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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. University of California at Berkeley, Sociology, 2002.
- M.A. University of California at Berkeley, Sociology, 1998.
- B.A. New York University, Sociology, 1996, with honors.

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- Wilde, Melissa J., Kristin Geraty, Shelley Nelson and Emily Bowman. "What Makes a Progressive Religious Leader? Analyzing Votes from the Second Vatican Council." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (2003, Norfolk, VA); the *American Sociological Association* (2004, San Francisco); and *Religion, Economics and Culture* (2004, Kansas City). Revising and resubmitting to the *American Journal of Sociology*.
- Wilde, Melissa J. Forthcoming 2007. *Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change*. Princeton University Press.
- Wilde, Melissa J. 2004. "How Culture Mattered at Vatican II: Collegiality Trumps Authority in the Council's Social Movement Organizations." *American Sociological Review*. 69(4):576-602
- Hout, Michael, Andrew M. Greeley and Melissa J. Wilde. 2001. "The Demographic Imperative In Religious Change." *American Journal of Sociology*. 107(2): 468-500.
- Wilde, Melissa J. 2001. "From Excommunication to Nullification: Testing and Extending Supply-Side Theories of Religious Marketing With the Case of Catholic Marital Annulments," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 40(2): 235-249.

**BOOK REVIEWS, BOOK CHAPTERS AND POPULAR PUBLICATIONS**

- Hout, Michael, Andrew M. Greeley and Melissa J. Wilde. 2005. "Birth Dearth: Demographics of Mainline Decline." *Christian Century*. 122 (20): 24-27.
- Hout, Michael and Melissa J. Wilde. 2004. "The Denominational Society of the USA: A Reappraisal" in *Patterns and Processes of Religious Change in Modern Industrial*

*Societies: Europe and the United States*. Edited by Alasdair Crockett and Richard O'Leary. Edwin Mellon Press.

Wilde, Melissa J. 2002. Book Review of *Young Adult Catholics: Religion in the Culture of Choice*, by Dean R. Hoge, William D. Dinges, Mary Johnson and Juan L. Gonzales, Jr. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 41(4): 788-9.

Wilde, Melissa J. 2000. Book Review of *Catholic Identity: Balancing Reason, Faith and Power*, by Michele Dillon. *Review of Religious Research*. 41(3): 426-428.

#### GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Best Article Award from the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (2005), for "How Culture Mattered at Vatican II: Collegiality Trumps Authority in the Council's Social Movement Organizations" (\$500).
- Indiana University Grant-In-Aid of Research (2005-2006) for "Catholicism Contested: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II" (\$2,500).
- *American Sociological Association's Research Award from the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline* (2004) (\$7000).
- *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Research Award (2003-2004) (\$3000).
- Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship for summer 2004 (\$8,000).
- Indiana University Grant-In-Aid of Research (2002-2003) for "Reconstructing Religion: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II" (\$2,500).
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (2001-2002) (\$16,000 plus fees).
- National Science Foundation: Dissertation Improvement Grant, Grant # SES-0002409, for *Reconstructing Religion: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II* (August 15, 2000-July 15, 2001) (\$7,500).
- University of California at Berkeley Vice-Chancellor's Research Fund Grant, for Dissertation Research (1999-2000) (\$3,500).
- Best Student Paper Award from the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (1999), for "From Excommunication to Nullification: Testing and Extending Supply-Side Theories of Religious Marketing with the Case of Catholic Marital Annulments" (\$500).
- University of California at Berkeley Humanities Research Grant (1998-99) (\$3000).
- National Science Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (1997-2000) (approximately \$70,000).

- University of California at Berkeley Social Science Research Grant (1996-97) (\$3000).
- University of California at Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship (1996-97, 2000-2001) (approximately \$50,000).

