

Curriculum Vitae  
**Scott T. Fitzgerald**  
Professor and Chair  
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### EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Iowa  
Exams: Social Stratification; Political Sociology  
1998 M.A., Political Science, Iowa State University  
1994 B.A., Sociology/Political Science; Philosophy, Luther College

*Areas of Interest:* Social Stratification, Religion, Social Movements, Political Sociology, and Organizations

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020- Professor, Sociology, UNC Charlotte  
2020- Professor, Public Policy, UNC Charlotte  
2016-2020 Associate Professor, Public Policy, UNC Charlotte  
2010-2020 Associate Professor, Sociology, UNC Charlotte  
2003-2010 Assistant Professor, Sociology, UNC Charlotte

### OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

2019-- Chair, Sociology, UNC Charlotte  
2013-2019 Associate Chair, Sociology, UNC Charlotte  
2013-2019 Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology, UNC Charlotte  
2010-2015 Political Sociology Co-editor *Sociology Compass*  
2010-2013 Diversity Coordinator, College of Liberal Arts and Science, UNC Charlotte  
2009-2014 Coordinator, Global Village Learning Community, UNC Charlotte

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Monographs:*

2023 [2014] Leicht, Kevin T. and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. *Middle Class Meltdown in America: Causes, Consequences, and Remedies*. Routledge Press. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

2007 Leicht, Kevin T. and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. *Post-Industrial Peasants: The Illusion of Middle Class Prosperity*. Worth Publishers. New York.

**Peer- Reviewed Articles**

2021 Walker, Jonathan and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. “Man Looks at the Outward Appearance, God Looks at the Heart”: Inclusion and Identity in a High Boundary Religion” *Symbolic Interaction* <https://doi.org/10.1002/symb.548>

2018 Austin, Rachel and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. “‘I Come Back a Better Person’: Identity Construction and Maintenance at a Regional Burn Festival.” *Sociological Inquiry* 88(4):599-625.

2017 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** “Conceptualizing and Understanding the Gülen Movement.” *Sociology Compass* 11(3): 1-10.

2015 Glass, Jennifer L., Sutton, April and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. “Leaving the Faith: How Religious Switching Changes Pathways to Adulthood among Conservative Protestant Youth” *Social Currents* 2(2):126-143.

2014 Snow, David, Benford, Robert, McCammon, Holly J., Hewitt, Lyndi and **Scott Fitzgerald**. ““The Emergence and Development of the Framing Perspective or 25 Years since Publication of ‘Frame Alignment’: What Lies Ahead?” *Mobilization: The International Quarterly Review of Social Movement Research* 19(1):23-46.

2014 Leicht, Kevin T. and **Scott T. Fitzgerald**. “The Real Reason 60 is the new 30: Consumer Debt and Income Insecurity in the Late Middle Age” *The Sociological Quarterly* 55(2):236-260.

2012 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** and Jennifer L. Glass. “Conservative Protestants, Early Transitions to Adulthood, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Class,” Pp. 49-72 in Lisa A. Keister, John McCarthy and Roger Finke, Eds. *Research in the Sociology of Work: Religion , Work and Inequality*. Emerald Press.

2012 Peters, Cara, Bodkin, Charles D., and **Scott Fitzgerald**. “Toward an understanding of meaning creation via the collective co-production process,” *Journal of Consumer Behavior* 11:124-135.

2010 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** and Beth Rubin. “Risk Society, Media and Power: The Case of Nanotechnology.” *Sociological Spectrum* 30(4):1-35.

2009 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** “Cooperative Collective Action: Faith-Based Community Development and the State.” *Mobilization: The International Quarterly Review of Social Movement Research* 14(2):405-422.

- 2008 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** and Jennifer Glass. "Can Early Family Formation Explain the Lower Educational Attainment of U.S. Conservative Protestants." *Sociological Spectrum* 28(5):556-577.
- 2005 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** and Ryan Spohn. "Pulpits and Platforms: The Role of the Church in Determining Protest Among Black Americans." *Social Forces* 84(2):1015-1048.
- 2001 **Fitzgerald, Scott,** Shelley, Mack C., and Dail, Paula W., "Research on Homelessness: Sources and Implications of Uncertainty." *American Behavioral Scientist.* Vol.45(1):121-148.
- 2000 Dail, Paula W., Shelley, Mack C., and **Fitzgerald, Scott T.,** "Methodologies for Examining Homelessness and Their Application to a Mandated Statewide Study." *Policy Studies Journal.* vol. 28 (2) pp. 421-444.

