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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland)

(November 2013 – June 2014) Fulbright Fellow; Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

Methodist University (Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA)

(August 2009 – present) Assistant Professor; Dept. of Sociology

Queen's University (Kingston, Canada)

(June 2008-May 2009) Postdoctoral Fellow; The Surveillance Center; Dept. of Sociology

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

(Spring 2001-Fall 2007) Adjunct Lecturer; College of General Studies

Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, USA)

(Spring 2002) Adjunct Lecturer; Dept. of Sociology

DeVry University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

(Fall 2003-Spring 2004) Adjunct Lecturer; General Education

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

(2008) Ph.D. Department of Sociology

Qualifying Exams: Sociology of Culture (distinction); Sociological Theory (distinction)

Dissertation: *Christian Pilgrimage in Jerusalem: Uncertainty, Event, and the Framing of Social Order*

Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas, USA)

(1996) M.S. Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem, Israel)

(1999/2001) Visiting Researcher Dept of Sociology and Anthropology

(6/1998 – 8/1998) Intensive Hebrew Rothberg School for Overseas Students

(1996/1997) Visiting Student Rothberg School for Overseas Students

Universität Konstanz (Konstanz, Germany)

(1992/1993) Exchange Student Philosophische Fakultät

University of Akron (Akron, Ohio, USA)

(1994) B.A. (Summa cum Laude) Department of Modern Languages

PUBLICATIONS

Books* and Guest Edited Journal Special Issues

*(Forthcoming). Bajc, Vida. *Christian Pilgrimage in Jerusalem: Performing Social Realities*. University of Chicago Press. (Society and Morality Series)

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*(Forthcoming 2013). Bajc, Vida (Ed.) *Surveilling and Securing the Olympics: From Tokyo 1964 to London 2012 and Beyond*. Palgrave Macmillan. (Transnational Crime, Crime Control and Security Series)

*2011. (with Willem de Lint) (Eds.) *Security and Everyday Life*. Routledge (Advances in Criminology Series)

Reviewed in (forthcoming or in press):

Canadian Journal of Sociology; Critical Sociology; Surveillance & Society; International Critical Thought; Societies without Borders; Australia/New Zealand Journal of Criminology; eReview of Tourism Research; Annals of Leisure Research; Current Issues in Tourism

2007. (with Simon Coleman and John Eade) Journal Special Issue: "(Dis)placing the Centre: Pilgrimage in a Mobile World." *Mobilities*. Vol. II, Number 3 (November).

2007. (with John Torpey) Journal Special Issue: "Watching Out: Surveillance, Mobility and Security." *American Behavioral Scientist*, Vol. 50, Issue 12 (August).

2006. Journal Special Issue: "Collective Memory and Tourism." *Journeys: The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*. Vol. 7, Issue 2 (November).

Refereed Journal Articles* and Book Chapters

(in progress) "Security Meta-ritual: Performing a Vision of Social Order" In: *Rituals and Identities: Traditional Events in the Modern World*. Frost and Warwick (Eds). Routledge (Advances in Events Research Series)

(forthcoming) "The Future of Security and Surveillance in Global Events" In: *The Future of Events and Festivals*. Yeoman, Robertson, McMahon, Backer, and Smith (Eds). Routledge (Advances in Events Research Series)

(forthcoming) "The Olympic Games as a Complex Global Event: Between Uncertainty and Order." In: *Surveilling and Securing the Olympics: From Tokyo 1964 to London 2012 and Beyond*. Bajc (Ed.). Palgrave Macmillan. (Editor's Introduction)

(forthcoming) "The Security Meta-frame: 'This is Order.'" In: *Surveilling and Securing the Olympics: From Tokyo 1964 to London 2012 and Beyond*. Bajc (Ed.). Palgrave Macmillan. (Editor's Conclusion)

*2012. "Ethnography of Practice in Highly Uncertain Conditions." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 642(1): 72 - 85.

