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Ball State University
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Education

Ph.D. (Sociology), Purdue University, 2005

<u>Dissertation</u>: "God's (Not So) Quiet Hand: The Political Advocacy of Religious Liberal vs.

Conservative Washington Offices"

Graduate Certificates: Graduate Certificate in Survey Research

Graduate Teaching Certificate

M.S. (Sociology), Purdue University, 2001

Analytic Project: "News Representations of Male and Female Political Candidates:

The Need for a Second Look"

M.P.A. (Public Administration), University of South Carolina, 1999

<u>Thesis</u>: "Factors Influencing Voting Behavior on the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act"

B.A. (Sociology), University of Cincinnati, 1997 Cum Laude with High Honors in Sociology

Positions

Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, June 2010-present

Affiliated Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, August 2009-present

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, August 2005-May 2010

Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing System (CATI) Project Manager, Social Research Institute, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 2002-July 2005

Graduate Instructor, Purdue University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Lafayette, IN, June 2001-May 2005

Legislative Fellow (Congressional Fellowship awarded by the Women's Research and Education Institute), Office of Congressman Adam B. Schiff, Washington, D.C., January 2002- August 2002

Adjunct Professor, Ivy Tech State College, Lafayette, IN, August 2003-May 2004

Graduate Research Assistant, American Religion Data Archive (ARDA), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, January 2000-August 2000

State Government Intern, South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, Columbia, SC, September 1998-May 1999

Graduate Research Assistant, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, August 1997-May 1998

Areas of Interest

Sociology of Religion and Spirituality Leisure Studies

Sociology of Gender Qualitative Methodologies

RESEARCH

Refereed Academic Publications

Desmond, Scott A., Sarah E. Soper, and Rachel Kraus. Forthcoming. "Religiosity, Peers, and Delinquency: Does Personal Religiosity Reduce the Effect of Peer Influences on Delinquency?" *Sociological Spectrum*.

Kraus, Rachel. 2010. "They Danced in the Bible: Identity Integration among Christian Women who Belly Dance." *Sociology of Religion* 71:457-482.

Kapinus, Carolyn A., Rachel Kraus, and Daniel R. Flowers. 2010. "Excluding Inclusivity: Protestant Framing of Homosexuality." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*.

Kraus, Rachel. 2010. "We are not Strippers: How Belly Dancers Manage a (Soft) Stigmatized Serious Leisure Activity." *Symbolic Interaction* 33:435-455.

Kraus, Rachel. 2010. "Restructuring Religion in Our Nation's Capital?: The Political Priorities of Washington Offices." *Sociological Focus* 43:24-40.

Kraus, Rachel. 2009. "Straddling the Sacred and Secular: Creating a Spiritual Experience through Belly Dance." *Sociological Spectrum* 29:598-625.

Kraus, Rachel. 2009. "The Many Faces of Spirituality and Belly Dance: A Conceptual Framework." *Implicit Religion* 12:51-72.

Kraus, Rachel. 2009. "Thou Shalt Not Take the Name of Thy God in Vain': Religious Washington Offices' Use of God Talk." *Journal of Media and Religion* 8:115-137.

Kraus, Rachel. 2008. "You Must Participate: Violating Research Ethical Principles through Role-Play." *College Teaching* 56:131-136.

Kraus, Rachel. 2007. "Laity, Institution, Theology, or Politics?: Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Washington Offices' Agenda Setting." *Sociology of Religion* 68:67-82.

Davidson, James D., Rachel Kraus, and Scott Morrissey. 2005. "Presidential Appointments and Religious Stratification in the U.S., 1789-2003." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44:385-495.

Non-refereed Academic Publications

Kraus, Rachel. 2008. "Role-Play." Pp. 168-175 in *Scaffolding for Student Success in Learning: Best Practices in Using Instructional Strategies*, edited by Bernadette E. Dietz and Lynn H. Ritchey. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.

Kraus, Rachel. 2007. Book review, *The Catholic Church in State Politics: Negotiating Prophetic Demands & Political Realities*, by David Yamane, *Sociology of Religion*, 68:117-118.

Kraus, Rachel. 2004. Book review, *Faith-Based Initiatives and the Bush Administration: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,* by Jo Renee Formicola, Mary C. Segers, and Paul Weber. *Sociology of Religion* 65: 307-308.

Manuscripts Under Review

Desmond, Scott A. and Rachel Kraus. "God Matters, Ritual Doesn't: The Effects of Importance of Religion and Church Attendance on Moral Beliefs." Revise and resubmit from *Sociological Perspectives*.

Works in Progress

Desmond, Scott and Rachel Kraus. "Liar, Liar: Adolescent Religiosity and Lying to Parents"

Kraus, Rachel. "Becoming a Belly Dancer: Gender, the Life Course, and the Beginnings of a Serious Leisure Career."

