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Family Values

**Statement of Nomination (250 words plus cv’s)**

I am pleased to nominate Prof. Mark Regnerus for the Bradley Prize.

Dr. Regnerus and some other advising scientists (from diverse ideological backgrounds) designed the *New Family Structures Study* (thee NFSS) to overcome the previous studies’ shortcomings. It interviewed a large, random sample of nearly 3,000 children from different family backgrounds (these included 175 children who had a mother who had a same-sex relationship, and 73 children had a father who had a same-sex relationships). It studied not only progress in school (as Rosenfeld had done), but 40 aspects of respondents’ psychological, social, economic, bodily, and mental health into their adult years. The NFSS found that respondents who had had one parent or more in a same-sex relationship performed worse on a variety of measures when compared to respondents raised by their married biological mother and father. Some of the differences were especially adverse, including more likely to contemplate suicide, more likely to be sexually abused, more likely to be unemployed or be on public assistance, and more likely to be arrested.

News of the study created a fierce controversy. It was reported by *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New Yorker*, *The* *New Republic*, *Huffington Post*, *ABC News*, *Fox News*, and *The Weekly Standard*, among dozens of other media outlets. Some of the attention was positive but much of it was negative. Commentators attacked Drs. Regnerus as “anti-gay,” and questioned the soundness of the research. Leaders of the gay rights movement pressured The University of Texas, Dr. Regnerus’s home institution, to conduct an inquiry into scientific misconduct. The same leaders pressed the editor of the journal that published the study, *Social Science Research*,to have an auditor investigate whether the process of peer review had been followed correctly.

Meanwhile, Dr. Regnerus articulated his position in a variety of nonacademic venues, such as *Slate.com,* to explain his findings to the general public. He gave numerous newspaper, television, and radio interviews with frequently hostile audiences, and admirably modeled what freedom of speech and research should mean.

A counter-movement arose to defend Dr. Regnerus. Around the web, commentators explained the importance of academic freedom and debated the welfare of children. The controversy over the study held the media’s attention for the entire summer of 2012, an unusual accomplishment for an academic paper. By the fall, the University of Texas dismissed the accusations of scientific misconduct, and the audit at *Social Science Research* determined that no publication procedures had been violated.

Today, the study’s impact has become global. It has been cited in Latin American countries like Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Spain; it has inspired legions of French citizens to oppose same-sex marriage in their country; and despite its charged and mixed reception in the United States, critics have acknowledged it to be “better situated than virtually all previous studies to detect differences between these groups in the population.”

In short, Dr. Regnerus risked his academic and public reputation to organize, design, and execute a high quality study that clarified the relationship between family structure and child outcomes. It is clearer than ever that the intact, biological family is the best “Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.”

Dr. Regnerus continues to do research and publish despite the difficult environment, his most recent research project the [Relationships in America](http://relationshipsinamerica.com/) survey, polled a nationally representative sample of 15,738 adults ages 18-60 questions about their families, marriages, and relationship histories.

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“Sex in America: Sociological Trends in American Sexuality.” Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission,

Nashville, April 2014.

“Premarital Sex in America,” Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

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“The Future of Sex and Marriage in American Evangelicalism.” National Association of Evangelicals,

Advisory Board. Washington, D.C., October 2011.

Heyer Lecture, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, September 2011.

Thematic Session on “The Cultural War and Red/Blue Divide: Re-Examining the Debate Demographically

and Behaviorally.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 2011.

“Sexual Economics: The Forces Shaping How Young Americans Meet, Mate, and Marry.” Heritage

Foundation, Washington, D.C., May 2011.

“Marital Realities, Current Mindsets, and Possible Futures.” Institute of Marriage and Family Canada,

Ottawa, May 2011.

Panel on “Teen Pregnancy: What is California Doing Right?” Zócalo Public Square, Los Angeles,

December 2010.

“Marriage and Parenthood in the Imagination of Young Adults.” Baby Makes Three: Social Scientific

Research on Successfully Combining Marriage and Parenthood, Princeton, June 2010.

“Saving Marriage before it Starts.” Q, Lyric Opera, Chicago, April 2010.

“The Price of Sex in Contemporary Heterosexual Relationships,” TEDxUT, UT-Austin, April 2010.

“Love and Marriage in the Minds of Emerging Adults.” ChildTrends & Heritage Foundation, Washington,

D.C., October 2009.

“Forbidden Fruit? Sex and Religious Faith in the Lives of Young Americans,” Baylor University,

September 2007.

