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Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, California State University, Sacramento.
August 2003 – present.

Fields of Specialization and Teaching: Environmental Sociology, Political Sociology,
Social Theory, Culture, and Criminology.

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Thesis: “DamNation: The State of Nature and the Nature of the State in the American West.” September 1996 - May 2002. Comprehensive Preliminary Exams in the Sociology of Agriculture, August 1997 and Political Sociology, August 1999 both passed with distinction.

M.S. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Thesis: “Bringing Nature Back in: The Natural Preconditions to Production in Agriculture.” August 1998.

B.A. in Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz. Special sub-field investigations in Environmental Sociology, Political Sociology, and Contemporary Theory. June 1994.

Scholarly Publications

Books

2004 – *America’s Fight Over Water: The environmental and political consequences of large-scale dams in the American West*. New York: Routledge.

Refereed Journal Articles and book chapters

2006 – Published “The Validity of the Factor Structure of the General Social Survey Environmentalism Scales Across Gender and Ethnicity in the United States” (co-authored with Tao Li). *Organization and Environment* 20(3): 367-85.

2006 – “Bicycle Messengers and Fast Capitalism: an old school solution to the needs of techno-capitalism.” *Fast Capitalism* 2.1 www.fastcapitalism.com.

2006 – “Denying Disaster: Hurricane Katrina, Global Warming, and the Politics of Refusal” as an invited chapter in the book *Impeach the President* New York: Seven Stories Press.

2003 – “Dairy Industrialization in the First Place: Urbanization, Immigration, and Political Economy in Los Angeles County, 1920-1970” (co-authored with Jess Gilbert). *Rural Sociology*. 68(4): 467-90.

1994 – “The Power Elite at the Bohemian Grove: Has Anything Changed in the 1990’s?” *Critical Sociology*, 20 (2): 121-124.

Book Reviews

- 2005 – Review of Sanjeev Khagram *Dams and Development: Transnational struggles for water and power for Mobilization* 10(2).
- 2005 – “Politics, Policy, and Pollution: Global Environmental Change and Radical Environmental Politics” *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy* 8:375-80.
- 2004 – Review of Deborah Fitzgerald *Every Farm a Factory*. *Contemporary Sociology*. 33(3): 310-11.
- 2004 – Review of William Lowry *Dam Politics*. *Society and Natural Resources*.
- 2002 – Review of David Harvey *Spaces of Hope*. *Organization and Environment* 15 (4): 493-95.
- 1999 – Review of James O’Connor *Natural Causes: Essays in Ecological Marxism*. *Organization and Environment* 12(4): 468-470.
- 1998 – Review of Edward J. Walsh, Rex Warland and D. Clayton Smith *Don’t Burn it Here: Grassroots Challenges to Trash Incinerators*. *Rural Sociology* 63(2): 633-635.

Manuscripts Under Review

- 2007 – *The Last Un-coöpted Punk Rock Subculture: The Sociology of Bicycle Messengers*. Under Peer Review with Routledge.

On-going Research Projects

- Principal Investigator on an international comparative study of nation-building projects, energy use, and environmental sustainability (China, India, Chile, USA).
- Co-investigator on a program evaluation of used oil recycling, funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
- Principal Investigator on a program evaluation of curbside and recycling center collection in California, funded by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling.
- Principal Investigator on a quasi-experimental study of pricing mechanisms and conservation behavior during the installation of water meters in Sacramento, California (NSF CARREER grant under review).
- Principal Investigator on an ethnographic study of Bicycle Messengers
- Principal Investigator on a quasi-experimental study of High School discipline and entry into the criminal justice system.

Honors, Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies/Institute for Social Research Faculty Fellow, 2007.
- California Integrated Waste Management Board “Used oil recycling public education assessment” co-investigator 2005.
- Sacramento Department of Utilities, water meter research grant 2003.
- University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 2001-2002.
- Vilas Grant, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2000, 2001.
- Small Grants Award, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1999, 2000.

