

# Megan C. Rogers

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## POSITIONS

(2017-present) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Global Religion Research Initiative,  
Dept. of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

## EDUCATION

2018. *Ph.D.*, Sociology

The University of Notre Dame

- Area exams: Religion, March 2013; Theory, March 2014
- Dissertation: “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Urban China.” Committee: Mary Ellen Konieczny (chair), Robert Fishman, Lionel Jensen, and Christian Smith

2013. *Master of Arts*, Sociology

The University of Notre Dame

- Master’s thesis: “Conceptualizing and Measuring Religion in China: Theory and Measures Appropriate for the Case.” Committee: Robert Fishman (chair), Lionel Jensen, Mary Ellen Konieczny, and Christian Smith

2011. *Master of Arts*, East Asian Language and Literatures

The Ohio State University, 2011

- Master’s thesis: “Chinese Religious Scholars’ Views and Understanding of Religion” (written in Chinese). Advisor: Jianqi Wang

2008. *B.A.*, International Studies & *B.A.*, Chinese Language (English minor)

The University of Mississippi, 2008

- Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi
- Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Scholar

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Religion, China, Social Theory, Sociology of Culture, Qualitative Methods

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Rogers, Megan, and Mary Ellen Konieczny. 2018. “Does Religion Always Help the Poor? Variations in Religion and Social Class in the West and Societies in the Global South.” *Palgrave Communications* 4.

Konieczny, Mary Ellen, and Megan Rogers. 2016. “Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets’ Freethinkers Group.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55(4): 821-838.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Book Manuscript: *Faiths & Fortune: Religion & the Professional Middle Class in Urban China*.

\* Research supported by a Fulbright Fellowship, NSF Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Jack Shand Research Grant, & SSSR Student Research Award

Article Manuscript: “Conceptualizing and Measuring Religion in China: Religious Practice among Educated Professionals.” Final edits before journal review.

Article Manuscript: “Gender, Religious Conversion, and Social Risk: Navigating Familial Opposition to Religion in Contemporary China.” Accepted for presentation at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

- 2018         *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Jack Shand Research Grant*, support for researching additional cases for *Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Urban China*. (\$4,165)
- 2017         *The William V. D’Antonio Award* for graduate student excellence in the sociology of religion at the University of Notre Dame.
- 2016         *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015         *Fulbright Fellowship*, Study/Research Grant to China for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.” (\$27,000)
- 2015         *National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award* for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.”
- 2015         *Confucius China Studies Program Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship* for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.” (100,000 RMB/~\$14,700; declined)
- 2015         *National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Fellowship* to China for “Faiths and Fortune: Religion and the Professional Middle Class in Contemporary China.” (\$24,000; declined)
- 2014         *SSSR Student Research Award*, support for a research trip to China. (\$3,000)
- 2014         *University of Notre Dame Professional Development Award*, support for pre-dissertation work in China during summer 2014.
- 2014         *University of Notre Dame Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Graduate Student Research Award*, support for pre-dissertation work in China during summer 2014.
- 2008         *NSEP Flagship Fellowship*, fellowship for two years study in the Ohio State University’s National Flagship Language Program in Chinese.
- 2008         *Taylor Medal for Meritorious Scholarship and Deportment*, the University of Mississippi’s highest academic honor.

- 2008 *Croft Institute for International Studies thesis award* for best thesis in the East Asia concentration, University of Mississippi.
- 2008 *Croft Institute language award* for exceeding the faculty's expectations in language study, University of Mississippi.
- 2008 *Critical Language Scholarship*, awarded for summer Chinese language study in Suzhou, China.
- 2006 *NSEP David L. Boren Scholarship*, awarded for study at the CET/Middlebury College C.V. Starr School in China, 2006-07 academic year.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 "Classed Religion in Urban China," *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 "Conceptualizing and Identifying Religion in China: Religious Practice among Educated Professionals," *Fifteenth Symposium for the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China*, Beijing, China.
- 2018 Invited panelist for "The Church and China" panel, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame, April 26.
- 2017 "'Superstitious Beliefs, Cultish Beliefs, and Real Beliefs: How Educated White-Collar Buddhist and Protestant Converts in Urban China Draw Religious Boundaries,'" *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 "Identifying the Highly Religious in China," *Survey Research and the Study of Religion in East Asia*, Pew Research Center, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 "Religion in the Workplace in Urban China," *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2016 "'Learning to Pray: Cultivating a Christian Identity among Young White-Collar Protestants in Urban China,'" *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 "Who Are China's Buddhists? Applying Riesebrodt's Theory of Religion to Contemporary Chinese Buddhism," *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets' Freethinkers Group," with Mary Ellen Konieczny, religion regular session at *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "The Impact of Differing Levels of Legal Regulation on Chinese Religiosity," religion roundtable at *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 "How Religious Are the Chinese? An Application of Riesebrodt's Theory of Religion to the Chinese Case," *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Boston, MA.

- 2013 “Religion, Secular Humanism, and Atheism: USAFA and the Cadets’ Freethinkers Group,” with Mary Ellen Konieczny, *2013 International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “Contemporary Chinese Religious Scholars’ Views and Opinions of Religion,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 “Shaping American Perceptions of Christianity in China: An Analysis of Examples from the American Mainstream Media,” the *Sixth Symposium for the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China*, Wuxi, China.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Spring 2018: *Instructor*, the University of Notre Dame. Foundations of Social Theory.
- Spring 2016: *Guest Lecturer*, Jiangsu Theological Seminary, Suzhou Campus. Series of lectures on the sociology of religion (in Chinese).
- Summer 2015: *Instructor*, the University of Notre Dame. Understanding Societies.
- Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013: *Sociology Teaching Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame. Foundations of Social Theory.
- Spring 2014: *Sociology Teaching Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame. Religion, Gender, and Family.
- Spring 2008: *Chinese Language Teaching Assistant*, the University of Mississippi. Intensive Chinese IV.
- July 2007: *Startalk Chinese Language Program counselor and language tutor*, the University of Mississippi.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2010-spring 2015: *Sociology Research Assistant*, the University of Notre Dame.
- 2012/15: Assistant Professor Mary Ellen Konieczny
    - Project manager for project on religion and the military, focusing on the United States Air Force Academy.
  - 2011/12: Assistant Professor Erin Metz McDonnell
    - Research, coding, and transcription for projects involving elite migration, international education, and bureaucracy
  - Summers 2011 & 2012: Assistant Professor Kraig Beyerlein
    - Research and coding for projects involving religion, activism, and the media.
  - 2010/11: Professor Robert Fishman
    - Research on topics such as cultural narrative and cosmopolitanism.
- Fall 2009: *Internship with Comparative Literature Program*, Shanghai Normal University.
- Edited translations of academic articles for the English-language comparative literature academic journal *Cowrie*. Researched the treatment of aspects of Chinese culture in English-language academic publications.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Occasional reviewer for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Modern Asian Studies*, and *Review of Religious Research*.

2016, 2017 Reviewer for the Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame.

2016-2017 Mentor for the Department of Sociology's Undergraduate Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame.

2015 Boren Campus Interview Panel committee member, Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement, University of Notre Dame.

2014, 2016 Mentor for Department of Sociology's Graduate Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame.

2012-2015 Graduate student coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Asia and Asian Studies Working Group, University of Notre Dame.

2013 Graduate student coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Forum "China, the Chinese and the World: Trajectories of Change," May 13-14.

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mandarin Chinese: professional-level reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills

- August 2009: Advanced on China's HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) test
- May 2008: Superior on the Mandarin Chinese American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) test

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

American Sociological Association

Association for Asian Studies

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion