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Employment

- 2016 - Assistant Professor, University of California Los Angeles Department of Sociology
- 2013 - 2016 Abd El-Kader Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia
- 2004-2007 English Teacher. *St. Joseph High School*. Brooklyn, NY.
- 2003-2004 Caseworker. *Hightbridge Community Life Center*. Bronx, NY.

Education

- 2013 Ph.D. (with distinction), Yale University (Sociology)
 Dissertation Title: "The Work of Knowing: Science, Religion, and Tradition in Evangelical and Sunni Schools"
 Graduate Certificate in Modern Middle East Studies
- 2011 M.Phil., Yale University (Sociology)
- 2008 M.A., Yale University (Sociology)
- 2003 B.A., Loyola University New Orleans (Literature and Sociology Double Major, Spanish Minor, Summa Cum Laude; Alpha Sigma Nu; Sigma Tau Delta; Sigma Delta Pi)

Publications

(all publications are single-authored unless otherwise indicated)

Books

- Research Completed *What We Talk About When We Talk About Schools*
- 2020 *Agents of God: Boundaries and Authority in Muslim and Christian Schools*. Oxford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Contingent Acceptance Guhin, Jeffrey, Jessica McCrory Calarco, and Cynthia Miller-Idriss. "Whatever Happened to Socialization?" *Annual Review of Sociology*.
- 2020 "The Boundaries of Pragmatism in Muslim Education: Comparing the Islamic Pedagogies of Sayyid Qutb and Fethullah Gulen" *Critical Research on Religion*.
- 2019 Crosbie, Thomas, and Jeffrey Guhin "The Ambivalence of the Aphorism in Sociological Theory" *Sociological Theory* 37(4): 381-400.
- 2019 "Defining Du'a: A Study of Contested Meanings in Immigrant Muslims Schools in the New York City Area" *Journal of Education in Muslim Societies* 1(1): 26-43.

- 2019 Rinaldo, Rachel and Jeffrey Guhin. "How and Why Interviews Work: Ethnographic Interviews and Meso-level Public Culture" *Sociological Methods and Research*. (First Published Online Nov. 5, 2019).
- 2019 "Religion as Source, Resource, Evaluation, and Hindrance: Intellectual Humility and the Relationship Between Religion and Politics" *Political Power and Social Theory*. 36: 23-46.
- 2019 Winchester, Daniel and Jeffrey Guhin. "Praying 'Straight from the Heart': Evangelical Sincerity and Normative Frames of Culture in Action" *Poetics*. 72: 32-42.
- 2018 "Colorblind Islam: The Racial Hinges of Immigrant Muslims in the United States" *Social Inclusion*. 6(2): 87-97.
- 2017 Gorski, Philip and Jeffrey Guhin. "The Ongoing Plausibility of Peter Berger: Sociological Thoughts on *The Sacred Canopy* at Fifty." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 85(4): 1118-1131.
- 2016 "Why sociologists of education are moral (personally) but don't write about morality (professionally): a cultural sociology of education." *Sociologia e Politiche Sociali*. 19(2): 34-51.
- 2016 "Why Worry about Evolution? Boundaries, Practices, and Moral Salience in Sunni and Evangelical High Schools." *Sociological Theory*. 34(2): 151-174.
-co-winner of the 2013 Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Religion Section
-work discussed in *Slate* article.
- 2015 "Religion as Site Rather Than Religion as Category: On the Sociology of Religion's Export Problem." *Sociology of Religion*. 75(4): 579-593.
- 2013 Guhin, Jeffrey and Jonathan Wyrzten. "The Violences of Knowledge: Edward Said, Sociology, and Post-Orientalist Reflexivity." *Political Power and Social Theory*. 24: 231-262.
- 2013 "Is Irony Good for America?: The Threat of Nihilism, The Need for Romance, and The Power of Cultural Forms." *Cultural Sociology*. 7(1): 23-38.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming "Religion and Comparative Education" *Comparative Education: The Dialectic of the Global and the Local*. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.
- Forthcoming "Why Study Schools?" *Handbook of Classical Sociological Theory*. Springer. Eds. Seth Abrutyn and Omar Lizardo.
- 2019 "Robert Bellah's Catholic Imagination" *The Anthem Companion to Robert N. Bellah*. pp. 127-145. Ed. Matteo Bortolini. New York: Anthem Press.
- 2018 "Urban Public High Schools: Self-Actualization vs. Citizenship?" (pp. 23-46) *The Content of Their Character: Inquiries into the Varieties of Moral Formation*. Ed. James Davison Hunter and Ryan S. Olson. Finstock & Tew.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming "The Subversive Evangelical: The Ironic Charisma of an Irreligious Megachurch by Peter J. Schuurman" *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2019 "A 'Homosexual Sociology of Catholicism' that Wasn't" [Review of *In the Closet of the Vatican* by Frédéric Martel] <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/in-the-closet-of-the-vatican/?fbclid=IwAR1HOObhtCGd6maUgb1hcdtBhthJT55B66EX4-w900R6mFX-oAGPySrHHGb0#jeff-guhin>
- 2019 "Debating Humanity: Towards a Philosophical Sociology by Daniel Chernilo." *Contemporary Sociology*. 48(1): 44-46.
- 2017 "Religion Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report by Saba Mahmood." *Sociology of Religion*. 78(3): 372-374.
- 2017 "Democracy and the Passions" [Review of *Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought* by James T. Kloppenberg] 19(2).
- 2017 "Muslimism in Turkey and Beyond: Religion in the Modern World, by Neslihan Cevik." *Contemporary Sociology*. 46(3): 297-298.
- 2017 "Political Choice Matters: Explaining the Strength of Class and Religious Cleavages in Cross-National Perspective, edited by Geoffrey Evans and Nan Dirk de Graaf." *Contemporary Sociology*. 46(1): 66-67.
- 2016 "Mobilizing Piety: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia by Rachel Rinaldo." *Social Forces*. 95(1): 1-2.
- 2016 "Race Still Matters" [Review of *The Racial Order* by Mustafa Emirbayer and Matthew Desmond and *Grounds for Difference* by Rogers Brubaker]. *The Hedgehog Review*. 18(2).
- 2016 "Polling the Soul: Jeffrey Guhin on *Inventing American Religion: Polls, Surveys, and the Tenuous Quest for a Nation's Faith* [by Robert Wuthnow]." *Los Angeles Review of Books*. <https://lareviewofbooks.org/review/polling-the-soul>
- 2015 "Finding Mecca in America: How Islam is Becoming an American Religion by Mucahit Bilici." *Contemporary Islam*. 9(1): 101-103.
- 2014 "Do Muslim Women Need Saving?" by Lila Abu-Lughod." *The Hedgehog Review*.
- 2013 "Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age by Robert Bellah." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 74(3): 416-417.
- 2011 Gorski, Philip S. and Jeffrey Guhin. "What is a Person?" by Christian Smith." *The Hedgehog Review*.