2011. "Security Meta-framing: A Cultural Logic of an Ordering Practice." In: *Security and Everyday Life*; Bajc and de Lint (Eds). Routledge, pp. 1-28 (Editor's Introduction)

2011. "Security Meta-framing of Collective Activity in Public Spaces: The Pope John Paul II in the Holy City." In: *Security and Everyday Life*; Bajc and de Lint (Eds). Routledge, pp. 49-76.

2010. "On Surveillance as Solution to Security Issues." In: Graham Cassano and Richard Dello Buono (Eds.) *Crisis, Politics, and Critical Sociology*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 183-196.

*2007. (with Simon Coleman and John Eade) "Introduction: Mobility and Centering in Pilgrimage." *Mobilities*. Vol. II, Number 3: 321-329. (Guest Editors' Introduction).

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*2007. "Creating Ritual through Narrative, Place, and Performance in Evangelical Protestant Pilgrimage in the Holy Land." *Mobilities*. Vol. II, Number 3: 395-412.

*2007. "Introduction: Debating Surveillance in the Age of Security." *American Behavioral Scientist*, 50 (12 August): 1567-1591. (Guest Editor's Introduction).

*2007. "Surveillance in Public Rituals: Security Meta-ritual and the 2005 U. S. Presidential Inauguration." *American Behavioral Scientist*, 50 (12 August): 1648-1673.

*2006. "Collective Memory and Tourism: Globalizing Transmission through Localized Experience." *Journeys: The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*, 7(1): 1-14. (Guest Editor's Introduction).

*2006. "Christian Pilgrimage Groups in Jerusalem: Framing the Experiences through Linear Meta-Narrative." *Journeys: The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*, 7(1): 101-128.

Invited Essays

(forthcoming) "Tourism." In: Daniel Thomas Cook & J. Michael Ryan (Eds.) *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumption and Consumer Studies*.

(forthcoming) "Security Meta-framing." In: Jafar Jafari and Honggen Xiao (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Tourism*. Springer.

2013. "Sociological Reflections on Security through Surveillance." (with responses from Yael Berda, Rogelio Saenz, and Lisa Stampnitzky) *Sociological Forum*, 28(3): 280-293.

2012. "Homogenization." In: Mark Juergensmeyer and Helmut Anheier (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*. London: Sage.

2012. "Events, Global." In: Mark Juergensmeyer and Helmut Anheier (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*. London: Sage.

2012. "Pilgrimage." In: George Ritzer (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Globalization*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

2011. "Tourist Gaze." In: Dale Southerton (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*. London: Sage.

2010. "Performing Social Realities on Christian Pilgrimage in Jerusalem." *Sociology of Religion. Newsletter of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association*. Winter. 11(2 Winter).

2007. "Uncertainty, Ritual, and Emotions." *Anthropology News*, 48(2): 47-48.

Book Reviews

(forthcoming) *American Missionaries and the Middle East: Foundational Encounters* by Mehmet Ali Doğan and Heather J. Sharkey (Eds.). Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press. *Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of Muslim Life*.

(forthcoming) *Prisons, Punishment and the Pursuit of Security* by Deborah H. Drake. Palgrave Macmillan. *Social Forces*.

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2013. *The Improbable First Century of Cosmopolitan Magazine* by James Lander. Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press. *Enterprise & Society: The International Journal of Business History*, 14(1) March.

2012. *Security: Welfare, Crime and Society* by Allan Cochrane and Deborah Talbot (Eds.). New York; Open University Press. *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*, 45(2): 289-292.

2012. For a Sociology of Pilgrimage. *Miracle Cures: Saints, Pilgrimage, and the Healing Powers of Belief* by Robert Scott. Berkeley: University of California Press. *Sociological Forum*, 27(4): 1052-1055.

