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EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Sociology, Expected May 2010

Thesis: *Believing Citizens: Religion and Citizenship among London Second Generation Youth*

Ethnography and 80 interviews with London youth, key informants, and religious leaders

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A., Sociology, 2005

Rice University

B.A., Cognitive Science and Psychology, 2002

**ACADEMIC
POSITIONS**

Birkbeck College, University of London, Oct 2009-present

Sessional Lecturer, Politics Department, Assisting the teaching of Religion and Politics

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Jun-Dec 2009

Visiting Research Fellow, Politics Department, Diaspora Mobilisation Project

Research Associate, National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR), 2003-2007

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and University of Notre Dame

Interviewing, coding, analysis, and presentations for U.S. nationally representative study

**PUBLICATIONS
AND WORK IN
PREPARATION**

“Broadcasting Green: Grassroots Environmentalism on Muslim Women’s Radio.”

The Sociological Review. Forthcoming.

“For the Ummah or for Humanity?: Islamic Humanitarianism between Community and Cosmopolitanism.” Joint-authored with Fiona Adamson. In preparation.

“Researching Religion in a Secular Age: Methodological Implications of Charles Taylor’s Theoretical Work on Religion and Modernity.” In preparation.

**FELLOWSHIPS
AND GRANTS**

National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009

University of North Carolina Smith Graduate Research Grant, 2008

National Study of Youth and Religion Dissertation Expenses Grant, 2008

Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion, Funded Participant
Center for the Study of Religion, University of Notre Dame, May 2009

UCSIA Summer School in Religion, Culture and Society, Funded Participant
University Centre St.-Ignatius Antwerp, Belgium, September 2008

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Summer Intensive Arabic Language, 2006

Fulbright Research Fellowship, Finland, 2002-2003

**PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS**

“For the Ummah or for Humanity: Islamic Humanitarianism between Community and Cosmopolitanism.” (with Fiona Adamson). International Studies Association Convention. New Orleans, LA. February 2010.

“British Muslim Identities in Comparative Perspective.” Muslims in Britain Research Network and BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Joint Conference. London, UK. January 2010.

“Return of Certainties?: Global Religious Revivalism and the Local Grievances of London’s Young Second Generation.” British Sociological Association Annual Conference. Cardiff, UK. April 2009.

“Researching Religion in a Secular Age: Methodological Implications of Charles Taylor’s Theoretical Work on Religion and Modernity.” BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference. Durham, UK. March 2009.

“Return of Certainties: The Appeal of Deculturalised Islam and Christianity among London’s Second Generation Youth.” Royal Holloway University of London History Department Research Seminar Series. Invited Talk. Egham, UK. October 7, 2008.

“Citizens of Heaven: Religion, Identity, and Citizenship in London’s Young Second Generation.” UCSIA Postgraduate Summer School Conference, University Centre St.-Ignatius Antwerp, Belgium. September 2008.

“Competing Allegiances?: Religion, Britishness, and Inner City Culture among London’s Young Immigrant Second Generation.” BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference. Birmingham, UK. April 2008.

“Broadcasting Green: Grassroots Environmentalism on Muslim Community Radio.” British Sociological Association Annual Conference. University of Warwick, UK. March 2008.

“Outcomes Related to Religious Change in Youth.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Portland, OR. October 2006.

“Early Life Course Factors Shaping Religious Involvement in Adolescence” (with Lisa D. Pearce, Youn Ok Lee, and Ria Van Ryn). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Portland, OR. October 2006.

“Living in Sin No More: Religion and the Transition from Cohabitation” (with Matthew Loyd). Add Health Users Conference. Bethesda, MD. July, 2006. Poster also presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. March 2006.

“Religious Contexts of Parental Media Monitoring.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Kansas City, MO. October 2004.

“Race Relations in American Churches.” Fulbright American Voices Lecture Series. Turku, Finland. October, 2002. Paper also presented as a Fulbright Lecture at the University of Tampere. Tampere, Finland. May 2003.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Religion and Politics
Birkbeck College, University of London, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Edwin Bacon

Historical Sociology of Christianity
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007
Created original course and full course curriculum. Taught classes of 45-50 students

Social Stratification
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Summer 2005
Created full course curriculum. Taught class of 21 students

The Future and the Information Society
University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland. Spring 2003

**PROFESSIONAL
AND VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**

Reviewer: *Social Forces, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Graduate Student Senator, representing Sociology Department at UNC. 2003-04

Founder and leader of a weekly English class for second language speakers. Manage eight volunteers, teach English, and edit writing. Tower Hamlets, London. Jan 2009-present

Memberships: British Sociological Association, BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group, American Sociological Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Languages: Reading and listening comprehension in Arabic (basic), Spanish, and Italian

Dual Citizen, United States and Finland

REFERENCES

Christian Smith – Dissertation Chair

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