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Curriculum Vitae

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Departmental Address:

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative-historical sociology, economic sociology, political sociology, globalization, military sociology.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, New York University, August 2008.

- Dissertation: *Hanging in the Balance: Global capitalism and the American welfare state.* (Vivek Chibber, Chair).

B.A., Sociology and American Studies, University of Kansas, May 2000.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University at Albany - SUNY, department of sociology, 2008 – present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Colby-Sawyer College, department of social science and education. 2007 – 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals:

“Neoliberalism and the new international financial architecture.” *Review of International Political Economy* (forthcoming).

“Monetary orders, financial dependence and idea selection: the international constraints on American monetary policy, 1961-1963.” *Political Power and Social Theory* (Vol. 21, 2010), pp 49-94.

“World culture and transnational economic governance: theory and evidence.” *Sociology Compass* (Vol. 4), 2010), pp. 230 - 240.

“Which revolution in Military Affairs?” *Armed Forces and Society* (Vol. 29, 2009), pp. 333-361.

“The fall and rise of finance capital.” *Review of International Political Economy*, (Vol. 15, 2008), pp. 800 – 825.

Review Essays:

“Ideas and ideology.” *Review of Radical Political Economy* (forthcoming).

“Markets and knowledge.” *Socio-Economic Review* (Vol. 7, 2009), pp. 369-374.

Book Reviews:

Social Insurance and Social Justice (Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 39, 2010), pp. 737-738.

Book Chapters:

“Context and Immigrant Identity.” Introductory chapter in E.A. Conley, *The Chosen Shore* (University of California Press: Berkeley, 2004).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Architects of Austerity: international finance and the global politics of domestic economic policy, 1960 – 1968 (book manuscript in preparation).

“Transnational state formation and the global politics of austerity.” (under review at *Sociological Theory*). A study of the transnationalization of monetary authority and the politics of austerity from the gold standard era to the present.

“Inequality, exploitation and the politics of growth.” (under review at the *Review of Radical Political Economy*). A study of factor shares of top incomes in the United States.

“Hegemonic projects, economic development and the globalization of national defense (with Lacy Mitchell).” A study of the political and economic impacts of American defense procurement from foreign countries.

“Fiscal federalism and fiscal adversarialism.” (with Joshua McCabe). A study of the politics of the politics of Canadian tax policy during the 2006 and 2008 elections.

“Elites and the new financial architecture: transnational capitalist class or varieties of class interests?” A content analysis of industry and government responses to the Basel Committee for Bank Supervision’s proposals to revise the Basel I capital adequacy framework.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Fiscal federalism and fiscal adversarialism.” (with Joshua McCabe). Presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Social Science History Association. Boston, 2011.

“The globalization of national defense.” (with Lacy Mitchell). Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, 2011.

“Transnational state formation and the global politics of austerity.” Presented at the 23rd annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics. Madrid, Spain, 2011.

“Transnational state formation and the global politics of austerity.” Presented at the 35th conference on the Political Economy of the World System, Stonybrook, NY, 2011.

“Neoliberal States and Global Financial Markets: transnational regulation and the market for asset-backed securities.” Presented at the 105th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA, 2010.

“Global governance in the neoliberal context.” Presented at the 22nd annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics. Philadelphia, PA, 2010.

“Financial capitalism and the crisis in the global economy.” Presented at the 21st annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics. Paris, France, 2009.

“The Fall and rise of Finance Capital.” Presented at the 103rd annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA, 2008.

“Hanging in the Balance: Global capitalism and the American welfare state.” Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. San Jose, Costa Rica, 2008.

“Which Revolution in Military Affairs?” Presented at the 102nd annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY, 2007.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

FRAP-B research grant. University at Albany, 2009.

Henry Belin du Pont Dissertation Fellowship, Hagley Museum and Library, 2007.

Grant-in-Aid, Hagley Museum and Library, 2007 and 2006.

Grant-in-Aid, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Museum and Library, 2006.

Grant-in-Aid, John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum and Library, 2006.

MacCracken Fellow. New York University, 2000 – 2005.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate level:

World capitalism. Graduate seminar on global economic development in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Varieties of capitalism. Graduate seminar on the political, ideological and economic sources of variation in actually-existing capitalist societies over time and around the world.

Topics in social science: the global economy. Masters-level course introducing non-sociology students to the dynamics of economic globalization.

Undergraduate level:

Introduction to sociology: Introductory survey course focusing on the relationship between the individual and the micro, meso and macro-levels of social structure.

Social inequality. Upper-level undergraduate course focusing on the multi-dimensional nature of inequality, both within countries and across the world.

The politics of crisis. Upper-level undergraduate course focusing on the broader political economy of crisis, the relationship between inequality and crisis, and the way discourses of crises are mobilized in political debate.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introductory sociology

Globalization

Economic development

Comparative-historical sociology

Political sociology

Social inequality

Military sociology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics
Union of Radical Political Economists
Social Science History Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-organizer, research network on globalization and development, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics, 2010 - present.

Co-organizer, mini-conference on “Development in Crisis” for the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics (Madrid, June 2011).

Secretary, Publications Committee, section on Development Sociology, American Sociological Association. 2011 – present.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Undergraduate curriculum committee, 2008 – 2009.

Colloquium committee, 2009-2011.

Teaching committee, 2011 – present.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Council on Academic Assessment, 2010 – 2012.

General Education Assessment Committee, 2010 – 2012.