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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor **New York University** (2019 – Present)
Sociology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California**, Berkeley, CA (2019)
Sociology *Dissertation*: “Ordering the Disordered: State Classifications of Mental Illness in France and the United States”

M.Phil **University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK (2011)
International *Graduate with distinction*
Development *Graduate Thesis*: “‘We Are the Lungs of the World’: Popular Environmentalism and the Local Politics of Climate Mitigation in the Ecuadorian Amazon”

A.B. **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ (2009)
Sociology *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
Senior Thesis: “Pulling Sustainability from the Dumpster: Radical Community, Activist Identity, and Human Possibilities in the Freegan Movement”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Bureaucratically Split Personalities: (Re)ordering the Mentally Disordered in the French State.”
Theory and Society 48 (5), 2019: 753-784.

(with Tonya Tartour) “Etat de santé et état des droits: la construction collective des figures inconciliables de malade et justiciable dans le contrôle judiciaire des soins psychiatriques forcés à New York.” *Participations* 23 (2), 2018: 83-107.

“Making the City ‘Second Nature’: Freegan ‘Dumpster Divers’ and Materiality of Morality in Urban Life.” *American Journal of Sociology* 121 (4), January 2016: 1017-1050.

Freegans: Diving into the Wealth of Food Wasted in America. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2016.
Reviewed in: *Environmental Politics; Food, Culture and Society; Environmental Values, Agriculture and Human Values, The British Journal of Sociology, Mobilization, The European Journal of Sociology, Digest*.

“Waving the Banana at Capitalism: Political Theatre and Social Movement Strategy Among New York’s ‘Freegan’ Dumpster Divers.” *Ethnography* 12 (4), December 2011: 419-444.
Reprinted in *Contemporary Approaches to Ethnographic Research*. SAGE Press.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION OR UNDER REVIEW

Mental States: Ordering Psychiatric Disorder in France and the United States. Under Contract with Columbia University Press.

“Courting Compliance and Consent: Looping Effects in Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment Hearings in Paris and New York City.” *Under Review.*

“From the ‘Magna Carta’ to ‘Dying in the Streets’: Media Framings of Involuntary Psychiatric Care in California.” *Under Review.*

“Bounding and Scaling: Allocating Psychiatric Care in France and the United States” *Working Paper.*

“A Discipline Like No Other”: Marginalized Autonomy and Institutional Anchors in the French Psychiatric Field (1960-2016).” *Working Paper*

“Absent Authority: Paradoxes of Public-Private Power in California’s Continuum of Constraint.” *Working Paper.*

“National Repertoires of Classification: Categorizing People, Things, and Ideas in the United States and France.” *Working Paper.*

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS AND INVITED PUBLICATIONS

(with Isabel Perera) “Myths of Mental Health: Lessons from France for the United States.” *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* 63(1), 2021: 103-118.

“Common Enemies: Disease Campaigns in America by Rachel Best.” *International Sociology Reviews.* (forthcoming).

(with Marion Fourcade) “Ordinalization and Its Discontents.” Invited paper for *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie.*

“Garbage: The Saga of a Boss Scavenger in San Francisco by Leonard Dominic Stefanelli – Review.” *California History* 90 (1). Spring 2020: 72-74.

(with Marie Mourad) “From Dumpster Dives to Disco Vibes: The Shifting Shape of Food Waste Activism.” Pp. 381-399 in *The Food Waste Handbook*, edited by C. Reynolds, T. Soma, C. Spring, and J. Lazell. London, UK: Routledge, 2019.

(with Marie Mourad) “Don’t Waste the Waste: Dumpster Dinners among Garbage Gourmands.” Pp. 220-232 in *The Practice of the Meal*, edited by B. Cappellini, D. Marshall, and E. Parsons. London, UK: Routledge, 2016.
Reprinted in *Discover Society Magazine.*

“Rewriting the History of Insanity? Review of Andrew Scull’s *Madness in Civilization.*” *European Journal of Sociology* 56 (3). December 2015: 555-560.