Essays in Professional Newsletters

- 2013 "L'Affaire Critical Realism." *Perspectives* (ASA Theory Section Newsletter) 35(2): 4, 12.
- 2013 Dromi, Shai M. and Jeffrey J. Guhin. "The Location of Meaning/The Meaning of Location: A Report on the Center for Comparative Research Bi-Annual Conference, January 2013." *Culture* (ASA Culture Section Newsletter), 26(1): 13-14

Working Papers

- Working Paper “The Three Lives of Ethnographers: On Being Kicked Out of a Field Site”
- Working Paper Guhin, Jeffrey and Joseph Klett “Internal Goods in the Sociology of Education: Skills, Habits, Virtues, and the Problem of Power”
- Working Paper Guhin, Jeffrey, Mirya Holman, Travis Coan, and Constantine Boussalis “When to Preach About Poverty: How Location and Normative Bundles Shape White Evangelical Sermons”

Invited Talks, Workshops, and Small Conferences (since appointment at UCLA)

- Sep 2019 “The Different Ways Gender Differentiates: Essence and Accident as Boundary Strategies in Muslim and Christian Schools” University of Nebraska, Department Colloquium. Lincoln, Nebraska.
- July 2019 “Are Americans Turning Against Science?” A Zócalo/Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County Event. Moderated by Usha Lee MCFarling, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Science Journalist. Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, broadcast on C-SPAN.
- Apr 2019 “The impact of sciences and humanities on character formation, ethical education, and the communication of values in late modern pluralistic societies” Three-day Workshop. Internationales Wissenschaftsforum of the University of Heidelberg, Germany.
- Mar 2019 “How Gender Differentiates Differently: Sites of Boundary Contestation in Muslim and Christian Schools” University of California, Riverside Department Colloquium. Riverside, CA.
- Oct 2018 “Internal Goods in the Sociology of Education” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- Oct 2018 “Race and the Problem of Moral Credentialism in North Carolina High Schools” Re-Envisioning Race and Education in the New South Curry School of Education and Human Development. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- Oct 2018 “Education and Global Change” Global Education Forum: Religion and Education. American University, Washington DC.
- Oct 2018 “Defining Du’a” Symposium on Muslim Philanthropy and Civil Society. IUPUI. Indianapolis, IN.
- Mar 2018 “Why the Change from Clinton to Trump: On Evangelicals and Trump?” Trumping the Religious Right: How Politics and Religion are Changing. Panel Conversation at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Feb 2018 “Internal Goods in the Sociology of Education” Stanford University School of Education and the Taube Center for Jewish Studies.
- June 2017 “The Problem with ‘Just a Theory’: Creationism, Climate Change, and the Relation between Certainty and Action” Public Perceptions of Science and Religion Conference. Manchester, UK.
- May 2017 “How Prayer Solves Problems and Creates Them: Prayer as a Cultural Tool for American Evangelicals.” Center for the Study of Religion Public Lecture, UCLA.

