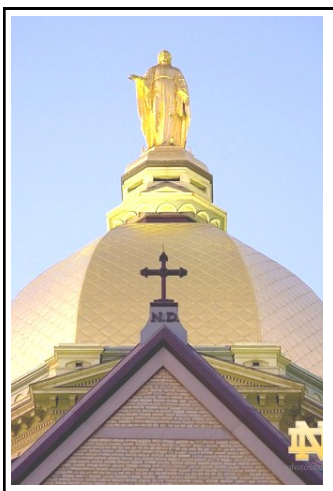


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CONGREGATIONS AND CITIZENRY

What is the role of congregations and religion in citizenry? Two researchers at the CSRS are exploring this question in two different contexts.

Kraig Beyerlein is engaged in two research projects on humanitarian aid efforts for migrants along the Sonora-Arizona border (see map). First, he is completing a book manuscript on the role of religion in these efforts, especially the ways in which congregations support them and how involvement shapes participants' religious convictions and sentiments. Second, Beyerlein is examining the causes and consequences of young adults' participation in a summer border humanitarian program, for which he recently received a Spencer Foundation Grant. Finally, in addition to his research, Beyerlein collaborates with Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and directs their Border Issues Seminar. This seminar includes an educational immersion in which students travel to Arizona borderlands to engage in

service and to learn first-hand about the issues.

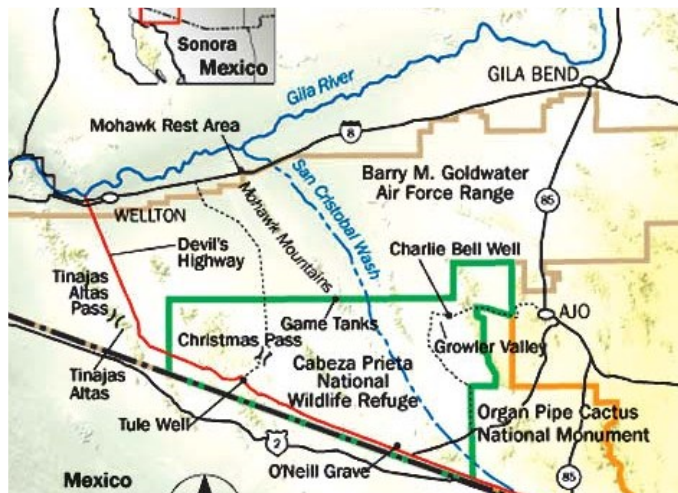
Mary Ellen Konieczny is researching the role of religion in the military through a mixed-methods study of the Air Force Academy located in Colorado Springs (see photo, right). In the past few years, she has won grant funds to collect historical data as well as conduct interviews and host a conference with military chaplains. The academic book for the project seeks to understand the relationship of religion to citizenship in the military, national identity, identity within a pluralistic context, conscience and morality, worship, and devotional practice in daily life. Moreover, the data collected from the chaplains' conference and interviews led to additional themes to be addressed in pastorally-oriented publications which will center around effective ministry to young cadets, the impact of military service on marriage and family relationships, and the

complex role of chaplains nego-



Air Force Academy Chapel
preservationnation.org

tiating their own religious and moral convictions among diverse service men and women. This academic year, Konieczny plans to spend two months of a sabbatical at the Academy in order to continue her data collection through oral history interviews with professors, administrators, and former cadets.



Sonora-Arizona border

<http://www.environmentmagazine.org>



Center for the Study of Religion and Society

The Center for the Study of Religion and Society unveiled a new logo along with a newly updated website this year.

Check out CSRS highlights and keep up with the CSRS research at:
csrs.nd.edu

Graduate Students

Stephen Armet

Jade Avelis

Mehrdad Babadi

Pete Barwis

Cole Carnesecca

Ellen Childs

Kari Christoffersen

Shanna Corner

Bryant Crubaugh

Hilary Davidson

Michael Dreissen

Daniel Escher

Kevin Estep

Justin Farrell

Monique Gregg

Chris Hausmann

Karen Hooge

Stephanie Israel

Amy Jonason

Linda Kawentel

*(cont'd on page 4)***GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD**

Brandon Vaidyanathan (middle) won the William V. D'Antonio award for Graduate Student Excellence in the Sociology of Religion at the University of Notre Dame, awarded by Christian Smith (left). The previous awardee, **Patricia Snell Herzog** (right), is now a post-doctoral fellow of sociology at Rice University. The award is named after William D'Antonio, who joined the faculty of the University of Notre Dame as assistant professor in 1957. He served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology from 1966-1971.

