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Education

Ph.D., Sociology. University of California, Davis. September 2005. Dissertation: *After the Barnraising: Community Radio and the Reconstruction of the Public Sphere*.

Chair: Fred Block

Master of Arts, Sociology. University of Houston, May 1996. Thesis: *Erotic Salience: An Exercise in Concept Formation*. Chair: William Simon.

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Cum Laude. University of Houston, May 1994.

Employment

2015 – Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kent State University.

2014 – 2015 Project Director, Survey Research Lab; Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Kent State University

2006 – 2012 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kent State University, Stark Campus.

2005-2006 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis.

Areas of Expertise and Teaching Interests

Social Inequalities (Focus on Poverty / Poverty Policy), Sociological Theory, Political Sociology, Media Studies, Social Movements, Economic Sociology, Research Methods (particular expertise in Qualitative & Comparative / Historical Methods), & Sociology of Sexualities.

Teaching

Assistant Professor, Kent State University

Fall 2015 Introduction to Sociology (large lecture format & online); Inequality in Societies (online); Sociological Theories.

Adjunct Professor, Kent State University

Summer 2015 Introduction to Sociology (online)
Spring 2015 Introduction to Sociology (online); Inequality in Society (online); Researching Society
Fall 2014 Inequality in Society (online); Researching Society; Sociological Theories
Spring 2014 Researching Society

Assistant Professor, Kent State University, Stark

Courses Taught 2006-2012:

Introduction to Sociology; Wealth, Poverty & Power; Sociological Analysis; Sociology of Media;
Sociological Theories; Social Problems

2008: Honors Thesis Committee Membership (Ashley Lorenz).

Lecturer, UC Davis:

2005-2006: Mass Communication; Corporations and Society

Associate Instructor, UC Davis:

Winter 2002,
Fall 2001, Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology.
Spring 2001

Winter 1999 Sociology 390B: Teaching Sociology for Associate Instructors.

Fall 1998 Sociology 390A: Teaching Sociology for Teaching Assistants.

Scholarly Publications

Schiller, J. Zach. 2007. "On Becoming the Media: Low Power FM and Alternative Public Spheres," in *Media and Public Spheres*, Richard Butsch, editor. Palgrave-Macmillan. 2007. 122-135.

Fred Block, Anna Korteweg & Kerry Woodward, with Zach Schiller & Imrul Mazid. "The Compassion Gap in American Poverty Policy." *Contexts* vol.5 issue 2. pp. 14-20. Spring 2006.

Other Publications

Book Review

Schiller, J. Zach. 2009. "Sound Moves: iPod Culture and Urban Experience, by Michael Bull." *Contemporary Sociology* 38 (5): 399.

Non-Academic Publications:

Sakura Saunders, Zach Schiller, and Pete Tridish. 2009. "Put Your Hands On the Radio People! How to Start a Community Radio Station," in Be The Media, David Mathison, editor. Natural E Creative Group, LLC.

Scholarly Presentations

- August 2011 "Learning from Giving: How Philanthropy Enriches Service Learning for Students." (With Clare Stacey and Meghan Novisky). Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, panel on Teaching and Learning, Las Vegas, NV.
- March 2011 "Learning from Giving: How Philanthropy Enriches Service Learning for Students." (With Clare Stacey and Meghan Novisky). North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Panel on Innovations in Introductory Sociology Courses, Cleveland, OH.
- August 2010 Presider, *Political Culture: Meanings Frames and Norms* – Roundtable Session for American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- August 2009 "Nurturing the Grassroots: The Case of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Radio Barnraising." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA. Global Paper Session: *Alternative Globalizations*.
- August 2007 "Community Radio and Civic Culture." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York, NY. Regular Session: *Perspectives on Citizenship*.
- March 2007 "The 'Fruitful Perversity' of The Public Sphere." Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference. Panel: *Media and Public Spheres*, Richard Butsch, Organizer. Chicago.
- August 2005 "Microradio to the Rescue? Alternative Public Spheres and the Revival of Civil Society." American Sociological Association. Political Sociology Section paper session: *Cultural and Structural Processes of Civil Society*. Philadelphia.
- August 2004 "Renewal and Critique in Community Radio." Invited Presentation: American Sociological Association, Thematic Session: *Are We on the Same Page? Bridging Media Research, Activism, and Practice*. San Francisco.

