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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago. Dissertation: *Nurture over Nature and the Rediscovery of the Body in Parsons's General Theory of Action*. Committee: Andrew Abbott (Chair), John Levi Martin, Andreas Glaeser
- M.A., Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, March 2008
- M.B.A Program, Department of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, left May 2004 to begin Sociology program at Chicago
- 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 uses Talcott Parsons as an influential case of a scientist promoting the institutionalization of the “nature/nurture” controversy and dichotomy in American sociology and science more broadly. It shows that Parsons severely omitted the body from his theory in the 1930s only to reintroduce it in the late 1950s because he had over-responded to two things. In the 1930s he believed sociology’s institutionalization was tenuous and threatened by biological reductions coming from economics and behaviorism. He understood the expansiveness of his theorizing as the way to secure sociology, but also as the way to secure his own position at Harvard and to live up to the standards of the many “big thinkers” there. These several factors explain both Parsons’s taking up the “nurture” side of the nature/nurture dichotomy and the ambitiousness of his theoretical project and vision for sociology.

AWARDS

- American Journal of Sociology Dissertation Scholarship, University of Chicago 2011-2012
- Robert Park Lectureship, University of Chicago 2012
Course: Social Interaction and Emotion
- Henderson Scholarship, University of Chicago 2005-2008

PUBLICATIONS (non-peer review)

Bare, Michael, Ford, Laura (2015). "Re-envisioning the History of Sociology: Reflections on a Symposium for the Junior Historians." *American Sociologist* (May 2015): 1-6.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"The Mysterious Disappearance of an Action System in the Theory of Action" (submit to *American Sociologist*)

"The Disembodied Anatomy of Parsons' 1937 Charter." (submit to *ASR* or *Sociological Theory*)

"Snootiness as an Interaction Form." (submit to *Sociological Theory*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theory, race, science, culture, social interaction

TEACHING

University of North Texas at Dallas, Spring 2017
Visiting Lecturer: Urban Sociology (two online Sections)

Southern Methodist University, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
Visiting Lecturer: Race and Ethnicity, Deviant Behavior, Introduction to Sociology

Texas Christian University, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
Lecturer: Introduction to Sociology

Southern Methodist University, Fall 2014, May term 2015, July 2015
Lecturer: Race and Ethnicity, Contemporary Sociological Theory

Tarrant County College, Spring and Summer 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016
Instructor: Introduction to Sociology

University of Chicago, College, Spring 2012.
Lecturer: Social Interaction and Emotion

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

Harrington College of Design, Fall, Spring 2008 – 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

PRESENTATIONS

American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 2016. History of Sociology Paper Session, "Structure after 79 ½ years: the anatomy of a disembodied charter."
Microsociology Paper Session, "The interactional geometry of microaggressions."

American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2015. History of Sociology Paper Session, "The Mysterious Disappearance of an Action System in Parsons's Theory of Action."

American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 2012. Social Psychology Roundtable, "Perceptions of Status Derogation in High-end Stores."

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Conference, Denver, CO, August 2012. Paper presentation, "Snootiness as an Interaction Form."

American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 2011.
Microinteraction paper session, "Snootiness as an Interaction Form."

American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV August 2011. History of Sociology Roundtable, "Suppression of the Body in Parsons' Early Action Theory"

Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, March 2011. Paper presentation, "Suppression of the Body in Parsons' Early Action Theory"

American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 2010. Microinteraction paper session, "Social Reproduction and Perceptions of High-End Salespersons' Acts of Status Derogation."

Southwest Sociological Association, Houston, TX, March 2010. Paper presentation, "Snootiness as an Interaction Form"

Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, March 2010. Paper presentation, "Snootiness as an Interaction Form"

University of Michigan Social Theory Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2010.
Paper presentation, "Snootiness as an Interaction Form"

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

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2009. Paper presentation, "Snooty Interactions."

10th Annual Michicagoan Conference in Anthropological Linguistics, Chicago, IL, 2008.
Paper presentation, "Snooty Interactions."

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