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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2022-now Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminology, Gonzaga University
2021-now Associate Professor (w/ tenure), Dept. of Sociology & Criminology, Gonzaga University
2015-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminology, Gonzaga University

EDUCATION

2015 **Ph.D.**, Sociology
Indiana University
Dissertation: Resisting the Market: A Comparative Analysis of Charter School Policy Development in the U.S., 2002-2012
Committee: Pamela Barnhouse Walters (chair), Brian Steensland, Arthur S. Alderson, Brian Powell
PhD Minor: Social Science Research Methods
Qualifying Exam: Political Sociology, completed August 2012
Committee: Brian Steensland (chair), Pamela B. Walters, William Corsaro

2012 **Master of Arts**, Sociology
Indiana University
Thesis: Religion and Volunteering across the Adult Life Course
Committee: Peggy A. Thoits (chair), Eliza Pavalko

2009 **Master of Arts**, Teaching
Marian College

2006 **Bachelor of Arts**, Sociology, *magna cum laude*
Marian College
Minor: Mathematics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Community-Engaged Learning, Sociology of Education, Social Problems, Solutions, & Social Change, Statistics, Methods, Introduction to Sociology, Internships

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-Engaged Learning, Sociology of Education, Comparative/Historical

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS

- 2023-2024 Community-Engaged Learning Faculty Member of the Year, Gonzaga University, \$500
- 2019-2020 Community-Engaged Learning Faculty Member of the Year, Gonzaga University, \$500
- 2019-2020 Career and Professional Development Faculty Fellow, Gonzaga University, \$500
- 2018-2019 Career Compass Faculty Member of the Year, Gonzaga University
- 2018-2020 Center for Community Engagement Faculty Fellow, Gonzaga University, \$1,500
- 2016-2017 Community-Engaged Learning Faculty Member of the Year, Gonzaga University, \$500
- 2016 Dean's Faculty and Student Research Fund, "How do status, identity and campus life influence scientific understanding?" with Dr. Betsy Bancroft, Gonzaga University, \$1,433
- 2017-2024 Named by Gonzaga University graduating seniors on the senior exit survey as a faculty member who had a direct impact on their college success: 2017 (4 students), 2018 (17 students), 2019 (38 students), 2020 (23 students), 2021 (17 students), 2022 (10 students), 2023 (8 students), 2024 (7 students)
- 2015 Nominee, Sutherland Teaching Award, Indiana University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-now Assistant to Associate Professor, Gonzaga University
- SOCI 200: Social Problems, Solutions, and Social Change (Fall 2024)
- SOCI 499: Sociology Senior Capstone (Fall 2022, Spring 2025)
- SOCI 388: Sociology of Education (Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- SOCI/CRIM 385: Law and Society (Fall 2017)
- SOCI 330: Society and the Individual (Fall 2016)
- SOCI 202: Statistics for Social Science (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
- SOCI/CRIM 497: Sociology & Criminology Internships Course (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
- SOSJ 499: Solidarity and Social Justice Praxis (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
- SOCI 497: Walking School Bus Internship (Fall 2017)
- SOSJ 280: Justice in January (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
- SOCI 391: Readings in Sociology of Education (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
- SOCI 290: Statistics for Social Science Teaching Assistant (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

2007-2010 Teacher, Secondary Mathematics, Thomas Carr Howe Community High School, Indianapolis Public Schools
Courses: AP Statistics, Honors Geometry, Geometry, Business Math

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Johnston, Joseph B. 2023. "What is an Authentic Relationship?" *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal* 12(2):47-62.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2023. "Community-Based Learning: Benefits of Moving Beyond the Classroom" in *The Handbook of Teaching and Learning in Sociology*, edited by Sergio Cabrera and Stephen Sweet. UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2023. "Making Sense of the Borderlands: Immersion Trips and Sharing upon Returning." *Journal of Community Engagement & Higher Education* 14(3):39-52.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2020. "The Walking School Bus: Critical Community-Engaged Learning in Action?" *Teaching Sociology* 48(2):140-151.

- Related media coverage:
 - [Washington State Walking School Bus Program Provides Link to Community Engagement](#). April 20, 2020. *School Transportation News*.
 - [Walking School bus program empowers volunteers, children alike](#). April 13, 2020. *The Spokesman-Review*.
 - [Professor Johnston Publishes 'Walking School Bus' Research](#). April 6, 2020. Gonzaga University.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2017. "Educational Ecosystems and Charter School Policy Adoption in the U.S." *Sociological Perspectives* 60(4):768-785.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2016. "How Integration Matters: An Alternative Vision for Urban Education in an Era of the Market." *Journal of School Choice* 10(4):516-536.

- Related media coverage:
 - [Darker Than Blue: The Failure of School Integration](#). October 6, 2015. Interchange: Conversations that challenge the ways we perceive the world around us. WFHB-Bloomington, IN.
 - [Targeting the Vulnerable: Charter Legislation and Urban School Districts](#). October 6, 2015. Interchange: Conversations that challenge the ways we perceive the world around us. WFHB-Bloomington, IN.
 - [Why Indiana has charter schools and Kentucky doesn't](#). August 28, 2015. School Matters: K-12 education in Indiana.
 - [Perceptions of urban schools led to divergent charter school policies in Indiana and Kentucky](#). August 25, 2015. Indiana University Newsroom.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2014. "Resisting Charters: A Comparative Policy Development Analysis of Washington and Kentucky, 2002-2012." *Sociology of Education* 87(4):223-240.

- Related media coverage:
 - [Are charter schools public? Washington court says no](#). September 14, 2015. School Matters: K-12 education in Indiana.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2013. "Religion and Volunteering over the Adult Life Course." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(4):733-752.

BOOK REVIEWS

Johnston, Joseph B. 2022. Review of *When Schools Work: Pluralist Politics and Institutional Reform in Los Angeles* by Bruce Fuller. *Social Forces* 101(2):e14.

Johnston, Joseph B. 2017. Review of *Black Silent Majority: The Rockefeller Drug Laws and the Politics of Punishment* by Michael Javen Fortner. *Contemporary Sociology* 46(2):180-81.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Alderson S., Arthur, Joseph B. Johnston, and Jason Beckfield. "Urban Development and the World City System: Inter-City Relations and the Fate of U.S. Cities." *Minor Revision and Resubmit*.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY PIECES

2020 Johnston, Joe. "The Laboratory of Injustice." Justice in January.

2019 Johnston, Joe. ["How did Yolanda and Hector meet?"](#) Justice in January.

2018 Johnston, Joe. ["Experiential Learning Examples: Bridging Gaps and Borders."](#)

2018 Johnston, Joe. ["The Sociologist."](#) Justice in January. *Gonzaga Magazine*.

2018 Johnston, Joe. ["The Chicano Park Murals."](#) Battle at the Border: Justice in January.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 Joseph B. Johnston. "What is an Authentic Relationship?" Place-Based Justice Network Summer Institute. Spokane, WA.

2023 Joseph B. Johnston. "What is an Authentic Relationship?" International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.

2023 Joseph B. Johnston. "What is an Authentic Relationship?" Community Engagement Institute. Gonzaga University. Spokane, WA.

