

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, 1998 Northwestern University
M.A., Sociology, 1992 Northwestern University
B.A., Anthropology, 1986 Stanford University

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Culture, Education, Social Movements, Organizations

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2004-2008 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
2003-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
1998-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California (on leave 2001-2002 to work as Senior Research Scientist at American Institutes for Research (AIR), Palo Alto, CA).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORARY POSITIONS

2005-2008 Faculty Fellow, The Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University.
2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, The Russell Sage Foundation, New York.
2005 Resident Fellow, The Rockefeller Foundation Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy.
2004 Outstanding Book Award of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), for *Contentious Curricula: Afrocentrism and Creationism in American Public Schools*.
2003 Best Book Prize of the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association, for *Contentious Curricula: Afrocentrism and Creationism in American Public Schools*.
2003 Distinguished Scholarship Prize of the Pacific Sociological Association, 2003, for *Contentious Curricula: Afrocentrism and Creationism in American Public Schools*.
2002-2004 Postdoctoral Fellow, National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation.
2001-2002 Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California.
1997 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University. Awarded for outstanding graduate student teaching.

- 1993 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University. Awarded for outstanding paper submitted by a graduate student to a professional conference or publication.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes/Journals

- 2008 *Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity*. Special issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Volume 619 (September). (Edited with Mary Blair-Loy, John Evans, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson).
- 2002 *Contentious Curricula: Afrocentrism and Creationism in American Public Schools*, Princeton University Press. Winner of three Best Book awards.

Articles/Book Chapters

- forthcoming "Elite Status and Social Change: Using Field Analysis to Explain Policy Formation and Implementation." *Social Problems* (with Meghan Duffy, lead author, and John Skrentny).
- 2008 "Afrocentric Education," contribution to the *Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education*, Eugene Provenzo (ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2008 "The Diversity of Culture" (with Mary Blair-Loy, John Evans, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson), pp.1-9 in *Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity*, special issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (Amy Binder, Mary Blair-Loy, John Evans, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson. Volume 619 (September).
- 2007 "For Love and Money: One Organization's Creative and Multiple Responses to a New Funding Environment." *Theory and Society* 36:547-71 (December).
- 2007 "Gathering Intelligence on Intelligent Design: Where Did It Come From, Where Is It Going, and How Should Progressives Manage It?" *American Journal of Education* 113:549-76 (August).
- 2007 "Evolution Triumphant: Review of the Charles Darwin exhibit at the Museum of Natural History." *Contexts* 6: 72-74 (Winter).
- 2001 "Identity Trouble in Sacrosanct Battles: When the Elite and Grassroots Confront Each Other in Creationist Challenges to Schools," invited contribution to special issue of *Religion and Education* (Fall).
- 2000 "Why Do Some Curricular Challenges 'Work' While Others Do Not? The Case of Three Afrocentric Challenges: Atlanta, Washington DC, and New York State." *Sociology of Education* 73:69-91 (April).
- 1999 "Friend and Foe: Boundary Work and Collective Identity in the Afrocentric and Multicultural Curriculum Movements in American Public Education," in *The Cultural Territory of Race: Black and White Boundaries*; Michele Lamont (ed.), University of Chicago Press/Russell Sage Foundation, pp.221-48.
- 1997 "Do Employers Really Need More Educated Youth?" co-authored with James Rosenbaum, *Sociology of Education* 70:68-85 (January).

Reprinted in *The Structure of Schooling: Readings in the Sociology of Education*, Richard Arum and Irene Beattie, eds. 2000. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Co.

Reprinted in *Providing Career Options to the Forgotten Half*, James Rosenbaum, ed., 2001. American Sociological Association Rose monograph, Russell Sage Foundation.

1993 "Constructing Racial Rhetoric: Media Depictions of Harm in Heavy Metal and Rap Music," *American Sociological Review* 58:753-67 (December).

Reprinted in *Readings in Deviant Behavior*, Alex Thio and Thomas Calhoun, eds. 1995. New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

Reprinted in *Social Problems Reader*, Ira Silver, ed. 2007. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Book Reviews

2003 Review of *Talk about Sex: The Battles over Sex Education in the United States* for *Contemporary Sociology* (September).

2002 Review of *Political Scandal: Power and Visibility in the Media Age* for *Social Forces* (June).

2000 Review of *Image Politics: The New Rhetoric of Environmental Activism* for the *American Journal of Sociology* (September).

1998 Review of *Cultural Wars in American Politics: Critical Reviews of a Popular Myth* for *Contemporary Sociology* (July).