GRADUATE ACTIVITIES**American Sociological Association Presentations**

- **Shanna Corner**, "The Prostitution of Individuality: The Protestant Ethic and Prostitution in the US versus Sweden"
- **Hilary Davidson**, "Religion and Mass Media Accounts of Collective Action"
- **Daniel Escher**, "Religion, Gender, and Forgiveness"
- **Karen Hooge**, "The Effect of Religious Tradition and Frequency of Partner's Actions on Relationship Satisfaction"

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Presentations

- **Jade Avelis**, "When to Wed?: Religion and Ideal Age of Marriage Among Young Emerging Adults"
- **Cole Carnesecca**, "Who Is My Neighbor?: Chinese Christians, Collective Identity and Social Cohesion"
- **Cole Carnesecca**, "Beliefs about Beliefs: Popular Media as Religious Texts"
- **Cole Carnesecca**, "The Historical Role of Religion and Problems of Poverty in Modern China"
- **Shanna Corner**, "Coercion and Consent: Sex Trafficking, Prostitution, and the Conceptualization of Victimization in the United States"
- **Ellen Childs**, "The (False) Stories We Tell Ourselves: Congregational Change Inhibited by Narrative"
- **Kari Christoffersen** and **Ellen Childs**, "The Evangelical Christian Income Divide"
- **Hilary Davidson**, "Theologies of Adolescence"
- **Daniel Escher**, "Forgiveness, Gender, and the Effect of Relational Orientation to God"
- **Justin Farrell**, "Can Moral Meanings Motivate Human Action?"
- **Justin Farrell**, "The Cultural and Spiritual Dimensions of Environmental Conflict: The Case of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem"
- **Karen Hooge**, "Gender and Emotions in Religious Congregants' Understanding of Marriage & Conflict"
- **Amy Jonason**, "Organizing Anarchy: Ideology and Collective Action in Christian Anarchist Organizations"
- **Linda Kawentel**, "Putting on the Habit: The Significance of Dress for Young Women"

- **Brian Miller** and **Peter Munday**, "The Nexus Between Sitting in the Pews and Using Facebook: How Religion Affects SNS Use"
- **Brandon Vaidyanathan**, **Peter Munday**, **Melissa Pirkey**, and **Katie Spencer**, "Cultures of Money: Explaining Congregational Responses to the Economic Crisis"
- **Brandon Vaidyanathan**, "Considering Beauty: 'Positive Emotional Shocks' in Religious and Social Movements"
- **Bradley Vermurlen**, "Organizational Culture and Boundary Work in Church Planting"

Religious

- **Hyunjin Kwak**, "Effect of State-Sponsored Repression and Citizen-Initiated Repression on Individual Religious and Political Behavior"
- **Brian Miller** and **Peter Munday**, "Reading the Writing on the Wall: How Bible Reading Affects SNS Use Among Emerging Adults"
- **Peter Munday**, "Religion and Consumerism: Exploring How Religion may Encourage and Counteract Excessive Consumption"
- **Megan Rogers**, "Who Believes?: Changes in China's Religious Composition"
- **Brad Vermurlen**, "Religious Congregations as Constituting an Organizational Field"
- **Meredith Whitnah**, "American Evangelical Gender Ideology and Intimate Partner Violence"

FACULTY RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Kraig Beyerlein worked this summer on the first ever nationally representative survey of protest events in the US.

Beyerlein continues to work with graduate students **Pete Barwis** and **Cole Carnesecca** and two University of Arizona graduate students to explore how congregations in Arizona worship and engage in civic and political action regarding immigration. With this project, he continues to work with the Center for Social Concerns to align his Border Issues seminar with an alternative spring break trip to the Southern Arizona borderlands.

David Sikkink and **Kraig Beyerlein** continued work on their Chicago Latino Congregations Study project in collaboration with the Notre Dame Institute for Latino Studies. This project investigates Latino congregations and civic and political involvements and is led by **Edwin I. Hernández**, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Religion (CSLR) in the Institute for Latino Studies.

Ines Jindra continued work on a book project on religious content, self-reflexivity, accounts, life course agency and conversions to various religious groups.

This summer, **Mary Ellen Konieczny** continued working on her second book project, an historical and ethnographic study of religion at the United States Air Force Academy. With funds granted by the Louisville Institute and the Notre Dame Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, she hosted a conference for military chaplains. This year, she and graduate student **Meredith Whitnah** traveled twice to the Academy to conduct archival and ethnographic research.

Konieczny also continued work on her Marriage and Divorce, Conflict, and Faith study, hosting a panel discussion at the Religious Research Association conference. She continues to involve several undergraduate students in this research project.