- Apr 2017 Religious Conviction & Intellectual Humility in Public Life Interdisciplinary Workshop. University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT.
- Dec 2016 "A New Theory of Moral Socialization" Tulane University Sociology Department. New Orleans, LA.
- Nov 2016 The Use of Ethnography for Theological Research Workshop. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX.
- May 2016 "The Usefulness of Science for Creationists." New Perspectives on Science and Religion in Society Conference. University of California San Diego. San Diego, CA.
- Dec 2015 Religion and Education Workshop. Stanford University School of Education. Palo Alto, CA.

Selected Conference Paper Presentations (since appointment at UCLA)

- Oct 2018 "Robert Bellah's Catholic Imagination." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Las Vegas, NV.
- Aug 2018 "Internal Goods in the Sociology of Education" (with Joseph Klett). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Feb 2018 "Resources for What?: On Moral Purposes in Schools, School Reform, and the Sociology of Education." Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Education Association. Pacific Grove, CA.
- Nov 2017 "Race, Sermons, and Neighborhoods." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, DC.
- Aug 2017 "The Hijab's Unwelcome Semiotics." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Religion Section. Montreal, QC.
- Nov 2016 "Feeling as Reality Testing: The Problem of Ritual in Evangelical Prayer." (with Daniel Winchester) Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA.
- Oct 2016 "Religion as a Meso-Level Field of Gender Accountability." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL.
- Aug 2016 "How Cultural Tools do things with People: On the Possibilities and Problems of Evangelical Prayer." (with Daniel Winchester) Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Seattle, WA.
- Aug 2016 "The Good Schools Do, and How Schools Think About Good." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Culture Section. Seattle, WA.

Thematic Conversations and Author Meets Critic Sessions (since appointment at UCLA)

- Nov 2018 Speaker and Co-Organizer for a Special Panel Honoring the Career of Mary Ellen Konieczny. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA.
- Nov 2018 Critic and Organizer for *Democracy's Schools: The Rise of Public Education in America* by Johann Neem. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Phoenix, AZ.

- Nov 2018 Critic and Organizer for *Moral Entanglements: Conserving Birds in Britain and Germany* by Stefan Bargheer. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Phoenix, AZ.
- Nov 2017 Speaker and Co-Organizer for a Special Panel Honoring the Career of Nancy Ammerman. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA.
- Nov 2017 Critic and Organizer for *Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide*. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Montreal, Canada.
- Nov 2016 “Graduate Student Session: Navigating the Job Market.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA.
- Aug 2016 Critic for *Summoned: Identification and Religious Life in a Jewish Neighborhood* by Iddo Tavory. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, WA.

