

# William A Samson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education:**

Pursuing PhD, Sociology – The University of Kentucky (expected completion: Spring, 2010)

Graduate work toward MA, Theology – Asbury Seminary (2005-2006)

M.S. in Information Systems – The George Washington University (2003)

B.A., General Studies – Liberty University (1993)

### **Employment:**

2008-Present - Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY: Adjunct Professor of Sociology

2007-2008 - The University of Kentucky: Research Assistant, Department of Community and Leadership Development

2006-2007 - The University of Kentucky: Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology

Non-Academic Employment Overview (more detailed information available upon request):

2004-2005 - Managing Consultant, Genisys Consulting

2001-2004 - Senior Project Manager, The American Chemical Society

1998-2001 - CEO, SmartMinistry.com

1995-1997 - Director of Computing, Liberty University

1987-1994 – Political Campaign Management

### **Books:**

The Social Construction of Theology (in preparation)

Enough (Cook Publishing, forthcoming February, 2009)

Justice in the 'Burbs (with Lisa Samson, Baker Publishing, August, 2007)

### **Book Chapters:**

“Just Suburbs: What does the call of justice mean regarding life in our suburbs?” in The Emergent Manifesto of Justice, Baker Publishing, February, 2009

"The End of Reinvention: Mission Beyond Market Adoption Cycles," in The Emergent Manifesto of Hope, Baker Publishing, April, 2007

**Conference Papers:**

"Evangelical Christian Activism and the Environment: The Role of 'Christians for the Mountains' in the Appalachian movement against Mountain Top Removal Coal Mining," Southern Sociological Association, Richmond, VA, April, 2008

"Bridging Online and Offline Communities: A Case of the Electronic Community Information Commons (ECIC)," with Dr. Seungahn Nah, International Communications Association, Montreal, CA, May, 2008

**Presentations:**

"Global Poverty and Our Everyday Lives," Harvard Divinity School, April 29, 2008.

"Living Out the Story of Justice," The Gathering, Salem, MA, April 28, 2008.

"Simple Ways to Get Started Living Sustainably," Asbury College Green Week, Wilmore, KY, April 22, 2008

"Christians for the Mountains: An Evangelical Environmental Response to Mountaintop Removal in Appalachia," Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, VA, April 9, 2008

"The Faith to Stop Moving Mountains: The Role of Religion In Creating a Sustainable Post-Coal Appalachian Economy," Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Huntington, WV, March 28, 2008

"The Emerging and Emergent Church," Student Critical Series Lecture, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY, March 10, 2008

"Understanding New Monasticism and the Emerging Church," Guest Lecture, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY, February 4, 2008

"An Evangelical Environmental Response to Mountaintop Removal," Beers Fellowship Lectures, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, February 1, 2008

"An Evangelical Environmental Response to Mountaintop Removal," Rural and Developmental Studies Seminar, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, December 14, 2007

"Oh No! Not the IRB!," University of Kentucky Department of Sociology, Lexington, KY, November 28, 2007

"Justice after the death of [god]," Nashville Emergent Cohort, Nashville, TN, November 8, 2007

"Living out justice in the suburbs," St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville, TN, November 8, 2007

"A journey of faith toward justice," Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY, October 31, 2007

"Relational Tithing," CCDA conference on October 12, 2007

"Living out justice in the suburbs," Indianapolis, IN area churches, October 5, 2007

"Emerging in the 'burbs," Emergent Midwest Gathering, Rolling Meadows, IL, July 20, 2007

"Best practices for incorporating justice into your congregation," Bread for the World Gathering, Washington, DC, June 10, 2007

"Living justice in the day to day," Bread for the World Gathering, Washington, DC, June 9, 2007

**Awards:**

2007 – The University of Kentucky Department of Sociology: Beers Summer Fellowship

2007 – The University of Kentucky Appalachian Center: James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia

**Memberships:**

American Academy of Religion

American Sociological Association

- Section: Religion
- Section: Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- Section: Communication and Information Technologies

Appalachian Studies Association

Project Management Institute

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Southern Sociological Society

**Certifications:**

PMP (Project Management Professional), Project Management Institute, 2002

IRB Certification, The University of Kentucky, 2006

**Board and Community Service:**

Board Member – Seedleaf

Coordinating Group Member – Emergent Village

Advisory Board Member – Relational Tithe

**References:**

Dwight Billings, The University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506

Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary, 135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91182

Tony Jones, National Coordinator, Emergent Village, P.O. Box 390104, Minneapolis MN 55439

Christine Pohl, Asbury Seminary, 204 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY 40390

**Personal:**

Born: Pequannock, NJ – 26 August 1964

Family: Lisa (spouse), Elizabeth Tyler, Jacob, Gwynneth

Hobbies: cooking, gardening, politics