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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Fall 2021 – Present.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio Department of Sociology and Communication, Lecturer of Sociology

## **EDUCATION**

2018 - 2021

Ph.D. Sociology, Texas A&M University

Passed w/Distinction - Dissertation: "Video Gaming as Wish Fulfillment: Gaming as Seen Through a Sociological Lens"

Committee: Stjepan Mestrovic, William McIntosh, Holly Foster, Gregory Pappas

2016 - 2018

Master's Thesis, Sociology, Texas A&M University

Master's Thesis: "Video Games as Magic: Coping with the Other-Directed World."

2012 - 2016

B.S., Economics and Sociology, Texas A&M University

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Culture, Social Theory, Technology, Mental Health, Statistics, Methods, Religion, Pop Culture, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Sociological Pedagogy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Bauman and the Continental Divide in Social Theory" with Stjepan G. Mestrovic (A&M College Station) & Michael Ohsfeldt (Tarleton State University) in Jacobsen, Michael Hviid, ed. *The Anthem Companion to Zygmunt Bauman*. Anthem Press, 2023

Hardy, Jacob M. (2022) "The Simmelian Digital Metropolis: A Cultural Perspective on Video Gaming and the Internet Age" in Caetano, P., & Mendes, M.M. (Eds.). (2022). *Simmel and Beyond: The Contemporary Relevance of Simmel's Thought* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003182139>

Hardy, Jacob M. (2018) "Feeling The Force: Exploring Star Wars Through the Lens of Durkheim.", Article published in *The Phoenix Papers*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (<http://fansconf.a-kon.com/dRuZ33A/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/09-Durkheim-and-Star-Wars.pdf>)

Hardy, Jacob M. (2017) "Star Wars and Durkheim's Elementary Forms of Religious Life.", Lecture published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)

## **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

“The Will to Life in Dune: The Impact of Arthur Schopenhauer on Frank Herbert’s Sci-Fi Classic”

- This project explores how the concept of the will to life found in Arthur Schopenhauer’s “The World is Will and Representation” came to impact Frank Herbert’s writing of Dune, and subsequently many other future works of science fiction.

“McDonaldization and The Reid Technique: Problematic Police Interrogation Practices

- This project recontextualizes the work of George Ritzer’s McDonaldization theory to examine how one of the most popular forms of police interrogation in the U.S., The Reid Technique, encourages problematic practices that are detrimental to an equitable justice process, and harmful to many of those who experience it.

“Other Direction and Dewey’s Great Community”

- This project examines John Dewey’s conception of the Great Community and explores some of the unique sociological and cultural obstacles that have stymied its development in light of David Riesman’s cultural analysis in The Lonely Crowd.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Spring 2020 – Nominee for Murray and Celeste Fasken Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- April 2023
- “Walking With Students: Towards a Pedagogy of Encounter.” At the Southwestern Social Science Association 2023 Annual Meeting
    - (Hardy, Jacob) You are a Thou: Monologue and Dialogue in the Classroom
  - “The Gamifications of Sociological Theory” (Co-Presented)
  - “Beyond Functionalism: The Continuing Relevance of Emile Durkheim's Work” (Co-Chaired)
- April 2022
- “There and Back Again: Modern Sociologists Return to Durkheim.” At the Southwestern Social Science Association 2022 Centennial Annual Meeting
    - (Hardy, Jacob) Just One More Game: Durkheimian Anomie In Modern Video Game Development
  - “Future Directions in Durkheimian Studies.” (Co-Chaired)
- April 2020
- Invited Guest Lecture: Texas A&M University Philosophy 205: Technology and Human Values
- November 2018
- Invited Presentation: Texas A&M Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociology Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- June 2018
- FANS 6: The annual meeting of Fandom and Neomedia Studies Conference
    - Feeling The Force: Exploring Star Wars Through the Lens of Durkheim

## **DOCTORAL RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Aug 2021 – Present	Principles of Sociology (Hybrid), Texas A&M University – San Antonio, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Aug 2021 – Present	Social Problems (Hybrid), Texas A&M University – San Antonio, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Jan 2022 – Present	Sociology of Popular Culture (Hybrid), Texas A&M University – San Antonio, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Jan 2021 – Present	Sociology of Popular Culture (Online/Synchronous), Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Aug 2020 – Dec 2020	Introduction to Sociology (Online/Asynchronous), Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Jan 2020 – May 2020	Introduction to Sociology, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Aug 2019 – Dec 2019	Introduction to Sociology, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Jan 2019 – May 2019	Sociology of Popular Culture, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Aug 2018 – Dec 2018	Sociology of Religion, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Lecturer (full teaching responsibility)
Jan 2018 – May 2018	Classical Social Theory, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic
Jan 2018 – May 2018	Graduate Level Seminar in Culture, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic.
Aug 2017 – Dec 2017	Contemporary Social Theory, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic
Aug 2017 – Dec 2017	Postmodernism, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic
Jan 2017 – May 2017	Sociology of Religion, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching & Research Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic
Jan 2017 – May 2017	Sociology of War Crimes, Texas A&M University Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research

Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic

Aug 2016 – Dec 2016      Classical Social Theory, Texas A&M University  
Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research  
Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic

Aug 2016 – Dec 2016      Graduate Level Sociology of Religion, Texas A&M University  
Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research  
Assistant to Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic

## **PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Feb 2022 – Present      Texas A&M University – San Antonio OIE Study Abroad Committee Member

Feb 2022 – Present      Journal of Classical Sociology (Sage) Regular Reviewer

Feb 2021 – Present      Journal of Games and Culture (Sage) Regular Reviewer

Spring 2023              Texas A&M University - San Antonio Department of Social Sciences Student Award  
Committee Member

Mar 2021                Freshman Leadership Organization FLARE: Cultural Inclusion and Academics: *Invited  
Speaker*

Aug 2017                Office of New Student and Faculty Programs. Summer Reading Program. *Faculty  
Participant.*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Jan 2022 – Present      Southwestern Social Sciences Association

Aug 2016 – Present      American Sociological Association  
Culture | Theory

## **WORK SKILLS**

Analytic software experience with Stata, data collection and analysis

Experienced with qualitative and quantitative data analysis

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic    Professor                      Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University  
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