Honor’s Investigation into LGBT-Catholic Intersections of Identity in a Midwestern College Town Parish

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Objectives
- To identify values, practices, etc. which support the intersection of these identities/ways of being
- To examine informants’ understandings of selected value (conscience) and the role it plays
- Connect this more broadly with areas in anthropology studying morality, religion, and LGBT experiences

Methods
- Contact informants by snow-ball sample
- Two 1-hour semi-structured interviews
- Analyze responses in comparison to appropriate literature

Conclusions
Informants demonstrate thorough knowledge of social rules (here Catholic teachings) governing use of conscience within Roman Catholicism, yet also use these rules to explain their concerns with and opposition to social rules regarding homosexuality, demonstrating concurrent assent and dissent to social rules.