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EDUCATION

- 2002 Ph.D., Sociology, Virginia Polytechnic and State University
- 1990 M.A., International Affairs, Florida State University
- 1988 B.S., Political Science, James Madison University

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016- Full Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University
- 2010-2016 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University
- 2004-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University
- 2004-2005 Assistant Professor (Adjunct), Department of International Relations, Roanoke College
- 2003-2004 Assistant Professor (Visiting), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washington and Lee University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Poulson, Stephen C. 2016. *Why Would Anyone Do That? Lifestyle Sport in the Twenty-First Century*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press

Poulson, Stephen C. 2005. *Social Movements in Twentieth-Century Iran: Culture, Ideology and Mobilizing Frameworks*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (re-issued in paper in 2006).

Articles in Refereed Journals and Texts (*designates student co-author)

- Poulson, Stephen C. (with Timothy J. Carter and Daniel M. Crowley*). Forthcoming 2018. "Cooperative Accounts: Avoiding Conflict and Repairing Social Relations," *Symbolic Interaction* DOI: 10.1002/symb.314
- Poulson, Stephen C. 2017. "Patterns of Violence Directed Against Civilians in Small Ethnic Enclaves During War In Iraq (2003-2009)." In *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, edited by Julie Mazzei, Vol. 41:69-105. London, UK: Emerald Publishing Group.
- Poulson, Stephen C. (with Cory Caswell* and Latasha Grey*). 2014. "Institutional Parochialism and the Study of Social Movements," *Social Movement Studies: Journal of Social, Cultural and Political Protest* 13(2): 222-242.
- Poulson, Stephen C. (with Thomas Ratliff and Emily Dollieslager*). 2013. "You Have to Fight! For Your Right! To Party! Structure, Culture and Mobilization in a University Party Riot." In *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, edited by Patrick G. Coy, Vol. 36:271-305. London, UK: Emerald Publishing Group.
- Poulson, Stephen C. 2011. "Parochialism in Social Scientific Study of Religion: Response to Cornwall," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50(2):227–228.
- Poulson, Stephen C. (with Colin Campbell*) 2010. "Isomorphism, Institutional Parochialism, and the Sociology of Religion," *The American Sociologist* 41(1):31-47.
- Poulson, Stephen C. 2009. "Nested Institutions, Political Opportunity and the Decline of the Iranian Reform Movement Post 9/11," *American Behavioral Scientist* 53(1):27-43.
- Poulson, Stephen C. 2009. "Autism, Through a Social Lens," *Contexts: Understanding People in the Social World* 8(2):40-46.
- Reprinted: Hartmann, Douglas and Uggen, Christopher (Editors) 2011. *The Contexts Reader*. "Autism, Through a Social Lens," pp. 373-381. New York: W.W. Norton Company.

Invited Articles and Book Chapters

- Poulson, Stephen C. 2011. "Iraq: Patterns of Violence against Civilians." *Muftah* (Journal of Middle East Culture and Politics). Available at: <muftah.org/?p=1542>.
- Note: "Blogged" on Andrew Sullivan's "The Dish," *The Daily Beast*. (October 3, 2011).
- Poulson, Stephen C. 2009. "Mobilizing Interests in Iran: Press Activism and Interest Group Mobilization during the Civil Society Debate (1997-2004)," Pp. 241-260 in *Interest Groups & Lobbying: Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia*, edited by Conor McGrath.

Text Book Companion (Editor) for “Social Issues in a Global Context” course at James Madison University

Poulson, Stephen C. (Editor) 2007. *Social Issues in a Global Context*. Boston MA: Pearson Publishing.

Contributed: “Multinational Expansion and Nation-State Development: Saudi Arabia and the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO),” Pp. 51-61

Other Articles, Book Reviews

Poulson, Stephen C. 2017. Review of *Multiple Autisms: Spectrums of Advocacy and Genomic Testing* by Jennifer S. Singh. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press (2016). In *Sociological Inquiry*.

Poulson, Stephen C. 2010. “Institutional Parochialism and the Sociology of Religion,” *The Immanent Frame* (Social Science Research Council Website).

Poulson, Stephen C. 2009. Review of *Identity and Religion in Palestine: The Struggle between Islamism & Secularism in the Occupied Territories* by Loren D. Lybarger. Princeton University Press (2007). In *Politics and Religion*.

Poulson, Stephen C. 2005. Review of *Dancing at Armageddon: Survivalism and Chaos in Modern Times* by Robert J. Mitchell Jr. University of Chicago Press. In *Mobilization: An International Journal*.

Poulson, Stephen C. 2004. “Political Opportunities, Violence and Rhetorical Framing among Shi`i Movement Groups in Iraq,” *Critical Mass Bulletin: Newsletter of the Collective Action and Social Movements Section, ASA* (Summer).

