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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: March 6, 1966  
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, UCLA, 1996

M.A. Department of Sociology, UCLA, 1992

B.A. Rice University, 1989

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2003- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology,  
University at Albany, State University of New York

2003 Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology and Center for Cultural  
Sociology, Yale University

1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology,  
University at Albany, State University of New York

1996-1997 Annenberg Scholar and Visiting Assistant Professor, Annenberg  
School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania

1995-1996 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Rice University,  
Houston, Texas

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Visiting Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, California

## BOOKS

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2000. *Race, Media, and the Crisis of Civil Society: From Watts to Rodney King*. Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in *Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Sociological Research Online*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Communication*, *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*.

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Jacobs, Ronald N., 1996. "Civil Society and Crisis: Culture, Discourse, and the Rodney King Beating," *American Journal of Sociology* 101, 5: 1238-1272.

Reprinted in (1) L. Spillman, ed., 2002. *The Cultural Sociology Reader*.

Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, pp. 272-286; (2) R. Yin, ed., 2004. *The Case Study Anthology*. Sage Publications.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 1996. "Producing the News, Producing the Crisis: Narrativity, Television, and News Work," *Media, Culture, and Society*, 18, 3: 373-397.

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Philip Smith, 1997. "Romance, Irony, and Solidarity," *Sociological Theory*, 15, 1: 60-80.

Translated into Korean and published in Jongryul Choi, ed., *Durkheimian Cultural Sociology*. Seoul: Ihaksa, forthcoming.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 1998. "The Racial Discourse of Civil Society," in *Real Civil Societies*, ed. Jeffrey C. Alexander. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, pp. 138-161.

Alexander, Jeffrey C. and Ronald N. Jacobs, 1998. "Mass Communication, Ritual, and Civil Society," in *Media, Ritual, and Identity*, ed. T. Liebes and J. Curran. London: Routledge, pp. 23-41.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 1999. "Race, Media, and Civil Society," *International Sociology* 14, 3: 355-372.

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Jacobs, Ronald N., 2001. "The Problem with Tragic Narratives: Lessons from the Los Angeles Uprisings," *Qualitative Sociology*, 24, 2: 221-244.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2002. "The Narrative Integration of Personal and Collective Identity in Social Movements," in *Narrative Impact*, ed. T. Brock, M. Green and J. Strange. Ehrlbaum, pp. 207-230..

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Daniel J. Glass, 2002. "Media Publicity and the Voluntary Sector: The Case of Nonprofit Organizations in New York". *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* 13, 3 (September): 235-252.

Featured in *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, February 2003.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2003. "Toward a Political Sociology of Civil Society", *Research in Political Sociology* 12: 19-47.

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Gayle Sulik, 2003. "Ethnic and Gender Stereotyping", *Encyclopedia of International Media and Communications*, ed. D. Johnston. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, pp. 587-596.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2003. "On Television, and the Death of News (and Why I am Not in Mourning)", *Yale Journal of Sociology* 3: 113-132.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2004. "Bauman's New World Order", *Thesis Eleven* 79: 128-137.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2005. "Media Culture(s) and Public Life", in *Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Culture*, ed. M. Jacobs and N. Hanrahan. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, pp. 80-96

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2006. "Civil Society", in *Sociology: The Key Concepts*, ed. J. Scott. Routledge, pp. 27-29.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2007 "From Mass to Public: Rethinking the Value of the Culture Industry", in *Culture in the World, vol. 1: Cultural Sociology and the Democratic Imperative*, ed. J. Alexander and I. Reed. Paradigm Press, pp. 101-128.

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Sarah Sobieraj, 2007. "Narrative and Legitimacy: US Congressional Debates about the Nonprofit Sector", *Sociological Theory* 25, 1: 1-25.