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **S660: Sociology of Religion:** Indiana University. Fall 2005. Graduate-level course intended to give graduate students in sociology a comprehensive map of the empirical and theoretical strengths and weaknesses of the sociology of religion.
- **S100: Introduction to Sociology:** Indiana University. Spring 2004, 2005, 2006 and Fall 2005. 400 student introductory lecture course.
- **S370: Research Methods in Sociology:** Indiana University. Fall 2002 and 2003, Spring 2004. Writing intensive course required for undergraduate majors.
- **S313: Religion and Society:** Indiana University. Spring 2003. 80 student undergraduate elective course on the sociology of religion.
- *Graduate Student Instructor:* "Sociology 5: Evaluation of Evidence." Professor Michael Hout, Department of Sociology, University of California, Spring 2000.

#### NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

- *American Sociological Association*
  - **Sections:**
    - Collective Behavior
    - Culture
    - Historical Comparative Sociology
    - Sociology of Religion
  - **Offices and Service:**
    - Council Member, Section on the Sociology of Religion, 2005-2008.
    - Chair, Membership Committee for the Section on the Sociology of Religion, 2004-2005.
    - Coordinator for the Ford Foundation International Scholars, 2004.
    - Roundtable Coordinator for the Section on the Sociology of Religion, 2003.
    - Student Representative, Section on the Sociology of Religion, 2001-2002.
- *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*
  - 2005 Distinguished Book Award Committee, Chair
  - 2004 Distinguished Book Award Committee
  - 2003 Student Paper Award Committee
- *General Social Survey:* 2003 Religion Core Revision Consultant.

- *Eastern Sociological Association*: Organizer: Mini-Conference on Catholicism and Social Policy 2005.
- Associate Editor for *Sociology of Religion*, 2006-2008.
- Member:
  - *Religious Research Association*
  - *Association for the Sociology of Religion*
- Reviewer for:
  - *American Journal of Sociology*
  - *American Sociological Review*
  - *Social Forces*
  - *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
  - *Mobilization*
  - *Social Problems*
  - *Interdisciplinary Journal of Religious Research*

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Wilde, Melissa J. "Who Wanted What and Why at the Second Vatican Council: Toward a General Theory of Religious Change." Paper to be presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*, Montreal.
- Wilde, Melissa J. "Catholicism Contested: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Department of Sociology's weekly colloquium (March 22, 2006).
- Wilde, Melissa J., Kristin Geraty, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman and Grace Yukich. "What Makes a Progressive Religious Leader? National and Theological Factors Behind Bishops' Votes at the Second Vatican Council." Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association* in San Francisco, CA.
- Wilde, Melissa J., Kristin Geraty, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman and Grace Yukich. "What Makes a Progressive Religious Leader? National and Theological Factors Behind Bishops' Votes at the Second Vatican Council." Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the *Religion, Economics and Culture Conference*, Kansas City, MO.
- Wilde, Melissa J. and Emily Bowman, Kristin Geraty and Grace Yukich. "National and Theological Factors Behind Bishops' Votes at the Second Vatican Council." Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Norfolk, VA.
- Wilde, Melissa J. "How Culture Mattered at Vatican II: Collegiality versus Authority in the Roman Catholic Church." Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, Georgia.

- Wilde, Melissa J. "Reconstructing Religion: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II." Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Wilde, Melissa J. "Reconstructing Religion: A Sociological Analysis of Vatican II." Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Columbus, OH.
- Wilde, Melissa J., "From Excommunication to Nullification: Testing and Extending Supply-Side Theories of Religious Marketing With the Case of Catholic Marital Annulments." Paper presented at the 1999 annual meeting of the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Boston, MA.
- Wilde, Melissa J., "Regulating Sexuality Through Women's Bodies: An Historical Analysis of the American Catholic Church's Response to the Sexual Revolution." Paper presented at the 1999 meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Boston, MA).
- Hout, Michael and Melissa J. Wilde, "Denominational Society: An Appreciation." Paper presented at the 1999 meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Wilde, Melissa J., "From Excommunication to Nullification: Testing and Extending Supply-Side Theories of Religious Marketing With the Case of Catholic Marital Annulments." Paper presented at the 1998 annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

*Student Action Award Committee, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005.*

*Teaching Award Committee, 2002-2003.*

*Schuessler Institute for Social Research Space Committee, 2003-2004.*

*Qualitative Research Center Coordinator, 2003-2004.*