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Academic Positions	**Brigham Young University**	
	Assistant Professor	2019-Present
	University of Notre Dame	
	Research Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion and Society	2019-Present

Education	**University of Notre Dame**	2019
	PhD, Sociology	
	Brigham Young University	2014
	MS, Sociology	
	Brigham Young University	2012
	BS, Sociology	
	Minor, Portuguese	

Publications

Michael Lee Wood and Dustin S. Stoltz. 2025. "What Is Grounded Simulation?" forthcoming in *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*.

Michael Lee Wood and Travis Ashby. 2025. "Cultural Power via Contaminating Dualities." *Poetics* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2025.102000.

Dustin S. Stoltz and **Michael Lee Wood**. 2024. "Drawing Out Definitions." *The American Sociologist* https://doi.org/10.1007/s12108-024-09633-3

Terence McDonnell, Marshall Taylor, and **Michael Lee Wood**. 2024. "Making Obama Iconic: Iconic Potential and the Affordances of Images." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 12:575-619.

Travis Ashby, Omar Lizardo, Dustin S. Stoltz, and **Michael Lee Wood**. "The Raw and the (Over)Cooked: STATES ARE PHYSICAL QUALITIES." 2024. *Metaphor and the Social World* 14(1):22-42.

Michael Lee Wood, Grace Soelberg, and Jacob S. Rugh. 2023. "Making Space Behind the Veil: Black Agency within a Predominantly White Religion." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 62(S1):105-123.

Michael Lee Wood. 2023. "Measuring Cultural Diversity in Text with Word Counts" *Social Psychology Quarterly* 87(3):205-226.

Dustin S. Stoltz and **Michael Lee Wood**. 2023. "Grounding Oughtness: Morality of Coordination, Immorality of Disruption." *Handbook for the Sociology of Morality: Volume II.* Springer.

Brandon Sepulvado, Omar Lizardo, **Michael Lee Wood**, Cheng Wang, and David Hachen. 2021. "Examining the association between behavioral trajectory similarity clusters in social

networks" Pp. 36-55 in *Methods and Applications in Social Networks Analysis* Milan: Franco Angeli.

Michael Lee Wood. 2020. "Visualizing Change in Ordinal Measures: Religious Attendance in the United States (19722018)." *Socius* 6:1-3.

Ethan Fridmanski, **Michael Lee Wood**, Omar Lizardo, and David Hachen. 2020. "Clustering in a newly forming social network by subjective perceptions of loneliness." *Journal of American College Health.*

Sepulvado, Brandon, **Michael Lee Wood**, Ethan Fridmanski, Cheng Wang, Matthew J. Chandler, Omar Lizardo, and David Hachen. 2020. 'Predicting Homophily and Social Network Connectivity From Dyadic Behavioral Similarity Trajectory Clusters." *Social Science Computer Review.* 1-17

Michael Lee Wood, Dustin S. Stoltz, Justin Van Ness, and Marshall A. Taylor. 2018. "Schemas and Frames." *Sociological Theory* 36(3):244-61.

Omar Lizardo, Dustin S. Stoltz, Marshall A. Taylor, and **Michael Lee Wood**. 2018. "Visualizing Bring-Backs." *Socius* 4:1-3.

Omar Lizardo, Robert Mowry, Brandon Sepulvado, Dustin S. Stoltz, Marshall A. Taylor, Justin Van Ness, **Michael Lee Wood**. 2016. "What Are Dual Process Models? Implications for Cultural Analysis in Sociology." *Sociological Theory* 34(4):287-310.

Other Publications	**Michael Wood**. 2019. "From 'types of culture' to 'poles of cultural phenomena"'' in *Culture, Cognition, and Action* (blog)

Michael Wood Dustin S. Stoltz. 2018. "Thoroughly Pizzled: What's So Bad About the Autofac¿' in Scatterplot (blog)

Michael Wood. 2018. "Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Reading List." *American Sociological Association Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section Newsletter* 9(2):6-9.

Michael Wood. 2017. "Conference Report: History in Cultural Explanation." **American Sociological Association Culture Section Newsletter** 30(3):10-11.