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Eleanor Townsley, forthcoming. "On the Communicative Geography of Global Sociology", *Canadian Journal of Sociology*.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Jacobs, Ronald N., 1997. "'The Time of the Tribes: The Decline of Individualism in Mass Society', by Michel Maffesoli". Book review, *American Journal of Sociology* 102, 4: 1229-1231.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2001. "Different Media?" *Boston Review*, 26 (Summer): 13-14.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2004. "Rethinking the Value of Media Culture", *ISA Theory Newsletter*

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2005. "My Life", by Bill Clinton. Book Review, *Social Forces* 84, 1: 599-601.

Jacobs, Ronald N., 2008. "'Bonds of Civility: Aesthetic Networks and the Political Origins of Japanese Culture', by Eiko Ikegami". Book review, *Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Jacobs, Ronald N. and Eleanor Townsley. *The Space of Opinion: Media Intellectuals and the Public Sphere*. Book Manuscript (expected completion 12/2007)

Bennett, Andy, David Inglis, Ronald Jacobs, and Ian Woodward. *Cultural Sociology*. Blackwell Press (expected completion 12/2008)

Alexander, Jeffrey C., Ronald Jacobs and Philip Smith, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Cultural Sociology*. Oxford University Press (expected completion 12/2008)

Jacobs, Ronald N. *Television, Entertainment, and the Public Sphere*. Book manuscript (expected completion 8/2009)

## LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Civil Society and the Cultural Industries". Invited lecture, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia, July 2007.

"American Television as a Global Public Sphere", Paper presented at (1) the XVth World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa, July 2006; (2) invited paper, workshop on Cultural Citizenship and the Popular Media, Institute of Political Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, September 2006.

"From Mass to Public: Rethinking the Value of the Culture Industry". Presented at (1) Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, May 2005; (2) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005; (3) invited lecture, University of Georgia, March 2006.

"From Mass to Public: Rethinking the Value of Media Culture". Paper presented at the mid-term meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee 16 (Theory), Rio de Janeiro, July 2004.

“Media Intellectuals and Public Sociology: The Case of Op-Eds in the *New York Times*: Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2004

“On Television, and the Death of News (and Why I am Not in Mourning)”. (1) Invited Lecture, Media and Society Lecture Series, Mount Holyoke College, March 2003; (2) Keynote Address, Inaugural Conference on Cultural Sociology, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, April 2003; (3) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2004; (4) invited lecture, Vassar College, April 2005

“Media Culture(s): On the Dual Logic of Aesthetic Creation and Cultural Citizenship”. Paper presented at the XVth World Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia, July 2002.

“Race, Media, and the Crisis of Civil Society”. (1) Invited Lecture, Topical Lecture Series, Program in African-American Studies, University of Kentucky, February 2002; (2) Invited Lecture, Annual Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, Mount Holyoke College, September 2001.

“Media Publicity and the Voluntary Sector”, With Daniel J. Glass. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

“Political Regulation and the Discourse of (Dis)Trust: Congress and the Nonprofit Sector, 1894-1992”, with Sarah Sobieraj. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

“The Problem with Tragic Narratives: Lessons from the Los Angeles Uprisings”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, November 1999.

“Race, Media, and Civil Society.” Paper presented at (1) XIVth World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, July 1998, Special Symposium on Demos and Ethnos; (2) Invited Lecture, Walter Hall Lecture Series, Department of Sociology, Rice University, October 2000.

“Social Movements, Mass Media, and Multiple Publics.” Paper presented at the ASA Workshop on Social Movements and Society, Davis, California, August 1998

“Framing News for Race and Place.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 1997.

“Romance, Irony, and Solidarity,” with Philip Smith, presented at (1) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 1996; (2) annual meeting of the Australian Sociological Association, Geelong, Australia, December 1995.

“Civil Society, Community, and Plurality: A Narrative Approach to Solidarity and Difference,” presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 1996

“Communication, Solidarity, and the Cultural Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion: The Discourses of African-American Community, 1790-1970,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington D.C., August 1995.

“Race, Discourse, and Civil Society: the 'Rodney King affaire' and the Split Civil Society of Los Angeles,” presented at the XIIIth World Congress of Sociology, Bielefeld, Germany, July 1994.

“Producing the News, Producing the Crisis: An Ethnographic Study of Television News,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 1994.

