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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2012 – Present

Associate Professor of Sociology – Le Moyne College

2006 – 2012

Assistant Professor of Sociology – Le Moyne College

Sanzone Center for Catholic Studies and Theological Reflection, Director,  
2011 – 2012

Contemporary Catholic Trends, Principal Investigator, 2007-2010

Chairperson of Anthropology, Criminology, Sociology, Summer 2009

2005 - 2006

Postdoctoral Fellow – Contemporary Catholic Trends Survey,  
Le Moyne College

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, August 2005, University of Notre Dame

Title: Civic Congregations: Congregational Dynamics and Individual Civic  
Involvement

Advisor: David Sikkink

M.A. Sociology, 2001, University of Notre Dame

Title: Religious Switching: Preference Development, Maintenance and Change

Advisor: David Sikkink

B.S. Sociology, 1999, University of Wisconsin at Whitewater

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed*

Vargas, Nicholas and Matthew T. Loveland. 2011. "Befriending the Other: Patterns of Social Ties Between the Religious and Non-Religious." *Sociological Perspectives* 54(4):713-731.

Loveland, Matthew T. and Delia Popescu. 2011. "Democracy on the Web: Assessing the Deliberative Qualities of Internet Forums." *Information, Communication & Society* 14(5):684-703.

Rinamin, William C., Matthew T. Loveland, Robert F. Kelly, and William R. Barnett. 2009. "Dimensions of Religiosity in the American Catholic Community: A Measurement and Validation Analysis." *Review of Religious Research* 50: 413 – 440.

Loveland, Matthew T., Keely S. Jones, and Jerry Z. Park. 2008. "Religion and the Logic of the Civic Sphere: Religious Tradition, Religious Practice, and Voluntary Association." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Religion Research*. Available at [www.religjournal.com](http://www.religjournal.com). Volume 2008, article 7.

Loveland, Matthew T. 2008. "Pilgrimage, Religious Institutions, and the Construction of Orthodoxy." *Sociology of Religion* 69: 317 – 334.

Ridzi, Frank, Matthew T. Loveland, and Fred Glennon. 2008. "Catholics and the Welfare State: How the Preferential Option for the Poor Relates to Preferences for Government Policy." *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 5: 45 - 64.

Welch, Michael R., David Sikkink, and Matthew T. Loveland. 2007. "The Radius of Trust: Religion, Social Embeddedness, and Trust in Strangers." *Social Forces* 86: 23-46.

Loveland, Matthew T., David Sikkink, Daniel J. Myers, and Benjamin Radcliff. 2005. Private Prayer and Civic Involvement. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44: 1 – 14.

Loveland, Matthew T. 2003. Religious Switching: Preference Development, Maintenance, and Change. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42: 147 – 157.

### *Book Chapters*

Ridzi, Frank, Matthew T. Loveland, and Jillian Ruhland. Forthcoming. "Standing up for Social Justice: Catholic Voting Patterns and the Latino Effect in the 2004 Presidential Election." In *The Latino Religious Experience and Political Engagement in the United States* edited by Carlos Vargas. Santa Barbara, CA: Prager.

### *Book Reviews*

Review of *Faith and Money: How Religion Contributes to Wealth and Poverty* by Lisa A. Kiester. Available at:  
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/2011/keister.htm>

Review of *Moved by Mary: The Power of Pilgrimage in the Modern World* edited by Anna-Karina hermkens, Willy Jansen and Catrien Notermans. Available at:  
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/>.

Review of *In The Course of a Lifetime: Tracing Religious Belief, Practice, and Change* by Michelle Dillon and Paul Wink. Available at:  
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/>.

Review of *After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings are Shaping the Future of American Religion*, by Robert Wuthnow. Available at  
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/>.

Loveland, Matthew T. 2001. Review of Religion and the New Immigrants: Continuities and Adaptations in Immigrant Congregations by Helen Rose Ebaugh and Janet Saltzman Chafetz. *Sociological Focus* 34: 231-232.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

One Building, Many Parishes: Community in a Merged Catholic Parish, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2011, with Katelyn Stevens.

New Parish, New Community? Conflict and Cohesion in a New Catholic Parish, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2010.

Searching for a New Way to be Church: Catholic Identity and Community in a Changing Institutional Environment, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, 2010, with Catherine Farrell

Web Deliberation: Interaction Rituals and Community on the Internet, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, 2010, with Delia Popescu.

Crossing Boundaries: Determinants of Heterotheistic Friendship, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2009, with Nick Vargas.

Stranger Danger? Private Prayer and Trust in Strangers. Presented at the annual

Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2008.

Attitudes about Gender and Authority: Catholic Differentiation of Religious and Secular Spheres. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2007, with Farha Ternikar and Frank Ridzi.

Support of the Consistent Life Ethic: The Distribution of Ideological Agreement among Catholic Laity. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2007.

Saving the world one soul at a time: evangelism as social activism. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2007.

Catholics and the second shift: an analysis of U.S. Catholics, gender, and domestic work. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2007.

Catholic Pilgrimage: an application of the rational choice perspective. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2006.

Catholic Voting Patterns and the Latino Effect in the 2004 Presidential Election. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2006, with Frank Ridzi.

Creativity as Sense Making: A symbolic interactionist theory of creativity. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2006, with Brandy Ellison.

The Role of the Congregation in Individual Level Civic Involvement. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, 2005.

The Catholic Church and Latino Voices: Latino Leadership and Public Presence. Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, 2004, with Edwin Hernandez.

Does the Congregation Matter? Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, 2004.

Race, Religious Tradition, and Civil Rights Support. Presented at the annual meeting of The American Sociological Society, 2003, with N. Eugene Walls, Daniel J. Myers, and David Sikkink.

Private Religion, Public Results: How Non-institutional Religion Promotes Civic Behavior. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, 2003.

Activism and Religious Belief: Religion and Politics in the U.S. and Mexico. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2002, with David G. Ortiz.

Beyond Rational Choice. Presented at the annual meeting of Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2002, with Eric Sartain.

Civil Societies: Voluntary Association in 17 Countries. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Society, 2002.

Revaluating Religion: Religiosity Outside the Market. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, 2002, with Eric Sartain.

Religion and Civic Engagement: Attendance, Belief and Prayer. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2001.

Religious Switching: Preference Development, Maintenance, and Change. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, 2001.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

2010 – 2010 Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers  
2009 – 2010 Center for Urban and Regional Applied Research Fellowship  
2009 – 2010 Le Moyne College Research and Development Grant  
2004 – 2005 Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship  
2003 – 2004 Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Religion*

Manuscript reviews for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, *Information Communication & Society*

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research Methods, Statistics, Sociology of Religion, Theory, Political Sociology, Social Movements

Courses: Research Methods, Sociology of Religion, Research Seminar in American Catholicism, Social Theory, Social Inequality, Senior Seminar

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator, Contemporary Catholic Trends (2006-2010)

Postdoctoral Research Assistant with Contemporary Catholic Trends Survey, Le Moyne College (2005 – 2006)

Institute for Latino Studies, Center for the Study of Latino Religion  
Chicago Latino Congregations Study (2004 – 2005)

Notre Dame Research Project on Religion and Political Action (2000-2003)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Religious Research Association

## CERTIFICATIONS

The Institute of Social Research Summer Intensive Program-Categorical Data Analysis: Introduction to Regression Models for Discrete Outcomes, J. Scott Long, July 2001

## AWARDS AND HONORS

J.T. VonTreba Scholarship in Sociology – University of Wisconsin Whitewater  
Ph. D. qualifying exam in Religion, University of Notre Dame – passed with distinction