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2011-present

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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor

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Coordinator	NIU Religious Studies Certificate Program	2013-present
<b>Previous</b> <i>Lecturer</i>	University of Wisconsin—Madison (Sociology)	2007-2011
EDUCATION		
Doctor of Philosophy	University of Wisconsin—Madison (Sociology)	2011
Master of Science	University of Wisconsin—Madison (Sociology)	2006
Master of Arts	Vanderbilt University (Religion)	2003
Bachelor of Arts	University of Alabama (Psychology; Religious Studies	) 2001

Northern Illinois University (Sociology)

### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

### **External**

Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2014

Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, Religious Research Association, 2006

### Internal

Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, 2012

Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2007

Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2005

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### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Religion, "How Does Prayer Help Manage Emotions?," Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, 2011

Guest Coach, University of Wisconsin Football Team, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010

Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010

Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Studies, "Escaping Symbolic Entrapment, Maintaining Social Identities," University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010

Student Forum Travel Award, American Sociological Association, 2010

Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Religion, "Escaping Symbolic Entrapment, Maintaining Social Identities," Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, 2008

*Innovation in Teaching Award*, College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2008

*Teaching Fellow Award,* College of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2007

Gallagher Travel Award, Religious Research Association, 2007

University Graduate Fellowship, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, 2001

*Ulysses V. Goodwin Award for Excellence in Religious Studies,* Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, 2001

University Honors Scholarship, University of Alabama, 1997

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion, Social Psychology, Symbolic Interaction, Social Structure and Personality, Research Methods, Sociological Theory (Classic and Contemporary), Emotions, Culture

### **PUBLICATIONS**

## **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Carr, Deborah and Shane Sharp. 2014. "Do Afterlife Beliefs Affect Psychological Adjustment to Later-Life Spousal Loss?" *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 69B:103-12.

Sharp, Shane. 2014. "Monotheistic Theodicy as Imaginary Face-Work." *Sociological Forum* 29:873-892.

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- Sharp, Shane. 2014. "Resisting Religious Coercive Control." *Violence against Women* 20:1407-27.
- Sharp, Shane. 2013. "How to Do Things with Prayer Utterances." *Symbolic Interaction* 36:159-176.
- Sharp, Shane. 2013. "When Prayers Go Unanswered." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52:1-16.
- Sharp, Shane, Deborah Carr, and Cameron Macdonald. 2012. "Religion and End-of-Life Treatment Preferences: Assessing the Effects of Religious Denomination and Beliefs." *Social Forces* 91:275-98.
- Sharp, Shane. 2012. "For a Social Psychology of Prayer." Sociology Compass 6:570-80.
- Sharp, Shane. 2012. "Prayer Utterances as Aligning Actions." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51:257-65.
- Sharp, Shane. 2010. "How Does Prayer Help Manage Emotions?" *Social Psychology Quarterly* 73:417-37.
- Healey-Etten, Victoria and Shane Sharp. 2010. "Teaching Young Undergraduates How to Do an In-Depth Interview: A Teaching Note with 12 Handy Tips." *Teaching Sociology* 38:157-65.
- Sharp, Shane. 2009. "Escaping Symbolic Entrapment, Maintaining Social Identities." *Social Problems* 56:267-84.
  - Reprinted in Kent Sandstrom, Spencer E. Cahill, and Carissa Froyum. 2013. Inside Social Life: Readings in Sociological Psychology and Microsociology (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Sharp, Shane and Greg Kordsmeier. 2008. "The 'Shirt-Weenie': A Note on Teaching Tact, Embarrassment, and Social Order." *Teaching Sociology* 36:359-65.

### **Comments and Replies**

Sharp, Shane. 2008. "We Still Don't Know Why Christianity Works: A Response to Smith." *Sociology of Religion* 69:453-7.

## **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

Sharp, Shane and Jeffery Kidder. 2013. "Emotions." *Handbook of Social Psychology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.*(John DeLamater and Amanda Ward, Eds.). New York: Springer.

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#### **Book Reviews**

Sharp, Shane. 2011. Review of *The Making of Pro-Life Activists: How Social Movement Mobilization Works*, by Ziad M. Munson (University of Chicago Press 2008). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50:220-2.

### Other Publications and Writings

Sharp, Shane. 2013 (October 18th). "Letter to the Editor." The New York Times, A22.