2009. *Understanding Privacy* by Daniel J. Solove. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press. *Surveillance & Society*, 6(3): 327-328.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Guest on the show “Action Speaks; Underappreciated 20th C. Dates that Changed America” for the topic “1992 The Invention of the Body Scanner. Surveillance in America – needed or nightmare?” Providence, RI Oct 31, 2012

Quoted in *Fayetteville Observer* in the article “Forum on sex trafficking set for Methodist University” Fayetteville, NC, Mar 14, 2011

Quoted in *Up & Coming Weekly* in the article “Methodist University Explores Child Sex Trafficking: A Global Problem That Is Making Itself at Home” Fayetteville, NC, March 2011

TEACHING

Methodist University (Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA)

<p>FALL 2012 Sociology of Security Global Social Problems Global Social Problems (evening)</p> <p>FALL 2011 Principles of Sociology Global Social Problems Media and Popular Culture Media and Popular Culture (evening)</p> <p>FALL 2010 Principles of Sociology Principles of Sociology (evening) Global Social Problems Approaches to Globalization</p> <p>FALL 2009 Principles of Sociology Social Problems Methods of Social Research Minorities</p>	<p>SPRING 2013 Sociological Theory Sociological Theory (evening) Ethnography Introduction to Sociology</p> <p>SPRING 2012 Principles of Sociology Sociological Theory Sociological Theory (evening) Surveillance as Social Control Research Methods</p> <p>SPRING 2011 Principles of Sociology Principles of Sociology (evening) Sociological Theory Military Sociology</p> <p>SPRING 2010 Principles of Sociology Media and Popular Culture Media and Popular Culture (evening) Surveillance as Social Control</p>
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Queen's University (Kingston, Canada)

	SPRING 2009 Surveillance, Privacy, and Social Control
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University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

FALL 2007 Introduction to Sociology	SPRING 2007 Introduction to Sociology
FALL 2006 Introduction to Sociology	SPRING 2006 Contemporary Sociological Theory Introduction to Sociology
FALL 2005 Classical Sociological Theory	SPRING 2005 Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture
FALL 2003 Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture	SPRING 2003 Society at Play: Contemp. Leisure and Lifestyles Tourism and Pilgrimage
FALL 2002 Society at Play: Contemp. Leisure and Lifestyles Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture	SPRING 2002 Tourism and Pilgrimage
FALL 2001 Tourism and Pilgrimage Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture	SPRING 2001 Tourism and Pilgrimage

DeVry University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

FALL 2003 Introduction to Culture and Society	SPRING 2004 Introduction to Culture and Society
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Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, USA)

	SPRING 2002 Consumerism/Media and Popular Culture
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HONORS AND AWARDS

2013/14. Fulbright Fellow. Adam Mickiewicz University; Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology; Poznan, Poland.

2011. The Fifteenth Annual B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum. "Sharing the Tomb of Christ: Conflict and Boundaries among Jerusalem's Christians". Methodist University.

2009. Blakely Family Faculty Initiatives Fund. Queen's University; Dept. of Sociology

2005. Otto and Gertrude Pollak Summer Research Fellowship. University of Pennsylvania; Dept. of Sociology

2002/05. Dissertation Improvement Grant. National Science Foundation

2003. Kenneth Goldstein Fieldwork Award. University of Pennsylvania; Department of Folklore

2002/03. Chimicles Fellow. University of Pennsylvania

2000. Research Fellow. Spring/Fall. University of Pennsylvania; Dept. of Sociology

1998. Summer Language Training Fund. Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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- 1996/97. Postgraduate Scholarship. Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
1996. Gamma Sigma Delta, International Honor Society for Agriculture. Texas A&M University
1995. Gene Phillips Scholarship in Tourism Management. Texas Travel Industry Association and Texas A&M University.
1995. Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars. Texas A&M University.
1994. Honorary Recognition. Office of International Programs. University of Akron.
1993. Golden Key National Honor Society. University of Akron.
1991. Alpha Lambda Delta, National Academic Honor Society for Freshmen. University of Akron.