- 2021 Ayers, Molly, Anthony Medina, and Joseph B. Johnston. "An Introduction to Critical Service-Learning." Community Engagement Institute. Whitworth University. Spokane, WA.
- 2021 Joseph B. Johnston. "The Walking School Bus: Critical Service-Learning in Action?" Community Engagement Institute. Whitworth University. Spokane, WA.
- 2021 Johnston, Joseph B. "Making Sense of the Borderlands: Immersion Trips and Sharing upon Returning." Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, CA.
- 2019 Joseph B. Johnston. "Visualizing Social Structure on The Walking School Bus." Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2017 Joseph B. Johnston. "Living Out Solidarity in Spokane." Catholic Identity, Diversity, and Intercultural Competence. Gonzaga University. Spokane, WA.
- 2017 Joseph B. Johnston. "Educational Ecosystems and Charter Policy Development in the U.S." Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.
- 2016 Joseph B. Johnston. "Educational Ecosystems and Charter Policy Development in the U.S." American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Joseph B. Johnston. "How Integration Matters: An Alternative Vision for Urban Education in an Era of the Market." Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2016 Joseph B. Johnston and Naghme Morlock. "Navigating and Negotiating Teaching, Research, and Service as First-Year Faculty Members." Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2015 Joseph B. Johnston. "Failing Urban Schools?: Urban District Isolation and Charter School Policy Divergence." American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Joseph B. Johnston. "Resisting School Marketization: A Comparative Policy Development Analysis of Washington and Kentucky, 2002-2012." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Arthur S. Alderson, Jason Beckfield, and Joseph B. Johnston. "Urban Development and the World City System: Inter-City Relations and the Fate of U.S. Cities." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Arthur S. Alderson, Jason Beckfield, and Joseph B. Johnston. "Urban Development and the World City System: Inter-City Relations and the Fate of U.S. Cities." Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association (PEWS) and the World Society Foundation (WSF) Conference. Riverside, CA.

- 2012 Joseph B. Johnston. "Religion and Volunteering Across the Adult Life Course." American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- 2006 Joseph B. Johnston. "Marketing or Achievement: Educational Institutions Choosing Students as Symbols." Midwest Student Sociology Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

SERVICE

Department

- 2023-2024 Chair, Search Committee, Two Tenure-Track Criminologists
- 2024-2025 Chair and Lead Author of Self-Study, Program Review of Department
- 2022 Graduate School Journeys and Experiences Panelist
- 2022-now Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminology
- 2022-now Chair, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee
- 2022 Co-Chair, Search Committee, Solidarity and Social Justice Tenure-Track
- 2020-2023 Chair, Creating Departmental Policies & Procedures Subcommittee
- 2020-2023 Departmental Mentor, Dr. Jamella Gow
- 2019-2022 Departmental Mentor, Dr. Angela Bruns
- 2019 Member & Department Liaison, Search Committee, Sociology Tenure-Track
- 2019 Organizer, Group Mentoring Session for New Advisees
- 2019 Chair, American Sociological Association Employment Fair, New York City, NY
- 2018-2021 Internships Coordinator
- 2018-2019 Search Committee, Filter Lead, Criminology Tenure-Track
- 2018-2019 Search Committee, Filter Lead, Sociology Tenure-Track
- 2018 Chair, American Sociological Association Employment Fair, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018-2019 Chair, Criminology Curriculum Proposal
- 2018-2019 Chair, Research Concentration Curriculum Proposal
- 2018-2019 Chair, Applied Concentration Curriculum Proposal
- 2017-2018 Chair, Learning Objectives Subcommittee
- 2017-2021 Chair, Transfer and Study Abroad Authorization Decisions Committee
- 2017 Member, Tenure-Track Search Committee
- 2016-2017 Point person, lead author of self-study, Co-chair, Program Review
- 2016 Co-chair, American Sociological Association Employment Fair, Seattle, WA
- 2016 Co-chair, Tenure-Track Search Committee
- 2016 Organizer, Research Accountability Group, Sociology and Criminal Justice

College

- 2024-2025 Chair and Lead Author of Self-Study, Program Review of Department of Sociology & Criminology
- 2023-now Member, Career Preparation Committee
- 2020-2021 Co-lead, Hiring and Retention Subcommittee, IDEAS (Inclusivity, diversity and equity in arts and sciences) in Action
- 2018-2019 Member, Inaugural Chair Search Committee, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program
- 2018-2019 Member, Tenure-Track Search Committee, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program

2016-2017 Point person and co-chair, Sociology and Criminal Justice Program Review

