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EMPLOYMENT

- 2015- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2013-2015 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Law, Politics, and Society,
University of Evansville, Evansville, IN

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University
Thesis: "Witnessing Expertise: A Mixed-methods Analysis of Expert Authority in United States District Courts."
Committee: Thomas F. Gieryn (chair), J. Scott Long, Ethan Michelson, Brian Powell
- 2008 M.A., Sociology, Indiana University
Thesis: "The Evolving Co-Authorship Patterns of Research Scientists."
Committee: Clem Brooks (chair), Thomas F. Gieryn
- 2005 B.S. Sociology, Psychology, University of Wyoming

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Science	Knowledge
Law	Religion
Politics	Quantitative methods

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- O'Brien, Timothy L.**, and Shiri Noy. "Cultural Authority in Comparative Context: A Multi-Level Analysis of Trust in Science and Religion." Conditionally accepted at *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- 2018 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Gender, Expert Advice, and Judicial Gatekeeping in the United States." *Social Science Research* 72: 134-145.
- 2018 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Gender and Support for Expert Advisers and Elected Officials in the US Public Sphere." *Public Understanding of Science* 27(2): 243-259.

- 2018 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Beyond Reliable: Challenging and Deciding Expert Witness Admissibility in United States Civil Courts." *Law, Probability, and Risk* 17(1): 29-44.
- 2018 Noy, Shiri, and **Timothy L. O'Brien.** "An Intersectional Analysis of Perspectives on Science and Religion in the United States." *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(1): 40-61.
- 2017 Gauchat, Gordon, **Timothy L. O'Brien,** and Oriol Miroso. "The Legitimacy of Environmental Scientists in the Public Sphere." *Climatic Change* 143(3-4): 97-306.
- 2017 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Working Knowledge: Organizational Location and the Construction of Expert Authority in Court." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(5): 1677-1690.
- 2016 Noy, Shiri, and **Timothy L. O'Brien.** "A Nation Divided: Science, Religion, and Public Opinion in the United States." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 2: 1-15.
 - Media coverage includes: Phys.org, UWM Report, The Society Pages
- 2016 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Judging Expertise: Gender and the Negotiation of Expert Authority in Court." *Social Currents* 3(4): 315–331.
- 2016 **O'Brien, Timothy L.,** and Oren Pizmony-Levy. "Going Public, Gaining Credibility: Student Perceptions of Engaged Scholars." *Sociological Perspectives* 59(2): 246–269.
 - Media coverage includes: The Society Pages
- 2016 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "The Cultural Authority of Stem Cell Researchers." *Stem Cell and Translational Investigation* 3: e1420. DOI: 10.14800/scti.1420.
- 2015 **O'Brien, Timothy L.,** and Shiri Noy. "Traditional, Modern, and Post-Secular Perspectives on Science and Religion in the United States." *American Sociological Review* 80(1): 92-115.
 - Media coverage includes: Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Huffington Post, National Geographic, Science Daily, Religion News, Science Friday
- 2013 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Education and Support for Scientists and Elected Officials in Public Policy Decisions." *Science and Public Policy* 40: 340-353.
- 2013 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Scientific Authority in Policy Contexts: Public Attitudes about Environmental Scientists, Medical Researchers, and Economists." *Public Understanding of Science* 22(7): 799-816.
- 2012 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** "Change in Academic Co-Authorship, 1953-2003." *Science, Technology, and Human Values* 37: 210-234.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Forth. **O'Brien, Timothy L.** Review of *Religion vs. Science: What Religious People Really Think* by Elaine Howard Ecklund and Christopher P. Scheitle. *Social Forces*.

- 2018 **O'Brien, Timothy L.** Review of *Paranoid Science: The Christian Right's War on Reality* by Antony Almkul. *Sociology of Religion*. Available online ahead of print <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/sry012>.
- 2011 Kennedy, John, J. Scott Long, Brian Powell, Kyle Dodson, Shiri Noy, **Timothy L. O'Brien**, and Emily Meanwell. "Examining the Science and Technology Items in the General Social Survey." Report to the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

O'Brien, Timothy L. "Racing Justice: Black-White Differences in Trust in the Supreme Court, 1973-2016" *In progress*.

O'Brien, Timothy L., and Shiri Noy. "Political Partisanship and Trust in Science and Religion in the United States, 1973-2016." *In progress*.

Massey, Garth, and **Timothy L. O'Brien** (eds.). *Readings for Sociology, 9th edition*. New York, NY: WW Norton & Co. *In progress*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award.
- 2013 Karl F. Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (with Shiri Noy).
- 2012 Karl F. Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2010 North Central Sociological Association Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2010 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (with Oren Pizmony-Levy).
- 2008-2012 Travel Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2005 Phi Kappa Phi.
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa.
- 2004 Alpha Kappa Delta.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2014 Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, University of Evansville.

- 2012-2013 College of Arts and Science Dissertation Year Research Fellowship, Indiana University.
- 2012 Atherton Bean Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2010-2011 Advanced Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2008 Graduate Summer Fellowship, Indiana University.
- 2006-2013 Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Indiana University.
- 2001-2005 Western Heritage Scholarship, University of Wyoming.

GRANTS

- 2016-2017 Research and Creative Activities Support Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "Gender and Judicial Gatekeeping in Civil Rights Law" \$10,900.
- 2014 Arts, Research, and Teaching Grant, University of Evansville. \$1,000.
- 2013 Schroeder Family Faculty Development Grant, University of Evansville. \$1,200.
- 2013 Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Conference Grant, University of Evansville. \$1,000.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 "Tips from New(ish) Profs: Transitioning from Graduate Student to Faculty Member." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2016 "A House Divided: Science, Religion, and Politics in the United States." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Religious Studies Student Organization Fall Symposium, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2016 "Science, Religion, and Public Opinion in the United States." Public Perceptions of Science and Religion Conference, University of California, San Diego.
- 2016 "Science on Trial: Gender, Educational Credentials, and Expert Witness Credibility." Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 "Traditional, Modern, and Post-Secular Perspectives on Science and Religion in the United States." Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville, Evansville, IN.
- 2014 "The Use of Expert Witnesses in Courts." Public Sociology Forum, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "Racing Justice: Black-White Differences in Trust in the Supreme Court, 1973-2016" Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2017 "Gender, Deference to Authority, and Judicial Gatekeeping in Civil Rights Litigation." The 112th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2017 "Beyond Reliable: Challenging and Deciding Expert Witness Admissibility." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI
- 2016 "Cross-National Differences in Attitudes about Science and Religion: A Multi-Level Analysis" The 111th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA (with Shiri Noy).
- 2016 "Toward a Field Approach to the Cultural Authority of Science: Comparing Durkheim and Bourdieu" The 111th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA (with Gordon Gauchat).
- 2015 "Gender and the Negotiation of Expert Authority in Court." The 110th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "Occupational Sector Differences in Expert Witness Admissibility." The 109th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 "Unqualified Testimony or Unequal Treatment? Gender Differences in Legal Designations of Expert Witnesses." The 69th Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 "Scientific and Religious Worldviews and Public Opinion in the United States." The 108th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY (with Shiri Noy).
- 2012 "Conflict and Compatibility Between Science and Religion Among the American Public." The 107th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO (with Shiri Noy).
- 2011 "Organizational Context and the Admissibility of Expert Witnesses into Court." The 106th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 "Economists, Medical Researchers and Public Policy: Differences in Cultural Authority of Social and Natural Scientists." The 105th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

- 2010 “The Credibility of University Professors: Is there a Penalty on Engaged Scholarship?” The 60th Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA (with Oren Pizmony-Levy).
- 2009 “Graduate Training and the Reproduction of Gender Inequality in Scientific Careers.” Annual Meetings of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Bloomington, IN (with Kerry Greer).
- 2009 “Education and Public Attitudes about Scientific Leadership.” The 104th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 “The Evolving Collaboration Patterns of Research Scientists.” The 103rd Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- 2008 “Professional and Personal Identity Centrality in Research Scientists.” The Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Sociology: Indiana University, University of Evansville, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Sociology of Law (undergraduate): University of Evansville, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Research Methods: University of Evansville (undergraduate), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (graduate)

Introduction to Behavioral Statistics (undergraduate): University of Evansville

Social Theory (undergraduate): Indiana University, University of Evansville

Race and Ethnic Group Relations (undergraduate): University of Evansville

Internship in Sociology (undergraduate): University of Evansville

Quantitative Research Methods (undergraduate): Indiana University

Constructing the Family-Sociological Research Practicum (graduate): Indiana University (co-instructor)

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Dissertation committee: Mathew T. McCarthy (2017)

MA chair: Emily Dorshorst (2016), Katie Behl (2018), Robert Koerber (2018)

MA committee: Helge Mannharens (2016), Kaylin James (2016), Derek Post (2016), Jenna Nitkowski (2017), Cathryn Miller (2017)

Preliminary exam committee: Stephanie Baran (2016), Alexander Bryan (2017), Emily Dorshorst (2018)

SERVICE

Ad hoc reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review; European Sociological Review; Social Forces; Social Currents; Sociological Focus; Socius; The Sociological Quarterly; Science, Technology, and Human Values; Science Communication; Public Administration Review; Public Understanding of Science; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

American Sociological Association

Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, Committee chair, Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, 2018
Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, Council member, 2017-2020
Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, Committee member, Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, 2016
Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, Membership committee, 2013-2014

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic Policy Committee, 2017-2020 (co-chair 2018-19)
Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, 2017-
Merit Review Committee, Department of Sociology, 2017
External Reviewer, Bachelors in Social Work Program, 2016
Steering Committee, Religious Studies Program, 2016-
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2015-17

University of Evansville

Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, 2014-15
Academic Services Committee, 2014-15
Curriculum Committee, 2013-2014

Indiana University

Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, 2010-2011
Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, 2009-2010
Social Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Midwest Sociological Society