1996 Review of *Crime Talk: How Citizens Construct a Social Problem* for the *American Journal of Sociology* (September).

Opinion Editorials

2008 "Teaching Evolution with an Olive Branch," co-authored with John H. Evans. *Washington Post*, July 26, pA15. available online as "Evolving toward a Compromise" <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/25/AR2008072502792.html>

IN PROGRESS

"Cosmopolitan Preferences: The Constitutive Role of Place in Cognition, Culture, and the Elite Taste for Rap Music" (co-authored with Andrew Cheyne; status: resubmitted)

"Conservative Students on College Campuses: Discourses of Exclusion," contribution to *Diversity in American Education: Toward a More Comprehensive Approach* (Lisa Stulberg and Sharon Weinberg, eds.). London: Routledge.

PRESENTATIONS

2008 "Marginalized on Campus? A Comparison of Conservative College Students (and the Organizations and Individuals that Love and Hate Them) at Two 'Notoriously Liberal' Universities." Department of Sociology, Indiana University (September).

2008 "Cosmopolitan Preferences: The Constitutive Role of Place in Cognition, Culture, and the Elite Taste for Rap Music," co-authored with Andrew Cheyne, Section on the Sociology of Culture, at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston (August).

2008 "Importing School Across Societal Fields: A Case Study of Institutional Change" (co-authored with Scott Davies). Presented in the Department of Sociology, Yale University (April)

2008 "Cosmopolitan Preferences: The Constitutive Role of Place in Cognition, Culture, and the Elite Taste for Rap Music" (co-authored with Andrew Cheyne). Presented in the Workshop in Cultural Sociology, Yale University (April).

2007 "Analytic Models in the Study of Education and Culture." Presented at the Sociology of Culture

- Mini-Conference following the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York. (August).
- 2007 "Gathering Intelligence on Intelligent Design," Special session on Religion and Science, at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York (August)
- 2007 "Importing School Across Societal Domains: Frames, Hybrids and Institutional Effects". Presented at the Ethnography Workshop, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University (May)
- 2007 "Gathering Intelligence on Intelligent Design." Co-sponsored series by the Center for Research on Educational Equity, Assessment, and Teaching Excellence and the Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition (April)
- 2006 "Should We Be Surprised When the Powerful Want Progressive Change (and Make It Happen)?" co-authored with John Skrentny, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal (August 2006).
- 2006 Critic on "Author Meets Critics" session for *Rampage: The Social Roots of School Shootings* (Katherine Newman) at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal (August 2006).
- 2006 "Protecting Kids, Science, and Culture as We Know It: Progressives' Commitments and Strategies in Fighting Creationism." Department of Sociology, Princeton University (April).
- 2005-2006 "Gathering Intelligence on Intelligent Design." Presented at the Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University (October 2005); the Russell Sage Foundation (April 2006); Department of Sociology, Harvard University (April 2006); and the Steinhardt School of Education, New York University (April 2006).
- 2005 "Building Trust in a Supportive Direct Service Organization." Visiting Scholar presentation at the Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy.
- 2005 "Critic" on "Author Meets Critics" session for *The Money Shot: Trash, Class, and the Meaning of TV Talk Shows* (Laura Grindstaff) at the Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2004 Author on "Author Meets Critics" session for *Contentious Curricula* for the Comparative Historical Section roundtables at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2004 Author on "Author Meets Critics" session for *Contentious Curricula* at the annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2003 "Transforming Lives: Educational Interactions in a Transitional Housing Site." National Academy of Education Fall Fellows' Retreat, Harvard School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
- 2003 "Moving toward Integration: The Stapleton Redevelopment in Denver; and What Happens when Foundations, City Government and For-Profit Developers Are Responsible for Social Change," Political Sociology session, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
- 2003 "Turning Your Dissertation (or other work) into a Book," invited presentation at the Professional Workshop for Young Scholars in Sociology of Education, pre-conference at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
- 2003 "Extending Movement Concepts to Institutionalized Challenges." Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