Professional Meeting Presentations

- 2007 – Paper presented “Activating the Treadmill of Production in the West and the East: China, Three Gorges Dam, and Technology Adoption.” Renmin University of China inaugural session of the Beijing International Conference for Environmental Sociology.
- 2007 – Paper presented “Winning by Losing: Culture, Solidarity, and Being DFL in the Bike Messenger Community.” Artful Strategies and Necessary Risks: The Shifting Boundaries between Success and Failure Conference, Sacramento.
- 2007 – Paper presented “No Gods No Masters: Punk Rock, Anarchy, and BikePunk Culture.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Oakland.
- 2007 – Organizer and Discussant for paper session “Globalization & The Environment.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Oakland.
- 2007 – Organizer and Discussant for paper session “Political Economy of the Environment.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Oakland.
- 2007 – Organizer for paper session “Resource Extraction, Culture & Environmental Justice.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Oakland.
- 2007 – Organizer for paper session “Environmental Sociology: Technology, Business & Policy.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Oakland.
- 2006 – Plenary session paper presentation “Denying Disaster: Hurricane Katrina, Global Warming, and the Politics of Refusal.” Pacific Sociological Association annual conference, Los Angeles.
- 2006 – Presider and Discussant for paper session “Race, Crime and Injustice.” Pacific Sociological Association meetings, Los Angeles.
- 2006 – Discussant for paper session “The Perils and Promise of Postmodern Pedagogy.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Los Angeles.
- 2005 – “Environmental and Organized Crime” Session organizer and Discussant at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Portland.
- 2005 – “Soliciting Creative Feedback from Students” Panel participant at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Portland.
- 2004 – “The Future of Environmental Sociology” Invited Presentation to the Symposium to Honor Fred Buttel: “Sustainability and Social Justice: Reflections on Agriculture, Technology and the Environment in an Age of Globalization.” Sacramento.
- 2004 – “Water Meters and Water Conservation in a Semi-Arid Region: First Takes.” Paper presented to the Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference, Sacramento.
- 2004 – “Milking LA for all Its Worth” Paper presented to the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- 2004 – “Cycling in the City” Paper presented to the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- 2004 – “How I became a Sociologist” Panel participant at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- 2003 – “Adapting the Treadmill of Production” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association RC 24 Symposium on the Treadmill of Production, Madison.
- 2002 – “Glen Canyon, Last of the High Dams.” Paper presented at the Bureau of Reclamation Centennial Conference, Las Vegas.

Teaching Experience

August 2003 – present: Assistant Professor of Sociology, California State University at Sacramento.

Areas of focus: Environmental Sociology, Social Theory, Popular Culture, Criminology, Introductory Sociology.

September 1999 - May 2003: Instructor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. Criminology, Introductory Sociology, Environmental and Rural Sociology

Professional Affiliations and Activities

American Sociological Association.

Rural Sociological Society.

Social Science History Association.

American Society for Environmental History.

Pacific Sociological Association

Reviewer, *Society and Natural Resources*

Reviewer, *Law and Society Review*

Reviewer, *Sociological Theory*

Reviewer, State University of New York Press

Reviewer, Oxford University Press

Reviewer, National Science Foundation

Reviewer for Rowman and Littlefield

Reviewer for Roxbury Publishing Company

Reviewer for SAGE Publications

Community service and publications

2007 – Published an article in the online political education journal *Counterpunch* “Katrina and the Case for Impeachment” 21 December 2006.

2007 – Published a guest essay in the *Sacramento News and Review* “The Drug War Next Door: Suburban Pot Plantations” co-authored with the students of Sociology 255 graduate seminar in Environmental Sociology.

2007 – California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training SB 719 (police pursuits) Subject Matter Experts Committee Member, March 2007.

2006 – Keynote speaker on the topic of Peak Oil to the California Integrated Waste Management Board annual conference, Lake Tahoe April 26.

2006 – California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training SB 719 (police pursuits) Subject Matter Experts Committee Member.

2006 – Guest essay in the *Sacramento News and Review* “The Run Around” co-authored with the students of Sociology 238 graduate seminar in Environmental Sociology.

2006 – California Water News, California Department of Water Resources statewide distribution of Flood Preparedness article co-authored with Soc 238 students.

2006 – Live television interview on KCRA on the topic of peak oil.

- 2006 – Interviewed on “Insight” program for Capital Public Radio.
- 2006 – Invited presentation to the Marxist School of Sacramento on “The Capitalist Environment.”
- 2005 – “‘You Hold The Body’: Habeas Corpus, Jose Padilla, and the Exponential Growth of Social Control in the U.S.” in the journal *Bad Subjects* “PrisonVision” edition.
- 2005 – “The Eco-Terror Hoax: domestic security and the culture of fear” published in the online political education journal *Counterpunch*.
- 2005 – Published an editorial “Perspective” on KQED 15 May 2005 on the subject of local environmental activist groups “Another Boston Tea Party?”
- 2005 – “Resist the Culture of Fear” published with the *Sacramento News and Review*.
- 2004 – Guest Essay for the *Sacramento News and Review* on the subject of Water Meter retrofit for the City of Sacramento.
- 2004 – Guest Editorial for the *Sacramento Bee* on the subject of Water Meter retrofit for the City of Sacramento.
- 2004 – Consulted for Assemblyperson Darrel Steinberg on the subject of Water Meters (AB 2572) for the State of California.
- 2004 – Consulted for the Sacramento Department of Utilities on the subject of Water Meter retrofit for the City of Sacramento.
- 2004 – Participated in National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation” show on the subject of sentencing guidelines.