Poulson, Stephen C. 2003. “Shi`i Culture and Social Movement Strategies: Using the Muharram processions to frame contentious action,” *Critical Mass Bulletin: Newsletter of the Collective Action and Social Movements Section, ASA* (Winter).

Poulson, Stephen C. 2001. *Encyclopedia of Nationalism*. Editor and Chief, Alexander Motyl. New York: Academic Press.

- Autonomy
- Ethiopian Nationalism
- Libyan Nationalism
- Sudanese Nationalism
- Ayatollah Khomeini
- Human Rights
- Pacifism

Editorial-Opinion Publications

- Poulson, Stephen C. "American Responsibility in Iraq." Oct. 5, 2007. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (page A15).
- Poulson, Stephen C. "Iranian Public Opinion Matters." March 19, 2006. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (Sunday Horizon, page 3).
- Poulson, Stephen C. "Iran: Fear prompts pursuit of nuclear weapons." Dec. 5, 2004. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (Sunday Horizon, page 1).
- Poulson, Stephen C. "Bush has to finesse contentious politics in Iran." Oct. 27, 2003. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (page B12).
- Poulson, Stephen C. "Shi'i culture and the emerging politics in Iraq." May 9, 2003. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (page A15).
- Poulson, Stephen C. "American unilateralism and global stability." April 3, 2003. *The Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, Virginia (page A17).

GRANTS / LEAVES / HONORS

- 2010 Awarded a Summer Research Grant from the JMU Department of Sociology and Anthropology for "The Logic of Ethnic and Religious Violence in Iraq." (\$4,000)
- 2008 Awarded a JMU College of Arts and Letters Educational Leave (2009) to study social movement violence in Iraq. (Leave was withdrawn because of budget constraints and was re-issued for Fall 2011).
- 2005 Virginia State PEER Grant (with Tim Carter), "Assessing the Virginia Alternative Dispute Resolution Act (VADRA)," (\$6,543).
- 2003 Outstanding Dissertation Award (2003) in the Social Sciences at Virginia Tech.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

The Logic of Ethnic and Religious Violence in Iraq. In preparation. This study investigates patterns of violence directed toward civilians during civil war. In particular, why and how violence is used as tactic to control territory and people.

Articles (* designates student co-author)

"The Logic of Violence against Co-Ethnic Communities during the Iraq Civil War" (with Kelly Burke*). Under Review.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES (* designates student co-author)

- 2017 Poulson, Stephen C. "Patterns of Insurgent Violence Directed against Civilians in Co-ethnic, Mixed Ethnic and Enclave Communities during the Iraq Conflict," at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 Poulson, Stephen C. "Author Meets Critics: Stephen Poulson's *Why Would Anyone Do That? Lifestyle Sport in the Twenty First Century*," North American Society for the Study of Sport Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 2016 Poulson, Stephen C. and Kelly A. Burke.* "Patterns of Violence Directed Toward Co-ethnic Communities by Insurgents in Iraq," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Poulson, Stephen. "Looking for Adventure: Discipline and Authenticity in Lifestyle Sport," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Poulson, Stephen. "Write Where it Hurts" (Panel Member), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2013 Poulson, Stephen C. "The Logic of Violence against Civilians in Ethnic Enclaves during the Civil War in Iraq," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2013 Poulson, Stephen C. "Violence Directed Toward Ethnic Enclaves during Civil Conflict in Iraq," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 Poulson, Stephen C., Thomas Ratliff and Emily Dollieslager*. "You Have to Fight! For Your Right! To Party! Culture and Structure during a University Party Riot," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 Poulson, Stephen C. "The Logic of Violence against Civilians during the Civil War in Iraq," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Vegas, Nevada.
- 2010 Poulson, Stephen C., Jayna Otonicar* and Heather McFarland*. "The Logic of Ethnic and Religious Violence in Iraq," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 Poulson, Stephen C, Alicia Breig,* Christine Clarke* and Jessie Dodson*. "The Logic of Ethnic and Religious Violence in Iraq," Human Rights, International Law and Collective Violence Conference, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins WV.
- 2008 Poulson, Stephen C. and Colin Campbell*. "Institutional Isomorphism and the Sociology of Religion: Where are the Muslims (and Hindus and Buddhists)? Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2007 Poulson, Stephen C, Daniel Max Crowley* and Timothy C. Carter. "Accounts: A Research Note," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