**Book Chapters:**

- 2018 Walker, Lisa Slattery and **Scott T. Fitzgerald.** "A Case Study on Community and Identity in a Study Abroad Program" in Joseph Allen and Roni Reiter-Palmon, eds., *The Cambridge Handbook of Organizational Community Engagement and Outreach.* Cambridge University Press.
- 2015 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** "Is Equality the Goal? Challenging Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K." Pp, 51-62 in Emmanuelle Avril and Johann Neem, eds., *Democracy, Participation and Contestation: Civil Society, Governance and the Future of Liberal Democracy.* Taylor and Francis Press.
- 2014 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** and Jennifer L. Glass. "Conservative Protestants, Normative Pathways, and Adult Attainment" Pp. 97-118 in Lisa A. Keister and Darren E. Sherkat, Eds. *Religion and Inequality.* Cambridge University Press.
- 2010 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** "Organizational Religious Identity and Environmental Demands." Pp. 187-206 in Hefferan, Tara, Adkins, Julie and Laurie Occhipinti, Eds. *Not By Faith Alone: Social Services, Social Justice, and Faith-Based Organizations in the U.S.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

**Other Publications:**

- 2017 **Scott T. Fitzgerald** and Kevin T. Leicht. "The Future of the American Middle Class" in Robert Rycroft, ed, *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty.* Greenwood.

- 2016 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** (2016). [Book Review] Marianne Cooper, *Cut Adrift: Families in Insecure Times in Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 45(2), 164-165.
- 2014 **Scott T. Fitzgerald** and Kevin T. Leicht. “Introductory Comments: Does the American Middle Class Have a Future???” *The Sociological Quarterly* 55(2):233-235.
- 2014 **Scott T. Fitzgerald.** [Book Review] Edwin Amenta, Kate Nash and Alan Scott, eds, *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*, in *Mobilization: The International Quarterly Review of Social Movement Research* 19(1):113-114.
- 2012 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** [Peer-reviewed] “[Middle Classes.](#)” *Oxford Bibliographies* in “Sociology.” Ed. Jeff Manza. New York. Oxford University Press.
- 2012 Moller, Stephanie and **Scott Fitzgerald.** “Citizenship and Inequality in a Global Economy” Symposium on Inequality and Citizenship, *States, Power, and Societies* 17(2):7-8.
- 1998 **Fitzgerald, Scott T.**, [Book Review Essay] “Something Borrowed and Something New?: Welfare Reform and Social Science.” *Policy Studies Journal*, vol.26(2) pp. 333-340.
- 1998 Dail, Paula W., Shelley, Mack C., **Fitzgerald, Scott T.**, and Baker, Joleen. *Homelessness in Iowa: Findings from the 1997 Statewide Study*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Education.
- 1998 Dail, Paula W. and **Scott Fitzgerald.** *Health Care for the Homeless Outcomes Study Final Report*. Submitted to the Broadlawns Homeless Outreach Project, Des Moines, IA.

### Selected Work in Progress

- Thompson, Peter O. and **Scott T. Fitzgerald.** “Power, Policy and Discourse: A Comparative Analysis of United Nations 2015 Paris Climate Agreement Speeches” [Under review]
- **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** “Media Coverage of Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K., 1984—2014” [Working paper]
- **Fitzgerald, Scott T.** “Framing, Faith-Based Initiatives, and Policy Failure” [Working paper]

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### ***External Grants:***

- 2011 Interactivity Foundation, Grant (\$11,000)
- 2006 Interactivity Foundation, Grant (\$13,000)
- 2001 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$6,258)

### ***Internal Grants:***

- 2005 UNCC Junior Faculty Research Grant (\$5,850)

### ***Honors and Awards:***

- 2009 Distinguished Book Award, Midwest Sociological Society, for *Post-Industrial Peasants: The Illusion of Middle Class Prosperity*.
- 2001 Comprehensive Exam in Social Stratification (Passed with Honors)
- 1998 Phi Kappa Phi, (National Honor Society)
- 1997 Pi Sigma Alpha, (National Political Science Honor Society)

### ***Fellowships:***

- 2006 John H. Biggs, TIAA-CREF Faculty Research Fellowship (\$7,000)
- 2001 Erasmus Institute of Notre Dame, Religion & Social Inequality Summer Seminar Fellowship, Boston College (\$3,000)

## **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

### ***Invited Talks***

- 2016 “Media Coverage of Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K., 1984—2014” UNC Culture and Politics workshop, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 “Middle Class Meltdown in America” Kocaeli University, Izmir, Turkey.
- 2014 “Middle Class Meltdown in America” UNCC Personally Speaking Series, Uptown Campus.
- 2009 “Evangelicals, Frame Alignment and Public Opinion: President Bush’s ‘Faith-Based Initiatives.’” Marion Rees Alumni Lecture, The University of Iowa, Department of Sociology.

- 2006 Leicht, Kevin and Scott Fitzgerald. *Post-Industrial Peasants: The Illusion of Middle Class Prosperity*. Authors Meet Critics Session. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA,
- 2005 “Pulpits and Platforms: The Role of the Church in Determining Protest Among Black Americans.” The University of South Carolina, Department of Sociology.

