

Dr. Scott Monsma

Curriculum Vitae

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Formal Education:

1999 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

1993 M.A. Sociology. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

1990 B.A. Sociology. Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA.

1986-1987 Mesa Community College, Mesa AZ.

1981 Diploma. Coconino High School. Flagstaff, AZ.

Awards:

2014 Recipient of Teaching Excellence Award, Northwestern College

2004, 2008, 2009, 2022 Finalist for Teaching Excellence Award, Northwestern College

1992-1996 Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh

1990-1991 Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh

1990 Valedictorian. Summa Cum Laude. Senior Alumni Award. Geneva College, PA

Publications:

Strangers Behind Bars: Examining the System of Mass Incarceration. Chapter 7 in the book “Strangers and Scapegoats: Extending God’s Welcome to Those on the Margins” by Matthew Vos (August 2022), Baker Academic

On the Journey: Reflections on the Intersections of Sociology and Christianity, published in Volume 10, #1 (2020) of the Journal of Sociology and Christianity.

Interfaith Dialog: Motivation and Practice, published in Volume 8, #1 (2018) of the Journal of Sociology and Christianity.

Faithful Betrayal, published in Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought. January/February 2018

(Re)Defining Marriage: Changes and Challenges, published in Volume 4, #1 (2014) of the Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society.

(Re)telling the fragmented story of Michal, published in Volume 3, #2 (2013) of the Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society

Book Review of “*On Being Human: Sexual Orientation and the Image of God*”, published in Volume 2 #2 (2012) of the Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society.

Technological Inventive Activity and Economic Production Around the World. Science in Society: Theory and Evidence. Thomas Schott, editor. The article was supported by a Curriculum Development Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Presentations for Academic Audiences:

2022: *Strangers Behind Bars.* Christian Sociological Association, annual conference, Redeemer University (Hamilton, Ontario), June 17.

2015: *Faithful Betrayal.* Associations of Christians Teaching Sociology, annual conference, Eastern University, June 7, 2015.

- 2012: *Bulletin Boards and Focused Reading Groups* (a presentation on pedagogy). Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, annual summer conference, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain GA, June 9, 2012.
- 2011: *(Re)reading the text: (Re)telling the fragmented story of Michal*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, annual summer conference, St. Olaf College, June 11, 2011.
- Dialog with people of other faiths*, Moberg Conference on sociological perspectives on reconciliation: Experiential learning and strategic approaches to reconciliation, Bethel University, February 19, 2011
- 2010: *Interfaith dialogue: ideas drawn from experience*, Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Eastern University, June 4, 2010
- 2009: *Rediscovering the other Zwemer Hall: Engaging in interfaith dialogue in the Sultanate of Oman*, Iowa Dialog Conference, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls IA. October 22, 2009
- Defining Marriage: Changes and Challenges*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Northwestern College. June 5, 2009
- Teaching Sociology: Ideas & Resources*. Panel Participant. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Northwestern College. June 5, 2009
- 2005: *Critical Integration: Christianity and Sociology*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton IL.
- 2004: *Fragmented Women, Destined for Equality*. Fern Cliff Gathering, Geneva College (November 16), Guest lectures at Geneva College (November 16 & 17): *Max Weber and Islam; Critical Integration: Faith and Sociology; Wealth and Poverty*
- 2003: *Teaching with my mouth half shut*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Dallas, TX
- 2002: Moderator of roundtable discussion: *The state of Sociology as a discipline and place in the curriculum at Christian institutions of higher learning*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Wilmore, KY
- 1999: *Dependence Among Nations in the Invention of Technology*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Costa Mesa, CA
- 1997: *The Rise of Religious Nationalist Movements around the Globe*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Wheaton, IL
- 1992: *Differing Gender Experiences in the New Christian Right*. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, Annual Summer Conference, Mt Vernon, OH

Recent Community Presentations

- 11/17/2013 "On Gender" Presentation & discussion on the topic of gender and faith for a college student group associated with American Reformed Church.
- 6/9/2013 "Divided by Faith / United by Faith" Chandler Reformed Church. Chandler, Minnesota. (Guest presenter for a Sunday evening series focusing on the issue of multiracial/multiethnic congregations)
- 5/12/2010: "Max Weber, A Brief Survey". Written summary of key Weberian ideas and concepts for His Excellency Shaykh Abdullah, Minister of Religious Affairs, Sultanate of Oman.
- 4/3/2009: "Oman and the Middle East". Presentation on Oman and Islam for a Marcus - Meriden - Cleghorn high school cultural geography course.

