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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015- Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York
- 2014-2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York
- Spring 2013 Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Dissertation: Change without Confrontation: The Making of Mainstream Meditation
Minor: Social Science Research Methods
- 2009 Master of Arts, Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, *cum laude*, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Movements; Religion; Inequality; Race, Class, Gender; Social Problems; Work & Organizations; Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Jaime Kucinkas**, Bradley Wright, Matt Ray, and John Ortberg. (Forthcoming) “States of Spiritual Awareness by Situation, Social Interaction, and Time” *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*
- Jaime Kucinkas** and Tamara van der Does. 2017. “Gender Ideals in Turbulent Times: An Examination of Insecurity, Islam, and Muslim Men’s Gender Attitudes during the Arab Spring” *Comparative Sociology* 16:3 340-368
- Kateri Boucher (student) and **Jaime Kucinkas**. 2016. “‘Too Smart to be Religious?’ Discreet Seeking Amidst Religious Stigma at a Secular Elite College” *Social Inclusion* 4:2: 40-51
- Jaime Kucinkas**. 2014. ‘The Unobtrusive Tactics of Religious Movements.’ *Sociology of Religion* 75: 4: 537-550
- Ho-fung Hung and **Jaime Kucinkas**. 2011. “Globalization and Global Inequality: Assessing the Impact of the Rise of China and India, 1980-2005.” *American Journal of Sociology* 116: 1478-1513
- 2012 Best Article Award, ASA Global and Transnational Section

- 2012 Best Article Award, ASA Political Economy of the World-System Section

Jaime Kucinkas. 2010. "A Research Note on Islam and Gender Egalitarianism: An Examination of Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Youth Attitudes." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49: 761-770

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Jaime Kucinkas. (Forthcoming) "Bridging Social Movements and Social Problems," *Cambridge Handbook of Social Problems*

Jaime Kucinkas. 2016. "Selling Yoga: From Counterculture to Pop Culture, by Andrea Jain" *Sociology of Religion* 77(3): 302-304

Jaime Kucinkas. 2016. "Homosexualities, Muslim Cultures and Modernity, by Momin Rahman" *Contemporary Sociology* 45: 77-79

Jaime Kucinkas and 2015 Sociology Research Methods class. 2016. "Identity-Sensitive Study Abroad Programming: Challenges and Recommendations." Report prepared for Dean of Off Campus Study, Dr. Carolyn North, Hamilton College.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Jaime Kucinkas. Book Manuscript: "The Mindful Elite: Mobilizing from the Inside Out"
(Under Review at *Oxford University Press*)

- Includes chapter which won the 2013 Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section

Jaime Kucinkas. "Mindful Organizations from a Contemplative Perspective"
(Under Review)

Larry W. Isaac, Anna W. Jacobs, **Jaime Kucinkas**, and Allison McGrath. "Social Movement Schools: Sites for Consciousness Transformation, Insurgent Mobilization, and Future Social Development" (Under Review)

Jaime Kucinkas, Bradley Wright, and Stuart Riepl. "Sequences of Spirituality and Meaning"

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2013 | Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section |
| 2013 | Social Action Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University |
| 2012 | Best Article Award, ASA Global and Transnational Section |
| 2012 | Best Article Award, ASA's Political Economy of the World System Section |
| 2005 | Abbott Prize in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Colorado College |
| 2005 | The Colorado College Award for Excellence in Community Service Sponsored by the Class of 1981 |
| 2005 | Phi Beta Kappa, Colorado College |
| 2005 | Phi Gamma Mu, Colorado College |
| 2004 | Junior Fellow, American Association of Political and Social Sciences |
| 2004 | Blue Key Scholar, Colorado College |
| 2003 | UCAN Serve Americorp Award |

2002 Alpha Lambda Delta

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 Social Innovation Course Development Grant, Levitt Center, Hamilton College (\$750)

2016 Co-Investigator, John Templeton Foundation Grant: "Character, Spirituality, and Well-Being: An Online Experience Sampling Method Study." Bradley Wright, Principal Investigator. Part of the SoulPulse.org project. (\$3000)

2015 Consortium for High Achievement and Success Faculty Development Grant on Teaching Diverse First Year Students, Hamilton College (\$400)

2014 Faculty Research Grant, Hamilton College (\$800)

2014 Project SHINE Course Development Grant, Levitt Center, Hamilton College (\$750)

2014 Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference Travel Grant (\$500)

2013-14 College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Indiana University (\$20,000)

2013 College Arts & Humanities Institute Travel Award (\$1,000)

2013 Schuessler Exchange Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$2,000)

2013 Baden-Württemberg Scholarship; Universität Mannheim (\$3,000)

2007-10, Sociology Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$40, 183)

2013

2009, Student Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$1,600)

2011-13

2012 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University (\$250)

2011-12 Advanced Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$15,000)

2011 Grant-in-Aid of Doctoral Research, University Graduate School, Indiana University (\$1,000)

2011 Student Travel Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$100)

2009-10 FLAS Fellowship for Bengali Studies, Center for the Study of Global Change, Indiana University (\$15,000)

2009 Schuessler Scholarship for Study at ICPSR, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$2,950)

2003 Venture Grant, Colorado College

2003 Presidential Special Projects Fund Recipient, Colorado College

2003 Sociology O'Connor Grant Recipient, Colorado College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2017. "Social Movement Schools: Sites for Consciousness Transformation, Insurgent Mobilization, and Future Social Development" (With Larry Isaac, Anna Jacobs, and Allison McGrath)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Greenville, NC, March 29th-April 1st, 2017
Mobilization conference on Nonviolent Protest, San Diego, May 5th-6th, 2017.

