

JOHN WESLEY HONORS COLLEGE

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Class of 2008



What is your hometown?

Terre Haute, Indiana

What is your favorite Scriptural passage?

Verse: "Apart from you I have no good thing." Psalm 16:2; Passage: Romans 12

What was your major? Your favorite Honors College course? Your final thesis topic?

I was a psychology major, sociology minor. My favorite JWHC courses were World Changers with Dr. Riggs and Honors Research Seminar with Dr. Ream. My thesis was titled "Faculty Members' Multiple Roles: Gender, Conflict, and Fulfillment." I looked at how faculty members negotiate and interpret the multiple roles they play as professional, spouse, and parent.

What was your favorite experience in the Honors College?

My favorite part of the JWHC was the community of scholars it provided. The encouragement, friendship, and support provided by these people, both students and faculty, allowed us to challenge each other and encounter material both in and out of the classroom in deep and meaningful ways.

What is your current career/vocation?

I am a graduate student in sociology at the University of Notre Dame, planning to be a professor.

In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now, professionally and personally? How did the Honors College shape how you view your vocation?

The academic rigor of the classes did a great deal to prepare me for the work of my graduate classes, but the biggest influence has been in how I view my work as an aspect of my faith commitment. Although I'm not working in an official ministry of any sort, I know that all I do can be glorifying. The JWHC experience helped me realize this, and it was also through my membership in the Honors College that I first realized I wanted to be a professor.

What has been your best experience since graduating from IWU?

Working for the JWHC!

If you could give one piece of advice to students who are now in the Honors College, what would it be?

Take advantage of the opportunities presented to interact with the professors at IWU. One of the benefits of going to a school like Indiana Wesleyan is that the faculty are readily available and willing to help you in whatever way they can. This is especially true for those professors who teach in the JWHC, so take the chance to get to know them.

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