“Crisis and Ritual: Toward a Dialectical Understanding of Civil Society,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami Beach, August 1993.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal investigator. Faculty Research Awards Program, University at Albany, 2001-2002. “The Impact of New Communication Technologies on the Press: The Case of Lexis-Nexis” \$4989.00

Principal investigator. Faculty Research Awards Program, University at Albany, 1998-1999. “Voluntary Associations and News Publicity in New York City.” \$2747.00

Annenberg Scholars Program, University of Pennsylvania, 1996-1997.

Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Culture Section, 1996.

UCLA Collegium of Distinguished Teaching Fellows, 1994-1995.

UCLA Communication Studies Fellowship, 1993-1994.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Associate, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, 2003-

Research Associate, Lewis Mumford Center for Urban and Regional Research,  
University at Albany, State University of New York, 1999-

Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*, 2005-2008

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 2001-

Editorial Board, *Qualitative Sociology*, 1999-

Section Editor, *Blackwell Compass*, 2007-

Editorial Board, *Sociological Forum*, 1999-2001

Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2002-2004

Advisory Board, Center for Narrative Research in the Social Sciences, University of East  
London, 2000-

Executive Board, International Sociological Association, RC 16 (Theory), 2002-2006

Secretary/Treasurer, International Sociological Association, RC 16 (Theory), 2006-2010

Occasional Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*,  
*Sociological Theory*, *Theory and Society*, *Social Problems*, *Qualitative Sociology*,  
*Sociological Forum*, *International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Gender and  
Society*, *Current Sociology*, *Cultural Sociology*, *Communication Review*, Cambridge  
University Press, Blackwell Press, Paradigm Press, Peter Lang Publishers.

Media consultation or interview: KPRC-TV, Houston; *Houston Defender*, *Albany Times-  
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## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, GAC Committee on Academic Standing (2000-2001)

Member, CAS Honors College Task Force, University at Albany, 2004-2005

Member, CAS Faculty Council, 2005-2007

Member, CAS Committee on Promotions and Continuing Appointment, 2005-2007  
(chair, 2006-7)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Director of Graduate Studies, 2005-2008

Honors Program Director, 1999-2002

### Committees:

Executive Committee (1998-2000)

Undergraduate Committee (1997-98, 1999-2003)

Graduate Committee (1998-1999, 2003-2009)

### Graduate Student Committees:

Sarah Sobieraj, Ph.D, 2002 (Chair)  
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Dalia Abdel-Hady, Ph.D., 2004 (Member)  
Gayle Sulik, Ph.D., 2004 (Member)  
Christina Knopf, Ph.D., 2005 (member)  
James Dean, Ph.D., 2005 (member)  
Jynette Larshus, Ph.D., 2007 (Chair)  
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Roberto Velez, Ph.D., in progress (Chair)  
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Russ Cole, MA, 2004 (Chair)  
Joshua Grove, MA, 2007 (Chair)  
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Graduate Specialty Examinations:

Chet Meeks (1998, 1999)  
Sarah Sobieraj (1998, 1999)  
Heather Laube (1998)  
Dalia Abdel-Hady (1999, 2000)  
Daniel J. Glass (1999, 2000)  
Chip McCormack (2000)  
James Dean (2000, 2001)  
Nicole Albright (2002)  
David Redmon (1999)  
Geoff Wood (2001)  
Gayle Sulik (2001)  
Scott Dolan (2003)  
Russ Cole (2003, 2004)  
Jynette Larshus (2003)  
Christina Knopf (2003)  
Alex McClung (2004, 2005)  
Sean Rintel (2004)  
Roberto Velez (2004, 2005)  
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Josh Grove (2006)  
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Kathleen Tobin-Flusser (2007)  
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Graduate

Sociological Theories I  
Sociological Theories II  
Civil Society and the Public Sphere  
Cultural Sociology  
Techniques of Textual Analysis

### Undergraduate

Sociological Theory  
Mass Media  
Sociology of Culture  
Civil Society  
Television and American Culture  
Media and Democracy