Sharp, Shane and Greg Kordsmeier. 2007. *Instructor's Manual for John DeLamater and Daniel Myers' Social Psychology* (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Los Angeles: Harcourt Brace.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Sharp, Shane. 2014. "Monotheistic Theodicy as Imaginary Face-Work." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Brenner, Phillip, Shane Sharp, and John DeLamater. 2014. "Measurement Directiveness as a Cause of Response Bias: Evidence from Three Survey Experiments." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Sharp, Shane, Deborah Carr, and Kathryn Panger. 2013. "Prayer, Emotion-Focused Coping, and Social Disadvantage." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Sharp, Shane. 2012. "When Prayer Fails." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Sharp, Shane and Deborah Carr. 2010. "Religion and Formal Preparations for End-of-Life Medical Care: Assessing the Effects of Religious Denomination, Beliefs, and Practices." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Sharp, Shane, Deborah Carr, Cameron Macdonald, and Erin Madden. 2010. "Religion and Endof-Life Treatment Preferences: Assessing the Effects of Denomination, Beliefs, and Practices." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Sharp, Shane and Kimberley Turner. 2010. "Does Religion Buffer or Exacerbate Negative Psychological Outcomes of Intimate Partner Abuse Victims?" Poster presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Carr, Deborah and Shane Sharp. 2009. "Do Beliefs in the Afterlife Protect Against Bereavement-Related Distress?" Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

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- Sharp, Shane. 2008. "The Good, the Bad, and the Null Concerning the Doctrine of Submission and Conservative Christian Abused Wives." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Sharp, Shane and Greg Kordsmeier. 2007. "Doing Religiosity." Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY.
- Sharp, Shane. 2007. "Repairing, Challenging, and Distancing: Strategies of Social Identity Repair." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- "Mills' Motives and the Science of Action." Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, 2014.
- Guest Speaker. Methods of Sociological Inquiry I: Qualitative Methods, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, 2013.
- "Religion and Non-Heterosexual Sexuality." Invited Lecture for Introduction to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Department of Women's Studies, Northern Illinois University, 2013.
- "Religion and End-of-Life Preferences." Invited presentation for Statistics for Sociologists II,

  Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010.
- "Ethnography." Invited lecture for Undergraduate Sociological Enterprise, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010.
- "In-Depth Interviewing." Invited discussant for Undergraduate Sociological Research Methods, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2010.
- "Interviewing in Difficult Situations." Invited discussant, Sociology of Gender Graduate Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2009.
- "Insider/Outsider Status and Qualitative Research." Invited discussant for Graduate Seminar on Qualitative Methodology, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2007.
- "An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion." Invited lecture for Undergraduate Survey of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, (three times in 2005 and 2006).
- "The Sociology of Domestic Violence." Invited lecture for Undergraduate Marriage and Family course, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2006.

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#### **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

## **Courses Taught**

Northern Illinois University: Department of Sociology

Introduction to Social Psychology

Sociology of Religion

Methods of Sociological Inquiry I: Qualitative Methods

Special Topics in Social Psychology: Social Structure and Personality

Sociological Research Design (Graduate) Social Psychology of Emotions (Graduate)

## University of Wisconsin-Madison: Department of Sociology

Survey of Sociology Methods of Sociological Inquiry Classical Sociological Theory Introduction to Social Psychology Criminology

## **Formal Advising**

Master's Thesis Chair: NIU-Sociology

Reuben Gay (In progress)

Kathryn Panger (defended 3/2014)

## Master's Thesis Committee Member: NIU-Sociology

Kathryn Brown (In progress)

Bradley Churchill (In progress)

Anni Rossi (In progress)

Sarah Hanson (defended 12/2012)

## **Dissertation Committee Member: NIU**

Melissa McKenzie (Psychology)

## **SERVICE**

### **University Service**

Northern Illinois University

Developer, Religious Studies Undergraduate Certificate Program, 2012

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### **Department Service**

Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University

Member, Department Council, 2012-5

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2014-5

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2013-4

Member, Awards Committee, 2013-4

Member, Recruitment Committee, 2012-3

Member, Evaluation of Professional Personnel Appeals Committee, 2012-3

## Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Graduate Student Representative, Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction Committee, 2010-1

Graduate Student Representative, Committee on Curriculum, 2009-10

### Service to the Discipline

Secretary/Treasurer, Section on Emotions, American Sociological Association, 2014-present.

Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Religion, American Sociological Association, 2011-2.

Graduate Affairs Committee, Section on Social Psychology, American Sociological Association, 2010-1

Panelist, Grant Writing Workshop, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2007

Presider, Social Psychology Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2007

## **Peer Reviewing**

American Ethnologist; American Journal of Sociology; Journal of Family Issues; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Review of Religious Research; Sage Publications; Social Psychology Quarterly; Sociological Forum; Sociological Quarterly; Sociological Theory; Sociology of Religion; Violence against Women; Women's Health Issues

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Religious Research Association

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## **MEDIA**

Research spotlighted in *Time, US News & World Report*, MSNBC, Fox News, AOL Health News, Yahoo! News, United Press International, *Redbook, Woman's World, On Wisconsin* Magazine, *Isthmus* (Madison, WI), ABC News Radio, LiveScience, *Times of India*, The Why Files, and a host of other media and online news outlets.

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.