Atalia Omer continued work on a project identifying the

underlying assumptions that inform interpretations and perceptions of religious nationalism. The project surveys different theoretical approaches to the study of the phenomenon of religious nationalism and explores how the relation between religion, nationalism, conflict and conflict transformation play out in specific contexts and zones of conflict.

This past spring, **David Sikkink** along with co-investigators began data analysis for the Cardus Education Study, a representative study of US and Canadian private schoolers.

With a grant from the Lilly Endowment, **Sikkink** also is preparing to field the second wave of the Panel Study on American Religion and Ethnicity, with co-investigator Michael Emerson.

Jason Springs leads the Tolerance, Civility and Healthy Conflict amid the Challenges of Religious Diversity project, that seeks to articulate an enriched analytical and prescriptive framework for thinking about

and redressing in practice religiously-motivated and identified conflict in contemporary North American and European contexts.

Christian Smith led a research team of four faculty, eight graduate students, eight undergraduate students, and three staff members in conducting a nationally-representative internet-based survey on generosity and related topics, and in conducting in-depth, household interviews and family ethnographies with 40 of the survey respondents in twelve US cities. A total of 62 interviews were conducted, totaling to more than 1,000 hours of recordings, 4,000 pages of transcripts, 500 pages of ethnographic field notes, and more than 1,000 digital photographs of families, households, and neighborhoods.

Christian Smith also led two staff members to continue tracking of the over 3,000 research respondents in preparation for the fourth wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion.

NOTRE DAME GENEROSITY RESEARCH



SCIENCE of GENEROSITY

As a final phase of the Science of Generosity Request for Proposals, a Science of Generosity Dissertation Fellowship Competition was held. From a wide array of proposals, the judges selected the five

dissertation projects that focus on matters of real social significance and promise to make an innovative contribution to generosity research. The winning proposals were:

Rahsaan Harris, ““Race, Class, and Generosity,” Public and Urban Policy, New School University.

Kathryn A. Johnson, “The Influence of Benevolent vs. Judgmental God-Concepts on Volunteerism,” Social Psychology, Arizona State University.

Marisa Gerstein Pineau, “Valuing Mother’s Milk: 100 years of Breast Milk Banking,” Sociology, UCLA.

Brandy Quinn, “Generous Schools, Generous Purpose and Spirituality in Adolescence,” Education, Stanford.

Gizem Zencirci, “Market Generosity: Corporate Social Responsibility, Volunteering, and Charitable Giving in Contemporary Turkey,” Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

For a complete description of the Dissertation Fellowship projects and the brief biographies of the winners, please visit: <http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/dissertation-fellows/>

NEW FACES JOIN CSRS STAFF



Brandon Buchanan joined the CSRS as a full-time Research Assistant for the CSRS just this September, 2011. Brandon is a graduate at Notre Dame. In May, 2011 he earned a BA in Psychology and a minor in Poverty Studies. While an undergraduate, Brandon was involved in lab research on social cognition. He also was the President of Alliance ND and a member of the Core Council for GLBTQ students.



Heather Price joined the CSRS in June 2011 as the new Assistant Director of the CSRS. She completed her PhD in Sociology this past summer. Her dissertation investigates the influence of teachers' social relations on school community and effectiveness through network analysis. Prior to joining the CSRS, she worked as a research assistant in the Center for Research on Educational Opportunities.



Patricia Snell Herzog joined the CSRS staff in 2006 and she has been at the 'center' of the CSRS and all its functionings for five years. In her time, Trish (as we know her) propelled forward the research of the CSRS faculty and students through her hard work and dedication to the mission of the CSRS. Trish's presence will be missed, but her mark is indelible on the CSRS. We know she will make the most out of her two-year post-doc at Rice.

UNDERGRAD SPOTLIGHT

Undergraduate student **Molly Kiernan** joined CSRS in 2009 as an undergraduate research assistant.

She has been involved with various CSRS projects, including the Northern Indiana Congregation Study. She has helped with interview transcribing and editing. She has also assisted with work on the Science of Generosity Project. This fall, she is a

teaching assistant for Christian Smith's introductory *Understanding Societies* sociology class. She is very involved with the Sociology department and is writing her senior honors thesis about public responses to international aid.

"Working at the Center has given me the opportunity to learn more about sociological research in a profes-



sional environment. All my work has proven to be thought-provoking and has fostered my interest in further research. It has been a wonderful experience."



CSRS Student Research Assistants, from left to right:

Sarah Lusher, Brianna Sammons, Aaron Sant-Miller, Molly Kiernan, Elexis Ellis, Maria Kosse.

