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Position

2013-present Lecturer in Sociology, *Vanderbilt University*

Education

- 2013 Ph.D. Sociology, *University of Michigan*
- Dissertation: "Americanness, Masculinity, and Whiteness: How Michigan Militia Men Navigate Evolving Social Norms"
 - Committee: Genevieve Zubrzycki (chair), Alford Young, Kiyoteru Tsutsui, Matthew Countryman
 - Research supported by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program 2007-2010
- 2005 B.A. Sociology and Psychology (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa),
Vanderbilt University

Research & Teaching Areas

Crime & Deviance	Nationalism	Social Movements
Masculinity	Race & Ethnicity	Social Psychology

Publications

- 2011 “Neo-Nazi Nationalism.” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 11(3): 363-385.
- 2006 “Neo-Nazi Normalization: The Skinhead Movement and Integration into Normative Structures.” *Sociological Inquiry* 76:145-165.
- Winner, Alpha Kappa Delta (international sociology honor society) Undergraduate Paper Award Competition

Co-authored Publications

- 2008 Lishner, David A.; Cooter, Amy B.; Zald, David H. “Addressing measurement limitations in affective rating scales: Development of an empirical valence scale.” *Cognition & Emotion* 22:180-192.
- Lishner, David A.; Cooter, Amy B.; Zald, David H. “Rapid Emotional Contagion and Expressive Congruence Under Strong Test Conditions.” *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior* 32:225-239.

- 2007 Most, Steven B.; Smith, Stephen D.; Cooter, Amy B. "The naked truth: Positive, arousing distractors impair rapid target perception." *Cognition & Emotion* 21:964-981.

Papers in Preparation

Racialized Threat: Muslim Americans and Nationalistic Exclusion

Militia Masculinity: Protectors of Country, Family, and LGBT Populations?

Determining Factors in Militia Resurgence: Political Context, Racism, or National Identity?

Challenges Researching Suspicious Populations: Lessons from Fieldwork with the Michigan Militia.

Selected Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 2014 "Militia Men and the Specter of the South." *Southern Sociological Society*, Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 Invited Panelist for "On the Outside Looking in: Black and Latino Males on the Margins of Society." *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.
- 2012 "A Muslim in the Militia? How Militia Members Construct National Identity with Michigan's Arab Population," *Earlham College*, Richmond, IN.
- 2011 "Methodological and Ethical Dilemmas in Researching Sensitive Populations." *Strategies for Conducting Qualitative and Ethnographic Research with Sensitive Populations*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2010 "Symbolic Racism, Racial Codewords and Group Contact in 2009: A Case Example." *Association of Black Sociologists*, Atlanta, GA.
- "Coded Response to the USA's First Black President: The Michigan Militia as a Case Study of Lower-Middle Class White Males." *British Association of American Studies*, Norwich, UK.
- 2008 Morenoff, Jeff, Harding, David & Cooter, Amy. "Research on Prisoner Re-entry." *Michigan Department of Corrections*, Lansing, MI.

Professional Conferences

- 2013 “‘Don’t Tread on Me’: Defiance and Compliance as Supporting American Values.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, New York, NY.
- "‘Militia Masculinity: Protectors of Country, Family, and LGBT Populations?'" *American Men's Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2012 “Militia Masculinities: Traditional Expression and Experimentation.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- “Muslims in the Militia? How white, male Michigan Militia members construct community and national identity with Michigan’s Arab population.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Denver, CO.
- 2011 “Social Scientists’ Online Presence and Impact on Research: Lessons from Fieldwork with the Michigan Militia.” *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 “Media (Mis)Characterizations of Lower-Middle Class White Males and Perpetuation of Racial Animosity.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “White Supremacist Response to 911: A Discourse Analysis.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- “Lower-Middle Class White Males’ Response to the USA’s First Black President: A Study of the Michigan Militia.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- “Lower-Middle Class White Males’ Response to the USA’s First Black President: A Study of the Michigan Militia.” *University of Michigan, Election 2008 Conference*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- “White Supremacist response to 911: A Discourse Analysis.” *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2008 Morenoff, Jeff, Harding, David & Cooter, Amy. The Neighborhood Context of Prisoner Reentry. *Population Association of America*, Detroit, MI.
- 2005 “Neo-Nazi Normalization.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.