INVITED TALKS* AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

2013. (forthcoming). "Identities and Classifications: On State Security through Surveillance." Panel. Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL.
2012. "Security and Surveillance in Everyday Life." Panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. November 14-18.
2012. "'Security' and the Ethnographic Method: The Question of Access." Panel. International Security Studies Section – International Studies Association. Chapel Hill, NC. October 4-6.
- *2012. "Syllabus for Global Social Problems." Roundtable Teaching Global and Transnational Sociology. American Sociological Association. Denver, CO. August 17-20.
2012. "Performative Movement, Embodiment and Reflexivity on Christian Tours to Jerusalem." American Ethnological Society. New York, April 19-21.
2012. "Security as Value in Everyday Life." Eastern Sociological Society. New York. February 23-26.
- *2012. "Securing the Olympics: From Tokyo 1964 to Vancouver 2010 and Beyond." Public lecture. Hofstra University, NY. February 22, 2012.
2011. "Security Meta-Framing." American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NE. August.
- *2011. "Ethnography of Pilgrimage as Emergent Social Practice." Ethnography Mini-Conference. Yale University. New Haven, CT. June 16-17.
- *2011. "Sharing the Tomb of Christ: Conflict and Boundaries among Jerusalem's Christians." The Competition for Souls: The Contemporary Christian Communities in the Holy Land. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. Jerusalem. June 13-14.
2011. "Mobility Surveillance and its Security Meta-framing." Mobilities in Motion: New Approaches to Emergent and Future Mobilities. Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA. March.
2011. "Surveillance and Security Meta-framing." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA. February.

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2010. "Performative Event: Between History and Structural (Dis)continuity." Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL. November.
- *2010. "Reflections: Doing Fieldwork." Commentary. Bringing Fieldwork Back In: An Ethnography Retreat. Yale University. New Haven, CT. Nov 4-6.
2010. "State, Securitization through Surveillance, and the Limits of Citizenship." American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. August.
- *2010. "Interdenominational Relations: The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem." Public Lecture. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fayetteville. Fayetteville, NC. May 2.
- *2009. "The Security State and the Limits of Citizenship." Paper. Presidential Session: "Ends of Citizenship." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. December 2-6.
2009. "Narrative, Place, and Performance on Pilgrimage to the Land of Christ." Middle East Studies Association. Boston. November.
2009. "On Surveillance as Solution to Security Issues." Social Science History Association. Long Beach, CA. November.
- *2009. "Munich 1972: In the Shadows of Berlin 1936 and in the Spotlight of Global Terrorism." Paper. The Surveillance Games Research Workshop. Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre. Vancouver, Canada. November 20-22.
2009. "Religious Practice and Conflict in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre." American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August.
- *2009. "Security Meta-Ritual and Christian Ceremonies in Jerusalem: Conflict, Boundaries and the State." Lecture. Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. June 4.
- *2009. "Security, Surveillance and the Papal Visits." Paper. Department of Sociology and Anthropology Seminar. Ben Gurion University. Beersheba, Israel. May 24.
- *2009. "Security Meta-framing of Public Events." Paper. Sociology Graduate Workshop Series. York University. Toronto, Canada. May 4.
2009. "'When He Comes to this Place, He Forgets He is a Christian': To Control Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre." Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Asilomar, CA. March.
- *2009. "'Security Net Wraps the City': How Public Events are Protected from Disruption." Colloquium; Department of Sociology. Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. February 5.
- *2008. "Cerkev Svetega Groba v Jeruzalemu." Public lecture. Community Center. Ajdovscina, Slovenia. December 21.
- *2008. "Legitimizing Surveillance through Public Events: The Pope John Paul II in Jerusalem." Symposium; States of Exception, Surveillance and Population Management: The Case of Israel/Palestine. Larnaca, Cyprus. December 6-7.

