**Erica J. Dollhopf**

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**EDUCATION**

2016 Ph.D., Sociology

Doctoral Minor in Social Thought

Pennsylvania State University

*Dissertation:* The Causes and Consequences of the Formalization and Professionalization of the U.S. Advocacy Organizational Sector,

1960-2009

*Committee:* Lee Ann Banaszak, Forrest Briscoe, Roger Finke,

John D. McCarthy (co-chair), Alan Sica (co-chair)

2011 M.A., Sociology

Pennsylvania State University

2010 M.A., American Studies

Lehigh University

*Thesis:* A Might Ballot: Patterns of Voting Discussion in Christian Publications During Presidential Elections, 1960-2008

2006 B.A., Political Science and Rhetoric & Communication

University of Pittsburgh

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Organizations, Social Movements, Nonprofits, Leadership, Religion, Careers and Employment, Theory, Mixed Research Methods, Statistics

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Erica J. Dollhopf** and Christopher P. Scheitle. Forthcoming. “Explaining Variations in the Founding

Process among a Sample of Recently Founded Religious Nonprofits.”*Nonprofit Management &*

*Leadership.*

Scheitle, Christopher P., **Erica J. Dollhopf**, and John D. McCarthy. Forthcoming. “Spiritual Districts: Making Sense of U.S. Communities with Highly Concentrated Religious Nonprofit Sectors.” *Social*

*Science History.*

Scheitle, Christopher P., **Erica J. Dollhopf**, and John D. McCarthy. 2016. “Exploring the

Registration of Religious Congregations with the IRS.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 45(2): 397-408.

**Dollhopf, Erica J.,** Christopher P. Scheitle, and John D. McCarthy. 2015. “Initial Results from a

Survey of Two Cohorts of Religious Nonprofits.”*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(1): 156-165*.*

**PUBLICATIONS, CONTINUED**

**Dollhopf, Erica J.** and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2013. **“**Decline and Conflict:

Causes and Consequences of Leadership Transitions in Religious Congregations.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(4): 675-697.

**Dollhopf, Erica J.** 2010.“A Might Ballot: Patterns of Voting Discussion in Christian

Publications During Presidential Elections, 1960-2008.” Available on the Donald T. Campbell Prize Website: http://jsaw.lib.lehigh.edu/campbell/dollhopf\_erica.pdf.

**UNSIGNED REVIEWS**

*Modern Couples?: Continuity and Change in Heterosexual Relationships*, by Jenny Van Hooff.

*Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, November 2014; vol. 43, 6: pp. 879-880.

*Fashion Talks: Undressing the Power of Style*, ed. by Shira Tarrant and Marjorie Jolles. *Contemporary*

*Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, July 2014; vol. 43, 4: pp. 596-597.

*Do Babies Matter?: Gender and Family in the Ivory Tower*, by Nicholas H. Wolfinger, Mary Ann Mason,

and Marc Goulden. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, November 2013; vol. 42, 6: pp. 888.

*Noodlers in Missouri: Fishing for Identity in a Rural Subculture*, by Mary Grigsby. *Contemporary*

*Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, September 2013; vol. 42, 5: pp. 762-763.

*Godly Seed: American Evangelicals Confront Birth Control, 1873–1973*, by Allan Carlson. *Contemporary*

*Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, November 2012; vol. 41, 6: pp. 833.

*The Idea of Leisure: First Principles*, by Robert A. Stebbins. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of*

*Reviews*, November 2012; vol. 41, 6: pp. 845-846.

*Extra Lives: Why Video Games Matter*, by Tom Bissell. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*,

September 2012; vol. 41, 5: pp. 685-686.

*Video Game Worlds: Working at Play in the Culture of EverQuest*, by Timothy Rowlands. *Contemporary*

*Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, September 2012; vol. 41, 5: pp. 692-693.

*Scents and Scent-sibilities: Smell and Everyday Life Experiences*, by Kelvin E. Y. Low. *Contemporary*

*Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, May 2012; vol. 41, 3: pp. 388-389.

*Happiness and Social Policy in Europe*, by Bent Greve. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*,

September 2011; vol. 40, 5: pp. 638.

*Activity, Incomes and Social Welfare: A Comparison Across Four New EU Member States*, by Manuela

Sophia Stanculescu and Tine Stanovnik. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, July 2011; vol. 40, 4: pp. 510-511.

