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Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Cornell University (*Fall 2008 to Present*)

Education:

Ph.D. Sociology	University of Arizona, 2008
M.A. Sociology	University of Arizona, 2003
B.A. Sociology	Emory University, 2000
B.A. Psychology	Emory University, 2000

Publications:

- Brashears, Matthew E. "Anomia and the Sacred Canopy: Testing a Network Theory." *Forthcoming- Social Networks*.
- McPherson, Miller, Lynn Smith-Lovin and Matthew E. Brashears. 2009. "Models and Marginals: Using Survey Evidence to Study Social Networks." *American Sociological Review*, 74(4): 670-681.
- Brashears, Matthew E. 2008. "Sex, Society, and Association: A Cross-National Examination of Status Construction Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 71(1): 72-85.
- Brashears, Matthew E. 2008. "Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space." *Social Science Research*. 37(2): 400-415.
- McPherson, J. Miller, Lynn Smith-Lovin and Matthew Brashears. 2008. "The ties that bind are fraying." *Contexts*, 7(3): 32-36.

McPherson, J. Miller, Lynn Smith-Lovin, and Matthew E. Brashears. 2006. "Social Isolation in America: Changes in Core Discussion Networks over Two Decades." *American Sociological Review*. 71(3): 353-375.

In Progress and Under Review:

Brashears, Matthew E. "Gender in Discussion Relations." *Under Review- American Sociological Review*.

Brashears, Matthew E. "Beyond the Tower of Babel: Reintroducing the Problem of Diversity." *In Progress*.

Brashears, Matthew E. "The More Things Change, the More they Stay the Same: Plausibility Structures and Religious Conflict." *In Progress*.

Brashears, Matthew E. and Laura Auf der Heide. "Through a Flawed Lens: Explaining Tie Formation Through Affective Meanings." *In Progress*.

Auf der Heide, Laura and Matthew E. Brashears. "Attitudes and Achievements: An Examination of Male and Female Satisfaction with Job Rewards." *In Progress*.

Grants, Honors, and Awards:

"Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Research Grant." University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Fall 2005.

"Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Summer Grant Development Program Grant." University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Spring 2005.

"William K. Bunis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction." University of Arizona Department of Sociology. Spring 2005.

"Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award." Pacific Sociological Association. 2004, for "Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space."

"Graduate Student Paper Award." Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2004, for "Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space."

Paper Presentations at Professional Meetings:

“Plausibility Structures and Religious Conflict.” Section on Sociology of Religion Paper Session, “Debate, Conflict, and Context in Religion.” August 11th, 2009.

“Testing the Sacred Canopy: Findings from the General Social Survey Networks Modules.” Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). San Diego. March 11th, 2009.

“Evolution, Institutions, and Innovation: What creationism can teach us about organizational interaction.” Presented at the DiMaggio-Powell-Clemens “Iron Cage Revisited” Conference at the University of Arizona. March 1st, 2008.

“Credit and Classification: Defining Industry Boundaries in 19th Century America.” By: Martin Ruef and Kelly Patterson. Presented at the Yale School of Management Organizational Behavior Summer Camp. June 20th, 2007. (Presenter for Ruef and Patterson’s work at this invited conference).

“Keep close to God, and He’ll get you through it:’ Religion, Evolution Denial, and the Role of Higher Education.” Section Session “From Scopes to Dover: Methodology and Politics in the Study of Disputes about ‘Science’ in Public Life.” Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology. American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Montreal. August 12, 2006.

“Through a Flawed Lens: Explaining Tie Formation Through Affective Meanings.” (With Laura Auf der Heide). Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Vancouver. April 29, 2006.

“Mapping Blauspace: The Use of Log-Multiplicative Models to Measure the Strength of Homophily.” Regular Session “Social Networks II” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 25, 2005.

“Sex, Society, And Association Revisited: A Report On New Research Into Cross-National Variation In Sex Homophily.” Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Redondo Beach, California. February 16-February 20, 2005.

“Sex, Society, and Association: A Cross-National Study of the Strength of Homophily by Sex.” Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Portoroz, Slovenia. May 12-May 16, 2004.

Invited Talks:

“Picking, Choosing, Accepting, Changing: The Dynamics of Network Structure and Content.” Cornell University, Department of Sociology. November 29th, 2007.

“Picking, Choosing, Accepting, Changing: The Dynamics of Network Structure and Content.” Michigan State University, Department of Sociology. November 2nd, 2007.

Reviewer:

American Sociological Review
American Journal of Sociology
Social Networks
Social Science Research
Rationality and Society
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
The Sociological Quarterly
The Sociological Forum

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate:

Evaluating Statistical Evidence
Research Methods
American Community and Society
Introduction to Sociology

Graduate:

Introduction to Network Theory and Methods

Professional Service:

Organizer for Mathematical Sociology Section Panel “Mathematical Sociology at Key Intersections of the Discipline.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Atlanta, Georgia. August 14-August 17, 2010.

Webmaster for the Mathematical Sociology Section. 2008-Present

Graduate Student Representative to the Mathematical Sociology Section Council. 2007-2008.

Organizer for Panel on Quantitative Sociology. Pacific Sociological Association
Annual Meetings. Portland, Oregon. April 7-April 10, 2005

Professional Associations:

American Sociological Association. 2001-Present.

International Network for Social Network Analysts. 2002-Present.

Member, Mathematical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.
2002-Present.

Member, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2004-
Present.

References:

Available on request.