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- *2008. "Sharing the Tomb of Christ: Conflict and Boundaries in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre." Colloquium; Department of Sociology. Queen's University. Kingston, Ontario, Canada. November 5.
- *2008. "Pilgrimage to Jerusalem: Armenian, Coptic, and Syrian Orthodox from the Diaspora." Public lecture. Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center. The City University of New York. September 26.
- *2008. "Sharing the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: Identity and Boundaries among Jerusalem's Christians." Public lecture. Middle East Center. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia. September 24.
2008. "Exploring Theoretical Potentials of Ethnography through Pierce's Abductive Reasoning." American Sociological Association. Boston. August.
- *2008. "Surveillance and Ethics: A Sociological Understanding." Conference paper. Borders: Technology and Security: Strategic Responses to New Challenges. New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, New Mexico. April 1-2.
2008. "Sharing Sacred Space: The Case of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem." Contentious Politics Workshop. Columbia University. March.
2008. "The use of space and control over Christian holy sites in Jerusalem: The cultural logic of ritual practice in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre." Eastern Sociological Society. NY. February.
2007. "What is an Event?" Media Events class by Elihu Katz. The Annenberg School of Communication. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia. December.
2007. "Meta-Framing and Christian Religious Transmission through Pilgrimage." American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. November.
2007. "Experiencing Christian Collective Memory of Group Pilgrimage in Jerusalem." American Sociological Association. New York. August.
2007. "Meta-framing of Experience on Organized Tours to Jerusalem." Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Phoenix. April.
2007. "Framing Experiences on Organized Christian Pilgrimage to Jerusalem." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia. March.
2007. "In the Footsteps of Jesus: Framing Pilgrim Experiences in Place and Time." Penn Humanities Forum. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia. February.
2006. "When the Holy Fire Descends on the Church of the Holy Sepulcher: Emotions and Security during the Easter Ritual." American Anthropological Association. San Jose. November.
2006. "Travel Writing in Social Science." Academic Uses of Travel Writing: A Roundtable. Penn Humanities Forum. Philadelphia. October.
2006. "Christian Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Normalization of Crises: Of Tradition, Modernity, and Security." American Sociological Association. Montreal. August.

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2006. "Tourists are Safer Here than they are in Their Own Country: The Cultural Logic of Uncertainty and Security." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston. February.
2005. "People will Understand that it's for Security: How Public Rituals are Protected from Disruption." American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. November-December.
- *2005. "The Extra-Judicial and the Search for Order under Uncertainty." Invited Session: "Legal Categories and Social Identities." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia. August.
2005. "Uncertainty and the Making of Order through Security Ritual." International Institute of Sociology. Stockholm, Sweden. July.
2005. "Seduction and Magic in Television Cooking Shows" (with Patrick Coué) International Conference on Culinary Tourism. San Francisco. April-May.
2005. "Uncertainty and Rituals of Social Order" Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium. Yale University. April.
2005. "The Biggest Security Operation Ever: Mega Events, Uncertainty, and the Showcasing of State Security Apparatuses." Eastern Sociological Society. Washington, DC. March.
2004. "Believe Me, it's Better to Watch it on TV: Anticipated Tourists, the Pope, and Ritualized Security in the Millennial Jerusalem." Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley. November.
2004. "Understanding Security in Public Events: The Case of Public Rituals in Jerusalem." Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict. Philadelphia. November.
- *2004. "Walking the Holy Land: Pilgrimage Encounters as Communicative Practices." Paper. The Beirut Conference on Public Spheres. Social Science Research Council with the American University of Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon. October 22-24.
- *2004. "Global Tourist Flow to Jerusalem and its Localizing Encounters: The Logic of Control and Ordering under Uncertainty;" Social Change Workshop for Graduate Students. University of Virginia. June.
2004. "Security Ritual and Social Control of Uncertainty: Visit of the Pope John Paul II to Jerusalem." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, August.
2003. "Jesus Experienced this Kind of Weather Too: Mediating Experience on Christian Tours to Jerusalem." American Anthropological Association. Chicago. November.
2003. "The Feast of King David and the Visit of the Pope: Comparing Two Large Scale Tourist Events in Jerusalem." American Sociological Association. Atlanta. August.
2003. "Mediating the Divide: Israeli Guides, Palestinian Drivers, and Christian Tourists in Jerusalem." World Summit for Peace through Tourism. Geneva. March.
2003. "Seeing the Pope in Jerusalem: Ritual Participation, Security Discourse, and the Gatekeepers." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia. February.