- 2007 Poulson, Stephen C. "The Use and Modification of Traditional Forms of Social Protest by Movement Activists in Iran," ASA Collective Behavior and Social Movements Conference, New York: Hofstra University.
- 2007 Poulson, Stephen C. "The Use of Strategic Violence among Social Movements in Middle East: Examples from Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Discussant, Islam and Islamist Movements Panel. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Discussant, Islam, Modernity and Civil Society Panel. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Poulson, Stephen C. Invited Lecture and Round-table discussion at Roanoke College Freshman orientation. Lectured on Iranian intellectual movements and discussed the graphic novel *Persepolis* by Marjane Setrapi.
- 2006 Poulson, Stephen C. "Political Opportunities, Legitimacy and the Strategy of Violence among Movement Groups in Iraq," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2005 Organizer and Chair, "Social Movement Theory," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.
- 2005 Poulson, Stephen C. "Cycles of Protest and the Development of Social Movement Frames in Twentieth-Century Iran," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.
- 2003 Poulson, Stephen C. "Constitutional Debate in Iran: Individual Sovereignty vs. Clerical Authority in the Islamic Republic," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 2003 Poulson, Stephen C. "Integrating New Social Movement Theory into the Sociology of Religion: Social Movement Framing among Religious Reform Groups in Iran," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2002 Poulson, Stephen C and Wimberley, Dale. "Framing Catastrophe: Social Movement Responses to September 11," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2002 Poulson, Stephen C. "Chaos to Order, or Order to Chaos? Theoretical Considerations Regarding Culture, Ideology and Frames," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2001 Poulson, Stephen C. and Christine A. Poulson. "Experience with Conflict and the Willingness to Mediate," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

- 2001 Poulson, Stephen C. "Establishing Jurisdictional Boundaries of Institutions following Revolution: The Example of Iran," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- 2000 Poulson, Stephen C. "Back to the Future: Authority in the Islamic Republic of Iran," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 1999 Poulson, Stephen C. "From Divine Right to Sovereignty: A Comparison of Middle Eastern and European Monarchy," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

LECTURES AND COLLOQUIUM at JMU and OTHER UNIVERSITIES

- 2017 Presentation of "Cooperative Accounts: Avoiding Conflict And Repairing Social Relations" (with Tim Carter and Daniel Max Crowley). JMU Sociology / Anthropology Roundtable
- 2015 Presentation of "Patterns of Violence Directed toward Co-Ethnic Communities by Insurgents in Iraq (2003-2009) (with Kelly Burke). JMU Sociology / Anthropology Roundtable
- 2013 Presentation of "Institutional Parochialism and the Study of Social Movements," JMU Sociology / Anthropology Roundtable.
- 2012 Presentation of "Adventure Sport in the Twenty-First Century," JMU Sociology / Anthropology Roundtable.
- 2011 Presentation of "You Have to Fight! For Your Right! To Party! Culture and Structure during a Party Riot," JMU Sociology / Anthropology Roundtable.
- 2011 JMU *Flashpoint Series*, "Occupy Wall Street."
- 2011 JMU College of Arts and Letters Faculty Colloquium Lecture, "Violence against Civilians During the Civil War in Iraq."
- 2011 JMU *Flashpoint Series*, "Revolution in the Middle East."
- 2010 Presentation of "The Logic of Violence against Civilians in Iraq," at the JMU Political Science Department Round-table.
- 2008 Chair, panel session at the JMU student conference on the Middle East. Sponsored by the Madison PAC and the Sociology Department.
- 2008 JMU faculty "Question and Answer" session concerning "The Modern Middle East" at the JMU Student Conference on the Middle East. Sponsored by the JMU PAC and the Sociology Department.
- 2006 JMU faculty panel concerning current events in the Middle East sponsored by the JMU Progressive Coalition.

- 2004 Poulson, Stephen C. "Shi'i Muslim Culture and Social Movement Mobilization in Iran." Invited Lecture, International Relations Cluster at Roanoke College, Roanoke, Virginia.
- 2003 Washington and Lee University, Culture and Society Colloquium, "Shi'i Culture and Social Movement Strategies: Using the Muharram Processionals to Frame Contentious Action."
- 2001 *25th Annual World System Conference* held at Virginia Tech. Served as a conference aide and helped with the coordination of conference events.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript and Grant Reviews: Journals, Publishers and Foundations (past eight years)

Journals: *American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, Sociological Quarterly, Social Movement Studies, Asian Politics and Policy, Humanity and Society*

Publishers: Routledge Publishing, Oxford University Press

Foundations: National Science Foundation

Professional Organizations

- 2012 Peace, War and Social Conflict Section (ASA) Best Paper Awards Committee Member

Selected Departmental Committees and Service (past ten years)

