

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Positions**

*Duke University*

2011-present. Assistant Professor of Sociology

2011-present. Senior Fellow, Kenan Institute for Ethics

*University of California, Berkeley*

2008-present. Assistant Professor of Sociology (on leave)

**Education**

2008. Ph.D. in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2004. MA in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2001. BA in French (Literature) and BS in Sociology, Brigham Young University

**Book**

Steven Hitlin and Stephen Vaisey (Eds.). 2010. *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality*. Springer.

**Published Articles**

Stephen Vaisey and Margaret Frye. Forthcoming. "The Old One-Two: Preserving Analytical Dualism in Psychological Sociology." *Theory and Psychology*.

Stephen Vaisey. 2010. "What People Want: Rethinking Poverty, Culture, and Educational Attainment." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 629: 75-101.

Stephen Vaisey and Omar Lizardo. 2010. "Can Cultural Worldviews Influence Network Composition?" *Social Forces* 88(4): 1595-1618.

Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "Motivation and Justification: A Dual-Process Model of Culture in Action." *American Journal of Sociology* 114(6): 1675-1715.

Daniel E. Adkins and Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "Unified Stratification Theory: Structure, Genome, and Status across Human Societies." *Sociological Theory* 27(2): 99-121.

Jenny Trinitapoli and Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "The Transformative Role of Religious Experience: The Case of Short Term Missions." *Social Forces* 88(1): 121-146.

Stephen Vaisey. 2008. "Socrates, Skinner, and Aristotle: Three Ways of Thinking about Culture in Action." *Sociological Forum* 23(3): 603-613. [Followed in same issue by a comment from Ann Swidler (pp. 614-618) and my reply (pp. 619-622).]

Kyle C. Longest and Stephen Vaisey. 2008. "Control or Conviction? Objective and Subjective Religiosity and Adolescent Marijuana Use." *Journal of Drug Issues* 38(3): 689-715.

Kyle C. Longest and Stephen Vaisey. 2008. "Fuzzy: A Program for Performing Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in Stata." *The Stata Journal* 8(1): 79-104.

Andrew Perrin and Stephen Vaisey. 2008. "Parallel Public Spheres: Distance and Discourse in Letters to the Editor." *American Journal of Sociology* 114(3): 781-810.

- Michael J. Shanahan, Stephen Vaisey, Lance D. Erickson and Andrew Smolen. 2008. "Environmental Contingencies and Genetic Predispositions: Social Capital, Educational Continuation, and a Dopamine Receptor Polymorphism." *American Journal of Sociology* 114(S1): S260-S286.
- Stephen Vaisey and Christian Smith. 2008. "Catholic Guilt among U.S. Teenagers: A Research Note." *Review of Religious Research* 49(4): 415-426.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2007. "Structure, Culture, and Community: The Search for Belonging in 50 Urban Communes." *American Sociological Review* 72(6): 851-873.
- Michael J. Shanahan, Lance D. Erickson, Stephen Vaisey and Andrew Smolen. 2007. "Helping Relationships and Genetic Propensities: A Combinatoric Study of DRD2, Mentoring, and Educational Continuation." *Twin Research and Human Genetics* 10(2): 285-298.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2006. "Education and Its Discontents: Overqualification in America, 1972-2002." *Social Forces* 85(2): 835-864.
- Arne L. Kalleberg and Stephen Vaisey. 2005. "Pathways to a Good Job: Perceived Work Quality among the Machinists in North America." *British Journal of Industrial Relations* 43: 431-454.

### **Book Reviews, Essays, and Other Publications**

- Stephen Vaisey. Forthcoming. Review of *The Theory of Cultural and Social Selection* by W.G. Runciman. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2010. "What Do We Think We are Doing? A Note on Altruism and Cultural Sociology." *Newsletter of the Section-in-Formation on Altruism and Social Solidarity of the American Sociological Association* 1(2): 8, 27.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "QCA 3.0: The 'Ragin Revolution' Continues" [review essay about *Redesigning Social Inquiry* by Charles Ragin]. *Contemporary Sociology* 38(4): 308-312.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2009. Review of *Fuzzy Set Theory: Applications in the Social Sciences*, by Michael Smithson and Jay Verkuilen. *Sociological Methods and Research* 37(3): 455-457.
- Michael J. Shanahan, Scott M. Hofer, and Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "'Biofantasy' and Beyond: Genetics, Social Psychology, and Behavior." Pp. 50-64 in *Within the Social World: Essays in Social Psychology*, edited by Jeffrey C. Chin and Cardell Jacobson. Pearson Education.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2007. "On Justification (and Motivation)." *Culture: Newsletter of the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association* 21(2): 1-5.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2007. Review of *Emerging Moral Vocabularies: The Creation and Establishment of New Forms of Moral and Ethical Meanings* by Brian M. Lowe. *Contemporary Sociology* 36(3): 259-260.
- Stephen Vaisey. 2004. Review of *Human Institutions: A Theory of Societal Evolution*, by Jonathan H. Turner. *Social Forces* 83: 432-3.