Academic Blog Posts and Non-Academic Publications

- Aug 2020 “How COVID Can Change What Schools Are For” *The Hedgehog Review Blog*
- Aug 2020 “In the Theological Sense, Jerry Falwell Jr.’s Scandal is Profoundly Sad” *Slate*
- Mar 2020 “The Good Life of Staying at Home” *The Hedgehog Review Blog*.
- Mar 2018 “Words Can Break Bones” *The Immanent Frame*.
- Aug 2016 – Aug 2017 Regular Blogger at orgtheory.net
- May 2017 “What We Can & Cannot Fix: Rewatching *The Mission*” *Commonweal*.
- Jan 2017 “Scorsese’s Catholic Dilemma” *The Hedgehog Review Blog*.
- Nov 2016 “Voting is Just the First Step Toward Stopping Another Trump” *Slate*.
- Oct 2016 “What Atheists and Monks Have in Common” *Zócalo Public Square*
- July 2016 “A Nation Ruled by Science is a Terrible Idea” *Slate*.
- May 2016 “What’s the Best Way To Think about Creationists?” *Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum*
- Oct 2015 “Evolution in the Classroom” *Cosmologies*.
- Sep 2015 “Can Evangelicals Agree with Bernie Sanders?” *The Hedgehog Review Blog*.
- Sep 2015 “In Defense of Scientific Asteroids” *The Hedgehog Review Blog*.
- Aug 2015 “In (Partial) Defense of Cultural Dopes” *Scatterplot*.
- June 2015 “No Benedict Without Benedictines” *Ethica Politica*. <https://ethikapolitika.org>
- Apr 2013 “Hippies Were Cool and All, but They Didn’t ‘Beget Evangelical Conservatives’” *Reverberations*.
- Apr 2013 “The Problem with the Conflict Thesis” *Mobilizing Ideas*.
- Aug 2011 “The Help, ethnography, and ickiness” *The Immanent Frame*.

- Aug 2011 “Why I don’t read non-fiction from Barnes and Noble, and why that’s a problem for public scholarship; or, what I learned in third grade about epistemology and essentialization” *The Immanent Frame*.
- July 2011 “Prayer is technology. I think” *The Immanent Frame*.
- Fall 2010 Meme, Kevin and Jeffrey Guhin. (Eds.) *Young and Catholic in America* Paulist Press.
- Dec 2009 “Faithful Departed—John Updike” *Bustedballo.com*.
- Dec 2008 “Faithful Departed—David Foster Wallace” *Bustedballo.com*.
- Feb 2006 “Where are the Catholic Environmentalists?” (Top cover story) *America*.
- Sep 2005 “Katrina's Rainbow” (Cover story) *America*.
- Jun 20 – Jun 27, 2005 “Orthodoxy Online” (Cover story) *America*.

Service

UCLA

2019-2020

- Director of Social Thought Minor
- Undergraduate Education Committee
- with Prof. Karida Brown, co-faculty coordinator of “Theory Supper Club”

2018-2019

- Incoming Director of Social Thought Minor
- Center for the Study of Religion Faculty Advisory Committee
 - moderator for two panels and admissions committee member for “Religious Landscapes of LA” two-week teacher institute
 - facilitated and coordinated three guest presentations: Roger Sneed (Furman), John Evans (UCSD), and Ann Taves (UCSB)
- Islamic Studies Faculty Advisory Committee
- with Professor Karida Brown, developed “Theory Supper Club,” a meeting of graduate students and two faculty (Guhin and Brown) to discuss a theory article in a prominent sociological journal.
- Undergraduate Education Committee (Sociology Department)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship Review Committee (UCLA)

2017-2018

- Graduate Admissions Committee (Sociology Department)
- Developed (with Professors Jennie Brand and Vilma Ortiz) the education field exam for the Sociology Department
- Center for the Study of Religion Faculty Advisory Committee
- Islamic Studies Advisory Committee

2016-2017

- Undergraduate Education Committee (Sociology Department)
- Center for the Study of Religion Faculty Advisory Committee
- Islamic Studies Advisory Committee

Academic Networks

2020-2021

- board-member of the Sociology of Religion section of the ASA
- board-member of the Sociology of Education Association

2019-2020

- awards committee for best book award, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity section of the ASA
- board-member of the Sociology of Education Association

2018-2019

- organized two author meets critics sessions for Social Science History Association
- awards committee for best book award, Education Section of the ASA
- ad-hoc committee for membership, Religion Section of the ASA
- member of Social Sciences and Religion Unit of the American Academy of Religion
 - co-organized special panel honoring the life of Mary Ellen Konieczny at American Academy of Religion

2017-2018

- organized a panel for American Sociological Association: “Children and Youth, Power, and Culture: Relationships to Power in a Vulnerable World”, Section on Children and Youth
- organized author meets critics session for Social Science History Association
- awards committee for best paper award, Religion Section of the ASA
- awards committee for best book award, Emotions Section of the ASA
- member of Social Sciences and Religion Unit of the American Academy of Religion
 - co-organized special panel honoring the work of Nancy Ammerman at American Academy of Religion

2016-2017

- organized two panels for American Sociological Association: (1) “Is Religion Really Just Culture? Is Culture Really Just Religion” for the Culture and Religion section and (2) “Americanizing Islam,” a Presidential Panel.
- awards committee (and chair) for student paper award, Culture Section of the ASA
- member of culture network of the Social Science History Association
- member of Social Sciences and Religion Unit of the American Academy of Religion