Kraus, Rachel. Book manuscript tentatively titled "Fusing East and West: Belly Dance as Serious Leisure in the United States."

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings and Conferences

- Desmond, Scott and Rachel Kraus. 2010. "Liar, Liar: Adolescent Religiosity and Lying to Parents" presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2009. "Holistic Spirituality, Gender, and the Rise of a Belly Dance Subculture" presented at the annual meeting of Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco. California.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2009. "Stage Naming Practices among Belly Dancers in the United States" presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Dearborn, Michigan.

- Kraus, Rachel. 2008. "They Danced in the Bible: Religious Role Conflict among Belly Dancers." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2008. "We are not Strippers: Managing Public Misconception of Belly Dance." Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2007. "Creating a Spiritual Experience Through Belly Dance." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Tampa, Florida.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2007. "Embracing the Goddess?: The Religious Institutional Involvement and Spirituality of Belly Dancers." Presented at the joint annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2006. "Religion and the Media." Presented at Kaleidoscope, Diversity Conference, Ball State University (invited presentation).
- Kraus, Rachel. 2006. "Snake Arms, Shimmies, and Hip Circles: Seeking a Feminine-Centered Spirituality through Belly Dance." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon.
- Desmond, Scott A. and Rachel Kraus. 2006. "God Matters, Ritual Doesn't?: The Effects of Importance of Religion and Church Attendance on Moral Beliefs." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Quebec.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2006. "Fighting a Culture War?: The Political Priorities of Washington Offices." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Quebec.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2006. "You Must Participate: Using Role-Play to Teach Research Ethics." Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2005. "Constituency, Institution, Theology, or Politics? What Matters to Washington Offices." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2004. "'Thou Shalt Not Take the Name of Thy God in Vain': National Religious Advocacy Groups' Use of God Talk." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, California.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2004. "Should the Jewish Community be Viewed as 'Monolithic?': A Comparative Analysis of Reform and Orthodox Washington D.C. Offices." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, California.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2004. "Capitol Hill Religious Advocacy Groups: Priorities, Procedures, and Problems." Presented at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- Kraus, Rachel. 2003. "Western Faith Traditions on Capitol Hill: Social Origins of Washington Offices." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, Virginia.
- Davidson, James D., Rachel Kraus, and Scott Morrissey. 2003. "Presidents, Political Appointments and Religious Stratification in America, 1789-2003." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, Virginia.
- Davidson, James D. and Rachel Kraus. 2003. "The Role Political Appointment Plays in the Persistence of Religious Stratification: The Religious Affiliation of Presidents and Supreme Court Justices." Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2001. "News Representations of Male and Female Political Candidates: The Need for a Second Look." Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2000. "News Representations of Male and Female Candidates in a 1984, 1993, and 1994 Campaign: A Research Agenda." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Covington, Kentucky.
- Kraus, Rachel. 2000. "Public Attitudes Toward Religious Groups in Politics." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Kraus, Rachel. 1998. "Religion and Abortion: The Role of Jewish Interest Groups in Supreme Court Cases." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Other Professional Meeting Activities

- Session organizer and convener. 2007. Session titled "Writing Grant Proposals" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, New York.
- Session organizer and convener. 2007. Session titled "Publishing Journal Articles and Books" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, New York.
- Session organizer and convener. 2006. Two sessions titled "The Social Significance of Religion" at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Session convener. 2005. Session titled "Religion, Crime, and Incarceration" at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York.
- Session member. 2005. Session titled "Author Meets Critics: David Yamane's *The Catholic Church in State Politics: Negotiating Prophetic Demands and Political Realities*" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- Session convener. 2005. Session titled "Post-Election Reflections" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Session convener. 2005. Session titled "Author Meets Critics: Arthur E. Farnsley II, N.J.
 Demerath III, Etan Diamond, Mary L. Mapes, and Elfriede Wedam's Sacred Circles, Public
 Squares: The Multicentering of American Religion" at the annual meeting of the
 Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Session co-leader (with Keith A. Roberts). 2004. Session titled "Teaching Workshop: Teaching Sociology of Religion" at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, Ohio.

Research Grants and Awards

Kraus, Rachel. 2011. Association for the Sociology of Religion, \$2,000.

Kapinus, Carolyn and Rachel Kraus. 2008. Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Grants-in Aid, \$1,000.

Kraus, Rachel. 2007. New Faculty Research Grant, Ball State University, \$4,608.

Kraus, Rachel. 2007. John W. Fisher Faculty Research Fellowship, Ball State University, \$3,000.

Kraus, Rachel. 2004. Purdue Research Foundation Summer Research Grant, Purdue University, \$1,960/summer

Kraus, Rachel. Finalist. 2004. Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, \$17,500.