Introduction and Chapter 1 to “Great Expectations: Culture, Emotion, and Disenchantment in the Sexual

Worlds of Young Americans,” to the Bay Area Colloquium on Population, Berkeley, California,

September 2007

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“Sex and Emotional Health in Emerging Adulthood.” Department of Sociology, Penn State University,

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“Suboptimal Sex or Healthy Expressions?  Heterosexual Practice among American Adolescents.”

Department of Sociology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 2007.

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“New Approaches to Understanding Religious Influence.” Georgia Institute of Technology School of

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“Living up to Expectations: How Religion alters the Delinquent Behavior of Low-Risk Adolescents.” Sixth

Annual Spirituality Research Symposium: The Role of Religion in Understanding Risk and Protective

Factors for Adolescents.” Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, May 2003.

Invited presentation on Adult and Juvenile Crime & Delinquency to “Integrating Research on Spirituality

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“Talking and Knowing about Sex: Are Religious Parents Communicating with their Adolescent

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Invited presentation to panel discussion “Can Churches save the American Family? What New

Research shows about Religion’s Effect on Fatherhood and Academic Achievement.” National Press

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Invited session on Peer Influences on Adolescent Behavior. Add Health User’s Conference, NIH,

Bethesda, MD, August 2001.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (SINCE 2000)

“Gender and Heterosexual Sex.” Panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Sociological

Association, August 2013.

“The New Family Structures Study: Introduction and Initial Results.” Paper presented at the annual

meeting of the Population Association of America, May 2012.

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“Premarital Sexual Initiation and Fertility among Pentecostal Adolescents in Brazil.” Paper presented at the

annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2011.

“Red Sex, Blue Sex: Distinguishing Political Culture and Religious Culture in the Sexual Decisions of

Young Americans.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of

Religion, October 2009.

“Bare Market: Campus Sex Ratios and Romantic Relationships (with Jeremy Uecker). Paper presented at

the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, May 2009.

“Religion and Sexual Initiation in Brazil” (with Ana-Paula Verona). Paper presented at the annual meeting

of the Population Association of America, April 2009.

“Going Most of the Way: Religion, Pledging, and ‘Sexual Substitution’ among Young Americans” (with

Jeremy Uecker and Nicole Angotti). Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the

Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 2006, and the Population Association of

America, March 2007.

“Does True Love Wait? Religion, Pledging, and the Premarital Sexual Behavior of Married Adults” (with

Jeremy Uecker). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of

Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 2006.

“Religious Discord and Parent-Child Relations: What Happens when Faith Divides Family” (with Charles

Stokes). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal,

August 2006.

“Village Sexual Norms and Links between Religion and HIV Infection Risk in Rural Malawi” (with Jenny

Trinitapoli). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America,

Los Angeles, March 2006.

“Religious Affiliation, Ethnicity, and AIDS-related Discrimination in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Viviana

Salinas). Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion,

Rochester, NY, November 5, 2005 and at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America,

Los Angeles, March 2006.

“Finding Faith, Losing Faith: The Prevalence and Context of Religious Transformations during

Adolescence.” (with Jeremy Uecker). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the

Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, NY, November 2005.

“Religious Responses to AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: An examination of religious congregations in rural

Malawi.” (with Jenny Trinitapoli). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological

Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

“Religion, Race, and Adolescent Sexual Behavior.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the

Population Association of America, Philadelphia, April 2005.

“Religion and HIV Risk Behaviors among Men in Rural Malawi: Initial Results from a Panel Study.” Paper

presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, October

2004, and at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia, April 2005.

“The Sexual Norms and Conduct of Religious Youth.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society

for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, October 2004.

“Selection Effects and Social Desirability Bias in Studies of Religious Influences.” Paper presented at the

annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, October 2004, and at

the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia, April 2005.

“Religion and Adolescent Sexuality and Behavior.” Paper presented at the Religion, Families, and Health

conference, Austin, April 2004.

“Religious Experiences and Adolescent Behaviors: Evidence from the National Study of Youth and

Religion.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion,

Norfolk, October 2003.

“Religion and Adolescent Family Well-Being.” (with Amy Burdette). Paper presented at the annual

meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, October 2003.

“Does Religion affect Asian American Adolescents’ Subjective Well-Being?” (with Elisa Jiexia Zhai).

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk,

October 2003.

“Religion and Adolescent Sexual Behavior: A Review and Program of Research.” (with Christopher

Ellison). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt

Lake City, November 2002.

“Religious and Vulnerability among Low-Risk Adolescents” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the

Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August 2002.

“Religious Influences on Adolescent Resilience and Vulnerability.” Paper presented to the Add Health

HIV Prevention Research Team, University of Kentucky, February 2002.

