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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2010-2011 College Fellow, Department of Sociology

Harvard University

2009-2010 Lecturer on Sociology and Social Studies

Harvard University

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D., Sociology University of Michigan

Dissertation:

Perpetual Struggle: Sources of Working-Class Identity and Activism in Collective Action

2002 M.A., Sociology University of Michigan

1994 M.S.W., Community Organization University of Michigan

1992 A.B., Anthropology, with High Distinction University of Michigan

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Class, Social Movements, Labor and Work, Political Sociology, Culture and Identity, Globalization, Social Change, Class and Race, Labor Movements, Social Theory, Qualitative 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?" <i>Contexts</i> 5(1): 24-29. (co-authored with Howard Kimeldorf, Monica Prasad, and Ian Robinson)
	Reprinted in: <i>The Contexts Reader</i> , 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." <i>Labor Studies Journal</i> 29(3): 57-79. (co-authored with Monica Prasad, Howard

Kimeldorf, and Ian Robinson)

Edited Collections

"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

- 2011 Review of Coethnicity: Diversity and the Dilemmas of Collective Action, by James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. *Social Forces*.
- Review of Citizen Employers: Business Communities and Labor in Cincinnati and San Francisco, 1870–1916, by Jeffrey Haydu. *Mobilization* 13(4).
- 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

"Transforming Citizenship: Globalization and Local Politics in the American Labor Movement." To be submitted to *Political Power and Social Theory*, Fall 2010.

"The Subjective Consequences of Collective Action: Emergent Solidarity and the Transformation of Group Identity." (with Howard Kimeldorf) To be submitted Fall 2010.

"The Strength of Weak Commitments: Market Contexts and Ethical Consumption." (with Ian Robinson and Howard Kimeldorf) To be submitted to *Socio-Economic Review*, Fall 2010.

"The Irony of Power: Efficacy and Collective Action in Working-Class Struggle."

"Becoming an Activist: Emotions and the Psychological Benefits of Mobilization."

"The Sources of Conscientious Consumption." (with Howard Kimeldorf and Ian Robinson)

PRESENTATIONS

2010 "Transforming Citizenship: Globalization and Local Politics in the American Labor Movement." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, August.



2002	"Strikes and Sit-Ins: Class Struggle and the Making of Interracial Unionism."
	"How Class Works" Conference, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, June.

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.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Work Social Class
Social Movements and Social Change Social Theory
Globalization Cultural Sociology

Political Sociology Labor and Labor Movements

Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender Qualitative Methods

Social Problems Comparative and Historical Sociology

TEACHING AWARDS

Spring 2009, Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2002

Spring 2010 & Spring 2011	Globalization Department of Sociology, Harvard University
Spring 2009-11	Social Class in the United States: Identity, Culture, and Consciousness Research Tutorial Department of Sociology, Harvard University
Fall 2010	Labor, Power and the Professions Department of Sociology, Harvard University
Fall 2009	Social Movements and Social Change Research Tutorial Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University
Fall 2008 & Spring 2009	Work in the Modern World Harvard College Writing Program, Harvard University

Contemporary Social Issues: American Working-Class Life

Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

Fall 2000 & Spring 2001	Principles of Sociology (teaching assistant) Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
Fall 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 Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University
2004	Undergraduate Research Program Instructor Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2007-2008

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

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 United Association for Labor Education

REFERENCES

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