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## Education

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2012	Ph.D.	Sociology, Yale University
	<i>Dissertation</i>	Classification and Coercion: Piracy and State Power in the Early Modern English Empire
	<i>Committee</i>	Jeffrey Alexander (Chair), Julia Adams, Philip Gorski, and Philip Smith
2002	M.A., Conflict Resolution,	University of Bradford
1998	B.A., Philosophy,	Villanova University

**Areas of Research and Teaching Interest:** Cultural Sociology; Theory; Political Sociology; Historical Sociology; Crime and Deviance

## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming “The Persistence of Pardons and the End of Attainder: Moral Explanations and Moral Facts.” *European journal of Sociology*.
- Forthcoming “When Voters are Voting, What are they Doing?: Symbolic Selection and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*.
- 2015 “Principal Agent Relations and the Decline of the Royal African Company.” *Political Power and Social Theory*, Vol. 29 “Chartering Capitalism,” pp. 45–76.
- 2014 “Classification and Coercion: The Destruction of Piracy in the English Maritime System.” *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 119, No. 6, pp. 1537-1575.  
Winner of the 2015 Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, American Sociological Association Section on Culture.
- 2014 “Mechanisms and Meaning Structures.” *Sociological Theory*, Vol. 32, No. 2, pp. 162-187.
- 2014 “Temporality, Isolation, and Violence in the Early Modern English Maritime World.” *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, Vol. 48, No. 1, pp. 37-66.
- 2011 “A Structural Hermeneutics of ‘The O’Reilly Factor?’” *Theory and Society*. Vol. 40, No. 3, pp. 315-346.
- (2015) Revised, translated and published as “‘党派实在论’的结构诠释学 (A Structural Hermeneutics of Partisan Realism)” in the China Journal of Sociology, Vol. 35, No. 4, pp. 1–40.
- 2011 “Narrative Structure and Emotional Mobilization in Humanitarian Representations: The Case of the Congo Reform Movement, 1903-1912.” *Journal of Human Rights*. Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 311-338.

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “Real Mythic Histories: Circulatory Networks and State Centrism.” in Go and Lawson, eds. *Global Historical Sociology*, Cambridge University Press.
- 2011 “The Geertz Effect” in Alexander et al. (eds.) *Interpreting Clifford Geertz: Cultural Investigations in the Social Sciences*. Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 203-210.
- 2009 With Phillippe DeLombaerde (equal co-authors). “Human Security in Central America” in Brauch, H.G. et al. (eds.) *Facing Global Environmental Change*. Springer. Pp. 1063-1076.

Edited Books

- 2011 With Jeffrey C. Alexander and Philip Smith (equal co-editors). *Interpreting Clifford Geertz: Cultural Investigation in the Social Sciences*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Contracted Books

*The Punishment of Pirates: Interpretation and Institutional Order in the Early Modern English Empire*.  
Contract with the University of Chicago Press

Under Review

- Articles:
- “Meaning on the Move: Synthesizing Cognitive and Structural Concepts of Culture.” Revise and Resubmit, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*.
- “Is the United States an Empire? Evidence From the Political Status of Native American Nations.” (with J.M. Bacon, equal co-authorship). Revise and Resubmit, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.
- “Cultural Sociology Meets the Cognitive Wild: Advantages of the Distributed Cognition Framework For Analyzing the Intersection of Culture and Cognition.” In peer review.

Comments, Book Reviews and Other Publications

- 2014 “Review of *Standards* by Lawrence Busch,” *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, vol. 43, no. 1: pp. 72-74.
- 2013 Review of *The Explanation of Social Action* by John Levi Martin. Newsletter for the Theory Section of the ASA. Spring edition.
- 2008 Norton, Matthew. “Clifford Geertz and the Human Sciences.” *Culture* (Newsletter for the Sociology of Culture Section of the ASA.) Fall edition.
- 2007 Norton, Matthew. Review of *Triumph and Trauma* by Bernhard Giesen. *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*. 35 (1): 155-7.
- 2006 DeLombaerde, Philippe and Matthew Norton. 2006. “Human Security in Central America.” UNU/CRIS Occasional Paper 0-2006/25.

Awards and Fellowships

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- 2015 Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, Sociology of Culture Section, American Sociological Association
- 2013-present Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2009-2010 Robert M. Leylan Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Yale University  
Year-long fellowship awarded to the four most promising social science dissertations at Yale
- 2009, 2010 Tilly Travel Grant, Social Science History Association
- 2008 George Camp Grant for Dissertation Research, Yale University
- 2007 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
- 2006-2012 Junior Fellow, Center for Comparative Research, Yale University
- 2005-2012 Junior Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2005-2006 University Fellow, Yale University
- 2005 Lees Prize for Teaching Excellence, United Nations University for Peace

- 2004 Fellowship in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy, United Nations Institute for Training and Research/International Peace Institute
- 2002 David Yates Memorial Prize, Bradford University  
Awarded to the top M.A. student in the Department of Peace Studies at Bradford
- 2001-2002 Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary Foundation

### Teaching Positions

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- 2012-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.
- Classes Taught
- Undergraduate: Introduction to Sociology (Soc 204); Political Sociology (Soc 465/565); Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (Soc 380); Social Theory (Soc 310); Punishment and Social Control (Soc 484/584).
- Graduate: Comparative Historical Methods.
- Advising (all Sociology unless otherwise noted)
- PhD Committees: Mehmet Celil Çelebi (Political Science); Robert Molinar (co-chair with Jill Harrison); Shih-Chi Lin; Craig Van Pelt (co-chair with Michael Dreiling); Evan Shenkin; Allison Ford
- MA Committees: Kathryn Norton-Smith, Lili McEntire (Conflict Resolution), Tony Silva
- Comprehensive Exam Committees: Andrea Herrera, Allison Ford, Jeanine Cunningham, Michelle Alexander, Heather Marek (Chair)
- Honors Theses: Ariella Wolfe (Clark Honors College, committee member), Chang Gao (Sociology), Austin Palacios (Clark Honors College, committee member)
- Faculty Advisor: Heather Marek
- 2007-2011 Teaching Fellow, Yale University (Contemporary American Society; Human Societies; The Civil Sphere; Urban America)
- 2006-2009 Visiting Professor, “Practices of Conflict Management and Peacebuilding,” Programme in Gender and Peacebuilding, United Nations University for Peace, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2003-2005 Assistant Professor/ Director of the M.A. Programme in International Peace Studies, United Nations University for Peace, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, San José, Costa Rica.
- Typical courses included: “Foundation Course in Peace and Conflict Studies,” “Field Course in Human Security and Urban Violence,” “Conflict Resolution Theories & Practices,” and “The Practice of Negotiation and Mediation.”
- 2002-2003 Lecturer, International Law and Human Rights Programme/Lead Programme Developer for the M.A. Programme in International Peace Studies, United Nations University for Peace, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2002 Lecturer, Conflict Resolution, Universidad del Azuay, Cuenca, Ecuador.
- 1999 Lecturer, English Language and American Culture, Changchun University of Science and Technology, Changchun, Jilin, China.

## Selected Presentations

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### Invited Presentations

- 2016 "The Punishment of Pirates." Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University.
- 2014 "Real Mythic Histories: Circulatory Networks and State Centrism." Global Historical Sociology Conference, Yale University.
- 2014 "Small Heads, Big Meanings: Where is Culture Kept?" 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University.
- 2013 "Sovereigns, Myths, and Violence: Piracy in the Age of Early Modern European Empire." Global Historical Sociology Conference, London School of Economics.
- 2013 "The Malfeasant, the Incompetent, and the Confused: Principal Agent Relations and the Decline of the Royal African Company." Yale University.

### Conference Presentations

- 2016 "Is the United States an Empire? Evidence from the Political Status of Native Nations" (with J.M. Bacon). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle.
- 2015 "Is the United States an Empire? Evidence from the Political Status of Native Nations" (with J.M. Bacon). Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore.
- 2014 Author Meets Critics session on *Making Tea, Making Japan*, by Kristin Surak. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- 2014 "Real Mythic Histories: Circulatory Networks and State Centrism." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- 2013 "Temporary, Violent, Local, Sovereign Orders: Power and Predation in the Early Modern Maritime World." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2013 "Mechanisms and Meaning, Structures and Situations." Junior Theorists Symposium.
- 2012 "Semiotic Consolidation, Above Ground and Below." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver.
- 2012 "Mechanisms and Meaning." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver.
- 2011 "The Structure of Situations." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2011 "Classification and Coercion." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2011 "The Destruction of Piracy in the Early Modern English Maritime System." Center for Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University.
- 2010 "Governance as Cultural Performance: The Annihilation of Piracy and the Making of English Maritime Authority, 1680-1730." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2010 "Pirates, States, and Adverbs." Center for Cultural Sociology Annual Conference, Yale University.
- 2009 "The Royal African Company, Governmentality, and the Semiotics of the State." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach.
- 2009 "Piratically, and feloniously": Piracy in the Semiotic Structure of the English State, 1680-1700." Workshop in Cultural Sociology, Yale University.
- 2008 "The stimulus of a hot fortnight: Symbolic Rationality, Moral Mechanisms and Institutional Change in the Great Stink of London, 1858." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2006 "Government Papers." Workshop in Cultural Sociology, Yale University.

2006 “Representing ‘African Traumas’: Techniques of Showing and Moral Contiguity.” World Congress of the International Sociological Association, Durban, South Africa.

### **Selected Curriculum Development and International Training Positions**

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2007 Lecturer, “Gender and Conflict in Africa: Human Rights and Transitional Justice.” Organized with Femmes Africa Solidarité, Mbodiène, Senegal.

2006 Lead Trainer, “Conflict Management for Managers.” Organized with Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.

2005 Lead Trainer, “Skills Development for Conflict Resolution.” Organized with Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2005 Principal Facilitator, Curriculum Development Workshop in Peace and Conflict Studies. Organized with Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

2004 Facilitator, NORAD/Nigerian National Universities Commission/UPEACE Africa Programme Curriculum Development Workshop: “Teaching Peace and Conflict Resolution in a West African Context,” Abuja, Nigeria.

2004 Principal Facilitator, Curriculum Development Workshop in “Practices of Conflict Management and Peacebuilding.” Organized by the University for Peace, New York.

2003 Lecturer, University for Peace Central Asia Programme, Conflict Resolution Workshop, Budapest, Hungary.

### **Professional Service**

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2016 Chair, Nominations Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association

2016 Chair, Geertz Prize for Best Article Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association

2016 Member, Shils-Coleman Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association

2016 Member, Allan Sharlin Memorial Award Committee (best book in social science history), Social Science History Association

2013-15 Social Science History Association Culture Network Representative

2009-15 Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chair and Discussant

2012, 2015 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chair and Discussant

Reviewer *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Sociological Theory, Theory & Society, Social Problems, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Cultural Sociology, City & Community, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Journal of Human Rights.*

### **Departmental Service**

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2017 Ad Hoc NTTF Promotion Committee

2016-7 Communications Committee

2015-6 Executive Committee

2015-6 Curriculum Committee

2014-5 Staff Development Committee

2013-4 Admissions and Awards Committee