- 2007- Faculty Representative for Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociological Honor Society
- 2016 Department Representative in the Faculty Senate (Fall)
- 2016 Member, Search Committee, tenure-track position
- 2015 Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee (two tenure and promotion reviews)
- 2015 Chair, Dept. Outreach to IRB Committee
- 2013 Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee (two pre-tenure reviews)
- 2012 Chaired Committee that re-wrote department guidelines for tenure and promotion
- 2011 Established and organized the JMU Sociology / Anthropology Faculty Roundtable
- 2011 Member, Sociology / Anthropology Summer Research Grant Committee
- 2011 Member, Committee on Annual Review Document Revisions
- 2010 Co-Editor, Departmental Newsletter
- 2010 (Fall) Chair, Search Committee, tenure-track position
- 2008 (Spring) Search Committee, one year position
- 2006-2008 Faculty Adviser, Sociology Club
- 2006-2007 Faculty Adviser, Washington Semester program
- 2007 (Fall) Search Committee, fulltime position
- 2006 (Spring) Search Committee, one year position

Selected University Committees and Service (past ten years)

- 2012-2013 Member, College of Arts and Letters Faculty Assistance Committee

- 2007-2011 Representative, University General Education Cluster Four (“The Global Experience”) Committee
- 2009-2011 Member, JMU Autism Services Planning Team
- 2009-2010 Member, College of Arts and Letters Faculty Assistance Committee
- 2007-2008 Participated in organizational meetings that established the first JMU student conference on the Middle East.
- 2006-2007 Participant in organizational meetings concerning the establishment of the Middle East Communities and Migrations minor at James Madison University. The minor was established in 2007.

JMU Student Thesis and Independent Studies (2004-present)

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| Kayla Barker | Honors Project, Chair / Islamophobia |
| Emily Dwornik | Independent Study / Workaholics and Performing Arts Students |
| Madeline Johnson | Honors Thesis, Comm. Member / Queer University |
| Madeline Johnson | Independent Study / Coding the Iraq Body Count |
| Kelly Burke | Independent Study / Coding the Iraq Body Count |
| Emily Mangan | Independent Study / Cultural Capital and Study Abroad |
| Joshua Grubbs | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Kelli Williams | Honors Thesis, Chair / Identity, Citizenship, Haitian Refugees |
| Madeline Hines | Honors Thesis, Comm. Member / Youth Mentorship / Non-profit organizations |
| Mark Harmon | Independent Study/ Teacher Efficacy and Low / High SES Schools |
| Nathan A. Castle | Honors Thesis Committee Member / Corporate “Greening” |
| Cory Caswell | Honors Thesis Committee Member / Mental Health Independent Study / Parochialism |
| Shanon Smith | Honors Thesis Committee Member / Reproductive Rights Movements |
| Emma Cleveland | Co-Chair Senior Honors Thesis / Haitian Diaspora Movements Participant / VADRA Grant Project |
| Lindsey Holt | Independent Study / Politics of Egypt |
| Emily Walsh | Participant / VADRA Grant Project |
| Daniel Max Crowley | Independent Study / Social Psychology / Accounts |
| Traci Esmaili | Independent Study / Iranian Society |
| Anisa Suroosh | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Julia Ledwith | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Tasha Grey | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq Independent Study / Parochialism |
| Jayna Otonicar | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Christine Clarke | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Jessie Dodson | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Alicia Breige | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Heather McFarland | Independent Study / Violence in Iraq |
| Colin Campbell | Independent Study / Institutional Parochialism |
| Emily Dollieslager | Independent Study / Party Riots |
| Dan Zunikoff | Independent Study / Durkheim Typology and Suicide Bombing |

Courses Taught

Sociological Inquiry (Methods), Social Movements, Muslim Movements of the Middle East, Social Issues in a Global Context, Individual in Society, Social Problems, Gender Relations, Introduction to Sociology, International Relations, Politics of the Global South, International Organizations, Politics of the Middle East

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
- American Political Science Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta

PAST COMMUNITY SERVICE IN MEDIATION

Mediation Training and Service

2000-2006 Volunteer, Conflict Resolution Center (CRC), Roanoke, VA. I helped the center with assessment, grant writing, fundraising and as a co-mediator for General District Court cases.

2002-2004 Mediation Training
Completed Basic Mediation Training to become certified by the Virginia Supreme Court to mediate cases referred through the Virginia court system. This included a mentoring program in which I observed and co-mediated cases referred through the General District Court, Roanoke, VA.

2004 Domestic Violence Training in Family Mediation
Training program on screening for domestic violence in family mediations.

2003 Multi-Party Dispute Resolution
Completed a training program on managing community and multi-party disputes. This was made possible by a Hewlett Packard grant designed to increase the capacity of Virginia's community mediation centers to mediate community disputes.

2000 Helped students in the Resident Leadership Council (Virginia Tech) design and administer a needs assessment survey concerning campus mediation programs. The results were presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2001).

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

I lived in Saudi Arabia from 1979-1986 and have traveled in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

Countries: Spain, Portugal, France, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Italy, The Netherlands, Germany, (former) Yugoslavia, Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Morocco, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and Mexico.