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**EDUCATION:**

- 2008 Ph.D. Sociology, The Ohio State University (expected)  
Dissertation: "Family, Religion, and Well-Being from Adolescence to Young Adulthood: Patterns of Religious Participation and the Influence of Family and Religious Characteristics on Trajectories of Well-Being"  
Committee: Elizabeth Cooksey (co-chair), Chris Knoester (co-chair), Korie Edwards, and Robert L. Kaufman
- 2005 M.A. Sociology, The Ohio State University  
Thesis: "Religious Heterogamy and Children's Well-Being"
- 2002 B.A. Social Relations (with Honors), Michigan State University

**PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:**

Research Interests: Religious Intermarriage, Parent-Child Relationships, Religion and Adolescent Well-Being, Religion and Family Life, Marriage and Divorce, Men and Fatherhood

Teaching Interests: Social Problems, Introduction to Sociology, Research Methods, Sociology of Family, Sociology of Religion

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Petts, Richard J. Forthcoming. "Religious Participation, Religious Affiliation, and Engagement with Children Among Fathers Experiencing the Birth of a New Child." *Journal of Family Issues*.

Petts, Richard J. and Chris Knoester. Forthcoming. "Parents' Religious Heterogamy and Children's Well-Being." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Knoester, Chris, Richard J. Petts, and David J. Eggebeen. Forthcoming. "Commitments to Fathering and the Well-Being and Social Participation of New, Disadvantaged Fathers." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

## **PAPERS IN PROGRESS:**

Knoester, Chris and Richard J. Petts. "Generativity, Role Occupancy, and Feelings of Well-Being Among New Fathers"

Knoester, Chris and Richard J. Petts. "Social Parenting and Children's Well-Being"

Petts, Richard J. and Anne Jolliff. "Religion and Adolescent Depression: The Impact of Race and Gender." *Under Review*.

Petts, Richard J. "The Influence of Family and Religious Characteristics on Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior from Adolescence to Young Adulthood." *Under Review*.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Research Associate, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

Winter 2006 – Spring 2006.

Principal Investigator: Dana L. Haynie.

Autumn 2004 – Spring 2005. "Exploring the Effects of Fatherhood for Men's Lives"

Principal Investigator: Chris Knoester.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Social Problems, Independent Instructor: Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Winter 2007

Introduction to Sociology, Independent Instructor: Autumn 2005, Spring 2007, Summer 2007

Types of Sociological Inquiry, Recitation Leader: Summer 2004

Introduction to Sociology, Recitation Leader (2 classes in each quarter): Fall 2003, Spring 2004

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Administrative Assistant, Initiative for Population Research, The Ohio State University  
Summer 2007 – Present

Graduate Public Service Intern, Illinois Bureau of the Budget, Springfield, IL  
August 2002 – June 2003

Conducted research on capital budgeting procedures used in other states to compare and generate ideas on new strategies to implement, managed large databases tracking the release of funds throughout the state, and assisted in creating the annual state budget.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Petts, Richard J. 2007. "The Influence of Family and Religion on Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior." To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, New York City, NY.

Petts, Richard J. and Anne Jolliff. 2006. "Religion and Depression among Adolescents: The Impact of Race and Gender." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, Montreal, Canada.

Petts, Richard J. 2006. "Religious Participation, Religious Affiliation, and Engagement with Children Among New Fathers." Presented at King Avenue United Methodist Church, April 9, Columbus, OH.

Knoester, Chris, Richard J. Petts, and David J. Eggebeen. 2005. "When Does Fatherhood Matter Most for Men's Lives?" Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 18, Phoenix, AZ.

Petts, Richard J. 2004. "The Effect of Interfaith Marriage on Children's Well-Being." Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 17, Orlando, FL.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- 2007 Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2006 Summer Methods Training Grant, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2005 Outstanding Master's Student Award, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2005 Summer Publishing Fellowship, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2001 Phi Beta Kappa

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Occasional Reviewer:

- American Sociological Review
- Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
- National Council on Family Relations (Religion and Family Life Section)

Member:

- 2004-present National Council on Family Relations
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2003-present American Sociological Association

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:**

2005-06 Vice President-Finance, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University  
2004 Brownbag Series Student Representative

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