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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

August 2015-Present Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Religion and Society,
University of Notre Dame

Spring 2015 Sociology Instructor, Woods College of Advancing Studies,
Boston College

EDUCATION

Brandeis University

2016 PhD, Sociology

Dissertation: "Women with Hearts As Wide as the World: Gender, Race, and Inequality in Women's Transnational Religious Organizations"

Committee: Wendy Cadge (Chair), Karen Hansen, Carmen Sirianni, Michele Dillon (University of New Hampshire)

Qualifying Areas: Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Gender, Political Sociology

George Washington University

2008 Master of Arts, Public Policy, Concentration in Women's Studies

University of Washington

2003 Bachelor of Arts, Comparative History of Ideas Program, Honors Department, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

2001-2002 Study Abroad, "Memory, Identity, Conflict, and Dialogue" in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Cape Town, South Africa, and Nicosia, Cyprus.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sociology of Religion and Culture
- Global and Transnational Sociology
- Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
- African Studies
- Human Rights
- Social Theory

BOOK

Unequal Partners: Gender, Race, and Inequality in Women's Transnational Religious Organizations (under contract with the University of Chicago Press)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 **Clevenger, Casey** and Wendy Cadge. "Institutional Change in American Religion." *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: An Interdisciplinary, Searchable, and Linkable Resource*. Wiley.
- 2014 **Clevenger, Casey**, Amelia Seraphia Derr, Wendy Cadge, and Sara Curran. "How Do Social Service Providers View Recent Immigrants? Perspectives from Portland, Maine and Olympia, Washington." *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* 12(1): 67-86.
- 2013 Cadge, Wendy, Peggy Levitt, B. Nadya Jaworksy, and **Casey Clevenger**. "Religious Dimensions of Contexts of Reception: Comparing Two New England Cities." *International Migration* 51(3): 84-98.
- 2011 **Clevenger, Casey** and Bienvenu Mayemba. "Standing Against Women's Depersonalization and Striving for Fairness: Postcolonial Feminist Perspectives from Africa." *AKWABA Interdisciplinary Journal*. Abidjan: Jesuit School of Theology.
- 2009 **Clevenger, Casey** and Wendy Cadge. "Engaging Emerging Adults." The Changing Spirituality of Emerging Adults Project, Catholic University of America.
- 2008 Caiazza, Amy, Cynthia Hess, **Casey Clevenger**, and Angela Carlberg. *The Challenge to Act: How Women's Values Reframe American Democracy*. Washington, DC: The Institute for Women's Policy Research.
- 2008 Erica Williams, Barbara Gault, and **Casey Clevenger**. *The Status of Girls in Minnesota*. Washington, DC: The Institute for Women's Policy Research.
- 2007 Caiazza, Amy and **Casey Clevenger**. *Seven Strategies that Promote Women's Activism and Leadership in Unions* Research-in-Brief. Washington, DC: The Institute for Women's Policy Research.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- In Progress **Clevenger, Casey**. Feminism and (Religious) Sisterhood in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Gender, Conservative Religions, & Women's Agency

- In Progress **Clevenger, Casey.** Engendering the Colonial State: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Global Religion in Congo (1894-1977)
- In Progress **Clevenger, Casey.** “What Binds Us Is Our Charism and Mission”: The Meaning of Religious Membership Among Lifelong Catholic Sisters.
- In Progress **Clevenger, Casey** and Henok Tewelde. “The Role of Religion in Political Participation: Findings from the First Wave of the Portraits of American Life Study.” (*using logistic regression analysis*)

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 2014-2015 Chris Lerman Prize for Essays on Extraordinary Women, Brandeis Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program (\$1,000)
- 2013 Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$34,378)
- 2013 Fitcher Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion (\$4,080)
- 2012 Research Circle on Democracy and Cultural Pluralism Dissertation Grant (\$549)
- 2012 Brandeis University Mellon Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,952)
- 2012 Brandeis University Sociology Department Berkowitz Award and Dissertation Grant (\$500)
- 2011 Research Circle on Democracy and Cultural Pluralism Dissertation Grant (\$9,890)
- 2010-2011 Brandeis University Osher Lifelong Learning Instructorship (\$2,100)
- 2009-2010 Brandeis University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award
- 2009 The Changing Spirituality of Emerging Adults Project, Lifecycle Institute at Catholic University of America (with Wendy Cadge). Project title: “What Do We Know about Service and Community Engagement Among Young Adults?” (\$3,000).
- 2008-2009 Brandeis Sociology Department Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award
- 2007-2008 Institute for Women’s Policy Research/George Washington University Fellowship in Women’s Policy Research
- 2008 51st State National Organization of Women (NOW) Scholarship to attend and present research at the NOW/Institute for Women’s Policy Research Economic Justice Summit
- 2007 George Washington University Women’s Studies Department *Making a Difference Award* for original research on policies and legislation concerning women

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

2016. “Engendering the Colonial State: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Religion in Congo (1894-1977). American Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting.
2016. “Feminism and (Religious) Sisterhood in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Association for the Sociology of Religion 2016 Annual Meeting.

