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APPOINTMENTS

2016- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2015-16 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Oberlin College
2013-15 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles, Sociology
Dissertation: American Ethnocracy: Origins and Development of Legal Racial Exclusion in Comparative Perspective, 1600s to 1900s
Comprehensive Exams: Race & Ethnicity (U.S. focus); Comparative Ethnicity & Nationalism (international focus)

1998 M.S., Cornell University, Industrial and Labor Relations

1994 B.A., Bowling Green State University, History (major) & Philosophy (minor)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Theory; Race & Ethnicity; Urban Sociology; Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-18 University of Pittsburgh:
(1) Political Sociology
(2) Classical & Contemporary Theory
(3) Minority Groups

2016-17 University of Pittsburgh:
(1) Social Research Methods (Fall and Spring)
(2) Classical & Contemporary Theory (Fall)

- (3) Introduction to Sociology (Fall and Spring)
 - (4) Race & the City (Spring)
- 2015-16 Oberlin College:
- (1) Racism & Inequality in the United States (seminar)
 - (2) Racializing the City: the Political Economy of Equality & Exclusion
 - (3) Making Race & Ethnicity in the United States
 - (4) Comparative Race & Ethnicity in Latin America
- 2013-15 University of Pittsburgh:
- (1) Race & the City (two times)
 - (2) Classical & Contemporary Social Theory (two times)
- 2008-10 UCLA:
- (1) Race, Citizenship, and Migrant Labor in Comparative Perspective (two times)
 - (2) Classical Sociological Theory (two times)
 - (3) Political Sociology
 - (4) Introduction to Sociology
- 1999-2004 Washington, D.C., public schools
- (1) Grade 6 classroom teacher (3 years)
 - (2) Grades 7-8 math teacher (2 years)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Race & Ethnicity; Social Inequality; Urban Sociology; Comparative-Historical Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 “National Trauma and the Fear of Foreigners: How Past Geopolitical Threat Heightens Anti-immigration Sentiment Today.” *Social Forces* 96(1): 361-388. (co-authored with Thomas Soehl and Andreas Wimmer)
- 2016 *Politicized Ethnicity: A Comparative Approach*, Palgrave Macmillan, Perspectives in Comparative Politics Series (co-authored with Anaïd Flesken & lead author Anke Weber)
- 2013 “Party Matters: Racial Closure in the Nineteenth-Century United States” *Social Science History* 37(2): 255-308.
- 2013 “Is Nationalism the Cause or Consequence of the End of Empire?” Pp.212-254

in John A. Hall and Sinisa Malesevic (eds.), *Nationalism and War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (first author, with Andreas Wimmer)

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2017 Party Re-alignment on Racial Policy in the Twentieth-Century United States: New Evidence from the Senate in Long-Run Perspective (revise-and-resubmit, *Sociological Forum*)

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (draft available upon request)

2017 The Colonial Roots of Racial Ethnocracy

2017 Equal State Representation as Institutional Racism: Senate Obstruction of Civil Rights, 1938-1964

EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

2012-13 Foundation for Migration, Population and Development. “Cross-National Variation in European Anti-Immigrant Sentiment: A Historical Approach” (Project 11-42, with Andreas Wimmer) \$49,500
Role: Principal Investigator

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016 Critic, Author Meets Critics Session: Martin Ruef, *Between Slavery and Capitalism: The Legacy of Emancipation in the American South* (Princeton University Press, 2014). Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, August 2016

2014 “Equal State Representation as Institutional Racism: Senate Obstruction of Civil Rights, 1938-1964.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2014

2014 “Cross-National Variation in European Anti-Immigrant Sentiment: A Historical Approach” (with Andreas Wimmer and Thomas Soehl). Presented at the 19th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, April 2014.

- 2014 “Interrogating Empire and Ethnocracy: Thinking with and beyond ‘Foreign’ and ‘Domestic’ Domination on the Pathway toward a More Ecumenical Theory of Rule.” Presented at the 38th Conference of the ASA’s Section on the Political Economy of the World System, Pittsburgh, April 2014.
- 2014 “Party Re-alignment on Racial Policy in the Twentieth-Century United States: New Evidence from the Senate.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 2014.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “Dismantling Structural Racism.” Invited Public Lecture, Monroeville Public Library in Monroeville, Pennsylvania (September)
- 2014 “Party Re-alignment on Racial Policy in the Twentieth-Century United States: New Evidence from the Senate,” POWER Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh (January)
- 2012 “Defending Legal Racial Exclusion,” Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut (December)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2000 *Globalization and Industrial Relations in India: A Study of Industries and Firms*. Bangkok: ILO (co-author with Sarosh Kuruvilla)
- 1999 "From Ostensible Voluntarism to Interventionism in Malaysian Industrial Relations: The Colonial Experience as an Important Variable," in Sarosh Kuruvilla and Bryan Mundell (eds.) *Colonialism, Nationalism, and the Institutionalization of Industrial Relations in the Third World*. Stamford, CT: JAI Press. (co-author with Ponniah Arudsothy)
- 1997 "Putting Worker-Management Relations in Context: Why Employee Representational Choice Needs Greater Protection in Reform of Section 8(a)(2) of the NLRA," *Harvard Journal on Legislation* 34(1): 53-92. (second author with Nancy Kubasek)
- 1995 “Transcending the Limited Educational Vision Implied by the Consumer Metaphor,” *Journal of General Education* 44(4): 201-222 (with M. Neil Browne and J. Kevin Quinn)

REFERENCES

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