

# Mark H. Walker

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## EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Iowa  
Dissertation: *The Self, Social Networks, and Psychological Well-Being*.  
Committee: Freda B. Lynn (Chair), Alison Bianchi, Jennifer Glanville,  
Steven Hitlin, and Lynn Smith-Lovin
- 2010 M.A. Sociology, University of Iowa  
Thesis: *The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to the Study of  
Self and Identity*  
Committee: Freda B. Lynn (Chair), Jennifer Glanville and Steven Hitlin
- 2008 B.A. Sociology and Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude*, Weber State  
University

## APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 – 2022 Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University Department of Sociology  
2022 – present Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Department of Sociology

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Self and Identity, Social Psychology, Social Networks, Mental Health

## RESEARCH

\* indicates graduate student coauthored paper

### *Refereed Publications*

#### Journal Articles

\*Shrum, Wesley M., Mark H. Walker, Jiabin Fan, Paul Mbatia, Paige Miller, Matthew Harsh, Jonathan Yevuyibor, and Mark Schafer. "Tough Ties and Rough Networks: Inequality and Exploitation in African Slums." *Sociological Forum*. 38(2): 375-394.

\*Orak, Ugur, Alper Kayaalp, Mark H. Walker, and Kevin Breault. 2022. "Resilience and Depression in Military Service: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health)." *Military Medicine* 187(11-12): 1441-1448.

\*Shrum, W. J., Mbatia, P. N., Yevuyibor, J. T., Schafer, M. J., Walker, M. H., Miller, P., Palackal, A. 2021. The Burden of Elders: Anxiety, Depression, and Personal Networks in Two African Slums. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. 209(7): 533-536.

\*Walker, Mark H., Leah Drakeford, and Samuel Stroope. 2021. "Glad Tidings? Personal Witnessing, Religiosity, and Mental Health among US Adults." *Society and Mental Health*. 11(2): 149-167.

\*Walker, Mark H. Leah Drakeford, Samuel Stroope, Joseph O. Baker, and Alexander L. Smith. 2020. "Health Differences Between Religious and Secular Subgroups in the United States: Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Review of Religious Research* 63: 67-81.

Noonan, Mary C., Freda B. Lynn, and Mark H. Walker. 2020. "Boxed In: Beliefs about the Compatibility and Likability of Mother-Occupation and Father-Occupation Role Combinations." *Socius*, 6, p.2378023120942449.

\*Orak, Ugur and Mark H. Walker. 2019. "Military Service: A Pathway to Conformity or a School for Deviance?" *Crime & Delinquency*. Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0011128719850497>

Andersson, Matthew A., Mark H. Walker, and Brian P. Kaskie. 2019. "Strapped for Time or Stressed Out? Predictors of Work Interruption and Unmet Need for Workplace Support Among Informal Elder Caregivers." *Journal of Aging and Health*. 31:631-651.

Baker, Joseph O., Samuel Stroope, and Mark H. Walker. 2018. "Secularity, Religiosity, and Health: Physical and Mental Health Differences between Atheists, Agnostics, and Nonaffiliated Theists Compared to Religiously Affiliated Individuals." *Social Science Research*. 75: 44-57.

\*Yildiz, Muhammed, Ugur Orak, Mark H. Walker, and Ozgur Solakoglu. "Suicide Suggestion, Gender, and Suicide Attempt among Adolescents." *Death Studies*. 43(6): 365-371.

Stroope, Samuel, Mark H. Walker, and Aaron B. Franzen. 2017. "Stress Buffer or Identity Threat?: Negative Media Portrayal, Public and Private Religious Involvement, and Mental Health in a National Sample of US Adults." *Society and Mental Health*. 7(2): 85-104.

Kaskie, Brian., Mark H. Walker, and Matthew A. Andersson. 2017. "Efforts to Address the Aging Workforce within Institutions of Higher Education: An Assessment of the Three-stage Model of Institutionalization." *Innovative Higher Education*. 42(3): 225-237.

Laurian, Lucie, Mark H. Walker, and Jan Crawford. 2017. "Implementing Sustainability in Local Government: The Impacts of Framing, Agency Culture, and Structure in US Cities and Counties." *International Journal of Public Administration*. 40(3): 270-283.

Lynn, Freda B., Mark H. Walker, and Colin Peterson. 2016. "Is Popular More Likable? Choice Status by Intrinsic Appeal in an Experimental Music Market." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 79(2): 168-180.

Lynn, Freda B., Brent Simpson, Mark H. Walker, and Colin Peterson. 2016. "Why is the Pack Persuasive? The Effect of Choice Status on Perceptions of Quality." *Sociological Science*. 3: 239-263.

Walker, Mark H. 2015. "The Contingent Value of Embeddedness: Self-Affirming Social Environments, Network Density, and Well-Being." *Society and Mental Health* 5(2): 128-144.

Walker, Mark H. and Freda B. Lynn. 2013. "The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 76(2): 151-179.