2016. "Diversity, Inequality and Global Education (At Home and Abroad)," Panel discussion, The Global Liberal Arts in the 21st Century. Hamilton College, September 23-25, 2016.
2016. "'Too Smart to be Religious?' Discreet Seeking Amidst Religious Stigma at an Elite Secular College," (With Kateri Boucher) Association for the Sociology of Religion meetings, Seattle, Washington, August 19-21, 2016.
2016. "Social Movement Schools: Movement Resource in Performative Challenges for Change," (With Larry Isaac, Anna Jacobs, and Allison McGrath) ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016.
2016. "Deconstructing a 'mindful organization': An ethnography of an American mindfulness center," Sub-theme 45: Critical Perspectives on Corporate Mindfulness and Workplace Spirituality, 37th EGOS Colloquium, Naples, Italy, July 7-9, 2016.
2015. "I Am Aware of God at this Moment": An Experiential Sampling Study of Lived Religion." (With Bradley Wright) Panel on "Innovations in the Sociology of Religion," American Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, August 22-25, 2015.
2015. "Uncovering Embedded Stealth Subcultures Within Formal Institutions: The Case of Mainstream Meditation" American Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, August 22-25, 2015.
2015. "How does Meditation Travel and Change? Theoretical Lessons from Two Different Meditation Movements" (With Emily Sigalow) Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meetings, Chicago, IL, August 20-22, 2015.
2015. "An Experiential Sampling Study of Awareness of God" (With Bradley Wright) Association for the Study of Religion, Ethics and Culture annual meetings, Boston, MA, March 20-22, 2015.
2014. "From Buddhist Meditation to Mindfulness as a Secular Panacea: An Exegesis of "Lived" Contemplative Meditation's Complex Relationship with Buddhism." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Indianapolis, IN, October 31-November 2, 2014.
2014. "Patterns in Spiritual Experiences Across Time and Place." (With Bradley Wright) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Indianapolis, IN, October 31-November 2, 2014.
2014. "Lessons from Religious Movement Tactics: 'Adding on' to transform the system." Panel honoring the 75th Volume of the *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 13-15, 2014.
2014. "An Examination of Multilevel Cultural Change in Everyday Interaction: The Case of the Contemplative Meditators." American Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 16-19.
2014. "Assimilation into Institutional Legitimacy to Construct New Fields: The Buddhist Contemplative Movement in the U.S." Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference, Notre Dame, IN, May 2-3, 2014.
2013. "The Influence of Masculinity, Islam, and Insecurity on Gender Attitudes in the Middle East and North Africa." (with Tamara van der Does) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Boston, MA, November 8-9, 2013.

2013. "From Buddhist-Inspired Meditation to Mindfulness as a Secular Panacea." American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York City, NY, August 9-13, 2013
2012. "Re-envisioning the Workplace from the Inside Out: A Look at the Emergence of the Buddhist Contemplation in Science, Education, and Business." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Phoenix, AZ, November 9-11, 2012.
2012. "A Reassessment of the Influence of Islam on Democratic Attitudes of Muslim Youth," Mapping the Landscapes of Islamic Studies Conference, Islamic Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 5-7, 2012.
2011. "Islamic Influences on Democratic Attitudes Among Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Youth," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, Milwaukee, WI, October 28-30, 2011.
2009. "Does Globalization Reduce Global Inequality? A Reassessment Based on Disaggregating "Chindia" into Smaller Spatial Units." (With Ho-fung Hung) Panel on "Comparison in a Multi-level Globalizing World," American Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 8-11, 2009.
2009. "Islam and Gender Egalitarianism? A Comparative Analysis among Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Youth," North Central Sociological Association. Dearborn, MI, April 17-19, 2009.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Hamilton College:

Sociology of Religion (288, Writing Intensive), Fall 2014, Spring 2017, 2018
American Society (110), Fall 2014-2016
Race, Class, and Gender (200), Spring 2015, 2016 (Writing Intensive)
Globalization and its Discontents (300), Spring 2015, 2017
Senior Seminar (549), Spring 2015-2018
Research Methods (302), Fall 2015, 2016
Independent Studies: Research: Spring 2015-Fall 2016

Mentored Levitt Summer Research Fellow Erich Wohl, Summer 2017

Universität Mannheim:

Sociology of Religion, Spring 2013

Indiana University:

Religion and Society (Sociology 313), Fall 2012
Sociological Research Practicum: Social Support and Well-being (Sociology 566), Spring 2011
 (Associate Instructor)
Race and Ethnic Relations (Sociology 335), Spring 2009 (Graduate Assistant)
Sociology of Mental Illness (Sociology 324), Fall 2008 (Graduate Assistant)
Introduction to Sociology (Sociology 100), Spring 2008 (Graduate Assistant)
Environmental Sociology (Sociology 101), Fall 2007 (Graduate Assistant)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (ICPSR):

Social Network Analysis, June – July 2011 (Lab Instructor)

Secondary School English Teacher, Center for Teaching and Learning in China,
 Shenzhen, China, Aug. 2006 – June 2007

TEFL Peace Corps Volunteer, Gazipur, Bangladesh, Aug. 2005 – Jan. 2006

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Investigator, SoulPulse Project, University of Connecticut, June 2014-Present

Sociological Research Practicum, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Co-Investigator/Interview Supervisor, Aug. 2010 – July 2011

Project Title: Social Support from “Similar Others”

Principal Investigator: Peggy Thoits

Responsibilities:

Collaborated on development of national telephone survey instrument

Conducted pilot interviews

Trained and supervised graduate students interviewers

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

“Connecting Micro and Macro in Ethnography” course, at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York City, NY, August 9-13, 2013.

“Longitudinal Analysis” and “Structural Equation Models with Latent Variable” courses, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, July-August 2009.

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL

Hiring Committee, Department of Sociology, Hamilton College, 2016-2017

Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2010 – 2012

Public Sociology Committee, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2009 - 2010

Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2009 –2011

INSTITUTIONAL

“Identity and Difference,” Levitt Center Sponsored Panel Discussion, March 29, 2017

Speaking Advisory Committee, Spring 2017.

Global Education Advisory Committee, 2016-2017.

Junior Faculty Caucus Subcommittee on Student Bias and Reappointment, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

“Oral Exams.” (with Dan Chambliss and Margaret Thickstun) Talk about Teaching Speaker Series, Hamilton College, September, 2016.

“Teaching with Wordpress.” (with Quincy Newell) Talk about Teaching Speaker Series, Hamilton College, May, 3rd, 2016.

“Science and Religion in Higher Education.” Interfaith Dialogue Series, Hamilton College, April 28, 2016.

“Explorations in Mindfulness.” Emerson Literary Society, “Tell Us What You Know” lecture, Hamilton College, March 1st, 2016.

Planned all-campus speaker events, 2015-2016

Faculty Diversity in the Curriculum Working Group, Spring 2015-Spring 2016

Post-Ferguson Film Series Planning Committee, 2014-2015

“Speak Up, Teach In, and Listen Up!” Planning Committee on Ferguson Teach-In, Hamilton College, 2014

Preparing Future Faculty Conference Committee, Indiana University, 2014

Graduate and Professional Student Organization Funding Committee, Indiana University, 2008

DISCIPLINE

Organized session at the American Sociological Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2017
Organized and convened sessions at the Association for the Sociology of Religion annual conference, 2015, 2016
ASA Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section Mentor, 2015-2016
ASA Sociology of Religion Section Mentor, 2015-2016
ASA Sociology of Religion Section Student Paper Award Committee, 2014-2015
Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *International Studies Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Irish Journal of Sociology*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *GÉNEROS*, Wiley-Blackwell, Routledge, Cognella

ONLINE SOCIOLOGICAL ESSAYS AND BLOGPOSTS

Contributing Editor. “Daily Disruption” on *Mobilizing Ideas* blog. May 2014-Present.
“Reviewing the Field: What Movements Have we Studied?” 8/7/2015
“Who is an Activist? On the Blurred Boundaries of Activism,” 8/5/2015 (New Ways to Define Activism essay)
“Looking Behind the Label and Reforming Global Industry,” 5/21/2015
“Do the Right Thing,” 3/4/2015
“Spontaneity: An important and neglected topic in social movements,” 2/5/2015
“The Civil Rights Movement, Version 2.0, Hits College Campus Crosswalks,” 12/5/2014
“ISIS’s Mobilization Tactics,” 10/10/2014.
“The Meditation Movement’s Unobtrusive Tactical Repertoire,” 10/1/2014 (Emerging Stars in Social Movement Research essay)
“Discussing Ferguson,” 8/20/2014.
“Summer Heat Wave,” 6/20/2014.
“Harnessing Technology to Advance Social Movement Research”, 6/11/14.
“Egyptian Election Update,” 5/28/14.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

My research and academic commentaries have been published and/or aired in:
The Atlantic, *Wired*, *Spirituality and Health* magazine, *Fusion*, *The Society Pages*, *Religion Watch*, the *Arizona Daily Independent*, *Deseret News National*, *Indy’s Afternoon News with Ed Wenck*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science, Rice University
American Sociological Association
Section member: Global and Transnational; Culture; Sociology of Religion; Organizations, Occupations, and Work; Collective Behavior and Social Movements
American Academy of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST