

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- Ph.D. 2008. University of Washington, Sociology
Dissertation: "Sacred Ties: Why Religion Inspires Confidence, Community, and Sacrifice."
Committee: Rodney Stark, Edgar Kiser, Steven Pfaff, and Anthony Gill
- M.A. 2002. University of Washington, Sociology
Thesis: "Jewish Reforms and the Future: Analyzing Jewish Persistence in America."
Committee Chair: Rodney Stark
- B.S. 2000. Brigham Young University, Sociology and Russian, Magna Cum Laude

Areas of Interest

Sociology of Religion
Sociological Theory
American Morality
Institutional Analysis

Teaching Experience

Professor: 2006-present. Brigham Young University-Idaho, Department of Sociology
Courses Taught: *Introduction to Sociology, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Religion, Research Methods, Social Statistics, Senior Thesis Seminar*

Instructor: 2003-2006. University of Washington, Department of Sociology
Courses Taught: *Sociological Theory, Sociology of Religion*

Teaching Assistant: 2000-2005. University of Washington, Department of Sociology
Courses: *Sociological Theory, Comparative Social Change, Origins of American Sociological Theory, Social Problems, American Society, Sociology of Sport, Deviance and Social Control*

Instructor: 2004. Brigham Young University, Department of Sociology
Course Taught: *Introduction to Sociology*

Books

- 2019 Abel, Michael K., [*From Faith to Works: How Religion Inspires Confidence, Community, and Sacrifice*](#). New York, NY: Peter Lang.
- 2018 Abel, Michael K. and Brent J. Schmidt, [*America Versus the Ten Commandments: Exploring One Nation's Commitment to Biblical Morality*](#). Murrells Inlet, SC: Covenant Books.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2013 Abel, Michael K., "Village Ties and Labor Union Formation in Russia, 1861-1917." *Social Thought (Социјална Мисао)* 77:149-160.
- 2011 Abel, Michael K., "Sources of Adolescent Faith: Examining the Origins of Religious Confidence." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. Volume 7, Article 5: www.religjournal.com.
- 2005 Abel, Michael K., "Retention Strategies and Religious Success: A Regional Comparison of American Jews." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. Volume 1, Article 12: www.religjournal.com.
- 2000 Abel, Michael K., "Communism and Religiosity: Communism's Influence on Public and Private Devotion in the Soviet Union." *Writings* 9:61-73.

Other Publications

Schmidt, Brent J. and Michael K. Abel, "[Sexual morality in Donald Trump's America](#)" *Deseret News*, October 12, 2018; Reprinted in [Idaho State Journal](#), and [Wealth365](#).

Abel, Michael K. and Brent J. Schmidt, "[The Kavanaugh Controversy from a Biblical Perspective](#)" *The Christian Post*, October 10, 2018; Reprinted in [AP News](#) and [Idaho State Journal](#).

Abel, Michael K. and Brent J. Schmidt, "[Can Morals Prevent Gun Violence?](#)" *The Christian Post*, August 30, 2018; Reprinted in [Rexburg Standard Journal](#), Hartsburg News, and [Augusta Review](#).

Works in Progress

Schmidt, Brent J. and Michael K. Abel, *The Seven Deadly Sins of Highly Destructive People*. Book Manuscript

Kiser, Edgar and Michael K. Abel, "State-Making by Imitation: A Case Study of the Administrative Reforms of Peter the Great." Article Manuscript

Abel, Michael K., "Until Death Do Us Part: Western Conceptions of Marriage and Marital Persistence" Article Manuscript

Professional Service

Associate Dean of Faculty Development: 2014-present. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Institutional Review Board (IRB): 2014-present. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Continuing Faculty Status Mentor (Andrew Burger): 2017-present. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Campus SmartElect Committee: 2018-present. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Curriculum Research Committee: 2019-Present. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Foundations Curriculum Task Force: 2017-2018. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Learning Management Task Force: 2017-2018. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Sociology Society Advisor: 2012-2014. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Continuing Faculty Status Mentor (Tiffany Jenson): 2011-2014. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Faculty Development Committee: 2010-2014. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Continuing Faculty Status Committee (Scott Gardner): 2010-2011. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Faculty Fellowship Committee: 2007-2010. Brigham Young University-Idaho

Book Reviews

Manza, Jeff and the New York University Department of Sociology. 2013. *The Sociology Project: Introducing the Sociological Imagination*. New York, NY: Pearson.

Gould, Kenneth A. and Tammy L. Lewis, eds. 2012. *Thirty Readings in Introductory Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Krieg, Eric J. 2011. *Statistics and Data Analysis for Social Science*. New York, NY: Pearson.

Ragin, Charles C. and Lisa M. Amoroso. 2011. *Constructing Social Research: The Unity and Diversity of Method*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications, Inc.

Ferrante, Joan. 2010. *Seeing Sociology: An Introduction*. 1st ed. Canada: Cengage Learning.

Linneman, Thomas J. 2010. *Social Statistics: The Basics and Beyond*. London, England: Routledge.

Macionis, John J. 2008. *Society: The Basics*. 10th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Media Contributions

“[Kavanaugh or Ford: Who Told the full truth and nothing but the truth](#)” by *The Alabama Baptist*, October 19, 2018, with Brent J. Schmidt

“Interfaith groups come to campuses” by Christian Ashcraft, *Scroll*, June 26, 2017

“Religious divide” by Zach Kyle, *Post Register*, November 18, 2012.

“What’s your education dedication” by Amy Barrus, *Scroll*, February 25, 2010.

“Finding a niche in Rexburg” by Steve Barrus, *Standard Journal*, June 15, 2007.

“Go for the Gold” by Scroll Editorial Board, *Scroll*, January 9, 2007.

“[Feeling left out](#)” by Joyce Edlefsen, *Standard Journal*, December 27, 2006.

“[Census reveals Americans are media junkies](#)” by Brittani Lusk, *Standard Journal*, December 19, 2006.

“October marks U.S. 300 million” by Carolann Chatterton, *Scroll*, October 31, 2006.

“I want to do that now—but I’ll do that later” by Jessica Thayne, *Scroll*, October 10, 2006.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2007 Abel, Michael K., Stephen Smith and Richard Whiting, “Departmental Metamorphosis: From the Associates Degree to the Bachelor of Arts”. Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, California.
- 2004 Abel, Michael K., “The Power of Faith: The Impact of Belief on Religious Group Solidarity”. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- 2003 Kiser, Edgar and Michael K. Abel, “The Role of Trust in Patrimonial and Bureaucratic Administration: A Case Study of Early Modern Russia”. Presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2001 Kiser, Edgar and Michael K. Abel, “State-Making by Imitation: A Case Study of the Administrative Reforms of Peter the Great”. Presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Russian (Fluent)

References

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