### **Invited Presentations** (since 2006)

2010. "More Than a Feeling: How Culture Shapes Moral Intuitions and Social Behavior." Department of Sociology, Duke University.
2010. "What Is and What Ought to Be: Morals, Models, and Motives in the Study of Culture." Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University.
2010. "Inside Out: Changing Conceptions of the Actor-Environment Relationship in Social Science." Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley.
2010. "Reframing Norms: Linking Cultural Models and Moral Judgments in Social Research." Department of Sociology, Princeton University.

2009. "You *Can* Take It With You: The Trans-Situational Role of Culture in Action." Department of Sociology, Northwestern University and Department of Sociology, Duke University.
2009. "What People Want: Poverty, Aspirations, and Educational Attainment." Department of Sociology, University of California-San Diego.
2009. "Moral Cultures and Successful Societies." Meetings of the Successful Societies Program of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, San Francisco.
2008. "Imagination and Desire: Poor/Non-Poor Differences in Future Aspirations." Miniconference on Culture and Poverty (sponsored by the Ford Foundation), National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago.
2007. "Motivation and Justification: Toward a Dual Process Theory of Culture in Action." Washington State University, University of Chicago, Indiana University, University of Michigan, UC Irvine, Cornell University, UC Berkeley, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University (Kellogg School of Management).
2007. "Toward a Dual-Process Theory of Culture in Action." 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Yale University Center for Cultural Sociology.
2006. "Critical Realism and Cultural Sociology." Center for Human Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **Conference Presentations** (since 2006)

2010. "From Contradiction to Coherence: Theory Building in The Sociology of Culture." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
2009. "Models, Morals, and Motives." Paper presented at the Junior Theorists Symposium, Berkeley, CA.
2009. "The Contingent Nature of Social Capital and Educational Continuation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco. (Co-author, with Michael J. Shanahan.)
2008. "The Cultural Consequences of Modernity: Individualization, Rationalization, and Subjective Well-Being." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston. (Co-author, with Andrew Payton.)
2007. "Can Cultural Worldviews Influence Network Formation? A Longitudinal Investigation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
2006. "Whatever Works? Cultural Justification and Moral Motivation Among Young Americans." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon.
2006. "Spiritual Capital in Urban Communes." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon.
2006. "Talk in a Mediated Public: Letters to the Editor as Democratic Deliberation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montréal. (Second author, with Andrew J. Perrin.)
2006. "Can Reasons Be Causes? Culture, Moral Languages, and Civic Engagement." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montréal. (Co-author, with Kraig Beyerlein.)
2006. "Linking System and Practice: A Dual Process Approach to Culture." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

## Grants and Awards

- 2011-12. Principal Investigator. "Developing and Deploying Innovative Methods for Assessing Moral Worldviews and Moral Formation." John Templeton Foundation. \$400,000.
- 2009-12. Co-Investigator (with Christian Smith, PI). "Stimulating Innovative Global Research in the Science of Generosity: RFP & Primary Research Initiative on Origins, Manifestations, and Consequences." John Templeton Foundation. \$4,999,360.
- 2007-10. Co-Investigator (with Christian Smith, PI). "Tracking the Religious Lives of American Youth into Early Adulthood: NSYR Wave 3." Lilly Endowment Inc. \$1,096,631.
- 2007-08. Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship (Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation)
- 2007-08. Howard W. Odum Award for Excellence (given yearly to most outstanding graduate student by the UNC Sociology faculty)
- 2006-08. Yale University Center for Cultural Sociology Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2003-06. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2002-08. Caroline H. and Thomas S. Royster, Jr. Fellowship (Graduate School, UNC)

## Courses Taught

- Methods of Sociological Research (graduate statistics) - University of California, Berkeley
- Sociology of Culture (graduate) - University of California, Berkeley
- Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate) - University of California, Berkeley
- Sociology of Culture (undergraduate) - University of California, Berkeley
- Social Theory (undergraduate) - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Fuzzy-Set and Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Introduction and Applications (two-day course)

## Professional Service

- 2011-2013. Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*
- 2010-2013. Elected Council Member, American Sociological Association Section on Culture
- 2010-2013. Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Theory*
- 2009-2012. Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2008-2010. Editorial Board Member, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- 2008-2009. Best Student Paper Award Committee Member, ASA Section on Culture
- Ad Hoc Reviewer*: American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Organization Science, Review of Religious Research, Social Forces, Social Psychological Quarterly, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Theory; National Science Foundation