***Refereed Paper Presentations (SELECTED)***

- 2018 Scott T. Fitzgerald and Eric L. Wright. “Race, Religion, and Party: Explaining Changing Attitudes towards Inequality” (Presented at 2018 SSS Meetings, April, Philadelphia).
- 2018 Scott T. Fitzgerald. “Shaping the Debate? Media, Power, and Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K, 1984-2014” (Presented at 2018 Mobilization Social Movements Conference, May, San Diego).
- 2018 Onah P. Thompson and Scott T. Fitzgerald. “Power, Policy and Discourse: A Comparative Analysis of United Nations 2015 Paris Climate Agreement Speeches” (Presented at 2018 ASA Meetings, New York).
- 2016 Fitzgerald, Scott T. Fitzgerald, Scott T.” Media Coverage of Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K., 1984—2014.” Presented at Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K., March 21-23.
- 2014 Fitzgerald, Scott T., Kevin Leicht and Andreas Lefrank. “Media Coverage of Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K., 1970-2012.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, April 4.
- 2012 Fitzgerald, Scott T. “Movements, Policy and Protest: Challenging Economic Inequality in the U.S. and U.K ” Presented at “*Contested Democracy*”: *Contestation and Participation in the English-speaking World*, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3, September 20-22, 2012.
- 2011 Fitzgerald, Scott T. and Jennifer L. Glass. “Conservative Religion, Early Transitions to Adulthood, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Class,” Presented at *Bringing Stratification Processes ‘Back In’ to the Scientific Study of Religion* A Penn State Stratification and Social Change Conference, May 20-21, 2011
- 2011 Fitzgerald, Scott T.” Is Equality the Goal?: Principles of Distributive Justice and Movements for Change, “ Presented at

- Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K., April 18-20.
- 2009 Fitzgerald, Scott T. "Evangelicals, Frame Alignment and Public Opinion: President Bush's 'Faith-Based Initiatives.'" Presented at the Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K. April 15-17.
- 2008 Fitzgerald, Scott T. "Cooperative Collective Action: Faith-based Community Development and the State." Presented at the Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K. March 17-19.
- 2007 Fitzgerald, Scott T. and Beth Rubin. "Constructing Risk: Media Coverage of Nanotechnology." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 11-14.
- 2005 Fitzgerald, Scott and Wallace Lundy. "Framing the Faith-Based Initiative." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, April 13-16.
- 2004 Fitzgerald, Scott. "Cooperative Collective Action: Faith-Based Community Development and the State." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 14-17.

## TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

### *Courses Taught:*

*Proseminar* (for MA students, taught at UNCC)

*Political Sociology* (for upper-division undergraduate students, taught at UNCC)

*Religion and the State* (for upper-division undergraduate students, taught at UNCC)

*Social Movements* (for upper-division undergraduate students, taught at UNCC)

*Social Movements* (for M.A. and Ph.D. students, taught at UNCC)

*Ethical Issues: Poverty, Inequality and Justice* (Liberal Studies course for lower- and upper-division undergraduate students, taught at UNCC)

*Global Connections* (Liberal Studies course for lower- and upper-division undergraduate students, taught at UNCC)

*Introduction to Sociology* (for incoming Freshmen members of the Global Village

Learning Community, taught at UNCC).

*Service Learning and Community in a Changing City* (Education abroad course for undergraduate students, taught in Manchester, UK).

*Social Inequality: Class, Race, and Gender* (for undergraduate students, taught at The University of Iowa)

***Other Related Activities:***

- 2023 Chair, Jay Gulick, Sociology M.A. Thesis (in progress)
- 2023 Chair, Dustin Matei, Sociology M.A. Thesis (in progress)
- 2023 Chair, Gabrielle Ruiz, Sociology B.A. Honors Thesis (in progress)
- 2022 Chair, Courtney Brown, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2022 Chair, Ayla Elledge, Sociology M.A. Thesis (in progress)
- 2022 Member, Darcy Herlihy, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2021 Chair, Jeff Huerta, Liberal Studies M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2021 Chair, Gabrielle Reichard, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2019 Chair, Sam LaVergne, Public Policy, Ph.D. Thesis Committee (in progress)
- 2019 Member, Caché Owens, Geography, Ph.D. Thesis (completed)
- 2019 Chair, Cody Reed, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2019 Chair, J. Kevin Benson, Sociology MA Thesis (completed)
- 2019 Member, Sharoni Mitra, Sociology M.A. Thesis (in progress)
- 2018 Member, Teng Teng Cai, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2017 Chair, Maria Barros De Redard, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2017 Chair, Jonathan Walker, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2017 Chair, Nadezhda Draga, Sociology B.A. Honors Thesis (in progress)
- 2017 Co-Chair, Jordan Kitchens, Sociology M.A. Thesis (in progress)
- 2017 Member, Shahar Gur, Organizational Science Ph.D. Thesis (completed)
- 2017 Chair, Jorge Luiz de Santa Ritta, Public Policy Ph.D. Thesis progress)
- 2016 Chair, Joseph Smith, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2016 Member, Rachel Weinert, Liberal Studies M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2014 Member, John Holder, Public Policy Ph.D. Thesis (completed)
- 2014 Member, Daniel Davis, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2013 Chair, Rebecca Schell, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2013 Chair, Jessica Dilday, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2012 Chair, Eric Wright, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2012 Chair, Rachel Austin, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2012 Chair, Timothy Leamy, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2011 Chair, Caroline Shierle, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2010 Chair, Damanvir Sidhu, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2009 Chair, Benjamin Farnham, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2009 Member, Sandi Lane, Health Services Research Ph.D. Thesis (completed)
- 2008 Member, Karen Cushing, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2007 Chair, Martha Bottia, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)
- 2005 Chair, Sean Langley, Sociology M.A. Thesis (completed)



## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

2015 to present Editorial Board Member, *Social Science Research*

Ad-hoc reviewer for:

- *National Science Foundation*
- *The Sociological Quarterly*
- *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*
- *Journal of Ethnic and Migrant Studies*
- *Mobilization: The International Quarterly Review of Social Movement Research*
- *Qualitative Sociology*
- *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*
- *Social Problems*
- *Sociological Spectrum*
- *Pearson Longham Publishers*
- *Sage Publications*

### **Conference Services** (Selected)

- 2014 Discussant, and session organizer, on political sociology, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, N.C.
- 2013 Discussant, and session organizer, on religion and stratification, American Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New York.
- 2013 Discussant, and session organizer, on religion and stratification, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2012 Discussant, and session organizer, on religion and social movements, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 2011 Discussant, and session organizer, on political sociology, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville.
- 2009 Discussant, session on religious movements, Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K. April 15-17.
- 2008 Discussant, session on religious movements, Alternate Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester, U.K. March 17-19.
- 2008 Co-organizer and referee, Organizations, Occupations and Work Roundtables, American Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, P.A.
- 2007 Discussant, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings.
- 2006 Discussant. session on social movements, Southern Sociological Society

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICES**

- Member of Pearson Scholarship Award Committee (2007); [Chair (2008 to present)]
- Department Library Representative (2007 to present)
- Member Department of Sociology Executive Committee (2014 to present)
- Member, Graduate Teaching Award Committee (2013/14 and 2014/15)
- Member, Levine Scholars Admissions Discussion Groups (2012 to present)
- Member of Department of Sociology Undergraduate Committee (2008/09)
- Participated, as department representative, in Diversity Search Workshop (Fall 2007)
- Member of Sociology Department Computing Committee (2008)

- Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2004, 2005)
- Member of Departmental Annual Review Committee (for 2006 calendar year review; and again for 2007 calendar year review).
- Member of Sociology Graduate Admissions (2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08)
- Member of Work and Occupations Concentration Task-force (2003/04)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 1997- American Sociological Association
- 1997- Midwest Sociological Society
- 2000- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2003- Southern Sociological Society
- 2004- Association for the Sociology of Religion

### VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2016 Invited public lectures on *Middle Class Meltdown in America*
  - Invited talk, Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, NC.
- 2015 Invited public lectures on *Middle Class Meltdown in America*
  - Invited talk, *Senior Scholars at Queens University* November 19, Charlotte, NC.
  - Invited talk, *Waltonwood Salon*, November 18, Charlotte, NC.
  - Invited talk, *Progressive Network*. November 9, Huntersville, NC.
  - Invited talk, *Aldersgate Salon*, September 15, Charlotte, NC.
  - Keynote address at *Innovate Carolina Conference*, April 24, Charlotte, NC.
  - Invited talk, *Fellows of the Horace Williams Philosophy Group*, April, 23, Charlotte, NC.
- 2014 Various activities connected to *Middle Class Meltdown in America*
  - Op-ed in *Charlotte Business Journal*; Reprinted in *UNC Charlotte Magazine*
  - Interviews/feature story with *Charlotte Observer* and *Urban Institute*
  - Sole Guest on *Charlotte Talks with Mike Collins* September, 15.
  - Public lecture hosted by Charlotte League of Women Voters, October.
  - Public lecture hosted by Blue Earth Network, November.
- 2009-present Faculty Advisor, UNCC Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity
- 2007-8 Facilitator, Citizen Discussions on “Rewarding Work.” Funded by the Interactivity Foundation.
- 2006 Expert panelist, *Charlotte Talks with Mike Collins*, NPR radio program on “College Students and Debt.”
- 2004 Organizer and judge, Labor Day Student Essay Contest, sponsored by Carolinas Labor Day Committee.