- 2003 "Studying Education Reform as Contentious Politics: The Cases of Afrocentrism and Creationism." Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 2002 "Public School Curriculum Controversies: The Cases of Afrocentrism and Creationism in the Late 20th Century United States." Invited presentation, The Center for the Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 2002 Discussant at University of Michigan conference, "Social Movements and Organizations," Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2002 "Education Reform as Contentious Politics: A New Approach for Understanding Marginal Challenges." Invited colloquium presentation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.
- 2001 "Understanding Education Reform from a Social Movements Perspective." Spencer Foundation post-doctoral didactic seminar, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2001 "Studying Education Reform as Contentious Politics: The Case of the San Diego Blueprint." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2001 "Understanding Outcomes: The Role of Cultural Resources, Political Opportunities, and Organizational Routines in Challenge Events." Invited colloquium presentation, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2001 Discussant at the 2000 Spencer Dissertation Fellows Winter Forum, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2001 Discussant for UCLA Department of Sociology's mini-conference, "Comparativists' Day."
- 2000 "When Strategic Framing and Exploitation of Political Opportunities Are Not Enough: The Effects of 'Organizational Opportunities' on Challenger Success," Session on Social Movements, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2000 "When Strategic Framing and Exploitation of Political Opportunities Are Not Enough: The Effects of 'Organizational Opportunities' on Challenger Success," Political Sociology Workshop in the Department of Sociology at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- 1999 "Why Do Some Curricular Challenges 'Work' While Others Do Not? The Case of Three Afrocentric Challenges: Atlanta, Washington, DC, and New York State." Session on Education, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1999 "Identity Troubles in Sacrosanct Battles: Elite and Grassroots Factions Confront Each Other in the Scientific Creationist Movement." Session on New Research on the Religious Rights, Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR.
- 1999 "Social Movements Meet Organizational Theory: The Cases of Afrocentric and Creationist Challenges." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology, USC, Los Angeles.
- 1999 "Framing and Action: A Report from Two Curricular Movements." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology, Boston College, Boston.
- 1998 "Social Movements Meet Organizational Theory: The Cases of Afrocentric and Creationist Challenges." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- 1998 "Creationism's Changing Rhetoric." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA.

- 1998 "‘Token Victories’ vs. ‘Visible Defeats’: Public Schools Respond to Afrocentric and Creationist Curriculum Movements." Session on Political Culture, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 1997 "Blacker than Thou: Racial Identity Formation in the Afrocentric and Multicultural Education Movements." Session on Culture, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Toronto.
- 1996 "Combating ‘Mental Genocide’: The Afrocentric Curriculum Movement in American Public Education." Conference on Race, Class, and Culture at the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City.
- 1996 "Resonance and Legitimacy: The Afrocentric Challenge to the Education Institution, 1980s-1990s." Session on Culture, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 1994 "Do Employers Really Need More Educated Youth?" co-authored with James Rosenbaum, School of Education, Northwestern University. Session on Education, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles.
- 1992 "The Construction of Harm in Rap and Rock Music: The Resonance of Race and Gender in the 1980s." Regular Session, A Century of Censorship: The Construction and Suppression of Obscenity in America, 1880-1990, Social Science History Association, Chicago.
- 1992 "Racial Rhetoric and Cultural Frames: The Construction of Harm in Heavy Metal vs. Rap Music." Session on Popular Culture: The Politics of Popular Music, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2009-2011 Civic Engagement Initiative Grant, "Marginalized on Campus? A Study of Conservative Students at Two ‘Notoriously Liberal’ Universities." The Spencer Foundation Small Grants Program, Chicago, IL, \$38,500.
- 2009-2010 Academic Senate Research Award for "Marginalized on Campus? A Comparative Case Study of Conservative Students at Private Elite and Public Flagship Universities," from the University of California, San Diego, \$14,500.
- 2007-2008 Academic Senate Research Award for "Marginalized on Campus? A Comparative Case Study of Conservative Students at Private Elite and Public Flagship Universities," from the University of California, San Diego, \$10,000.
- 2004-2006 Small Grant, Piton Foundation, Denver, CO, \$2,500.
- 2003-2004 Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego, \$6,000.
- 2000 Small Grant, "When Midgets Battle Titans: Afrocentric and Scientific Creationist Challenges to American Public Schools, 1980-2000," The Spencer Foundation Small Grants Program, Chicago, IL, \$35,000.
- 1997-1998 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 1996-1997 Research Assistant for Max Bazerman, Organization Behavior, J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University. Responsible for grants writing and co-authoring chapters of *Smart Money Decisions* (John Wiley and Sons, 1999).

