

# Mark H. Walker

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## EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Iowa  
Dissertation: *The Self, Social Networks, and Psychological Well-Being*.  
Committee: Freda B. Lynn (Chair), Alison Bianchi, Jennifer Glanville,  
Steven Hitlin, and Lynn Smith-Lovin
- 2010 M.A. Sociology, University of Iowa  
Thesis: *The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to the Study of  
Self and Identity*  
Committee: Freda B. Lynn (Chair), Jennifer Glanville and Steven Hitlin
- 2008 B.A. Sociology and Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude*, Weber State  
University

## APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 – Present Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University Department of Sociology

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Self and Identity, Social Psychology, Social Networks, Mental Health

## RESEARCH

### *Refereed Publications*

Walker, Mark H., Leah Drakeford, and Samuel Stroope. 2020. "Glad Tidings? Personal Witnessing, Religiosity, and Mental Health among US Adults." *Society and Mental Health*

Walker, Mark H. Leah Drakeford, Samuel Stroope, Joseph O. Baker, and Alexander L. Smith. 2020. "Health Differences Between Religious and Secular Subgroups in the United States: Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Review of Religious Research*

Walker, Mark H. "Does the Self Reflect Society? Examining the Relationship between Personal Network Assortativity and Role-Based Groups." Forthcoming in *Identity in Action*.

Noonan, M.C., Lynn, F.B. and Walker, M.H., 2020. "Boxed In: Beliefs about the Compatibility and Likability of Mother-Occupation and Father-Occupation Role Combinations." *Socius*, 6, p.2378023120942449.

Orak, Ugur and Mark H. Walker. 2019. "Military Service: A Pathway to Conformity or a School for Deviance?" Forthcoming in *Crime & Delinquency*.

Andersson, Matthew A., Mark H. Walker, and Brian P. Kaskie. 2019. "Strapped for Time or Stressed Out? Predictors of Work Interruption and Unmet Need for Workplace Support Among Informal Elder Caregivers." *Journal of Aging and Health*. 31:631-651.

Baker, Joseph O., Samuel Stroope, and Mark H. Walker. 2018. "Secularity, Religiosity, and Health: Physical and Mental Health Differences between Atheists, Agnostics, and Nonaffiliated Theists Compared to Religiously Affiliated Individuals." *Social Science Research*. 75: 44-57.

Yildiz, Muhammed, Ugur Orak, Mark H. Walker, and Ozgur Solakoglu. "Suicide Suggestion, Gender, and Suicide Attempt among Adolescents." *Death Studies*. Online First:  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2018.1478914>

Stroope, Samuel, Mark H. Walker, and Aaron B. Franzen. 2017. "Stress Buffer or Identity Threat?: Negative Media Portrayal, Public and Private Religious Involvement, and Mental Health in a National Sample of US Adults." *Society and Mental Health*. 7(2): 85-104.

Kaskie, Brian., Mark H. Walker, and Matthew A. Andersson. 2017. "Efforts to Address the Aging Workforce within Institutions of Higher Education: An Assessment of the Three-stage Model of Institutionalization." *Innovative Higher Education*. 42(3): 225-237.

Laurian, Lucie, Mark H. Walker, and Jan Crawford. 2017. "Implementing Sustainability in Local Government: The Impacts of Framing, Agency Culture, and Structure in US Cities and Counties." *International Journal of Public Administration*. 40(3): 270-283.

Lynn, Freda B., Mark H. Walker, and Colin Peterson. 2016. "Listen, Rate, Download: Popularity Cues and Decision Making in an Artificial Cultural Market." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 79(2): 168-180.

Lynn, Freda B., Brent Simpson, Mark H. Walker, and Colin Peterson. 2016. "Why is the Pack Persuasive? The Effect of Choice Status on Perceptions of Quality." *Sociological Science*. 3: 239-263.

Walker, Mark H. 2015. "The Contingent Value of Embeddedness: Self-Affirming Social Environments, Network Density, and Well-Being." *Society and Mental Health* 5(2): 128-144.

Walker, Mark H. and Freda B. Lynn. 2013. "The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 76(2): 151-179.

#### *In Progress*

Marchett, Robert and Mark H. Walker. "Disability Stigma: Factor Structure among Faculty." Draft available.

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Well-Being." To be submitted.

Walker, Mark H. "To Be Authentic or Adored? Examining the Impact of Identity Valence and Self-Role Alignment on Identity Prominence and Identity Salience." Manuscript under preparation.

Walker, Mark H. "Stress Buffer or Conduit for Identity Conflict? The Role of Personal Network Density in the Relationship between Self-Role Discrepancy and Depressive Symptoms." Manuscript under preparation.

Walker, Mark H., Freda B. Lynn, and Mary Noonan. "More Than 'Maxed Out': Working Parents and the Psychological Toll of Spanning Culturally Discrepant Roles." Draft available.

