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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, expected graduation, July 2012
Dissertation: *Body, Action, Biology and Sociology: The Body in Talcott Parsons' Action Theory*.
Committee: Andrew Abbott (Chair), Donald Levine, Andreas Glaeser

M.A., Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, March 2008

M.B.A Program, Department of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, until May 2004

M.A., Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research, May 2000

B.A., Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, August 1995

DISSERTATION

The dissertation analyzes Parsons' writings and archives to explain why he made the body central to his theory in 1959 after omitting it for the 20 years prior. It does this by reconstructing several processes: the logical elaboration of his action schema, his continued absorption of new facts and theories, and his responses to biological reduction threats to sociology. I show that Parsons' late but continued concern with the body had more to do with his attempting to ground and integrate sociological knowledge under one framework, than with anything else, and that this reflects the body's importance in social phenomena. Any attempt to broadly integrate sociological knowledge would lead to the same.

AWARDS

American Journal of Sociology Dissertation Scholarship, University of Chicago 2011-2012

Henderson Scholarship, University of Chicago 2005-2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theory, culture, emotions, social interaction

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Social Reproduction and Perceptions of High-End Store Salespersons' Acts of Status Derogation and Exclusion"
Symbolic Interaction

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"Snootiness as an Interaction Form."

"What Makes an Interaction Snooty? Characteristics of Interactions Subjects Interpret as Exhibiting 'Snootiness'"

"Legacy and Persistence of the Nature/Nurture Controversy in American Science."

"Grand Theory, Founding Sociology, and the Reaction to Biologizing in the Early Parsons."

"Free Riding Normative Orders for Instrumental Gain."

TEACHING

Northwestern University, School of Continuing studies, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010
Visiting Lecturer: Emotions and Social Interaction, Sociological Analysis (Introduction to Social Research)

Harrington College of Design, Fall 2008 - Spring 2011
Instructor: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Urban Sociology

North Park University, Fall 2007
Visiting Lecturer: Introduction to Sociology

University of Illinois at Chicago, Spring 2007
Visiting Lecturer: Contemporary Sociological Theory

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociological theory, emotions, microinteraction, culture, qualitative methods

PRESENTATIONS

American Sociological Association, Microinteraction Paper Session, Las Vegas, NV August 2011
“Snootiness as an Interaction Form”

American Sociological Association, History of Sociology Roundtable, Las Vegas, NV August 2011
Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, March 2011
“Suppression of the Body in Talcott Parsons’ Early Action Theory”

American Sociological Association, Microinteraction Paper Session, Atlanta, GA, August 2010
“Social Reproduction and Perceptions of High-End Salespersons’ Acts of Status Derogation.”

Southwest Sociological Association, Houston, TX, March 2010
Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, March 2010
University of Michigan Social Theory Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2010
“Snootiness as an Interaction Form”

12th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, February 2010
“Social Reproduction and the Experience of Status Derogation in High-End Department Stores.”

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2009
“Snooty Interactions.”

10th Annual Michiganoan Conference in Anthropological Linguistics, Chicago, IL, 2008
“Snooty Interactions.”

10th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, DeKalb, IL, 2008
“Snooty Interactions.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member, Book Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2007 – 2009

Member, Manuscript Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2006 – 2007

Occasional Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, 4 manuscripts from 2007 – 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Sections: Social Theory, History of Sociology, Sociology of Emotions, Sociology of the Body
Student Representative, Section on the History of Sociology, 2011-2012

Midwest Sociological Society

Southern Sociological Society

Southwest Sociological Association

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Business Analyst, AT&T Wireless Services, Dallas, TX, 2000 – 2005

(Roles: project management, business process analysis, databases and SQL)