2015. "Why Should the Sister Decide For Me? Work, Obedience & Organizational Change in a Transnational Religious Order." American Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting.
- 2015 "When the Local is Global: Mapping Work and Occupations Across Borders in Global Religious Organizations." Eastern Sociological Society 2015 Annual Meeting.
- 2014 "‘I Was Called By People:’ Transnational Pathways to Religious Life Among American and Congolese Sisters." American Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting.
- 2013 "Gender and Public Life in Women’s Transnational Religious Organizations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2013 Annual Meeting.
- 2013 "Two Cities, Two Responses: Exploring Variation in Immigrant Reception." American Sociological Association 2013 Annual Meeting.
- 2013 "Being and Belonging in Transnational Women’s Religious Communities: Catholic Sisters as Transnational Actors." Eastern Sociological Society 2013 Annual Meeting
- 2012 "The Role of Religion in Political Participation." Eastern Sociological Society 2012 Annual Meeting. (*used logistic regression analysis*)
- 2011 "Naming, Denouncing, & Deconstructing the Spiral of Violence Against African Women." Kent University’s Annual Symposium on Democracy, Democracy and Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Understanding the Conflicts and Examining Potential Solutions to the Congo Crisis
- 2011 "Incorporating Immigrants: Social Service Providers as Space-Makers in Two New Immigrant Destinations." Pacific Sociological Association 2011 Annual Meeting
- 2010 "‘What Binds Us Is Our Charism and Mission’: The Meaning of Religious Membership Among Catholic Sisters." Eastern Sociological Society 2010 Annual Meeting
- 2010 "Women, Leadership, and Social Movements" Eastern Sociological Association 2010 Annual Meeting (Roundtable Organizer)
- 2008 "Not Just Nuns: Social Change and Women’s Religious Orders in the Catholic Church." Institute for Women’s Policy Research Ninth International Women’s Policy Research Conference in conjunction with the 2008 Economic Justice Summit

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

Sociological Theory, Boston College (Spring 2015)
 Gender and Human Rights, Brandeis University (Spring 2013)
 University Writing Seminar: Postcolonial Struggles, Brandeis University (Spring 2011)
 Understanding the Legacies of Colonialism, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Brandeis (Spring 2011)

Teaching Fellow:

Media and Society, Sarah Sobieraj, Tufts University (Fall 2012)
 Consumers and Consumerism, Sarah Sobieraj, Tufts University (Spring 2012)
 Sociology of Body and Health, Sara Shostak, Brandeis University (Fall 2011)
 Culture of Consumption, Laura Miller, Brandeis University (Fall 2010)
 Order and Change in Society, Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University (Spring 2010)
 Social Theory and Contemporary Society, Laura Miller, Brandeis University (Fall 2009)
 Sociology of Families, Rebecca Zinavage, Brandeis University (Spring 2009)

Order and Change in Society, Carmen Sirianni, Brandeis University (Fall 2008)

Writing Consultant, Tutor, and Instructor, Brandeis University TRIO Student Support Services Program for First Generation College Students (2008-2011)

Senior Thesis Mentor, Contraceptive Decision Making Among Undergraduate Women (2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

American Sociological Association
Race, Class, and Gender Section
Global and Transnational Sociology Section
Sociology of Religion Section
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion

Reviewer

Journal of Refugee Studies
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Sociology of Religion
Sociological Perspectives

Co-Organizer of the Religion Roundtable Series, Brandeis University (2012-2013)
Graduate Student Representative, Brandeis Sociology Department (2012-2013)
Graduate Representative, Brandeis Sociology Graduate Committee (2009-2010)
Graduate Workshop Organizing Committee (2009-2010)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Researcher, Rush University Palliative Care Chaplaincy Project
2011-2012 Editorial Assistant, Professor Wendy Cadge, *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2013) and *Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine* (Chicago University Press, 2012)
2010-2012 Research Assistant and Collaborator, Professor Wendy Cadge, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University
2007-2008 Institute for Women's Policy Research/George Washington University Fellow in Women's Policy Research, The Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, DC
2006-2007 Development and Research Assistant, The Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, DC

LANGUAGE

French, basic reading and speaking
Spanish, basic reading and speaking