*Glamour: A History*, by Stephen Gundle. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, January 2011;

vol. 40, 1: pp. 109-110.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2014 **RGSO Dissertation Support Competition**, Pennsylvania State University, awarded

$2,000 to hire research assistants facilitating dissertation research

2014  **Student Paper Award**, **Honorable Mention, Published Paper Category**,

Pennsylvania State University

2010-2016 **Graduate Scholar Award**, Pennsylvania State University

2010 **Campbell Prize**, Lehigh University, awarded to Master’s Thesis for

outstanding social science research

2008-2010 **Fairchild Fellowship**, Lehigh University, awarded full scholarship and stipend for the

academic year toward the completion of a Master’s degree

2009 **College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant**, Lehigh University, awarded research

grant for collection of thesis data

2006  **Bracken Award**, for Outstanding University of Pittsburgh Senior Political Science

Student

2002-2006  **Vogley Scholarship**, merit-based for complete undergraduate educational expenses

2001 **Girl Scout Gold Award**

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016-Present **Senior Research Associate, Association for Religion Data Archives (ARDA)**

Pennsylvania State University

Prepares data sets for public use, writes content for theory section, tests website functionality, and researches site usage information for online data repository.

2010-2016 **Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology**

Pennsylvania State University

Researched and instructed sociology and statistical subjects, focusing on organizations and advocacy. Collected data and constructed original data set for dissertation containing 1.5 million raw observations collected from multiple sources. Conducted high-level statistical analysis in Stata, SPSS, and SAS across various projects to predict organizational outcomes.

2010-2016  **Research Assistant to John McCarthy**

Pennsylvania State University

Contributed quantitative and qualitative research to NSF-funded grant conducting an

original survey of 5,623 American religious nonprofit organizations. Conducted over

25 on-site interviews with organizations in seven cities nationwide. Developed and tested

survey instrument with research team and personally created post-survey analytical

weight. Supervised eight undergraduate research assistants processing project data.

2015  **Research Assistant to Sarah Damaske**

Pennsylvania State University

Conducted follow-up qualitative interviews for a project analyzing the effects of job loss

and unemployment.

2013-2014 **Editorial Associate for *Contemporary Sociology***

Pennsylvania State University

Managed reviewer assignments and author relations; prepared journal for publication.

2012-2013 **Research Assistant to Alan Sica**

Pennsylvania State University

Contributed research toward the preparation of theoretical writings.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Classroom**

2015 Instructor

Pennsylvania State University

Introduction to Sociology

2015, 2013 Teaching Assistant/Statistics Lab Instructor

Pennsylvania State University

Sociology 400W – Senior Research Seminar

2012 Teaching Assistant

Pennsylvania State University

First-Year Seminar, Race & Public Policy, and Intermediate Social Statistics

2011-2016 Grader

Pennsylvania State University

Undergraduate Internships in Sociology and Criminology

**Online**

2011-Present Instructor

Butler County Community College

Principles of Sociology

2013-Present Quality Matters Online Course Peer Reviewer

**SOFTWARE SKILLS**

STATA, SPSS, SAS, ATLAS.ti, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Publisher, Access)

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

2015 Dollhopf, Erica J. and Christopher P. Scheitle. “Explaining Variation in the Founding

Process: Founder, Organizational, and Contextual Factors.” Accepted paper

roundtable presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August.

Chicago, IL

2015 Dollhopf, Erica J. “The Causes and Consequences of the Formalization and

Professionalization of the U.S. Advocacy Organizational Sector, 1960-2010” (ongoing

dissertation data collection). Poster session, Pennsylvania State University Graduate

Exhibition. March. University Park, PA

2014 Dollhopf, Erica J. “Which Change Is Gonna Do You Good?: Examining the Disconnect

Between Ideal Theory and Implementation in Addressing Inequality.” Accepted paper

roundtable presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August.

San Francisco, CA

2013 Scheitle, Christopher P., John D. McCarthy, and Erica J. Dollhopf. “Accounting

for the Early Vitality of New Religious Nonprofit Organizations: The Role of Founder

Characteristics, Leader Effort and Elements of the Founding Process.” Accepted paper

roundtable presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August.

New York, NY

2012 Dollhopf, Erica J. **“**Comparative Models of Social Change.” Accepted paper presentation,

Theory, Action and Impact of Social Protest Conference. Canterbury, U.K.

2012 Dollhopf, Erica J. “Freud and Community.” Accepted paper presentation, Pennsylvania

State University Social Thought Program Conference. April. University Park, PA

2012 Dollhopf, Erica J. “Sharing the Limelight: Prominence in Social Movement Organizations

and their Leaders.” Research incubator presentation, Southern Sociological Society

Annual Meeting. March. New Orleans, LA

2011 Dollhopf, Erica J. “Simmel and Fashion: Change Your Clothes.”Accepted paper

roundtable presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August.

Las Vegas, NV

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2014-Present Manuscript reviewer, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

2015 Roundtable moderator, Economic Sociology Section

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

2014-2015 Sociology Department Graduate Committee Member

Pennsylvania State University

2010-2016 Social Thought Reading Group Officer and Member

President, Vice President, and Finance Officer

Pennsylvania State University

2010-2012 Sociology Department Travel Committee Chair and Member

Pennsylvania State University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Academy of Management, American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Southern Sociological Society

**REFERENCES**

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