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2002. "Contributions of the Sociology of Culture to the Tourism Studies." American Sociological Association. Chicago. August.

*2002. "Peace through Tourism." Series of seminar lectures. University of Wachenigen, the Netherlands. March 10-14.

2002. "Tour Guides as Cultural Mediators: The Case of Christian Tourists to Jerusalem." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston. March.

2001. "Stereotyping." Workshop on Arab and Jewish Stereotypes. The Middle East Center. University of Pennsylvania, October.

1998. "High Art as a Tourist Marker; From a Holy City to a Cultural Capital in *Jerusalem 3000 Celebrations*." 22nd Annual Research Symposium. Texas A&M University. February.

1997. "Images and Myths in *Jerusalem 3000 Celebrations*: Political Dimensions of a Mega Tourist Event." 3rd Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism. Houston. January.

1997. "Information Relationships and Networks in a Forest Recreation Setting" (with Patricia Stokowski and James Absher). Research Symposium. National Recreation and Parks Association. Salt Lake City. October.

1995. "Does Tourism Influence People's Attitudes Toward Foreign Countries?" 19th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium. Texas A&M University. February.

SERVICE

Editorial Advisory Boards

2010/present. Palgrave Macmillan. Book Series "Transnational Crime, Crime Control and Security"

Organization of Conferences*, Panels, and Workshops

2013 (forthcoming). "Empire and Security: Techniques of Control from the British to the American Imperial Formations." Panel (with James Hevia). Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL.

2013 (forthcoming). "Security, International Migration and State Surveillance." Panel (with Jose Moya). Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL.

2012. "Anthropology of Security/Security in Anthropology." Panel. American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA.

*2012. "Sociology of Security." Mini-conference (with Polly Sylvia). Eastern Sociological Society; New York, NY. February.

2011. "Surveillance, Security and the Olympics." Panel. American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Canada. November.

2011. Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable Session. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NE.

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2011. "Surveillance as Social Control." Roundtable. Eastern Sociological Society; Philadelphia, PA.
2010. "Ins and Outs of Historical Ethnography." Panel. Social Science History Association; Chicago, IL
2008. "Rethinking Uncertainty, Risk, and Order." Special Session (with Charles Bosk). American Sociological Association; Boston, MA.
2008. "Hegemony, Boundaries and Religion in the Middle East." Panel. Eastern Sociological Society; New York, NY.
2006. "Ritual, Emotions, and Modernity." Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association; San Jose, CA.
2006. "Tourism as Spatial Practice" Panel. Eastern Sociological Society; Boston, MA.
2005. "Ritual, Risk and Change." Panel. American Anthropological Association; Washington, D.C.
2005. "Territorial Mobilities: Control, Order, Counterstrategies." Panel (with John Torpey). International Institute of Sociology; Stockholm, Sweden.
2004. "Tourism, Pilgrimage and the Sacred: Rethinking Identities." Panel (with Noel Salazar). American Anthropological Association; Atlanta, GA.
- 2004/05. "Ethnography: Its Methodological and Theoretical Potential;" Series of workshops (with Regina Smardon) Funded by the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology.

Discussant

2013. Panel. "Security, International Migration and State Surveillance." 2013. Social Science History Association. Chicago, IL. November.
2013. Regular Paper Session. "Terrorism and Political Violence." American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August.
2012. Author Meets Critics. Discussant of *National Insecurities: Immigrants and U.S. Deportation Policy since 1882* by Deirdre Moloney. Social Science History Association. Vancouver, Canada. November.
2012. Panel. "Narratives, Discourses, Memories, Imaginaries among Muslim Americans." Conference on Minorities in Islam/Muslims as Minorities. Wake Forest University, NC. October.
2011. Panel. "Surveillance, Security and the Olympics." American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Canada. November.
2011. Section Paper Session. "Human Rights and Justice in Global-Local Dynamics." American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NE. August.
2011. Regular Session. "Anti-Muslim Public Opinion in the US." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA.
2009. Regular Session. "Law and Policies for Migrants and Refugees." Social Science History Association. Long Beach, CA. November.