Selected Media Presentations

- 2014 "Cliven Bundy's 'Range War'." Live Radio Interview.
(<http://radiowest.kuer.org/post/cliven-bundys-range-war>)

- 2012 "Militias." *Hidden in America* .On-camera interview.
(<http://new.destinationamerica.com/>)
- "Sikh temple shooter's ex arrested. What role do women play in racist groups?"
By Mark Guarino. *Christian Science Monitor*. Interview.
(<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2012/0808/Sikh-temple-shooter-s-ex-arrested.-What-role-do-women-play-in-racist-groups>).
- 2010 "Researcher: What Militias Want." *CNN Newsroom*. Live on-camera interview.
(<http://www.cnn.com/video/?/video/us/2010/03/30/nr.michigan.militia.cooter.cnn>).
- "Deadline Now." With Jack Lessenberry. *WGTE*, Toledo. Interview.
(http://www.wgte.org/wgte/watch/item.asp?item_id=6314).
- "Hutaree Not an Ordinary Militia." *Chicago Public Radio*. Radio interview.
(<http://www.chicagopublicradio.org/Content.aspx?audioID=41064>).
- The Dave Ross Show*, Seattle. Live radio interview.
(<http://www.mynorthwest.com/?nid=112&cmsid=90>).
- "Hutaree man: Apocalypse? Fresh socks!" By Laura Conaway. *The Rachel Maddow Blog*. Interview. (http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2010/03/29/4087865-hutaree-man-apocalypse-fresh-socks).
- 2009 "The Resurgence of the American Militia." *HDNet World Report #731*. On-camera interview. Available through iTunes.

Invited Blogs

- 2012 "Problems Predicting Extremist Violence." *SEN Journal: Online Exclusives*.
(<http://senjournal.wordpress.com/2012/09/16/problems-predicting-extremist-violence/#more-1805>).
- 2011 "Fieldwork in the Era of Facebook." *A (Budding) Sociologist's Commonplace*
(<http://asociologist.wordpress.com/2011/07/28/guest-post-fieldwork-in-the-era-of-facebook/>).
- 2010 "Sociologist: How to understand militias." *The Rachel Maddow Blog*.
(http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2010/03/30/4090383-sociologist-how-to-understand-militias).

Honors & Awards

- 2013 Rackham One-term Dissertation Fellowship
- 2012-2013 Sociology Department Small Grants

2012 Department of Sociology, Exceptional Graduate Student Instructor Award

2010-2012 Rackham Travel Grants

2007-2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2006 LSA Regents/Departmental Fellowship

2005 Winner of Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society) Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

2005 Vanderbilt Sociology Outstanding Undergraduate Award

2005 Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Vanderbilt University

2005 Phi Beta Kappa (Academic Honor Society)

Other Research Experience

2007-2009 *Research Assistant*, “Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative” with Jeff Morenoff and David Harding at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research

2006-2007 *Research Assistant*, “State of Social-Psychology” with Jim House

2006-2007 *Research Assistant*, “Prison Project” with David Harding

2004-2006 *Research Assistant*, David Zald’s Affective Neuroscience Laboratory at Vanderbilt University

- Conducted and managed data for numerous psychology experiments (attentional blink, scale development, and MRI amygdala studies), managed lab materials and ordering, supervised undergraduate RAs, and helped write NIH grant applications

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record at Vanderbilt University

2013, 2014 Sociology 101 Introduction to Sociology

Sociology 255 Race and Ethnic Minorities in the U.S.

Sociology 256 Race, Gender, and Sport

Graduate Student Instructor at the University of Michigan

2011 Sociology 102 Power Politics and Religion

Sociology 368 Criminology

- 2010 Sociology 102 Social Inequality
- 2007 Sociology 101 Principles of Sociology

Other Teaching Experience

- 2013 Training and supervision of graduate student teaching assistants
Guest Lecturer, Sociology 101 Introduction, Clemson University
- 2012 Department of Sociology, Exceptional Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2012 University of Michigan Graduate Teacher Certificate

Guest Lecturer, Sociology 190 American Dreams, American Nightmares: A Sociology of U.S. Conservatism, University of California Berkeley
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, Sociology 368 Criminology, University of Michigan
- 2007-2011 Training and supervision of undergraduate RAs
 - 10 students through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program working on the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative
 - 6 students working through the Sociology Undergraduate Research Program working on my research
- 2010-2012 Mentorship of 2 sociology Honors Students
- 2008-2013 Yearly mentorship of graduate students applying for NSF GRFP and other grants

Professional Organizations

- 2007-2014 American Sociological Society
 - *Section Memberships:* Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Peace, War & Social Conflict; Political Sociology; Race, Gender, and Class; Sociology of Culture
 - Professionalization Certificate from the ASA Student Forum (2012)
- 2007-2014 Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2004-2013 Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society)

Other Service

- 2007-2014 Occasional Reviewer
 - *American Journal of Sociology, Gender & Society, Mobilization, Sociological Forum, Social Problems, Social Currents*
- 2010-2014 Regular discussant for workshops in Sociology & Social Work

References

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