Graduate Students (cont'd from page 2)

Hyunjin Kwak

Chris Morrissey

Peter Munday

Michael Penta

Megan Rogers

Sara Skiles

Katherine Sorrell

Lisa Swartz

Brandon Vaidyanathan

Brad Vermurlen

Meredith Whitnah

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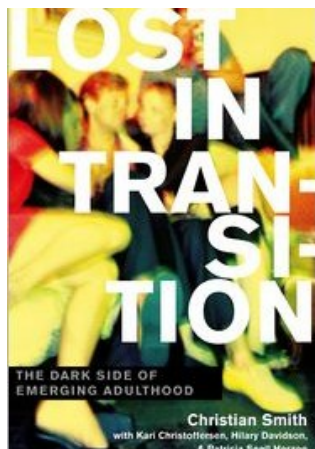
Maria Kosse

Sarah Lusher

Brianna Sammons

Aaron Sant-Miller

HOT OFF THE PRESS



Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood (Oxford University Press)

Christian Smith with **Kari Christoffersen**, **Hilary Davidson**, and **Patricia Snell Herzog** draws on data from the third wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion to describe the complex transition to adulthood of today's generation of American emerging adults. In *Lost in Transition*, Smith

and his collaborators draw on 230 in-depth interviews with a broad cross-section of emerging adults (ages 18-23) to investigate the difficulties young people face today, the underlying causes of those difficulties, and the consequences both for individuals and for American society as a whole. *Lost in Transition* brings much needed attention to the darker side of the transition to adulthood.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Daniel Escher received a Graduate Research Fellowship from the NSF, which provides three years of funding. He will use the fellowship to research his dissertation on mountain-top removal coal mining in central Appalachia.

Justin Farrell received a Graduate Research Fellowship with the ND Center for Aquatic Conservation.

Brandon Vaidynathan received a Mellon Summer Stipend and a ND Kellogg Institute Dissertation Year Fellowship.

Cole Carnesecca and **Justin Farrell** each received Graduate Student Research awards from the ISLA.

Ellen Childs and **Monique Gregg** each received the

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Kaneb Center.

Brandon Vaidynathan received the Sociology department's 2011 John J. Kane award for Outstanding Graduate Student and **Justin Farrell** received the 2011 Jeanine Becker award for Best Paper.

NEW FACULTY, NEW INITIATIVE



Brian Starks is the new Director of the *Catholic Social and Pastoral Research Initiative* (CSPRI).

Previously, he was Assistant Professor of Sociology at Florida State University and earned his PhD from Indiana University in 2005. His research focuses on Catholic identity, values,

religion, politics, and methods of social research.

His journal articles, many of which explore Catholics and Catholic Identity, have appeared in *Social Forces*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Qualitative Sociology* and the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Brian has taught courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level, including Introduction to Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Research Methods, and Classical Social Theory.

Starks was hired to direct a new research initiative on and for the Catholic Church that was proposed by Christian Smith. This initiative is a

collaboration of the CSRS and the ND Institute for Church Life under the direction of John C. Cavadini.

The CSPRI seeks to conduct top-notch sociological research that is both theologically informed and pastorally relevant. CSPRI is dedicated to social science research on and for the benefit of the Catholic Church, especially in its efforts toward education, re-evangelization, and faith formation.

For more information on the Catholic Social and Pastoral Research Initiative, visit their new website at:

icl.nd.edu/initiatives-projects/catholic-social-pastoral-research-initiative

Faculty Fellows

Kraig Beyerlein

Kevin Christiano

Jessica Collett

Edwin Hernández

Mary Ellen Konieczny

Atalia Omer

David Sikkink

Jason Springs

Andrew Weigert

Michael Welch

Visiting Scholars

Ines Jindra

Michael Jindra

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COLLOQUIUM ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF RELIGION (CISR)

The CSRS offers an ongoing colloquia series, the Colloquium on the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion (CISR), which brings together graduate students and faculty from disciplines including sociology, history, and political science.

Last year's
speakers included:

**Elaine Howard
Ecklund**
Sociology
Rice University

Martin Riesebrodt
Sociology
University of Chicago

Kathryn Long
History
Wheaton College

Kenneth Wald
Political Science
University of Florida

Kristin Geraty
Anthropology and Sociology
North Central College

Upcoming Speakers include:

September 30:
Melissa Wilde
Sociology
University of Pennsylvania

November 18:
Rhys Williams
Sociology
Loyola University, Chicago

March 2:
Loren Lybarger
Classics & World Religions
Ohio University

April 20:
Jon Shields
Government Department
*Co-sponsored with the ND
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Claremont McKenna
College



Kathryn Long presenting on a paper entitled,
"God in the Rain Forest: A Case Study of Religion
and Social Change in Amazonian Ecuador"



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