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2009. Regular Session. "Tourism." American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August.

2004. Roundtable. "Pilgrimage, Tourism, and the Sacred: Theories and Methods;" Council on Anthropology and Education and Affiliated Sections. Sectional Meeting. San Francisco. November.

2004. Aihwa Ong's: "Latitudinal Citizenship: Or, How Markets Stretch the Bounds of Governmentality;" Ethnohistory Workshop. University of Pennsylvania. September.

2001. Workshop on Arab and Jewish Stereotypes. Middle East Center. University of Pennsylvania. October.

Presider

2013. Section Paper Session. "Militaries, Peace Movements and the Arab Spring." American Sociological Association. New York. August.

2012. Sociology of Security Mini-Conference. Panels. Eastern Sociological Society. New York, February.

2010. Panel. "Christianity in the Middle East." American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, October.

2010. Open Refereed Roundtable. "Security, Peace, War, and Social Conflict." American Sociological Association. Atlanta. August.

2009. Panel. "Quandaries of Agency and Action in Macro-Historical Dynamics." Social Science History Association. Long Beach, CA. November.

2008. Luncheon Presentation. "Precious Places Community History Project: A Collaborative Documentary Project Organized by Scribe Video Center with 43 Community Groups in the Philadelphia Area." Yale Urban Ethnography Conference. April.

2005. Open Refereed Roundtable. "Globalization and Nationalism 33." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia. August.

2005. Panel. "Territorial Mobilities, Session A: Migration Strategies;" International Institute of Sociology. Stockholm, Sweden. July.

2003. Open Refereed Roundtable. "Tourism, Revitalization, and Urban Development;" Community and Urban Sociology. American Sociological Association. Atlanta. August.

Committees

2013/14. Chair. Membership Committee. American Sociological Association; Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section.

2011/2013. Member. Program Committee. American Academy of Religion. Middle Eastern Christianity Section.

2010/11. Member. Program Committee. American Sociological Association; Global and Transnational Sociology Section.

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2011/12. Member. Best Paper Award Committee. American Sociological Association; Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section.

2010/11. School of Arts and Humanities Representative. Institutional Effectiveness Committee. Methodist University.

2009/10. Member; Job Search Committee. Methodist University

2009/10. Member; Student Paper Award. American Sociological Association; Sociology of Religion Section

2006/07. Member; Best Student Paper Award. American Sociological Association; Sociological Theory Section

2006/08. Council Member, Student. American Sociological Association; Sociology of Culture Section

2001/02. Graduate Student Representative; Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of Pennsylvania

2001/02. Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

Other Service at Methodist University

2011. Organizer. The B. F. Stone Lyceum. Public lecture Forum.

2011. Organizer. Child Sex Trafficking in America. Public Forum.

2010/11. Co-founder and mentor of The Sociology Club at Methodist University.

2010/11. Co-founder and mentor of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, Methodist University Chapter.

Grant Proposal* and Article Manuscript Reviewing

*National Science Foundation

*Israeli Science Foundation

American Ethnologist

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Annals of Leisure Research

Annals of Tourism Research

Armed Forces and Society

Critical Sociology

Current Anthropology

Ethnicities

Ethnography

International Critical Thought

International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice

Journal of Contemporary Religion

Journal of Levantine Studies

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Poetics

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[sic] – Časopis za književnost, kulturu i književno provedenje (a journal of literature, culture and literary translation)
Social Psychology Quarterly

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association (since 2001); Sections: Religion, Global/Transnational, Culture, Theory
American Anthropological Association (since 2002); Sections: Religion, Culture, Urban/Transnational/Global
Eastern Sociological Society (since 2001)
Social Science History Association (since 2009)
Middle East Studies Association (since 2009)
American Academy of Religion (since 2010)