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### **Education**

Ph.D. (2011) Sociology, University of California, San Diego

Dissertation title:

“The Challenge of Patient Safety and the Remaking of American Medicine”

M.A. (2005) Sociology, University of California, San Diego

B.A. (2001) Sociology, University of Wisconsin- Madison

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

*Primary:* Medical Sociology, Law and Society, Social Theory, Cultural Sociology

*Secondary:* Research Methods, Science and Technology Studies, Sociology of Risk

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Associate-In (Lecturer/ Instructor of Record), UCSD Department of Sociology**

Winter 2011 Sociology 50: Introduction to Law and Society

Winter 2009 Sociology 50: Introduction to Law and Society

Fall 2007 Sociology 160L: Law and Culture

#### **Teaching Assistant, UCSD Urban Studies and Planning Department**

Spring 2010 USP 180: Urban Transportation Planning

Winter 2010 USP 143: The U.S. Health Care System

Fall 2009 USP 144: Environmental & Preventive Health

#### **Teaching Assistant, UCSD Department of Sociology**

Spring 2008, Fall 2008 Sociology 100: Classical Sociological Theory

Winter 2008 Sociology 50: Introduction to Law and Society

Spring 2004 (*Grader*) Sociology 140: Sociology of Law

#### **Teaching Assistant, UCSD Dimensions of Culture (DOC) Writing Program**

Fall 2004, 2005, 2006 DOC 1: Diversity (Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality & Analytical writing)

Winter 2005, 2006, 2007 DOC 2: Justice (Supreme Court cases & Persuasive writing)

Spring 2005, 2006, 2007 DOC 3: Imagination (Cultural Studies & Interpretive writing)

### **Recognition of Exemplary Teaching**

2008 - 2009 Sociology Department Senior Teaching Assistant

2006 - 2007 Dimensions of Culture Program Excellence in Teaching Award

**Conference Presentations**

- 2011 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, San Francisco  
Paper Presentation: "From Adversary to Activist: Stories of Transformation in Two Medical Error Narratives"
- 2011 West Coast Law and Society Retreat, Los Angeles  
Graduate Student Workshop Presentation on Dissertation Research
- 2010 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago  
Paper Presentation: "The Power of a Number? Counting Medical Error, Redefining Risk"
- 2010 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Oakland  
Paper Presentation: "Between Risk and Reform: Medical Error and the Politics of Prevention in Health Care"
- 2009 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver  
Paper Presentation: "Aviation as a Model for Managing Risk in Health Care"
- 2009 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Diego  
Paper Presentation: "Safety Culture from the Flight Deck to the Hospital"
- 2008 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Boston  
Science, Knowledge and Technology Roundtable: "Patient Safety Goes Global"
- 2008 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada  
Paper presentation: "Risk, Regulation and Patient Safety"  
Session Organizer: "The Politics of Regulating Risk" (with Professor Jonathan Simon, University of California-Berkeley, as discussant)
- 2008 Culture and Society Workshop, UCSD Sociology Department, San Diego  
Paper presentation: "Patient Safety Goes Global"
- 2007 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany  
Paper presentation: "Standardizing Safety in Global Health Care"
- 2007 Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago  
Paper presentation: "A Role for Patients in Global Health Care Initiatives?"
- 2006 Risk Regulation Student Research Conference, London School of Economics  
Presentation: "Tracing the Emergence of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Safety Discourses"
- 2006 Sociology Department Annual Student Research Conference, UCSD, San Diego  
Presentation: "Comparing Historical and Contemporary Safety Discourses"

**Fellowships and Grants**

- 2008 UCSD Sociology Department Summer Research Grant Program  
2007 & 2008 The Dean's Social Sciences Research Travel Grant, UCSD
- 2007-08 Labor and Employment Research Fund Travel Grant,  
University of California Office of the President
- 2007-10 UCSD Sociology Department Graduate Student Grant Program
- 2006 Center for German and European Studies/ Institute of  
European Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, University of  
California-Berkeley
- 2003-04 Regents Fellowship, University of California, San Diego

**Research Assistance and Relevant Work Experience**

- Summer 2005 - Research Assistant for Professor Isaac Martin, UCSD Sociology  
Data collection of media reports on tax protests in Europe, 1960-2001.
- Summer 2004 - Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey Haydu, UCSD Sociology  
Retrieval and analysis of articles on US business citizenship, 1880-1920.
- November 2001 thru September 2003 - Library Assistant II & III, UCSD Libraries  
Full-time employment in a research library (circulation desk and course reserves).

**Professional, University, and Departmental Service**

- 2010, 2011 UCSD Academic Internship Program Faculty Mentor
- 2008-09 Senior Teaching Assistant, UCSD Sociology Department
- 2008 Graduate Student Reviewer, Society for the Social Study of  
Science Journal - *Science, Technology and Human Values*
- 2008 Panelist, UCSD Sociology Department Teaching Workshop
- 2007 Panelist, UCSD Sociology Department Grantwriting Workshop
- 2005 Organizer, UCSD Sociology Department Mentor Program
- 2004-07 Organizer, UCSD Sociology Graduate Student Meetings
- 2005-06 Steward, UAW Local 2865, Academic Student Employees
- 2005-06 Sociology Representative, UCSD Graduate Student Association

**Memberships in Professional Associations**

American Sociological Association - 2008-2011

Law and Society Association - 2007-2011

Pacific Sociological Association - 2009-2011

Social Science History Association - 2008-2011

**Professional References**

**Research**

Dr. Jeffrey Haydu (thesis chair)  
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