University

- 2024 Participant, Black Liturgies for Staying Human: A Community Practice
- 2024 Panelist, Academia as a Career, Payne Center for Leadership Development
- 2023 Panelist, How to structure a community-engaged learning course, Center for Community Engagement
- 2023-24 Search Committee Member, Dean of College of Arts & Sciences
- 2023 Faculty Speaker, Academic Convocation
- 2023 Presenter, What is Community Engaged Learning?, Preorientation
- 2023 Speaker on the Value of Reciprocity, Opportunity Northeast Celebration
- 2023-2024 White accomplice/anti-racist group, convening committee member, Office of Inclusive Excellence
- 2023 Communities of Practice Design Institute, Presentation: What is an authentic relationship?
- 2023 Core Course Designation: Sociology Senior Capstone (Writing-enriched)
- 2022 Core Course Designation: Sociology Senior Capstone (Community-Engaged Learning)
- 2022 Interviewee, "[Post-COVID Community-Engaged Learning: Stronger than Ever.](#)" *SPIRIT* Magazine.
- 2022-2024 Faculty advisor, South Asian Student Union
- 2022 Presenter, Developing Authentic Relationships, CCE leader-training
- 2021 Committee Member, Community Engaged Learning Mini-Grant Review
- 2020-21 Faculty Advisor, Humanizing Spokane Documentary, Jesuit Mission Fellowship CURCI
- 2020 Presenter, Service & Social Justice, RISE pre-orientation program
- 2020 Presenter, Developing Authentic Relationships, CCE leader-training
- 2020 Interviewee, [An Exceptional Commute](#), Sustainability, Gonzaga University
- 2020 Committee Member, Master's Thesis, Analee Scott, Teaching English as a Second Language
- 2020 Panelist, Community-Engaged Learning, Place-Based Teaching Seminar, Opportunity Northeast
- 2020 Moderator, Phase 3 Act Six Interviews
- 2019 Trainer, Exploring Race for Mission Possible and Zag Semester of Service Student-Leaders, Center for Community Engagement
- 2019-2020 Advisor, Students for Reproductive Rights, Gonzaga Student Body Association
- 2019-2023 Mentor, Act Six, Anisia Khammala
- 2019-2021 Chair, Community Engaged Learning Advisory Board
- 2019 Speaker, "Developing Authentic Relationships", Student-Leader Training, Center for Community Engagement
- 2019 Organizer and Speaker, Sociology and Criminology Faculty Panel, BRIDGE Pre-Orientation Program
- 2019 Speaker, Community Engaged Learning at Gonzaga: An introduction for the teacher-scholar, Center for Teaching and Advising Workshop
- 2019 Speaker, Mission Possible Pre-Training Event on the Pillars of Simplicity and Community, Center for Community Engagement

- 2018 Speaker, Place Based Initiative Panel, Center for Community Engagement
- 2018 Speaker, Courageous Conversations: Intent vs. Impact of Service Trips, Gonzaga Student Body Association
- 2018 Core Course Designation: Sociology of Education (Writing-enriched)
- 2018 Community Engaged Learning Designation: Introduction to Sociology
- 2018 Community Engaged Learning Designation: Solidarity & Social Justice Praxis
- 2018 Community Engaged Learning Designation: Internships Course
- 2018-2019 Advisor, Operation Education Student Group, Gonzaga Student Body Association
- 2018-2020 Community Engaged Learning Faculty Fellow, Center for Community Engagement
- 2018-2019, Member, Community Engaged Learning Advisory Board, Center for Community
- 2022-now Engagement
- 2023-now, Awards Committee Member, Annual Mary Stewart Rogers Scholarship
- 2017-2021
- 2018 Member, Boren Scholarship Committee, Francesca Nevil, Center for Global Engagement
- 2017-2021 Advisor, Justice in January Immersion Trip, San Diego-Tijuana & El Paso-Juarez
- 2017 Panelist, New Faculty Orientation
- 2017 Core Course Designation: Introduction to Sociology (Social Justice)
- 2017 Panelist, "What I did last summer", Faculty Mentoring Panel Discussion and Lunch
- 2017 Participant, Faculty-Staff Learning Circle
- 2016 Participant, Appetizers with Academics
- 2016 Member, Culturally Inclusive Education Task Force
- 2016 Participant, Cataldo Project
- 2016 Core Course Designation: Introduction to Sociology (Social and Behavioral Science)
- 2016 Core Course Designation: Sociology of Education (Social Justice)