“The Influence of Adolescent Religion on Sex Attitudes and Sexual Debut.” Poster presented (with S.

Rostosky and M.L.C.Wright) at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, New

Orleans, April 2002.

“Talking and Knowing about Sex: Are Religious Parents Communicating with their Adolescent

Children?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion,

Columbus, October 2001, and at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2002.

“Staying on Track in School: Religious Influences in High and Low-Risk Settings.” Paper presented at

2001 Add Health Users Conference, NIH, Bethesda, MD, August 2001 and at the annual meeting of

the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, August 2001.

“The Overestimation of Peer Influence on Adolescent Delinquency: A Developmental Test of Peer-

Reported Effects.” Paper presented at 2001 Add Health Users Conference, NIH, Bethesda, MD,

and at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, August 2001.

# “Moral Communities and Adolescent Delinquency: Subcultural Aspects of Social Disorganization.”

# Paper presented at 2000 Add Health Users Conference, NIH, Bethesda, MD, August 2000 and at the

# annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

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2003 Heather Powell

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2014 Tiffany Fong (Reader)

2011 Mary Lingwall

2008 Hong Nguyen

# DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Moderator, Plan II thesis symposium, 2011.

Member, COLA Undergraduate Research Award selection committee, 2010-12

Member, Executive committee, Sociology, 2004-06, 2009-11, 2012-14

Member, Department promotions & tenure review committee, 2010-11, 2012-14

Member, Department Graduate Steering committee, 2007-09, 2010-11

Presenter, TEDxUT, Spring 2010

Presenter, Tejas House, Fall 2009 (Sexual Health Panel), Spring 2011 (Orange Jackets’ Week of Women)

Guest presenter, UT Peer Sexual Health Educator courses, 2008-12

Member, Population Research Center governing board, 2009-10

Member, Graduate admissions committee, Sociology, 2004-05; 2009-10, 2012-14

Chair, Department of Sociology religion search committee, Fall 2008

Participant and presenter, UT Faculty Fellows Program, 2007-09

Member, Department of Sociology population junior search committee, Fall 2007

Member, Department Speaker Colloquium committee, Fall 2007

Presenter, Explore UT, 2006

Supervisor, UT Sociology Undergraduate Research Assistance Program, Spring and Fall 2006

Reviewer, Award application, Office of the Vice President for Research, 2005

Faculty Overseer, Department of Sociology website, 2004-05

Member, Research Experience for Undergraduates program admissions committee, PRC, 2003-05

# ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board member, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2004–2011

Editorial Board member, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 2005–2011

Nominating Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2007-2009

Council member, ASA Section on the Sociology of Religion, 2004-2007

Distinguished Article Award Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2009-2010.

* Committee chair, 2010

Distinguished Article Award Committee member, American Sociological Association (Religion Section),

2010-2011.

* Committee chair, 2011

Jack Shand Research Award committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2005-2007.

Ad-hoc reviewer for: National Institutes of Health, 2007; National Science Foundation, 2001 (one review),

2004 (one review), 2010 (one review); United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, 2003 (one

review); William T. Grant Foundation, 2004 (one review).

Ad-hoc journal reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social*

*Forces, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Problems, Social Psychology Quarterly, Social*

*Science Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, The Sociological Quarterly, Gender &*

*Society ,Sociological Inquiry, Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, Review of Religious*

*Research, International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, Social Service Review, Journal of*

*Psychology and Christianity, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of*

*Adolescent Health, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Forum,*

*Biodemography and Social Biology, Perspectives on Psychological Science, Journal of Homosexuality*

# FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Best Article Award, ASA Religion Section, 2001, for “The Measure of American Religion: Toward Improving the State of the Art” (with Brian Steensland, Jerry Park, Lynn Robinson, Brad Wilcox, and Robert Woodberry).

Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, University of

Pennsylvania, 2001-2003.

Runner-up (2nd place), Best Student Paper Award, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, 2000, for

“The Overestimation of Peer Group Traits and Behaviors on Adolescent Delinquency.”

Runner-up (Honorable Mention), Best Student Paper Award, ASA Religion Section, 2000, for “Moral

Communities and Adolescent Delinquency: Subcultural Aspects of Social Disorganization.”

Carolina Consortium on Human Development Pre-doctoral Trainee Fellow, Center for Developmental

Science, UNC-CH, 1999-2000.

Best Article Award, ASA Religion Section, 1999, for “Selective Deprivatization among American

Religious traditions: The Reversal of the Great Reversal.”

Runner-up (Honorable Mention), Best Student Paper Award, ASA Religion Section, 1999, for “Re-

Interpreting Religious Effects on Adolescent Educational Expectations and Achievement.”