2/10/2008: "The Other Zwemer Hall". Presentation on the 2008-09 Oman trip to the "Ramblers" (Orange City community group).

4/1/2007 "Understanding Islam": adult Sunday School class discussion at American Reformed Church in conjunction with Paul Bartlett and Sean Ahrar, a Shiite Muslim

2/28/2007 "Journey to Oman" presentation to Landsmeer Ridge retirement center – slide show and discussion of the 2006-07 trip to Oman.

1/17/2007: "Oman" Presentation to Bonnie DeJong's Kindergarten Class on the 2006-07 trip to Oman.

6/5/2005: Trinity Reformed Church: Evening "faith journey" presentation on the 2004-05 Oman trip and how this trip shaped my personal faith journey.

Recent Presentations for Northwestern College Audiences

Spring 2023, Spring 2024: "PowerPoint Pointers" Guest lecture in Kim Van Es' class.

2/8/2018: "Bike Riding and White Privilege" Short presentation/discussion on the issue of white privilege for SWK 232: Diverse Populations

10/17/2017 "Sex and Gender and..." Presentation for SWK 231: Human Behavior and Social Environment

2/12/2014: *Poverty Simulation*. Day of Learning presentation in collaboration with Taylor Studer.

Fall 2014: *PowerPoint Pointers*. Video presentation on creating excellent PowerPoint presentations, utilized by a number of FYS instructors.

8/28/2013: *Faithful Betrayal*. Chapel presentation.

Fall 2012/Spring 2013: Preview Day Guest Lectures for prospective students.

8/16/2012: Focused Reading Groups. Fall faculty workshop session on pedagogy

12/10/2010: (Re)reading the text: (Re)telling the fragmented story of Michal. Chapel Message.

Spring/Summer 2010: Numerous sessions, co-lead with Tina Jansen, to assist faculty in migrating to the new portal and LMS.

4/15/2009: "PowerPoint Pointers" Guest lecturer in Kim Van Es' class. (guest presentation I do for Kim on an almost annual basis)

3/24/2010: "Food Inc" Film and discussion for Northwestern College's Day of Learning in Community.

11/19/2009: Interfaith Dialog panel participant. Discussed experiences in Oman and ideas/issues related to interfaith dialog with Muslims.

8/26/09: "Northwestern College: Pleasantville?" Senior Chapel Presentation

2/2/2009: "Electronic Survey Software" Guest lecturer for Dr. Cambetas' psych research class.

8/22/2008 (also in fall 2007, 2006): Synapse workshop for new faculty (co-led with Paul Beltman)

5/16/2007: Summer Synapse workshop: Organized, facilitated, and presented at day long workshop designed to encourage use of synapse by faculty.

4/24/2007: "Victims Rights Awareness Week" Panel Participant

4/26/2007: "Journey to Oman" Presentation on the 2006-07 Oman trip for faculty and others.

1/24/2007: "Sex and Gender" Guest lecturer in Dr. Feenstra's social psychology class.

1/12/2007: "Who is my neighbor" Chapel Message

2/19/2006: "The Importance of Family – relatively speaking": message at the Family Weekend worship service

1/24/2006: "Sex and Gender" Guest Lecturer for Keith Anderson's Gender & Ministry class

2/27/2006: "Gender in the cross cultural perspective": panel discussion with Karen Barker for students who have participated in study abroad experiences and summer of service programs.

4/5/06: "Lessons Learned, Lessons Shared": panel member for discussion of study abroad trips.

10/25/2006: New Faculty Orientation: Led discussion of classroom discussion/student participation for new faculty.

8/23/2005 "Training for What" Chapel message for seniors

Other Professional Activities:

Member: American Sociological Association (ASA)

Member: Christian Sociological Association (formerly Association of Christians Teaching Sociology or ACTS); reviewer for associated *Journal of Sociology and Christianity*

2024: 2/22 – 2/23: External Evaluator For Sociology Department at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA

2018: 9/25: External Evaluator for Sociology Department at Fresno Pacific University

2017: 9/24-9/26: External Evaluator for Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at Simpson College, Indianola Iowa.