“Demanding the Land at a Public University? Space, Place, and Occupation at the University of California, Berkeley.” Pp. 307-308 in *Grabbing Back.* AK Press, 2014.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- (with Neil Gong) “Reform with Care: Expanding Mental Health Conservatorships in California.” *Scholars Strategy Network Brief*. February 19, 2020. <<https://scholars.org/contribution/reform-care-expanding-mental-health-conservatorships-california>>
- (with Neil Gong) “Save San Francisco’s board-and-care homes—and then fix them.” *The San Francisco Chronicle*. September 17, 2019. <<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Open-Forum-Save-San-Francisco-s-board-and-care-14444806.php>>
- “CA Threatens to Turn Back the Clock on Mental Health Care.” *Street Sheet*. February 1, 2019. <<http://www.streetsheet.org/?p=4867>>
- “Keep it Contentious.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. August 18, 2015. <<http://berkeleyjournal.org/2015/08/keep-it-contentious/>>
- “What’s Contentious About Free Food?” *Mobilizing Ideas*. August 5, 2015. <<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2015/08/05/whats-contentious-about-free-food/>>
- “In Support of the Occupiers.” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*. March 7, 2012. <<https://paw.princeton.edu/issues/2012/03/07/perspective/>>
- “From Haymarket to Sacco and Vanzetti: Anarchism and Policing in the United States in Comparative Perspective, 1880s-1920s.” *Columbia Undergraduate Journal of History*, Spring 2009.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Harvard Society of Fellows Finalist (2018)
- John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship (2018-2019)
- Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellow (2018-2019)
- Medical Sociology Section Louise Johnson Scholar (2017)
- Lowenthal Fellowship (2016-2017)
- George Lurcy Fellowship (2015-2016)
- Chateaubriand Fellowship (2015-2016)
- Best Graduate Student Instructor (2015), Department of Sociology
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (2015)
- Institute for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (2015)
- Institute for International Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (2015)
- Berkeley University Fellowship (2011)
- Isidore Brown Prize (2009)
Highest Academic Achievement in Sociology Department
- Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Award (2009)
Princeton’s Highest Undergraduate General Distinction
- Daniel M. Sachs ’60 Fellowship (2008)
Full funding for two years of study at the University of Oxford for one Princeton senior.
- Rhodes and Marshall Fellowship Finalist (2008)
- Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence (2007, 2006)
Top 5% of Undergraduate Sophomore/Freshmen Class

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Committee Member (Lili Dao).

Instructor of Record, “Graduate Research Methods” (Spring 2021), “Medical Sociology” (Spring 2020, Summer 2018), “Social Theory” (Fall 2019, Spring 2021), “From Madness to Mental Health” (Spring 2019).

Graduate Student Mentor for Undergraduate Thesis. 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

Head Graduate Student Instructor, “Classical and Contemporary Social Theory” (2 semesters). Fall 2017 - Spring 2018. Instructor: Michael Burawoy (Berkeley).

Graduate Student Instructor, “Summer Practicum in Social Policy” Summer 2017/2018. Instructor: Dan Lewis (Northwestern).

Graduate Student Instructor, “Classical and Contemporary Social Theory” (2 semesters). Fall 2014-Spring 2015. Instructor: Marion Fourcade (Berkeley).

PAPER/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(with Marie Mourad). « Des poubelles au militantisme institutionnel : l'évolution de la lutte contre le gaspillage alimentaire. » Seminar « Lutte contre les surproductions et les surconsommations. » Université Libre de Bruxelles. February 2021.

“National Repertoires of Classification.” Junior Theorists Symposium (August 6, 2020).

“Bounding and Scaling: Allocating Psychiatric Care in France and the United States.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (February 27, 2020), American Sociological Association Session on “Social Control and the Delivery of Care” (July 31, 2020).

