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EDUCATION

1990	Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
1984	M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
1981	B.A. Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
1980-1	University of California, Education Abroad Program, Madrid, Spain

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Sociological Theory, Cultural Sociology, Political Sociology/Social Movements, Race/Ethnicity

EMPLOYMENT

2004 – 2005	Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, California
2004 - present	Associate Professor of Sociology, California State University, Northridge
2000 - 2004	Assistant Professor of Sociology, California State University, Northridge
1995 - 2000	Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Hawaii# i, Manoa
1997 - 1998	Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
1992 -1995	Acting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
1994	University Studies Abroad Consortium Professor, University of the Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain
1990 - 1992	Instructor of Sociology, Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, California

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Sociological Theory in the Classical Era, with Scott Appelrouth. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press, 2004.

Cultural Sociology in Practice. Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

Symbol and Ritual in the New Spain: the Transition to Democracy After Franco. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Rethinking ‘Race’, ‘Ethnicity’ and ‘Culture’ in Hawai# i: Is Hawai# i the ‘Model Minority’ State?” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 7:1, January 2004, pp. 37-68.

“‘Race’, ‘Ethnicity’, and ‘Culture’ in Hawai# i: the Myth of the ‘Model Minority’ State”, in *New Faces in a Changing America: Multiracial Identity in the 21st Century*, Herman DeBose and Loretta Winters, eds, Sage Publications, 2002, pp. 222-246.

“A Culturalist Approach to Ethnic Nationalist Movements: Symbolization and Basque and Catalan Nationalism in Spain”, *Social Science History* 23:3, Fall 1999, pp. 311-355.

“Culture and Asian Environmental Movements”, with Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao, et. al., in *Asia’s Environmental Movements: Comparative Perspectives*, Yok-shiu Lee and Alvin So, eds., New York: M.E. Sharpe, 1999, pp. 210-229.

“The Role of Culture in the Culture Wars”, *Culture* (Section Newsletter), Winter 1997.

“Rethinking Democratic Transition: A Culturalist Critique and the Spanish Case”, *Theory and Society* 24, 1995, pp. 355-384.

“Cultural Frameworks and Growth in Idaho”, *Idaho Issues*, Fall 1994, pp. 5-7.

“The Sacred and the Spanish Transition to Democracy”, *Social Compass* 40, 1993, pp. 399- 414.

Book Reviews:

Review of *The Quest for Survival After Franco*, by Cristina Palomares, *The American Historical Review*, forthcoming, June 2005.

Review of *Doves of War: Four Women of Spain*, by Paul Preston, *The American Historical Review*, October 2004, pp. 1318-9.

Review of *Pacific Diaspora: Island Peoples in the United States and Across the Pacific*, by Paul Spickard, Joanne L. Rondilla, and Debbie Hippolite Wright, eds, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 27, 2004, pp. 341-2.

Review of *European Socialists and Spain*, by Pilar Ortuño Anaya, *The American Historical Review*, June 2003, pp. 921-2.

Review of *Paper Liberals: Press and Politics in Restoration Spain*, by David Ortiz, Jr., *The American Historical Review*, 2002, pp. 283-4.

Review of *Jesus in Disneyland*, by David Lyon, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 40, 2001, pp. 557-8.

Review of *Emile Durkheim: An Introduction to Four Major Works*, by Robert Jones, *Contemporary Sociology* 16, 1987, pp. 438-9.

Review of *The Sacred and the Subversive: Political Witch-Hunts as National Rituals*, by Albert Bergesen, *Contemporary Sociology* 15, 1986, pp. 143-4.

Technical Reports/Projects:

"*Speaking of Service...*". Training video and curriculum guide, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, December 1994.

"Idaho Hispanic Workers and the Immigration Reform and Control Act", Idaho Human Rights Commission Report, March 1994.

Works in Progress:

Sociological Theory in the Contemporary Era, with Scott Appelrouth. Under contract, Pine Forge Press/Sage Publications, expected date of publication 2006.

Sociological Theory in the Classical and Contemporary Eras, with Scott Appelrouth. Under contract, Pine Forge Press/Sage Publications, expected date of publication 2006.

RESEARCH GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Social Sciences Division Research Grant, “‘Hybrid’ Sociological Theory Texts”, California State University, Northridge, 2002-2003.

University Research Award, “What Color *Is* Your Parachute?” California State University, Northridge, Spring 2001.