Discipline

- 2024 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Teaching Sociology*
- 2023 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, Bellevue, WA
- 2022 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Teaching Sociology*
- 2022 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Teaching Sociology*
- 2021 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA
- 2018-2019 Program Committee Member, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA
- 2018 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, Long Beach, CA
- 2017-2018 Program Committee Member, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA
- 2017, 2018, Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Social Forces*
- 2018

- 2017 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference, Spokane, WA
- 2017 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR
- 2016, 2017, Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Sociological Perspectives*
- 2019
- 2016 Discussant, Undergraduate Roundtable, Sociology of Education, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA
- 2016 Book reviewer for journal, *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2016, 2018 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Sociological Forum*
- 2015, 2016, Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Sociology of Education*
- 2018
- 2015 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Sociological Focus*
- 2014 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2013, 2015 Manuscript reviewer for journal, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Community

- 2019 Community, Housing, and Human Services Board Member, City of Spokane
- 2018 Member, REACH West Central, Sustainable Housing Subcommittee
- 2016-now Volunteer, The Walking School Bus, Holmes, Logan, and Bemiss Elementary, Spokane Public Schools
- 2016 Intercultural Equity subcommittee member, Developing an Action Plan for Discipline in Spokane Public Schools, Spokane Public Schools

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2024 Identifying and Responding to Sexual Misconduct Training, Gonzaga University
- 2024 Foundations for Effective, Equitable Search Processes Workshop, Gonzaga University
- 2024 Workshop on Multilingual Students, Center for Teaching and Advising, Gonzaga University
- 2023 Cybersecurity Training, Gonzaga University
- 2023 Workshop with Dr. Kecia Thomas on inclusive practices for Department Chairs, Gonzaga University
- 2023 The What, Why, and How of Equity-Based Teaching, Gonzaga University
- 2023 Title IX Online Training Program, Catharsis, Gonzaga University
- 2022 HR search committee training, Gonzaga University
- 2022 Chairs Leadership Five Part Workshop Series, College of Arts & Sciences, Gonzaga University
- 2022 *The Student Companion to Community-Engaged Learning* Reading Group, Gonzaga University
- 2021 Effective 1:1 Meetings, Gonzaga University
- 2020 Diversity.edu Training, Gonzaga University
- 2020 Campus Security Authority Training, Gonzaga University
- 2019 Seeking Just Climates Retreat: Best Practices for Inclusive Classrooms and Departments, Dr. Mary James, Gonzaga University, May 16-17

- 2019 Mentor Training: Talking with Students about Mental Health, CTA & DICE, Gonzaga University
- 2019 Undocu Ally Training, University of Washington Leadership Without Borders, Gonzaga University
- 2018-2019 Faculty Career Kindler Certification, Career & Professional Development, Gonzaga University
- 2016-2017 Advising Academy, Gonzaga University
- 2015-2016 New Faculty Learning Community, Gonzaga University
- 2014 SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development ASA Pre-conference Workshop, San Francisco, CA
- 2011, 2014 Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Indiana University
- 2011 Introduction to STATA Workshop, Indiana University
- 2009 AP National Conference, Statistics, San Antonio, TX
- 2008 AP National Conference, Statistics, Seattle, WA

DATA REPORTS

- 2006 "Admissions Survey, 2002-2005—Report." Compiled for Saint Richard's Episcopal Day School, with William A. Mirola

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Sociological Association
- Pacific Sociological Association
- International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement

REFERENCES

Andrea Bertotti Metoyer
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