Michael Wood. 2013. "What is Religion? Finding Common Ground in a Pluralistic World." in *Selections from BYU Student Symposium 2013.*

Software	**Michael Wood and Dustin Stoltz**. 2020. `BrickPlot`: R Package for Creating Data Visualizations (Available on GitLab)

Grants and Awards	Andrus Family Research Grant ($4000)	2024
	Faculty Excellence Award of BYU Sociology and College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences	2024
	Co-Winner, Jeanine Becker Award for Best Graduate Student Paper	2018
	Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute Honorarium	2018
	Center for the Study of Religion and Society Student Research Award ($3500)	2017
	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Graduate Student Research Award	2017

($2500)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Research Award ($3000)   2016

Mellon Summer Stipend ($6000) *funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*   2015

Other Training   Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute. St. Andrews, Scotland.   2018

Conference Presentations   Michael Wood and Travis Ashby. 2024. "Cultural Power via Contaminating Dualities" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Montreal).

Michael Wood and Travis Ashby. 2024. "Cultural Power via Contaminating Dualities" Paper presented at Duality@50: Making progress and looking forward (Ascona, Switzerland)

Dustin Stoltz and Michael Wood. 2023. "Grounding Oughtness: Morality of Coordination, Immorality of Disruption." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Social Science History Association (Washington D.C.)

Travis Ashby, Michael Wood, Omar Lizardo, and Dustin Stoltz. 2023. "Race as a Value Sphere: Thinking with Weber and Du Bois." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Philadelphia)

Michael Wood, Brandon Sepulvado, Omar Lizardo, and David Hachen. 2022. "Non-religion and Religious Homophily at a Religious University." Paper presented at the Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (Online/Cairns, Australia)

Michael Wood and Dustin S. Stoltz. 2022. "The Externalization of Personal Culture in Global Organizational Decision-making." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Los Angeles)

Kraig Beyerlein, Michael Wood, Audra Dugandzic, and Brianna McCaslin. 2021. " Causes and Consequences of Non-Response Bias: Findings from the Notre Dame Undergraduate Religion and Spirituality Longitudinal Study." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Online)

Terence McDonnell, Marshall A Taylor, and Michael Wood. 2021. "Making Obama Iconic." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Online)

Michael Wood and Hayley Pierce. 2021. "Gendered Framing and the Evolution of MeToo." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Online)

Michael Wood. 2019. "Finding Implicit Culture in Talk via Language Concreteness." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (New York)

Michael Wood. 2018. "Is Language Concreteness Associated with Future Religious Participation?" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Las Vegas)

Michael Wood. 2018. "Identifying the Cultural Elements that Anchor Evaluative Reasoning." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Philadelphia)

Michael Wood. 2017. "Thinking about Age-Appropriateness: Understanding the Role of Culture in Moral Evaluation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)

Michael Wood. 2017. "The Image-Schematic Structures of Religious Conversion and Exit Narratives." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Washington D.C.)

Michael Wood. 2016. "Explaining Religious Effects: Nones as an Explanatory Tool." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Seattle, WA)

Michael Wood. 2016. "'in Beijing this will have an Unfortunate Impact...': Perception and Action in the Field of International Diplomacy." Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)

Michael Wood and Ethan Fridmanski. 2016. "Conversation Topic in Adolescent Ego Networks" Paper presented at the Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (Newport Beach, CA)

Michael Wood. 2015. "Bonds of Discord: Religious Meaning-Making in Online Interpretive Communities." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)

Michael Wood. 2015. "Religious Nones and Humanitarian Aid: Comparing Formerly and Never Religious" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Newport Beach, CA)

Michael Wood and Ellen Decoo. 2014. "Big Event, Little Town: Hosting the Olympics in the Rural West" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA).

Michael Wood. 2013. "What is Religion? Finding Common Ground in a Pluralistic World." Paper presented at the Religious Education Student Symposium (Provo, UT)

Todd Goodsell and Michael Wood. 2012. "Intergenerationality and Sustainable Development." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society (Chicago, IL)

Courses Taught	Cultural Sociology	
	Sociological Inquiry (Classical Sociological Theory)	
	Introduction to Sociology	
	Graduate Statistics II: Categorical Data Analysis (Lab)	

Professional Service and Other Activities	Member, SSR Early-Career Review Board. 2025 - Present	
	Committee Member, BYU Graduate Student Committee	2023 - Present
	Committee Member, BYU Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2021 - 2022
	Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Culture section's John Mohr Travel Grant Committee	2020 - 2021
	Committee Member, BYU Graduate Student Committee	2019 - 2021
	Session Discussant, "Mind and Matter: Synthesizing Cognition and Materiality."	2020

Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Virtual Meeting)

Elected Student Representative for the Altruism, Morality, and   2019 - 2020
Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association

Contributor at Culture, Cognition, and Action (blog)

Languages   Portuguese (advanced)

Spanish (basic)

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