Social Sciences Division Research Grant, “‘Race’ and ‘Ethnicity’ in Hawai#i”, California State University, Northridge, 2000-2001.

Harold and Margaret Sprout Award, 2000, for *Asia’s Environmental Movements: Comparative Perspectives*. Yok-shiu Lee and Alvin So, eds.

University Research Council Award, “Spain and the Philippines in Comparative Perspective”, University of Hawai#i, Manoa, 1998-1999.

University Research Relations Grant, “Spanish Politics, Culture, and Society”, University of Hawai#i, Manoa, 1996-1997.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Fellowship, “Democratization in Europe”, directed by Professor Valerie Bunce, Cornell University, 1995.

University Studies Abroad Consortium Professor, University of the Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain, 1994.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project/Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Research Grant, Boise, Idaho, 1994.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (1994-2005)

“The New Religious Left”. Paper to be presented at the World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, Sweden, July 2005.

“Christianity in the U.S. Public Sphere: Whatever Happened to Progressive Christian Interpretive Frames?” Paper presented at the Inaugural Conference for the Center for Cultural Sociology, New Haven, Connecticut, May 2005.

Organizer and Presider, “Author Meets Critics: Jeffrey C. Alexander, *Meanings of Social Life*”, Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, California, April 2004.

“‘White’ Identity in ‘Interracial’ and ‘Interethnic’ Environments”. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2003.

“Who Are My People? A Preliminary Discussion of the Complexities of Race, Class, Gender, and Culture”. Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Pasadena, California, April 2003.

“Who’s In and Who’s Out and Why: Multicultural and Gender Debates in Classical Sociological Theory”. Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Pasadena, California, April 2003.

“Current Issues in Cultural Methodology”, Invited Presentation, Department of Sociology, University of Hawai# i, Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai# i, June 2002.

“Symbolic Boundaries and the Construction of Ethnic and Racial Identity”. Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Vancouver, Canada, April 2002.

“‘Race’ and ‘Ethnicity’ in Hawai# i: the Myth of the ‘Model Minority’ State”. Invited Presentation, Department of Sociology, University of Hawai# i, Manoa, June 2001.

“The Experience and Perception of ‘Race’ and ‘Ethnicity’ in Multicultural, Multiethnic, and Multiracial Environments”. Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, California, April 2001.

“Symbol and Ritual in the New Spain”. Invited Presentation, Center for Humanities, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, California, March 2001.

Organizer, Presider, and Discussant, "Cultural Sociology as Social Criticism", Pacific Sociological Association meetings, San Diego, California, March 2000.

"Race and Representation". Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, Illinois, August 1999.

"Cultural Sociology in Practice". Invited Presentation, International Cultural Studies Program, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 1999.

"Contemporary Spanish Culture and Politics", Invited Presentation, Department of Spanish, University of Hawaii, Manoa, October 1998.

"Discourse, Power, and Resistance: Foucault's Impact on Cultural Studies". Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, California, April 1998.

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Part II: Narrative and Social Science". Paper presented at the Cultural Turn Conference, Santa Barbara, California, February 1997.

"Civil Society and Social Movements: the Case of Spain". Invited Presentation, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, January 1997.

"Civil Society and Social Movements: Spain and the Philippines in Comparative Perspective". Paper presented at the Second European Conference on Social Movements, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, October 1996.

"A Culturalist Approach to Ethnic Nationalism". Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York, New York, August 1996.

"The Basque Exception and the Spanish Democratic Transition". Invited Presentation, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 1994.

"Getting Along: Dealing with Cross-Cultural, Gender and Diversity Issues". Paper presented at the Dispute Resolution in State Government Conference, Boise, Idaho, September 1994.

"Idaho Hispanics and Job Discrimination: Rights and Resources". Paper presented at the Twelfth Annual Hispanic Issues Training Conference, Boise, Idaho, September 1994.

"Pacting, Culture and Democratic Transition". Paper presented at the International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Bielefeld, Germany, July 1994.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Fellow. The Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, 2004- present.
Editorial Board, *Cultural Sociology*, Sage Publications, 2004- present.
Best Article Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 2003- present.
Membership Committee, Pacific Sociological Association, 2002- present.
President, Hawai# i Sociological Association, 1998-1999.
Vice-President, Hawai# i Sociological Association 1997-1998.
Secretary-Treasurer, Hawai# i Sociological Association 1996-1997.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association
Pacific Sociological Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request.