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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Social movements, new religious movements, qualitative methods, deviance	
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Sociology, Current The University of Alberta , Edmonton, AB M.A., Sociology, May 2012 The University of New Brunswick , Fredericton, NB B.A., Information and Communication Studies and Philosophy, April 2010 The University of New Brunswick , Saint John, NB	
AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS	Sociology PhD Post-Candidacy Research Grant, \$1300 President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction, University of Alberta, \$10,000 SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS), 2013-2016, \$105,000 (\$35,000 per annum) 2012 Doctoral Scholarship, University of Alberta, \$15,000 2012 Nominated for Governor General's Gold Medal, University of New Brunswick 2011 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master's Scholarship, \$17,500 2011 Board of Governor's Merit Award for Graduate Studies	
REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	[1] Simmons, J., and Kent, S. A. (2015). An expansion of the rational choice approach: Social control in the Children of God during the 1970s and 1980s <i>International Journal for the Study of New Religions</i> . 6(1), 27-49. [2] Simmons, J. (2012). Positive psychology as a scientific movement. <i>The International Journal of Science in Society</i> . 4(1), 43-52.	
BOOK REVIEWS	[3] Simmons, J. (2014, May 23). Review of Caught in the Pulpit: Leaving Belief Behind. <i>Secularism and Nonreligion</i> . 3(4). [4] Simmons, J. (2013, January 15). Review of the book Philosophy for Life And Other Dangerous Situations. <i>LSE Review of Books</i> .	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	[5] Simmons, J. (2011). Study guide to accompany Karen L. Anderson's <i>Thinking about sociology: A critical introduction</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. [6] Simmons, J. (2011). Test bank to accompany Karen L. Anderson's <i>Thinking about sociology: A critical introduction</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. [7] Simmons, J. (2010). The pervert's guide to the birds. <i>Bright Lights Film Journal</i> 69. [8] Simmons, J. (2010). Modest intentionalism and the replicant debate. <i>Magazine Americana</i> .	

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
AND INVITED
TALKS

- Simmons, J. (2015). Atheism and skepticism. In: *Society of Edmonton Atheists Roundtable*, Edmonton, AB, November 3.
- Simmons, J. (2015). Not all atheists are skeptics: boundary work among secularists in Alberta, Canada. In: *W. David Pierce Research Colloquium*, Edmonton, AB, October 29.
- Simmons, J. (2014). Magic and mysticism in the (post) modern cult of homeopathy. In: *2014 ICSA annual conference*, Washington, DC, July 3-5.
- Simmons, J. (2012). Positive psychology as a scientific movement. In: *The Fourth International Conference on Science in Society*, Berkeley, CA, November 15-17.
- Simmons, J. (2012). Lifestyle change in the skeptical movement. In: *W. David Pierce Research Colloquium*, Edmonton, AB, November 9.
- Simmons, J. (2011). Positive psychology as a scientific movement. In: *Canadian Sociological Association Conference*, Fredericton, NB, May 31-June 4.
- Simmons, J. (2011). New thought and American positive psychologies in context. In: *The Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting*, Fredericton, NB, May 28-31.
- Simmons, J. (2011). Positive psychology's emergence and the new sciences of happiness. In: *The First Annual Social Sciences and Humanities Student Conference*, Saint John, NB, February 18-19.

MEDIA
APPEARANCES

- 630 CHED, Tencer and Gross, May 28, 2014. Interview concerning religious "nones."
- Telegraph Journal, May 7, 2010. Interview concerning underground fight videos.

ACADEMIC
SERVICE

- Teaching Excellence and Policy Committee, University of New Brunswick, 2011.
- Student Life and Support Services Committee, University of New Brunswick, 2011.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Graduate Student Conference Organizer, University of New Brunswick. February 18-19, 2011.
- Student Organizing Committee for the Canadian Bioethics Society 22nd Annual Conference, University of New Brunswick, 2011.
- Social Science Chair Selection Committee, University of New Brunswick, 2011.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

- The University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB**
- Part-time Contract Instructor* **Summer 2016**
- SOC 376-Sociology of Religion
- Part-time Contract Instructor* **Fall 2015**
- SOC 343-Social Movements
- Part-time Contract Instructor* **Spring 2015**
- SOC 343-Social Movements
- Teaching Assistant* **January 2013 to April 2013**
- Assisted Dr. Stephen A. Kent, Sociology of Religious Sects
- Teaching Assistant* **September 2012 to December 2012**
- Assisted Dr. Gordon Laxer, Introduction to Globalization

The University of New Brunswick, Saint John, NB

Graduate Researcher **September 2011 to December 2011**

- Assisted project leader Dr. Joseph Galbo
- Participated in the **Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education**, International Academic Mobility, funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

Teaching Assistant **May 2011 to July 2011**

- Assisted Dr. Janet Burns, Introduction to Sociology

Teaching Assistant **2011**

- Assisted Dr. June Madeley, Media Living: Audio visual and New media in everyday life

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Teaching Assistant **2010**

- Assisted Dr. Joseph Galbo, Research Seminar in Popular Culture

Teaching Assistant **2010**

- Assisted Arif Hussain, Film and Society

Teaching Assistant **2009**

- Assisted Dr. Joseph Galbo, Film and Society

Undergraduate Researcher **2009**

- Assisted Project leader Dr. Daniel Downes.
- Participated in Irish Cultural Identity, Mediation, and Music in New Brunswick, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Teaching Assistant **2009**

- Assisted Dr. June Madeley, Media Living: Audio visual and New media in everyday life

Teaching Assistant **2008**

- Assisted Dr. June Madeley, Media Living: Audio visual and New media in everyday life

Undergraduate Researcher **2007**

- Assisted Dr. June Madeley

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial

- *Associate editor, The International Journal of Science and Society, 2013, Volume 4, Issue 1.*

Referee Service

- *The Canadian Journal of Sociology*
- *The International Journal of Science in Society*

Conference Service

- Organizer for session: Social Movements in Theory, 2013 Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, Victoria, BC, June 3–8.

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

SERVICE

- Canadian Sociological Association (2011–present)
- Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, University of New Brunswick, 2010-2012.
- Organizer, University of New Brunswick film series, 2007-2008.
- Townhall Meeting in Planning for a Flu Pandemic, University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics, 2009.
- NB Bioethics Consortium (NBBC) Ethical Issues in Healthcare Conference, 2009.