Teaching Experience

Winter Quarter 2021	“Contemporary Sociological Theory” (undergraduate, 300 students) UCLA “Contemporary Sociological Theory Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA “Do Schools Have a Civic Purpose” (undergraduate Fiat Lux seminar) UCLA “Global Islam First Year Cluster” UCLA
Fall Quarter 2020	“Global Islam First Year Cluster” UCLA “Sociology of Religion” (graduate) UCLA
Spring Quarter 2019	“Contemporary Sociological Theory” (undergraduate, 300 students) UCLA “Contemporary Sociological Theory Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA “Sociology of Education” (graduate) UCLA
Winter Quarter 2019	“Do Schools Have a Civic Purpose” (undergraduate Fiat Lux seminar) UCLA
Winter Quarter 2018	“Contemporary Sociological Theory” (undergraduate) UCLA “Contemporary Sociological Theory Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA
Fall Quarter 2017	“Sociology of Religion” (undergraduate) UCLA “Sociology of Religion Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA “Why Do We Have Schools?” (undergraduate Fiat Lux seminar) UCLA

	“Self and Subject in History and Theory” (graduate) UCLA
Spring Quarter 2017	“Sociology of Religion” (undergraduate) UCLA “Sociology of Religion Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA “Sociology of Religion/Graduate Theory” (graduate) UCLA “American Evangelicals” (undergraduate Fiat Lux seminar) UCLA
Winter Quarter 2017	“Contemporary Sociological Theory” (undergraduate) UCLA “Contemporary Sociological Theory Honors Seminar” (undergraduate) UCLA “Sociology of Education” (graduate) UCLA
Fall Quarter 2016	“Why Do We Have Schools?” (undergraduate Fiat Lux seminar) UCLA
Spring 2013	“Sociology of Islam” Yale University, New Haven, CT. -Yale Associate in Teaching with Prof. Jonathan Wyrzten
Fall 2012	“Sociology of Religion” (Adjunct Professor) Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT.
2009-2011	Yale Teaching Fellowships: “Sociology of Crime and Deviance” under Prof. Philip Smith “Foundations of Modern Social Theory” under Prof. Emily Erikson “Methods of Inquiry” under Prof. Julia Adams “Varieties of Capitalism” under Prof. Iván Szelenyi
Sep 2004 – Jun 2007	English and Yearbook Teacher. St. Joseph High School, Brooklyn, NY.

Doctoral Student Committees

Eduardo Duran	Sociology
Chris PreJean	NELC
Anatolii Tokmantcev	NELC
Amber Villalobos	Sociology
Paulina C. Morales	Education (Ph.D. 2020)
Cameron Zargar	NELC (Ph.D. 2020)
Monique Gill	Public Health (Ph.D. 2019)
Albert Agha	Ethnomusicology (Ph.D. 2019)

Senior and Master's Theses

Moe C. Miller (BA)	Social Thought, 2019-2020
Nicole Contreras (BA)	McNair Scholar, 2017-2019
Bayley Garland (BA)	Global Studies, 2018-2019
Flor Vindel (MA)	MASS, 2018-2019
Jacelyn Omusi (BA)	Sociology, 2017-2018
Maryam Karim (BA)	Sociology, 2016-2017

International Education

July 2009	L'Institut français du Proche-Orient. Damascus, Syria. Summer Intensive Arabic Program.
Spring 2002	La Universidad Iberoamericana. Mexico City, Mexico. Semester exchange.

Awards and Fellowships

Aug 2013	Co-Winner, Graduate Student Paper Award for the ASA Religion
Nov 2012	Templeton Research Grant (\$5000.00)
Sep 2011 – Jul 2012	Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
Nov 2011	Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award Grant
Nov 2011	Social Science History Association Travel Grant
Jun 2011	SSRC Religion and International Affairs Dissertation Workshop. Pacific Grove, CA.
Mar 2011	Sociology Department Camp Mini-Grant
Apr 2010	MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant
Apr 2009	Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship (For language study in Damascus, Syria)

Languages

Levantine Arabic (intermediate)	French (intermediate)
Modern Standard Arabic (intermediate)	Spanish (advanced)

Memberships

Academic Societies

2008 – present	American Sociological Association
2010 – present	American Academy of Religion
2011 – present	Social Science History Association
2011 – present	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2013 – present	Association for the Sociology of Religion
2016 – present	Sociology of Education Association