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### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2013-present Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2012-2013 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Jacksonville State University
- 2011-12 Instructor, Rice University

### **EDUCATION**

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- PhD. 2011. Sociology, Pennsylvania State University.  
Dissertation: *Explaining Differential Outcomes of Research Topics*  
Committee Members: Alan Sica (co-chair), John McCarthy (co-chair), Roger Finke, and Steve Walton.
- MA. 2007. Sociology, Pennsylvania State University.  
Master's Thesis: *Toward a Theory of Social Support for Science*
- BA. 2006. Sociology, Oakland University.

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Social Theory, Sociology of Science, Sociology of Technology, Gender, Social Dimensions of Labor and Birth, Medical Sociology, Social Inequalities, Statistics, Social Movements, Anarchism

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- Richard M. Simon, Katherine M. Johnson, and Jessica L. Liddell. Forthcoming.  
“Amount, Source, and Quality of Labor Support as Predictors of Women’s Birth Experiences.” *Birth*.
- Richard M. Simon. 2016. “The Conflict Paradigm in Sociology and the Study of Social Inequality: Paradox and Possibility.” *Theory in Action* 9(1): 1-31.

- Richard M. Simon. 2016. "Women's Birth Experiences: A View from the American South." *Southern Studies* 23(2): [page numbers forthcoming]
- Richard M. Simon. 2013. "Roles or Values? Gender Differences in Opposition to Nuclear Power." *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* 3(21): 27-38.
- Katherine M. Johnson and Richard M. Simon. 2012. "Women's Attitudes toward Biomedical Technology for Infertility: The Case for Technological Salience." *Gender & Society* 26(2): 216-238.
- Richard M. Simon. 2012. "Gender, Knowledge, Scientific Expertise, and Attitudes toward Biotechnology: Technological Salience and the Use of Knowledge to Generate Attitudes." Pp. 399-414 in *Innovations in Biotechnology*, edited by Eddy C. Agbo. Rijeka, Croatia: InTech.
- Richard M. Simon. 2011. "Habitus and Utopia in Science: Bourdieu, Mannheim, and the Role of Specialties in the Scientific Field." *Studies in Sociology of Science* 2(1): 22-36.
- Richard M. Simon. 2011. "Gendered Contexts: Masculinity, Knowledge, and Attitudes Toward Biotechnology." *Public Understanding of Science* 20(3): 334-346.
- Richard M. Simon. 2010. "Gender Differences in Knowledge and Attitude Toward Biotechnology." *Public Understanding of Science* 19(6): 642-653.
- Richard M. Simon. 2010. "Damning Criticism: Historical Perspectives on the Evolution/Intelligent Design Conflict." *Journal of Religion and Society*, Vol. 12 <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/2010.html>
- Richard M. Simon and George Farkas. 2008. "Sex, Class, and Physical Science Educational Attainment: Portions Due to Achievement versus Recruitment." *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering* (14)3: 269-300.

#### **NON-PEER-REVIEWED ESSAYS**

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- Richard M. Simon. 2014. "The Foundations of an Anarchist Sociology: Max Stirner and the Alternative to the Collective Human Project." *Contemporary Sociology* 43(4): 473-478.
- Richard M. Simon. 2013. "The Futures of Humanity: Anarchism, Technoscience, and the Sociology of God." *Contemporary Sociology* 42(5): 726-732.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Stratification and Inequality  
Social Statistics  
Sociology of Science  
Gender  
Social Movements  
Marriage and Family  
Drugs and Society  
Gender and Technology  
Anarchism and Society

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2015 Richard M. Simon, Brooke Killion, and Ashley Wagner. "Gender and Choosing a STEM Major in College: Gendered Personalities, Chilly Climate, and Occupational Values." *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.*
- 2014 Richard M. Simon. "The University, the Economy, and the Commodification of Knowledge: How Social Structure and Stratification Shape the Curriculum." *Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State University Social Thought Program, University Park, PA.*
- 2013 Richard M. Simon. "The Coming Crisis in Conflict Sociology: Social Conflict as Social Problem." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.*
- 2013 Nancy Francisco Stewart and **Richard M. Simon**. "Homelessness in the Anniston-Gadsden Areas: 2013 Point-in-Time Individual and Agency Surveys." *Annual Meeting of the Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama, Gadsden, AL.*
- 2013 Katherine M. Johnson and **Richard M. Simon**. "What Do Women Want? Examining Planned Cesareans and Future Maternal Request for Cesareans." *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta.*
- 2012 Richard M. Simon, Christine Casebeer, Kelly Irvin, Savannah Owen, Nicole Easley. "Women's Birth Experiences: A View from the American South." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile.*
- 2012 Richard M. Simon. "Roles or Values? Gender Differences in Opposition to Nuclear Power." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile.*