Ugur Orak and Mark H. Walker. "The Influence of Military Service on Trajectories of Psychological Distress." Draft Available.

Ugur Orak and Mark H. Walker. "Deviant Behaviors and Their Determinants in a Conscription Military System." Draft Available.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### *Refereed*

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Psychological Distress." Presented at the American Sociological Association in Montreal, August 2017.

Walker, Mark H., Freda B. Lynn and Mary Noonan. "More Than 'Maxed Out': Working Parents and the Psychological Toll of Spanning Culturally Incompatible Roles." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, August 2016.

Walker, Mark H., Freda B. Lynn and Mary Noonan. "More Than 'Maxed Out': The Impact of Role Meanings on Psychological Well-being for Working Parents." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, August 2014.

Walker, Mark H. "The Dark Side of Embeddedness: Identity Conflict, Network Density, and Psychological Well-Being." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in New York City, August 2013.

Walker, Mark H. "The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach To The Study of Self and Identity." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, August 2011.

### *Invited*

Walker, Mark H. "Does the Self Reflect Society? Examining the Relationship Between Personal Network Assortativity and Role-Based Groups." Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. October 2018.

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Psychological Distress." Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Kent, Ohio, October 2016.

Rebecca Durkee, Mark H. Walker, and Freda B. Lynn. "Unpacking the 'College Experience': New Insights on how First- and Continuing-Generation Students Navigate Higher Education." Presented to the Office of Student Support and Retention, University of Iowa, June 2016.

Steven Hitlin and Mark H. Walker. "Identity Theory from The Inside Out and The Outside In: Personal Identity and Social Networks." Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Riverside, California, October 2014.

## **INTERNAL GRANTS**

LSU ORED Council on Research Summer Stipend Program. 2016. (\$5000.00)

Student Publication Research Grant, University of Iowa Graduate College. 2013. (\$1200.00)

“The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory.” Professional Advancement Research Grant: The Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students. 2012. (\$650.00)

“The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory.” Department of Sociology Research Grant. 2012. (\$300.00)

“The Embedded Self: Measuring the Relationship between Network Structure and Self Structure.” Professional Advancement Research Grant: The Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students. 2009. (\$833.33)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2014 | Ballard Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa Graduate College (\$20,000)             |
| 2008 | Outstanding Student in Sociology: Weber State University, Department of Sociology                         |
| 2008 | Outstanding Student in Philosophy: Weber State University, Department of Philosophy and Political Science |
| 2008 | Jocelyn Glidden Award Winner for Excellence in Philosophy (\$400)   |

## **SERVICE**

### *University of Iowa*

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| 2013 - 2014 | Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students, Grants Review Committee |
| 2010 - 2012 | Lab Manager: Center for the Study of Group Processes                              |
| 2010 - 2011 | Graduate Student Senator: University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate              |

### *Ad Hoc Reviewer*

- American Journal of Sociology
- Social Forces
- Social Psychology Quarterly
- Society and Mental Health
- Sociological Forum
- Sociological Imagination
- Sociological Perspectives
- The European Journal of Cross-Cultural Competence and Management

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Assistantships*

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| Spring 2014 | Quantitative Data Analysis (Mary Noonan)       |
| Fall 2011   | History of Sociological Theory (Steven Hitlin) |
| Spring 2011 | Social Problems (Jennifer Glanville)           |
| Spring 2009 | Sociology of Sexuality (Anthony Paik)          |
| Fall 2008   | History of Sociological Theory (Anthony Paik)  |

### *Instructor*

- Quantitative Data Analysis (U. of Iowa)
- Social Interaction (LSU)

Social Psychology Graduate Seminar (LSU)  
Sociology of Mental Health (LSU)  
Self and Identity Graduate Seminar (LSU)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### *Assistantships*

- 2009-2010 GSS Chicago Pilot (National Science Foundation, PI: Kevin Leicht, Sociology).  
Managed and trained team of hired staff implementing the survey in the field.
- 2011-2012 “Successful Aging within Academic Institutions.” (TIAA-CREF Foundation, PI: Brian  
Kaskie, Public Health). Created, implemented, and analyzed university-wide online  
employee survey on retirement (n=3,246). Software: Stata and Qualtrics Survey  
Software.
- Fall 2013 “The Biographies of Scientific Ideas: The Diffusion of Knowledge in Medicine and  
Sociology.” (National Science Foundation, PI: Freda Lynn). Compiled citation network  
data calculated descriptive statistics for networks, and created network figures. Software:  
*R* and Stata.

### *Paid Consulting*

- 2013-2015 “Sustainability-promoting local institutions” (National Science Foundation, PI: Lucie  
Laurain, Urban and Regional Planning ). Analyzed survey data regarding the  
implementation of various sustainability practices of 146 planning agencies across the  
U.S. using structural equation models. Software: Stata.

## REFERENCES

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