- 1996 Dissertation Year Grant, Northwestern University.
- 1992-1994 Research Assistant for James Rosenbaum, School of Education, Northwestern University. Responsible for managing research project and co-authoring *Sociology of Education* article.
- 1991 MacArthur Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2009-2010 Chair, Nominations Committee for the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2008-2009 Co-organizer with Elizabeth Armstrong and Mitchell Stevens of the “New Directions for the Sociology of Education” pre-ASA mini-conference for young scholars. Sponsored by the Sociology of Education section of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco).
- 2007-2010 Member of the editorial board for *Mobilization*.
- 2006-2009 Elected member of the Council of the Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2007 Chair of the Willard Waller Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2006 Chair of the David Lee Stevenson Graduate Student Paper Award committee, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2005 Chair of the Distinguished Scholarship Award committee, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2005 Co-Organizer of the Sociology of Education paper sessions for the American Sociological Association annual meetings.
- 2004 Organizer of the Culture Section Roundtables for the American Sociological Association annual meetings.
- 2004 Member of the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2004-2005 Member of the Program Committee organizing the 2005 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2003-2006 Elected member of the Council of the Culture Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2002 Member of the selection committee for ASA Education Section’s Graduate Student Paper Competition.
- 1999 Member of the selection committee for ASA Culture Section's Graduate Student Paper Competition.
- 1998-1999 Member of the Nominations Committee for ASA Culture Section.
- 1996 Member of selection committee for ASA Culture Section's Graduate Student Paper Competition.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2009 Member of the Undergraduate Review Committee of the Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, San Diego.

- 2008-2009 Member of the Representative Assembly of the Academic Senate, University of California, San Diego.
- 2007-2010 Director of the Thurgood Marshall College Public Service Minor, University of California, San Diego.
- 2008 Organizer, Workshop on American Conservative Movements; Departments of Sociology, Communication Science, and Anthropology; University of California, San Diego.
- 2008 Member, Preuss Principal Search Committee, University of California, San Diego.
- 2007-2008 Member, Thurgood Marshall College Executive Committee, University of California, San Diego.
- 2007-2008 Member of the Yankelovich Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 2006-2007 Member of the University of California, San Diego Committee on Admissions (committee of the Academic Senate).
- 2006-2007 Faculty mentor in the Thurgood Marshall College Mentor Program for Transfer Students, University of California, San Diego.
- 2006-2007 Chair of the Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 2006-2007 Member of the editorial advisory committee to UCSD Alumni Magazine.
- 2005-2008 Co-organizer of the annual UCSD Culture Conference: Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity, San Diego (May 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- 2004-2005 Co-chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 2004-2005 Member of the Teachers Education Program Ed.D. Graduate Group, University of California, San Diego.
- 2004-2005 Member of the University of California, San Diego Graduate Council (committee of the Academic Senate).
- 2004 Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 2003-2005 Member of the Steering Committee of the California Cultures in Comparative Perspective, University of California, San Diego.
- 2002-2003 Member of the USC Department of Sociology Executive Committee.
- 2002-2003 Chair of the USC Department of Sociology Awards Committee.
- 2002 Member of the selection committee for undergraduate and graduate research fellowships for USC's interdisciplinary Center for Religion and Civic Culture.
- 2000 Panel presenter on USC Faculty Institute for Service Learning (academic/community-service project).
- 2000 Member of the selection committee for the Grace Ford Salvatori Scholarship, USC.

1999-2000 Member of the dean-appointed Consultative Committee for Department Chair Search, USC.

1999-2000 Member of the USC Department of Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee.

CONSULTING

2004 Consultant to the National Science Foundation on the science module for the General Social Survey.

TEACHING

1998-2008 Undergraduate classes in: The New Right in Late 20th Century American Society, Qualitative Research in Education, Social Problems, Sociology of Education, Social Inequality, Social Movements and Collective Action, Campus Activism: Left and Right. Freshman seminar in: The Sociology of Music. Guest lecturer in methods and honors classes. Graduate seminars in: Sociology of Culture, Graduate Seminar in Research and Writing. Guest lecturer in methods classes.

Committee member for eight UCSD doctoral students, and outside committee member for two non-UCSD students (UCLA and Teachers College, Columbia University). Honors thesis advisor for several undergraduate students.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Pacific Sociological Association

REVIEWER FOR:

Journals:

Academy of Management Journal
Administrative Science Quarterly
American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Comparative Education Review
Contemporary Sociology
Law and Social Inquiry
Mobilization
Poetics
Social Forces
Social Problems
Sociological Focus
Sociological Forum
Sociological Methodology
Sociological Theory
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Religion
Theory, Culture, and Society
Theory and Society

Academic presses:

Cambridge University Press
Harvard University Press
Stanford University Press

Foundations:

National Science Foundation

The Spencer Foundation