- 2012 Tina Deshotel, Erin Rider, and **Richard M. Simon**. “No News is Good News: Gender Differences in News Source and Misinformation in the American South.” *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile*.
- 2012 Richard M. Simon. “Feminist Pedagogy.” *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile*.
- 2012 Nancy Francisco Stewart and **Richard M. Simon**. “Homelessness in the Anniston-Gadsden Areas: 2012 Point-in-Time Individual and Agency Surveys.” *Annual Meeting of the Northeast Alabama Homeless Coalition, Gadsden, AL*.
- 2012 Arthur L. Greil, Michele Lowry, Katherine M. Johnson, Julia McQuillan, **Richard Michael Simon**, and Kathleen S. Slauson-Blevins. “Pursuing Pregnancy: Medical and Non-medical Responses to Infertility.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver*.
- 2012 “Don’t Intervene? Women’s Attitudes about Natural Birth.” Katherine M. Johnson and **Richard M. Simon**. *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York City*.
- 2011 “Collaboration and the Productivity of Scientific Specialties.” Richard M. Simon. *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Cleveland*.
- 2011 “Gender and the Contexts of Attitudes Toward Nuclear Energy: The Role of Female Gender Identity.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas*.
- 2010 “Habitus and Utopia in Science.” Richard M. Simon. *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta*.
- 2009 “Scientific Specialization as Utopian Practice: Collective Action and Disinterestedness in Science.” Richard M. Simon. *Annual Meeting of the European Sociological Association, Lisbon, Portugal*.
- 2009 “Identity Theory and Online Interaction: Processes and Implications.” Richard M. Simon. *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco*.
- 2008 “Social Class and Gender Differentials in Physical Science Degree Attainment: What Proportion is Due to Achievement?” Richard M. Simon and George Farkas. *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston*.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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*Contested Reproduction: Genetic Technologies, Religion, and Public Debate*, by John H. Evans. Chicago, IL: Chicago University Press. 2011. Reviewed in *Contemporary*

*Sociology* 41(5), September 2012, pp. 625-626.

*Instrumental Community: Probe Microscopy and the Path to Nanotechnology*, by Cyrus C. M. Mody. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. 2011. *Contemporary Sociology* 42(1), January 2013, pp. 96-98.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2011 Completion of OL2000, a three-week training course on teaching online courses for Penn State's World Campus program using Angel.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2015-present Women and Gender Studies Paper Competition Committee

2015-present Honor's Council

2015-present Co-instructor of Hon 399: (Spring 2015 and Spring 2016) Interdisciplinary Seminar on Poverty

2013-present Faculty Advisor to the University of Alabama's Student Sociological Association

2012-13 Consultant for the Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama

2011 Reviewer, National Science Foundation: Science, Technology, and Society Program.

2011 Co-organizer, Penn State Social Thought Program's Conference, "Capitalism and Democracy in Crisis: Challenges and Alternatives."

2010-11 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee

2010-11 Graduate Recruitment Committee

2010 Co-organizer, Penn State Social Thought Program's Conference, "What do Citizens and States Owe Each Other?"

2010 Manuscript Reviewer, *Theory, Culture, and Society*

2009-10 President and Founder, Penn State Social Thought Student Group

2009-11 Manuscript Reviewer, *Public Understanding of Science*

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2010 Winner, Graduate Student Published Paper Competition, Pennsylvania State University Department of Sociology, for “Gendered Contexts: Masculinity, Knowledge, and Attitudes Toward Biotechnology.”  
Published in *Public Understanding of Science*.

## **LEARNED SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association, Mid-South Sociological Association, History of Science Society, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Society for the Social Studies of Science.

## **REFERENCES**

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