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Curriculum Vita  
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Ball State University  
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**EDUCATION**

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

Dissertation: “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, May 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, May 1999

Thesis: “Factors Influencing Voting Behavior on the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act”

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

**POSITIONS**

*Assistant Professor of Sociology*, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, August 2005-present

*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

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Sociology of Religion and Spirituality  
Qualitative Methods

Popular Culture  
Sociology of Gender

## **RESEARCH**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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

Kraus, Rachel. 2007. "Laity, Institution, Theology, or Politics?: Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Washington Offices' Agenda Setting." *Sociology of Religion*. 68(1): 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(4): 385-495.

### **Non-refereed Publications**

Kraus, Rachel. Forthcoming. "Role-Play" in *Scaffolding for Student Success in Learning: Best Practices in Using Instructional Strategies*, 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*, 68:1: 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(3): 307-308.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

Kraus, Rachel. "The Many Faces of Spirituality and Belly Dance: A Conceptual Framework" Under review at *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Kraus, Rachel. "Maintaining or Crossing the Liberal/Conservative Divide: The Political Priorities of Washington Offices" Under review at *Sociological Focus*.

Desmond, Scott A. and Rachel Kraus. "God Matters, Ritual Doesn't?: The Effects of Importance of Religion and Church Attendance on Moral Beliefs." Under Review at the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Kraus, Rachel. “‘Thou Shalt Not Take the Name of Thy God in Vain’: Religious Washington Offices’ Use of God Talk” Under Review at *Sociology of Religion*.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Kraus, Rachel. “Creating a Spiritual Experience Through Belly Dance” to be submitted by November 1, 2007

Flowers, Daniel R., Carolyn A. Kapinus, and Rachel Kraus. “Excluding Inclusivity: Protestant Framing of Homosexuality and Sex Education”

## **PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- Kraus, Rachel. 2007 (forthcoming) “Creating a Spiritual Experience Through Belly Dance” to be 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” to be presented at the joint annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the north Central Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 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” to be 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” 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” 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" 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" at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Kraus, Rachel. 2003. "Western Faith Traditions on Capitol Hill: Social Origins of Washington Offices" 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" 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" 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" 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" at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Covington, Kentucky
- Kraus, Rachel. 2000. "Public Attitudes Towards Religious Groups in Politics" 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" at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETING ACTIVITIES**

- Program Chair. 2007. Annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, New York.
- Session organizer and convener. 2007. "Writing Grant Proposals" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, New York.
- Session organizer and convener. 2007. "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. 2 sessions titled “The Social Significance of Religion” at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Session convener. 2005. “Religion, Crime, and Incarceration” at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York.
- Session member. 2005. “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. “Post-Election Reflections” at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Session convener. 2005. “Author Meets Critics: 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. “Teaching Workshop: Teaching Sociology of Religion” at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, Ohio

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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

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

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

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

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

## TEACHING

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

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teaching, Purdue University, 2004

### COURSES TAUGHT

At Ball State University:

Social Problems 2005, 2006, 2007 (5 sections of 120 students each)

Research Methods 2005, 2006 (3 sections)

Sociology of Religions 2007 (2 sections)

At Purdue University:

Religion in America 2001-2005 (9 sections)

Social Problems 2003 (2 sections)

At Ivy Tech State College:

Introduction to Sociology 2004 (1 section), 2003 (1 section)

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

#### Department of Sociology at Ball State University

2005-Present	Member	Undergraduate Committee
2007-Present	Co-advisor	Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society
2005-2007	Coordinator, Sole Member	Colloquium Committee
2006-2007	Member	Promotion and Tenure Committee
2006-2007	Member	Core Curriculum Committee
2006-2007	Coordinator, Sole Member	Sociology Computer Lab
2005-2006	Member	Social Activities Committee

#### Ball State University

2005-Present	Member	Center for Middletown Studies Advisory Board
2006-Present	Member	Events Programming and Scheduling Committee

### AD HOC REVIEWER FOR:

*Sociology of Religion*, 2006, 2007

*Sociological Quarterly*, 2006

