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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D. Sociology (expected) Spring 2019

Dissertation: "Neo-Nazis or Peaceful Protesters? How the Social, Cultural, and Material Dimensions of Situations Create Surprising Interpretive and Interactional Outcomes"

Committee: Erika Summers-Effler, Omar Lizardo, Kraig Beyerlein, David Gibson
Area Exams: Sociological Theory, Social Movements and Collective Behavior

M.A. Sociology 2015

University of California, Riverside

B.S. Sociology, B.A. Psychology 2012

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Cultural Sociology

Sociological Theory

Qualitative Methods

Cognitive Social Science

Microsociology

Sociology of Emotions

Sociology of Religion

Collective Behavior & Social Movements

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming **Van Ness, Justin** and Erika Summers-Effler. "Emotions in Social Movements." The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements.
- Forthcoming Wood, Mike, Dustin Stoltz, **Justin Van Ness**, Marshall Taylor. "Schemas and Frames." Sociological Theory.
- Forthcoming Summers-Effler, Erika and **Justin Van Ness**. "Cube of Involvement: How Temporal Orientation Structures Cultural Involvements." Ritual, Emotion, Violence: Studies on the Micro-Sociology of Randall Collins.*
- 2017 Abrutyn, Seth, **Justin Van Ness**, and Marshall Taylor. "Collective Action and Cultural Change: Revisiting Eisenstadt's Evolutionary Theory." Journal of Classical Sociology.
- 2016 Lizardo, Omar, Robert Mowry, Brandon Sepulvado, Dustin Stoltz, Marshall A. Taylor, **Justin Van Ness**, and Michael Wood. "What Are Dual Process Models? Implications for Cultural Analysis in Sociology." Sociological Theory.*+

- 2016 **Van Ness, Justin** and Erika Summers-Effler. "Reimagining Collective Behavior". Handbook of Contemporary Sociological Theory.
- 2015 Abrutyn, Seth and **Justin Van Ness**. "The Role of Agency in Sociocultural Evolution: Institutional Entrepreneurship as a Force of Structural and Cultural Change." Thesis Eleven.
- 2015 Summers-Effler, Erika, **Justin Van Ness**, and Chris Hausmann. "Peeking Inside the Black Box: Studying, Theorizing, and Representing the Micro-Foundations of Day-to-Day Interactions." Journal of Contemporary Ethnography.

* Equal Authorship

+ Lead Article

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Abrutyn, Seth, Erika Summers-Effler, and Justin Van Ness. "Collapsing the Stability-Change Dichotomy." *Revise and Resubmit at Philosophy of the Social Sciences*.
- Van Ness, Justin. "Signal Transmission, Signal Reception: Drawing on Goffman and the Dual Process Framework to Theorize Communication in Protest Situations" *Currently under review*.*
- *Winner of The Jeanine Becker Award for Best Graduate Student Paper
- Van Ness, Justin. "Cognitive Social Science and Social Movement Theory." *Currently under review*.
- Van Ness, Justin. "The Microsociology of Shock." *Currently under review*.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Van Ness, Justin. "Cognitive Social Science Social Movement Theory." Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Van Ness, Justin. "The Privilege of Place." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Van Ness, Justin. "Interaction Rituals, Materiality, and Commitment." Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2017 Van Ness, Justin. "Information-Transmission in situ: Communication Pathways in Protest Situations". Young Scholars Conference at the Social Movement McCarthy Event. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.
- 2016 Van Ness, Justin. "A Cognitive Science Revival of Collective Behavior Theory." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Van Ness, Justin. "Reimagining Collective Behavior." Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA
- 2016 Erika Summers-Effler and Justin Van Ness. "An Interaction Ritual Approach to Involvement." Social Interaction and Theory: A Conference in Honor of Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2015 Van Ness, Justin. "Exploring a New Religious Movement's Anti-Religious Religious Culture." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Newport Beach, CA.
- 2015 Van Ness, Justin. "Bystander Assessment: Meaning-Making During Protest Situations". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Van Ness, Justin. "Embodying Symbols: manipulating the self for access to valued interaction rituals." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Van Ness, Justin. "Sensuality, Seduction, and Sex: The art of love bombing in a greedy institution." Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.

- 2013 Van Ness, Justin. "Symbols and Shock-Value." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2013 Van Ness, Justin. "Power Consolidation, Cultural Set Points, and the Internet: the shift from public to mass." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- 2013 Van Ness, Justin. "Social Control and Institutional Change: Strategy for Projects in a Volatile Environment." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 Abrutyn, Seth and Justin Van Ness. "Institutional Entrepreneurship: Toward a Synthesis of Weber, Eisenstadt, Colomy and Rhodes, and Abrutyn." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 Van Ness, Justin. "Institutions and the Exchange of Power" Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 UX Research Intern. Facebook, Menlo Park, CA.
- 2017 The Jeanine Becker Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.
- 2017 Center for the Study of Religion and Society Research Grant.
- 2016 Center for the Study of Social Movements Research Grant.
- 2013 Center for the Study of Social Movements Travel Grant.
- 2013 GSU Conference Presentation Grant.

WORKING PAPERS

- Van Ness, Justin. "Interaction Rituals, Materiality, and Commitment"
- Van Ness, Justin. "Emotional Incubators: Managing Materiality, Space, and Emotions"
- Van Ness, Justin. "Commitment and Solitary Protests"
- Van Ness, Justin and Seth Abrutyn. "Total Commitment: Coser, Goffman, and Self-Expansion"

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – Current Research Assistant. Erika Summers-Effler. University of Notre Dame.
- 2012 – 2013 Research Assistant. Chris Smith. National Study of Youth and Religion. 4th Wave. University of Notre Dame
- 2010 – 2012 Research Assistant. David Funder. Social Psychology Research Lab. University of California, Riverside
- 2010 – 2011 Research Assistant. Sonja Lyubomirsky. Positive Psychology Research Lab. University of California, Riverside.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2016 Instructor. Introduction to Social Psychology. University of Notre Dame.
- Fall 2015 Teaching Assistant, Guest Lecturer. Introduction to Social Psychology, Jessica Collett. University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 –2016 Teaching Assistant. Graduate Qualitative Field Methods, Erika Summers-Effler. University of Notre Dame.

SERVICE

- 2017 Session Convener. Fringe Identities. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Undergraduate Senior Essay Competition Judge. University of Notre Dame, Sociology Department.
- 2017 Planning Committee. Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2016 Ad Hoc Committee Member. Sociology of Emotions Section. American Sociological

- Association.
- 2016 Table Presider. Cultural Dimensions of Gender, Love, and Work. Culture and Cognition Section. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Session Convener. New Religious Movements. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Newport Beach, CA.
- 2014 Session Convener. Individuals, Families, and Groups in Urban Life. Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Session Convener. Social Movements and Religion. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Boston, MA.

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

American Sociological Review
 Sociological Perspectives
 Sociology of Religion
 Current Sociology
 Social Psychology Quarterly

American Journal of Sociology
Mobilization: A Quarterly Journal
 The Sociological Quarterly
 Social Forces

ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 Southern Sociological Society
 Association for the Sociology of Religion
 Eastern Sociological Society

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