Communities and Groups Outside the Traditional Church*, annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2002 Consultant, Wadsworth Publishing, Developed short video clips and "questions for further discussion" used on Wadsworth's internet web site to complement their Introductory Sociology textbooks.

2001 Presider, Session on *Religion in Historical Context*, annual meetings of the
Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Midwest Sociological Society
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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