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Education

Ph.D. 2013	Purdue University, Department of Sociology *Racial Contestation and the Multi-Dimensionality of Race* Committee: Kevin Stainback (Chair), David Embrick, Carolyn Perrucci, Mangala Subramaniam
M.A. 2009	University of Florida, Department of Sociology *Religion, Non-Religion, and Social Trust* Chair: Monika Ardelt
B.A. 2006	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Double Major: Sociology and Criminal Justice

Employment

2013	Assistant Professor of Sociology School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences University of Texas at Dallas

Research Areas

Race and Ethnicity	Network Diversity	Religious Disaffiliation
Immigration	Religious Tensions	

Teaching Areas

Race and Ethnicity	Race, Gender, Class	Social Stratification
Social Problems	Introduction to Sociology	

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Forth Vargas, Nicholas. "Off White: Colorblind Ideology at the Margins of Whiteness." *Ethnic and Racial Studies.* dx.doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2013.821147

2013 Vargas, Nicholas and Markus H. Schafer. "Diversity in Action: Interpersonal Networks and the Distribution of Advice." *Social Science Research,* 42(1): 46-58.

2012 Vargas, Nicholas. "Retrospective Accounts of Religious Disaffiliation in the U.S.: Stressors, Skepticism, and Political Factors." *Sociology of Religion* 73(2): 200-223.

* 2012 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Religion Section

2011 Vargas, Nicholas and Matthew T. Loveland. "Befriending the 'Other': Patterns of Social Ties Between the Religious and Non-Religious." *Sociological Perspectives* 54(4): 713-731

* 2012 Best Published Article Award, American Sociological Association Religion Section

2011 Sechrist Jori, Jill Suitor, Nicholas Vargas and Karl Pillemer. "The Role of Religious Similarity in the Quality of Mother-Adult Child Relations: Differences Within Families and Between Races." *Research on Aging* 33(1):3-27.

Honors, Grants, and Awards

2013 Purdue Research Foundation Dissertation Grant, $15,750

2012 Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship Award, Graduate School, $7,500 [declined]

2012 Most Distinguished Article, American Sociological Association, Section on Religion (w/ Matthew T. Loveland)

2012 Best Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Association, Section on Religion

2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Department of Sociology, Purdue University

2010-2012 Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate School

2011	Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (Co-Winner), Department of Sociology, Purdue University (w/ Markus H. Schafer)
2010-2011	Ross Fellowship, Purdue University [awarded and declined]
2009	Benjamin L. Gorman Award for Best Quantitative Graduate Student Paper, UF Sociology
2006-2009	Linton E. Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida
2006-2007	NSF Grant-Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, $3,000
2006	Most Outstanding Student, Department of Sociology, Bloomsburg University
2001-2007	Montgomery GI Bill, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, PA Air Force National Guard Veteran (served 2001-2007)

Conference Presentations

2012	Vargas, Nicholas. "Off White? Racial Contestation and Colorblind Ideology Adherence among Self-Identified Whites." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meeting in Denver, CO.
2012	Vargas, Nicholas. "Structural and Interpersonal Racism Attitudes among Whites with Contested Racial Identities." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
2011	Vargas, Nicholas and Markus H. Schafer. "Interpersonal Network Diversity and the Distribution of Advice." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
2010	Vargas, Nicholas. "Religious Change as a Process: Differentiating Potential Apostates from Actual Apostates." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference in Baltimore, MD.
2009	Sechrist, Jori, J. Jill Suitor, Nicholas Vargas and Karl Pillemer. 2009. "The Role of Religious Similarity in the Quality of Parent-Child Relations: Differences within Families and between Races." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America in Atlanta GA.
2009	Vargas, Nicholas and Matthew T. Loveland. "Crossing Boundaries: Determinants of Heterotheistic Ties." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference in Denver CO.
2008	Donaldson, Kristi and Nicholas Vargas. "Consumption of Leisure: An Analysis of Social Interaction at Live Entertainment Events." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meeting in Richmond VA.

2007 Vargas, Nicholas. "Mindful and Mindless Presence in a Hospice Care Center." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Meeting in San Francisco CA.

2006 Vargas, Nicholas. "Words to Die By: Coping with Death and Guilt on Death Row." Presented at the Conference of the Social Sciences in Gainesville FL.

2005 Smith-Feldhaus, Heather, Pamela Donovan, Nicholas Vargas, and Ashley Martin. "Rural Sociology: Assessing Small Town Needs." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology's Meeting in Philadelphia PA.

Courses Taught

University of Texas at Dallas (2013-)
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2013)
Race & Ethnicity (Spring 2014)

University of Florida (2008-2009)
Social Problems (2 sections)

Purdue University (2009-2013)
Racial and Ethnic Relations (3 sections)
Social Problems (5 sections)
Introduction to Sociology (2 sections)

Service

2013 Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club

2012 Presider, ASA Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities

2011-present Manuscript Reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology
Social Problems
Social Science Research
Social Science Quarterly
Sociology of Religion
Qualitative Sociology
Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis

Invited Talks

2013 "Racial Contestation and Colorblind Ideology at the Margins of Whiteness" Southern Illinois University Colloquium Series, Carbondale IL

2012 "Navigating Comprehensive Exams as a PhD Student." Purdue University, Proseminar Brown Bag Series, West Lafayette IN

2010 "Preparing for Graduate School in the Social Sciences." Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg PA

References

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