Kraus, Rachel. 2003. Purdue Research Foundation Summer Research Grant, Purdue University, \$1,960/summer.

Kraus, Rachel. 2003. Walter Hirsch Dissertation Research Award, Purdue University, \$500.

Kraus, Rachel. 2003. Graduate Student Government Travel Grant, Purdue University, \$200.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

At Ball State University (Muncie, IN):

Social Problems 2005-2010 (11 sections of 100-125 students)

Research Methods 2005-2009 (5 sections of 28 students)

Sociology of Religions 2007- 2010 (4 sections of 40 students)

Sociological Inquiry (Graduate Research Methods) 2009-2011 (3 sections of 5-15 students)

Sociology of Women 2009-present (ongoing online course)

Spirituality, Self, and Society 2010-present (ongoing online course)

At Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN):

Religion in America 2001-2005 (9 sections of 40-60 students each)

Social Problems 2003 (2 sections of 40 students each)

At Ivy Tech State College (Lafayette, IN): Introduction to Sociology 2004 (1 section of 15 students), 2003 (1 section of 15 students)

Teaching Awards

Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants Award, Purdue University, 2005

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teaching, Purdue University, 2004

Advising

Thesis Chair for Cheri Ellefson, April 2011-present

Thesis Chair for Morgan Roddy, December 2010-present

Thesis Chair for Jessica Metcalf, January 2010-present

Doctoral Committee Member for Patrick G. O'Hara, Doctor of Arts in Music, April 2009-present

Thesis Committee Member for Daniel R. Flowers, completed May 2008

Thesis Committee Member for Steven J. Hawks, completed April 2007

Internship Supervisor for Lindsey Eid, completed December 2006

Internship Supervisor for Ashley Baker, completed December 2006

Invited Talks/Class Workshops

"Move Your Belly: The Rewards and Challenges of Participating in a Belly Dance Subculture." Presentation at Ball State University, Women's Week, 2010

"Qualitative Interviewing." Workshop for Ball State University, Department of Sociology, Capstone course, 2010

"Conducting Qualitative Research." Workshop for Ball State University, Department of Sociology, Sociological Inquiry course, 2008.

SERVICE

Department of Sociology at Ball State University

2010-present	Director of Graduate Studies	Graduate Committee
2010-present,	Member	Promotion and Tenure
2006-2007		Committee
2010-2011	Member	Salary Committee
2008-2010	Sociology Major Advisor	Undergraduate Committee
2005-2010	Member	Undergraduate Committee
2007-2009	Co-advisor	Alpha Kappa Delta, International
		Sociology Honor Society
2008	Assistant Director	Undergraduate Committee
2005-2007	Coordinator, Sole Member	Colloquium Committee
2006-2007	Member	Core Curriculum Committee
2006-2007	Coordinator, Sole Member	Sociology Computer Lab
2005-2006	Member	Social Activities Committee

Ball State University

2008-Present Co-founder and Faculty Advisor BSU Belly Dance Club

2005-Present Member Center for Middletown Studies Advisory

Board

2010-Present Member Events Programming and Scheduling

2006-2008

2009-2010 Chairperson Events Programming and Scheduling

Committee

Committee

2008-2009 Secretary Events Programming and Scheduling

Committee

Service to the Discipline of Sociology

2011 Chairperson Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for

the Sociology of Religion

2007 Program Chair Annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of

Religion

Reviewer for Scholarly Journals

Editorial Board Member:

Dance, Movement, and Spiritualities, 2011-present

Ad hoc Reviewer:

Journal of Leisure Research, 2011

Politics and Religion, 2009

Gender and Society, 2008

Sociology of Religion, 2006, 2007

Sociological Quarterly, 2006, 2009

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2005, 2006 Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, 2005

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Sections: Sex and Gender, Religion, Culture

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Association for the Sociology of Religion

North Central Sociological Association

Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary society of college students and graduates

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

Service to the Community

- I wrote an article for the Nov./Dec. 2007 edition of the Indiana State Association of Middle-Eastern Teachers and Dancers, Inc. (ISAMETD) newsletter about my research examining belly dancers titled "Research on Middle Eastern Dance Update." pp. 6.
- I was interviewed for several news articles written about belly dance

- Ransford, Marc. 2008. "Belly Dancing Heightens the Sense of Spirituality for Women." Ball State University Media Relations. March 31.
- Junk, Amanda. 2008. Belly Dancing Moves Students into Healthy Lifestyles, New Forms of Creative Expression. *Ball State University Daily News*. November 9.
- Briggs, David. 2007. "Belly Dancing: A Vehicle for Spiritual Exploration." USA Today.
 December 21. (Mr. Briggs wrote an article for the Religion News Service, which is the
 religion version of the Associated Press. This article was picked up by several local
 papers.)