“Courting Compliance and Consent: The Judicial Management of Madness in New York and Paris.” Invited Presentation. New York University (October 2018); Northwestern University (November 2018).

“Legal Valorization and Mental Disqualification: Judicial Management of Madness in Paris and New York City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session on ‘Field Intersections: Examining the Interplay between Law and Medicine.’ August 14, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.

“Ration or Rationalize? Allocating Psychiatric Care in France and the United States.” Council for European Studies Annual Meeting. March 29, 2018. Chicago, IL.

“Bureaucratic Split Personalities: ‘Handicap Psychique’ in the French State.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session on ‘Health Policy.’ August 13, 2017. Montreal, Canada.

“Disabled or Diseased? Handicap Psychique and the Bureaucratic Failure of a Social Category in France.” Berkeley-SciencesPo Conference on Social Solidarity. October 22, 2016. Berkeley, CA.

(with Marie Mourad) “What’s So Contentious About Free Food? Repertoires and Activism in the United States and France.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on ‘Social Movements Across Institutions.’ August 18, 2014. San Francisco, CA.

- “Prefiguring with Waste and Critiquing with Excess: The Changing Shape of Contemporary Anti-Capitalism.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on ‘New Directions in Political Sociology.’ August 17, 2014. San Francisco, CA.
- “Theorizing Waste as Movement Frame and Resource in Anti-Capitalist Mobilizations” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Paper Session. April 11, 2013. Los Angeles, CA.
- “Mobilizing Support for Climate Mitigation: ‘Eco-Populism’ in the Ecuadorian Amazon” UC Santa Cruz Conference on Climate Change and Development. October 27, 2012.
- “Back to Nature in New York City? Freegans and the Morality of Urban Life.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on the Sociology of Culture. August 19, 2012. Denver, CO.
- “We are the Lungs of the World.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Regular Session Panel. May 2012. San Francisco, CA.
- “The Local Politics of Climate Change.” Berkeley Journal of Sociology Conference. March 2012. Berkeley, CA.
- “We are the Lungs of the World.” University of Sheffield International Development Conference. March 2011. Sheffield, UK.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Media Appearances

KPFA Public Radio, The New York Times, The Trenton Times, The New Jersey Star Ledger, California Magazine, France 24, Wisconsin Public Radio, Timeline, GOOD Magazine, The New Food Economy, Tiny Spark, Minnesota Public Radio, Alternet, Jacobin.

Public Presentations

Los Angeles ‘Grave Disability’ Working Group; California Advocates; Coalition for Elder Justice of California; Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation; Tenderloin Outpatient Clinic; City of Berkeley Department of Mental Health; Maison départementale des personnes handicapées – Paris.

Service

Graduate admissions committee (2020); Shils-Coleman Award Committee (2020); Department Equity and Diversity Committee (2020-21)

Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; Ethnography; International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology; Berkeley Journal of Sociology; Journal of Consumer Affairs; The Sociological Review; The British Journal of Sociology; Valuation Studies; Social Problems; Food and Foodways; Social Science and Medicine; Food, Culture, and Society; Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales; Nature and Culture; Sociological Spectrum

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, **NSF Grant #0924778**, Kampala, Uganda, July 2009 – Aug 2009
Principal Investigator: Delia Baldassarri

Project Title: “Social and Spatial Networks, Social Capital, and Leadership Accountability in Rural Development: A Study of Uganda’s Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project.”

Data Steward, **DemoWatch Project**, Berkeley Institute for Data Science, Principal Investigator: Nick Adams, Fall 2017 – Present.

Graduate Student Research Assistant, **Measure for Measure**, Department of Sociology, Principal Investigator: Professor Marion Fourcade, Spring 2018.

Graduate Student Coordinator, **Coercive to Conserve**, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program. Spring 2018 – Spring 2019.

REFERENCES

Professor Marion Fourcade
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Professor Dan Lewis
Department of Education and Social Policy
Northwestern University
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Professor Michael Burawoy
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