### Book Chapters

Walker, Mark H. 2021. "Does the Self Reflect Society? Examining the Relationship between Personal Network Assortativity and Role-Based Groups." Pp. 245-263 in *Identity in Action: Developments in Identity Theory*. Edited by P. S. Brenner, J. E. Stets, and R. T. Serpe. Switzerland: Springer Nature.

### *In Progress*

\*Matchett, Robert and Mark H. Walker. "Disability Stigma: Factor Structure among Faculty." Draft available.

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Well-Being." To be submitted.

Walker, Mark H. "To Be Authentic or Adored? Examining the Impact of Identity Valence and Self-Role Alignment on Identity Prominence and Identity Salience." Manuscript under preparation.

Walker, Mark H. "Stress Buffer or Conduit for Identity Conflict? The Role of Personal Network Density in the Relationship between Self-Role Discrepancy and Depressive Symptoms." Draft Available

\*Ugur Orak and Mark H. Walker. "Deviant Behaviors and Their Determinants in a Conscription Military System." Draft Available.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Walker, Mark H. "Stress Buffer or Conduit for Identity Conflict? The Role of Personal Network Density in the Relationship between Self-Role Discrepancy and Depressive Symptoms." Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Identity Conference. Blacksburg, Virginia. October 2021.

Shrum, Wesley, Mbatia, P. N., Yevuyibor, J. T., Schafer, M. J., Walker, M. H., Miller, P., Palackal, A "The Burden of Elders: Anxiety, Depression, and Personal Networks in Two African Slums." 100th Anniversary Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. April, 2021.

Walker, Mark H. "Does the Self Reflect Society? Examining the Relationship Between Personal Network Assortativity and Role-Based Groups." Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. October 2018.

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Psychological Distress." Presented at the American Sociological Association in Montreal, August 2017.

Walker, Mark H. "When Keeping It Real Goes Right: Identity Meaning Structure and Psychological Distress." Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Kent, Ohio, October 2016.

Walker, Mark H., Freda B. Lynn and Mary Noonan. "More Than 'Maxed Out': Working Parents and the Psychological Toll of Spanning Culturally Incompatible Roles." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, August 2016.

Walker, Mark H., Freda B. Lynn and Mary Noonan. "More Than 'Maxed Out': The Impact of Role Meanings on Psychological Well-being for Working Parents." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, August 2014.

Walker, Mark H. "The Dark Side of Embeddedness: Identity Conflict, Network Density, and Psychological Well-Being." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in New York City, August 2013.

Walker, Mark H. "The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach To The Study of Self and Identity." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, August 2011.

Steven Hitlin and Mark H. Walker. "Identity Theory from The Inside Out and The Outside In: Personal Identity and Social Networks." Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Identity Conference in Riverside, California, October 2014.

## **INTERNAL GRANTS**

LSU ORED Council on Research Summer Stipend Program. 2016. (\$5000.00)

Student Publication Research Grant, University of Iowa Graduate College. 2013. (\$1200.00)

"The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory." Professional Advancement Research Grant: The Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students. 2012. (\$650.00)

"The Embedded Self: A Social Networks Approach to Identity Theory." Department of Sociology Research Grant. 2012. (\$300.00)

"The Embedded Self: Measuring the Relationship between Network Structure and Self Structure." Professional Advancement Research Grant: The Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students. 2009. (\$833.33)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2014 Ballard Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa Graduate College (\$20,000)

2008 Outstanding Student in Sociology: Weber State University, Department of Sociology

2008 Outstanding Student in Philosophy: Weber State University, Department of Philosophy and Political Science

2008 Jocelyn Glidden Award Winner for Excellence in Philosophy (\$400)

## **SERVICE**

### *University of Iowa*

2013 - 2014 Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students, Grants Review Committee

2010 - 2012 Lab Manager: Center for the Study of Group Processes

2010 - 2011 Graduate Student Senator: University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate

### *Louisiana State University*

2015 - 2016 Internship Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

2016 - 2017 Annual Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

2017 - 2020 Social Media Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

2018 Mentor, Pre-Doctoral Scholars Institute, College of Humanities and Social Science, Louisiana State University (Mentee: Jasmine Porter, Spellman College)

2020 - 2022 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University  
2022 - Social Media Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

*American Sociological Association*

2019 - 2020 Membership Committee, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association

*Ad Hoc Reviewer*

American Journal of Sociology

American Behavioral Scientist

Social Forces

Social Psychology Quarterly

Society and Mental Health

Sociological Forum

Sociological Imagination

Sociological Perspectives

The European Journal of Cross-Cultural Competence and Management

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Instructor of Record*

Quantitative Data Analysis (U. of Iowa)

Social Interaction (LSU)

Sociology of Mental Health (LSU)

Social Psychology Graduate Seminar (LSU)

Social Networks Graduate Seminar (LSU)

Self and Identity Graduate Seminar (LSU)