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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Graduate Program in International Affairs,
The New School (Spring 2008 – present)

Prior Positions

Instructor, Department of Politics and Graduate Program in International Affairs,
The New School (Fall 2007)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Yale University (Spring 2007)

Education

Yale University

Ph.D. with University Distinction, Political Science, 2008
Thesis: “Repugnance and Confinement: Dividing Space, Labor, and Bodies on the Kill Floor of an
Industrialized Slaughterhouse” (James C. Scott, chair)

M. Phil., Political Science, 2003
Examination Fields: Comparative Politics (distinction), Political Economy, Southeast Asian Politics

M.A., Political Science, 2001

Wheaton College (IL)

B.A. *summa cum laude*, Political Science, 1999

Additional Training

Arizona State University Institute for Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM), January 2004

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics
Interpretive Methods and Political Ethnography
Southeast Asian Politics

Spatial and Visual Politics
Power, Domination, and Resistance
Political and Moral Economy of Dirty Work

Publications

“The *Political* in Political Ethnography: Reflections from an Industrialized Slaughterhouse on Perspective, Power, and Sight,” in Edward Schatz, ed., *Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power* (under review with University of Chicago Press).

“We Call It a Grain of Sand: The Interpretive Orientation and a Human Social Science,” in Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, eds., *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*. Armonk, NY: M E Sharpe, 2006.

Honors and Awards

- 2008 American Political Science Association Labor Project Best Paper Award (“A Geography of Violence: Dividing Labor and Space on the Kill Floor of an Industrialized Slaughterhouse,” presented at the 2007 APSA meeting in Chicago, IL)
- 2008 University Distinction on the Dissertation, Yale University
- 2007 American Political Science Association Sage Prize for Best Paper Developing or Applying Qualitative Methods (“Ethnography from Below? Reflections from an Industrialized Slaughterhouse on Perspective, Power, and the Ethnographic Voice,” presented at the 2006 APSA meeting in Philadelphia, PA)
- 2005 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
- 2004 Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale Research Grant
- 2004 Yale Political Science Department Grant for Qualitative Research Methods Institute Training
- 2000-04 Pew Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Study
- 2000 Yale Council on Southeast Asian Studies Grant for Summer Research
- 1999 Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society Fellowship for Graduate Study

Papers and Presentations

Discussant, “Contested Citizenships,” VoxPop! The Voice of the People Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, The New School for Social Research, April 11, 2008.

Discussant and co-organizer, “The Spaces of Politics/ The Politics of Space” and “Methodology and the Study of Space,” annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 21, 2008.

Panelist, “The Methods Cafe,” annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 20, 2008.

Panelist, “Yes, You Can Get a Job Using Interpretive Methodologies,” annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 20, 2008.

Panelist, “Embodying Labor: Work as Fieldwork,” invited panel, Society for the Anthropology of Work, annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., December 1, 2007.

Moderator, “Calm Before the Storm? Perspectives on the Recent Crisis in Burma/Myanmar,” The India-China Institute & Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School, October 26, 2007.

Panelist, “Towards a Post-Fordist Political Science: A Roundtable Discussion Bringing Theorists and Americanists Together,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 2007.

Panelist, “The Methods Cafe,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30, 2007.

“A Geography of Violence: Dividing Labor and Space on the Kill Floor of an Industrialized Slaughterhouse.” Paper presented on Food and Power panel, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30, 2007. *Awarded the APSA Labor Project Best Paper Award.*

Organizer and Participant, “Interpret This! A Conceptual and Practical Workshop in Interpretive Political Science,” full day short course at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30, 2007.

“Ethnography from Below?” Paper presented at Power and Politics in Ethnographic Research, the 4th Seminar in Organizational Ethnography, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, May 9, 2007.

Workshop Participant, Political Ethnography: What Insider Perspectives Contribute to the Study of Power. University of Toronto, Canada, October 26-28, 2006.

Discussant, “21st-Century Sustainable Food Systems: Walking the Tight Rope between Deep Ecology and Corporate Ultra-Light Sustainability, or How to Square the Virtuous Circle without Becoming Square Yourself,” paper presented by Thomas Harttung at the Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, October 13, 2006.

Guest Speaker (with James C. Scott), “Participant Observation.” Yale Graduate Seminar on *Qualitative Field Research*, PLSC 505a, Dr. Elisabeth J. Wood, Professor. October 5, 2006.

“Ethnography from Below? Reflections from an Industrialized Slaughterhouse on Perspective, Power, and the Ethnographic Voice,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2006. *Awarded the APSA Sage Prize for Best Paper Developing or Applying Qualitative Methods.*

Panelist, The Writing Circle: Writing up Ethnographic, Documentary, and Other Interpretive Research Modes, annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 17, 2006.

Organizer and chair, Why Ethnography? Creativity, Improvisation, and Method in the Study of Politics, annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 17, 2006.

Panelist, Studying the Politics of Labor: Interpretive and Qualitative Approaches, annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 19, 2005.

Discussant, What Does it Mean to Do Interpretive Work? Evaluative Criteria and Other Issues, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2, 2004 (remarks read in absentia by Dr. Dvora Yanow).

“Geographies of Pity: Industrialized Animal Slaughtering, Violence as Labor, and the Politics of Sight.” Presented at the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, University of Arizona, January 15, 2004.

Discussant, Economics and Politics in the Making of Big Chicken, Conference on The Chicken: Its Biological, Social, Cultural and Industrial History from Neolithic Middens to McNuggets, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, May 18, 2002.

Co-Organizer, Generations: Continuity and Conflict in Southeast Asia, academic conference sponsored by the Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, March 1-3, 2002.

Discussant, “Agrarian Contributions to the Debate over Global Governance: A Look Back on Seattle and Forward to a New Global System,” paper presented by Mark Ritchie at the Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, September 21, 2001.

Teaching

The New School

GPOL 6300, <i>MA Seminar</i>	Fall 2008
GPOL 5028, <i>Power</i>	Summer 2008
NINT 5001, <i>Global Flows</i>	Fall 2007, 2008; Spring 2008

Yale University

PLSC 432 / SOC 302, <i>Dirty and Dangerous Work</i>	Spring 2007
PLSC 449, <i>Southeast Asian Politics</i>	Spring 2007
PLSC 118, <i>Moral Foundations of Politics (TA)</i>	Spring 2003, 2004
PLSC 216, <i>Issues in Bioethics (TA)</i>	Fall 2003, 2006
PLSC 436, <i>Politics of Identity (TA)</i>	Fall 2002

Selected Thesis Supervisions

Eric Zuehlke, "Spend More, but Wisely: Discourse, Politics and Power in Thailand's Sufficiency Economy." MA Thesis, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School, May 2008. *Winner of the Graduate Program in International Affairs Outstanding Thesis Award.*

Therese Lim, "Erap vs. Thaksin: Platform Politics in Thailand and the Philippines." Senior Honor's Thesis, Department of Political Science, Yale University, May 2007.

Languages

Native fluency in written and spoken Thai.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)
APSA Organized Section on Qualitative Methods
APSA New Political Science Section/ Caucus for a New Political Science
APSA Comparative Politics Section
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
Advisory Group and Founding Member, Interpretation and Method Listserv,
<http://listserv.cddc.vt.edu/mailman/listinfo/interpretationandmethods>

References

James C. Scott
Sterling Professor of Political Science and Anthropology and
Director, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University

Ian Shapiro
Sterling Professor of Political Science and
Director, The MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University

Dvora Yanow
Strategic Chair in Meaning and Method
Faculty of Social Sciences, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam