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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology	University of Michigan	2008
Dissertation: <i>Perpetual Struggle: Sources of Working-Class Identity and Activism in Collective Action</i>		
M.A., Sociology	University of Michigan	2002
M.S.W., Community Organization	University of Michigan	1994
A.B., Anthropology, with High Distinction	University of Michigan	1992

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor and Work, Social Class, Social Movements, Culture and Identity, Political Sociology, Globalization, Class and Race, Labor Movements, Social Theory, Social Change, Qualitative Methods, Comparative and Historical Methods

SCHOLARLY AWARDS

2006 Outstanding Student Paper Award for “Constituency and Emotion in Collective Action: Sources of Working-Class Identity and Activism,” Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association

2006 Best Graduate Student Paper Award for “Constituency and Emotion in Collective Action: Sources of Working-Class Identity and Activism,” Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

2006 Student Forum Travel Award, American Sociological Association

2004-2006 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation

2001-2006 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation

University of Michigan

2006-2007 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar, Center for the Education of Women

2004-2005 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship

2004 Doctoral Dissertation Grant, Department of Sociology

2002-2003 Multiple small research grants

1999-2000 Rackham Regents’ Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

2006 “Consumers with a Conscience: Will They Pay More?” *Contexts* 5(1): 24-29. (co-authored with Howard Kimeldorf, Monica Prasad, and Ian Robinson)

Reprinted in:

The Contexts Reader, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James F. Jasper. New York and London: W.W. Norton & Company, 2007. (Pp. 207-214)

- 2004 “Consumers of the World Unite: A Market-based Response to Sweatshops.” *Labor Studies Journal* 29(3): 57-79. (co-authored with Monica Prasad, Howard Kimeldorf, and Ian Robinson)

Edited Collections

- 2009 “The Rise and Fall of the Sit-Down Strike.” In *The Encyclopedia of Strikes in American History*, edited by Aaron Brenner, Benjamin Day, and Immanuel Ness. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe.

Book Reviews

- 2008 Review of *Citizen Employers: Business Communities and Labor in Cincinnati and San Francisco, 1870–1916*, by Jeffrey Haydu. *Mobilization* 13(4).
- 2005 Review of *Hard Work: Remaking the American Labor Movement*, by Rick Fantasia and Kim Voss. *Contemporary Sociology* 34(6): 656-8.

WORK IN PROGRESS – *Article Manuscripts*

“Globalization and Local Politics: Community-Based Responses to Neoliberalism”

“The Subjective Consequences of Collective Action: Emergent Solidarity and the Transformation of Group Identity” (with Howard Kimeldorf)

“The Irony of Power: Efficacy and Collective Action in Working-Class Struggle”

“Becoming an Activist: Emotions and the Psychological Benefits of Mobilization”

“Can Ethical Consumers Create Moral Economies?: Exploring the Relationship between the Depth of Ethical Commitment and the Scope of Ethical Consumption” (with Howard Kimeldorf and Ian Robinson)

“The Sources of Conscientious Consumption” (with Howard Kimeldorf and Ian Robinson)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 “Globalization and Local Politics: Community-Based Responses to Neoliberalism.” The Social and Natural Limits of Globalization Conference, “States, Scales and Regulation” Panel, San Francisco, August 7.
- 2008 “From Economic to Political Mobilization: Working-Class Organizing Targets The State.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 1.
- 2007 “Understanding Solidarity: The Subjective Consequences of Collective Action.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 14. (with Howard Kimeldorf)
- 2006 “The Sustainability of Social Movements: Emotion and Instrumentality in Two Logics of Collective Action.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Quebec, August 11.
- 2005 “Ethical Consumerism and Workers’ Rights.” Second Conference of the Centre de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Mondialisation et le Travail (CRIMT), Magog, Quebec, October. (with Howard Kimeldorf and Ian Robinson)
- 2005 “The Irony of Power: Efficacy and Collective Action in Working-Class Struggle.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 14.
- 2005 “Perpetual Struggle: Constituencies and Collective Action in the Labor Movement.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 14.
- 2004 “Conscientious Consumption.” Decision Consortium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 7. (with Howard Kimeldorf and Ian Robinson)
- 2004 “Mobilizing for the Minority: The Graduate Employees Organization Fights for Those ‘Left Behind’.” United Association for Labor Education Conference, Chicago, April 16.
- 2002 “Consumer Preferences and International Labor Standards: Results of a Field Experiment.” Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, Labor and Global Change Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, December 3. (with Howard Kimeldorf, Monica Prasad, and Ian Robinson)
- 2002 “Collective Action and the Making of Interracial Solidarity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 17.

- 2002 “Strikes and Sit-Ins: Class Struggle and the Making of Interracial Unionism.”
“How Class Works” Conference, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, June 8.
- 2002 “Collective Action and the Making of Solidarity: Race and Working-Class
Formation in Two Detroit UAW Locals.” Sociology Student Brown Bag Series,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 12.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Work	Social Movements and Collective Behavior
Sociology of Class	Social Theory
Political Sociology	Cultural Sociology
Globalization	Labor and Labor Movements
Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender	Qualitative Methods
Social Problems	Comparative and Historical Sociology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010 *Globalization*
Lecturer, Department of Sociology
Harvard University
- 2009-10 *Social Class in the United States: Identity, Culture, and Consciousness: Junior Research
Tutorial*
Lecturer, Department of Sociology
Harvard University
- 2009 *Social Movements and Social Change: Junior Tutorial*
Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
Harvard University
- 2008-2009 *Work in the Modern World*
Preceptor, Harvard College Writing Program
Harvard University
- 2002 *Contemporary Social Issues: American Working-Class Life*
Instructor, Department of Sociology
University of Michigan

- 2000-2001 *Principles of Sociology*
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
University of Michigan
- 2000 Graduate Student Instructor Training
University of Michigan
- 1997-1998 Labor Educator
United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE)

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2009-10 *Board of Advisors, Member*
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
Harvard University
- 2009-10 *Senior Thesis Advisor*
Department of Sociology & Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
Harvard University
- 2004 *Undergraduate Research Program Instructor*
Department of Sociology
University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2009 Co-organizer for Labor and Labor Movements Section Roundtables,
American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco
- Presider for “Labor Organizing” Roundtable
- 2008-2009 Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *Mobilization*, *Social Forces*,
Sociology Compass, and *Working USA*.
- 2008-2009 Nominations Committee, Labor and Labor Movements Section, American
Sociological Association
- 2001-2009 Labor and Economic Theory Research Group, University of Michigan

- 2007-2008 Program Committee Member for “Race, Labor, and Empire” Conference (co-sponsored by the American Sociological Association’s Labor and Labor Movements Section and the Association of Black Sociologists)
- Organizer and Discussant for “Beyond Union Organizing: Mobilizing around Race and Labor” Panel
- 2007-2008 Membership Committee Chair, Labor and Labor Movements Section Council, American Sociological Association
- 2006-2008 Student Member (elected), Labor and Labor Movements Section Council, American Sociological Association
- 2007 Outstanding Student Paper Award Committee Member, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association
- 2004 Social Movement Scholars Network, University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
United Association for Labor Education

REFERENCES

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