2016 – 19 President of CSA, web development

2013-15, 2023-: Vice President of CSA, web development

2009; 2017: Local program chair/organizer for CSA/ACTS annual meeting held at Northwestern College

2007 – Present: Web development for ACTS

2005 – 2006: President, ACTS

2004 – 2005: Vice President, ACTS

June 3-6: 2004: Program Chair for Annual Conference, ACTS

2002 – 2004: President, ACTS

2000 – 2002: Vice President, ACTS

1997-2000: Graduate Student Liaison, ACTS

Grants:

2007-08: Engaging in interfaith dialogue in Oman. Obtained Lilly Grant funding for book discussion and faculty/staff trip to the Sultanate of Oman.

Teaching Experience:

Northwestern College: Full Professor, 2011 to present, Associate Professor 2005- 2011, Assistant Professor 1999-2005

University of Pittsburgh: Instructor (graduate student) 1991-1995, Teaching Assistant 1990-91

Penn State- Fayette: Adjunct Instructor Spring 1999

Geneva College: Adjunct Instructor Fall 1992, Spring 1993

Courses Taught:

First Year Seminar

Northwestern College, Fall 2014

Introduction to Sociology:

Northwestern College: Fall & Spring 2010, Fall 2006, Fall 2020

Penn State – Fayette: Spring 1999

University of Pittsburgh: Summer 1993

Geneva College: Spring 1993

Social Problems:

Northwestern College: 1999 to present (annual offering)

University of Pittsburgh: Spring 1991

Sociology of the Family:

Northwestern College: 1999 to present (annual offering)

University of Pittsburgh: 1992 - 1995

Geneva College: Fall 1992

Cultural Anthropology:

Northwestern College: 1999 to present (offered face to face every semester and online in the fall semesters)

Deviance and Social Control:

Northwestern College: 2005 to present (annual offering)

University of Pittsburgh: Fall 1995

Sociology of Gender:

Northwestern College: Fall 2001 to 2019 (alternate year offering)

Ethnographic Research

Northwestern College: 1999 to 2011 (annual offering)

Sociological Theory

Northwestern College: Summer 2012, Fall 2012 to present (alternate year offering or course by arrangement)

Justice as Skill and Commitment (senior seminar)

Northwestern College: Spring 2020 to present (alternate years)

Topics in Cross Cultural Studies: Oman

Northwestern College: Fall 2004, Fall 2006, & Fall 2008. Course included a Fall pre-seminar plus three week travel / study in Oman over winter break

Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency:

Northwestern College: 1999-2004

The Criminal Justice System:

Northwestern College: Spring 2001, Fall 2002

Humor (Honors Seminar):

Northwestern College: Fall 2002, Fall 2005, Fall 2009. (Team taught course)

Rural and Urban Sociology:

Northwestern College: Spring 2000

Women and Men Together (Frosh Seminar):

Northwestern College: Fall 2004

Topics in Taiwanese Cross Cultural Studies:

Northwestern College: Summer 2000. Team taught course – 3 day on campus pre-seminar and with four weeks of travel and study in Taiwan.

Formal Institutional Service:

2018 – present: Assessment Director, chair Academic Program Assessment Committee

2023 – J1: (Raider Reboot) workgroup (Advising module).

2023: Search Committee (Chemistry)

2004 – 2023: Department Chair, Sociology

2021-22: Faculty Handbook task force

2019-2020: HLC mid-cycle update workgroup

2020 (Spring): NWC Core revisions (process and scope) workgroup.

2020 (Spring): Faculty Blackboard Mentor

2017-18, 2020 (Summer) Online Quality Assurance Committee

2010-2016: Faculty secretary and Chair of Faculty Handbook Committee

2011- 17: member of the Online Education Advisory committee

2011- 13: Faculty Advisor for Student Government Association

2010-11: Member of Library Planning & Reevaluation task force

2000-2001: Faculty Advisor for Student Government Association

2009-2010: Member of Director of Library Search Committee

2007 – 2009: Academic Affairs Committee

Summer 2008 – Fall 2008: Task force on Faculty Evaluation.

2007-08, 2005 – 06: New Faculty Mentor

2004 – 2007: Academic Resource Committee (Chair 2005-07)

2004 – 2005: Member of Vice President for Student Development Search Committee

2003 – 2004: Library Planning Task Force

2001 – 2003: Co-Chair of Honors Program

2000 – 2004: Faculty Advisor for Multicultural Awareness Club

2000-2002: Admissions, Retention, Honors Committee (Chair 2001-02)