- August 2004 “Power Channels: Community Radio, Civic Participation, and the (Alternative) Public Sphere.” American Sociological Association, Communication and Information Technologies Roundtable: *Changes in Mass Media in a Digital Era*. San Francisco.
- July 2003 “The Media is the Movement: Community Radio and the Social Construction of Alternative Public Spheres.” *The Radio Conference: A Transnational Forum*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- April 2003 “The ‘Uses’ of Community Radio: Volunteerism, Labor and Transnational Communities.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.

Awards and Honors

- 2010-2011 Academic Load Lift (Spring 2011)
- 2008-2009 Academic Load Lift (Fall 2008)
- 2008 Kent State Regional Campus Faculty Professional Development Award
- 2004 UC Davis & Humanities Research Fellowship.
- 2004 Department of Sociology Block Grant Funding (Spring and Fall quarters).
- 2003 UC Davis Graduate Studies Summer Research Fellowship.
- 2003 UC Davis & Humanities Research Fellowship.
- 1998 UC-Mexus travel grant for field research in support of “Oaxacalifornia” research project, Stefano Varese, principal investigator.

Professional Activities

- Jan. – July.
2005 **Project Coordinator**, Moral Economy Project. Longview Institute.
www.longviewinstitute.org.
Conducted research in support of Moral Economy Project Paper “Is the American Dream Dying?” by Fred Block, published on the Longview website and in *Contexts* Magazine as “The Compassion Gap in American Poverty Policy,” Volume 5, Number 2. Spring 2006.
- 2004-2005 **Project Coordinator**, Moral Economy Project. Rockridge Institute.
www.rockridgeinstitute.org.
- 1998-2005 **Editorial Associate**, *Theory and Society*. Janet Gouldner, Executive Editor.
- 1999-2004 **Assistant Managing Editor**, *Theory and Society*. Janet Gouldner, Executive Editor.

Research

- 2002-2005 **Dissertation Research** involving participant observation in a community radio station (in all manner of station tasks including programming) and in-depth interviews with station volunteers. Also conducted select interviews with key media activists, and conducted participant observation of two “radio barnraisings,” organized by same media activists.
- 2002 **Research Assistant** to Professor Jack Goldstone, UC Davis Department of Sociology, Assisted in preparation of *Revolutions: Theoretical, Comparative, and Historical Studies, Third Edition*, 2003, Wadsworth; and *States, Parties, and Social Movements*, 2003, Cambridge University Press.
- 1998 **Research Assistant** to Stefano Varese, UC Davis Native American Studies Department. Conducted three months of archival research and interviews in Mexico City, Oaxaca City, and rural Oaxaca for the “Oaxacalifornia” project, exploring root causes of circular migration trends between Oaxaca and California.

Academic Service

- 2012-2011 Elected to Stark Faculty Council for 2011-2012, Social Sciences Constituency. Selected to serve on Stark Campus Dean’s Cabinet, 2011-2012. Staff Search Committee (Successful), Disabilities Services Coordinator, Kent State University at Stark.
Service Learning Advisory Committee, Stark Campus
Ad-Hoc Student Survey Design Committee for Dean’s Distance Learning Initiative, Kent State University at Stark.
Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, Kent Sociology Dept.
- 2009-2010 Student Research Travel Committee, Kent State University at Stark.
Service Learning Advisory Committee, Stark Campus
Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, Kent Sociology Dept.
AURCO Program Committee, Kent State University at Stark.
- 2008-2009: Student Research Travel Committee, Kent State University at Stark.
Sociology Hiring Committee (Successful), Stark Campus
Undergraduate Research Assistant Committee, Stark Campus
Service Learning Advisory Committee, Stark Campus
Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, Kent Sociology Dept.
Faculty Advisor, *Club Sunaarashi*, Stark Campus.
- 2007-2008: Student Research Travel Committee, Kent State University, Stark.
Geography Search Committee

Spring 2007: Member, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, Kent State University, Stark.

1998-2004: Program Committee, Center for History, Society and Culture, UC Davis.

1997-1998 Chair, Graduate Student Sociology Association, Dept.of Sociology, UC Davis.

1996–1998 Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology. UC Davis.

Other Qualifications

- Working knowledge of Spanish
- Experience in college and community radio as a programmer, music director, and in news production.

References

Richard Serpe, Ph.D.
Professor & Department Chair, Department of Sociology
Kent State University, Kent OH 44242

Greg Gibson, Ph.D.
Department of Sociology Survey Research Lab Director
Kent State University, Kent OH 44242

Kristen Marcussen
Associate Professor, Sociology
Kent State University, Kent OH 44242

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