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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D. 2017, University of Notre Dame, Sociology  
Dissertation: “Opting Out: How Political Context, Political Ideology, and Individualistic Parenting Contribute to Vaccine Refusal in California, 2000-2015”  
Committee: Rory McVeigh (chair), Kraig Beyerlein, Omar Lizardo, and Erin McDonnell
- M.A. 2013, University of Notre Dame, Sociology.  
Thesis: “Constructing a Language Problem”
- M.Ed. 2009, University of Oklahoma, Adult and Higher Education
- B.S. 2003, University of Oklahoma, Zoology

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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2017-present Assistant Professor in Health Administration and Policy  
Department of Cultural and Social Studies  
Creighton University

**PUBLICATIONS**

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- Estep, Kevin.* 2017. “Constructing a Language Problem: Status-based Power Devaluation and the Threat of Immigrant Inclusion.” *Sociological Perspectives*.  
—*Best Graduate Student Paper (Cristina Maria Riegos Award)—ASA Latina/o Sociology Section*  
—*Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (Jeanine Becker Award)—Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame*
- Estep, Kevin. 2017. Review of *To Care for Creation: The Emergence of the Religious Environmental Movement* by Stephen Ellingson. *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 22(2).
- McVeigh, Rory, Bryant Crubaugh, and *Kevin Estep.* 2017. “Plausibility Structures, Status Threats, and the Establishment of Anti-Abortion Pregnancy Centers.” *American Journal of Sociology*.

Myers, Daniel J. and *Kevin Estep*. 2012. "North Central Sociological Association 2012 Ruth and John Useem Plenary Address. Political Renewal: Occupations, Springs and Tea Parties." *Sociological Focus* 45(4): 274-284.

## **CLASSES TAUGHT**

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Introduction to Social Problems  
Research Design for the Social Sciences

## **TEACHING CERTIFICATION/TRAINING**

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*Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement and Public Scholarship*,  
University of Notre Dame, Center for Social Concerns

*Training and Development Specialization*, University of Oklahoma, College of Education (2009)

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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2016 *John J. Kane Memorial Award*, Notre Dame, Sociology (presented to the graduate student who shows the "greatest academic excellence in any given year")

2016 *Cristina Maria Riegos Award*, ASA, Latina/o Sociology Section (for best student paper)

2016 Notre Dame Social Movements Travel Grant, \$1,500

2014 *Jeanine Becker Award*, Notre Dame, Sociology (for best student paper)

2012 Notre Dame Social Movements Research Grant, \$350

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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Article Manuscript, "Opting Out: Family Reproduction, Vaccine Refusal, and Resistance to the Collective Good in Homogeneous Communities."

Article Manuscript, "Political Context and Opposition to Mandatory Vaccinations in California Kindergartens, 2000-2015."

Book Manuscript (with Rory McVeigh), *Losing Privilege: The Common Roots of the Trump Presidency and the Rise of the Ku Klux Klan*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Vaccine Refusal: Personal Beliefs, Individual Liberty, and the Collective Good in Conflict.” ASA, annual meeting, Seattle, August 2016.

“Constructing a Language Problem: Paternalism, Power Devaluation, and the legitimization of Nativism in the English-only Movement.” ASA, annual meeting, San Francisco, August 2014.

“Consistently Conservative or Consistently Liberal: Contextual Effects on the Correlation of Cultural and Economic Views.” ASA, annual meeting, New York, August 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2015-2016	<i>American Sociological Review</i> – Coordinating Editor
2013-2015	<i>Mobilization, An International Journal</i> – Senior Assistant Editor
2011-present	<i>Mobilizing Ideas</i> blog – Senior Assistant Editor
2005-2011 Oklahoma	Assistant/Associate Director of Student Life, University of Oklahoma

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*  
Reviewer, *Mobilization*  
Reviewer, *Sociological Perspectives*