CURRICULUM VITA

Stephen F. Ostertag, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
220 Newcomb Hall
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
860-798-1072 (cell)
sosterta@tulane.edu
ORCHID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5471-9884

Last Update: October, 2025

Stephen F. Ostertag, Ph.D.

- Associate Professor of Sociology
- Tulane Cancer Center Faculty Liaison (Cancer Communication and Health Literacy)
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- National Science Foundation Panel Reviewer: Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

Ph.D. University of Connecticut (2008): Culture, Media, Deviance/Crime

- Dissertation Title: *Negotiating News: A Study of the Social Construction of News Realities*
    - Dissertation Committee Members: Gaye Tuchman, Chair; Claudio Benzecry; Clinton Sanders; Kim Price-Glynn

TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-2014	Tulane University, Professor of Practice
2014-2019	Tulane University, Assistant Professor
2019-Present	Tulane University, Associate Professor with Tenure
2021-Present	Faculty Fellow: Yale University, Center for Cultural Sociology
2022-2023	Senior Lead, User Research Experience, Ipsos North America

SCHOLARLY AREAS:

- Culture, Action, Healthcare, Trust, Media, Crime, Race

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Current:

- Trust and Healthcare Adherence/Avoidance: An Historical Systems Approach for Scholars and Practitioners
    - National Institute for Health Care Management Journalist Grant: $60,000 (Submitted: October, 23, 2025)
    - Preparing grant narrative/proposal for the National Science Foundation: $400,000 (Anticipated Submission, January 2027)
- Culture and Action: A Return to Motives and Research Trajectory
    - Preparing contribution on culture and action for the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Sociology (Edited by Lyn Spillman)
    - Preparing monograph on Culture and Action for Palgrave MacMillan Pivot Series (MORR approach to culture and action)
- Introducing Sociology: Reasoning, Research, and Careers
    - An introductory to sociology textbook that answers the question "What can I do with a sociology degree?"
    - Under Contract with Sage Publications

Previous:

- 2010-2023: Cultural Power and Social Media Use in the Wake of Disaster, Collective Action and the Making and Sharing of Culture

- 2005-2013: Previous: Social Reality and News Consumption: News Outlets and the Work of Meaning Making

- 2001-2005: Healthcare Use among Injection Drug Users: The Power of "Soft Factors"

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

1. Ostertag, Stephen F. 2023. *Connecting After Chaos: Social Media and the Extended Aftermath of Disaster*. (NYU Press)
    a. Discussed on WWNO New Orleans Public Radio: Louisiana Considered
    b. Reviewed in Social Forces (Kathleen Tierney)
    c. Reviewed in Contemporary Sociology (Michael O. Johnston)
    d. Reviewed in Acta Sociologica (Daniel P. Aldrich)

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

1. Ostertag, Stephen, F., Bradley R. E. Wright, Robert S. Broadhead, and Frederick L. Altice. 2006. "Trust and Other Characteristics Associated with Health Care Utilization by Injection Drug Users." *Journal of Drug Issues.* 36(4): 953-974. doi.org/10.1177/002204260603600409

2. Ostertag, Stephen, F. 2010. "Establishing News Confidence: A Qualitative Study into How People Use the News Media to Know the News-World." *Media, Culture and Society*. 32(4): 597-614. doi.org/10.1177/0163443710367694

3. Ostertag, Stephen, F. 2010. "Processing Culture: Cognition, Ontology, and the News Media" *Sociological Forum.* 25(4): 824-850. doi.org/10.1111/j.1573-7861.2010.01214.x

4. Ostertag, Stephen, F. and William Armaline. 2011. "Image Isn't Everything: Contemporary Systemic Racism and Anti-Racism in the Age of Obama." *Humanity and Society,* 35(3): 63-91. doi.org/10.1177/016059761103500304

5. Ostertag, Stephen, F. and Gaye Tuchman. 2012. "When Innovation Meets Legacy: Citizen Journalists, Ink Reporters and Television News." *Information, Communication & Society.* Special Issue on the transformation of creative industries. 15(6): 909-931. doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2012.676057

6. Ostertag, Stephen F. and David G. Ortiz. 2013. "The Battle over Meaning: Digitally Mediated Processes of Cultural Trauma and Repair in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina." *The American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. 1(2): 186-220. doi.org/10.1057/ajcs.2013.4

7. Ostertag, Stephen, F. 2014. "Becoming Pure: The Civil Sphere, Media Practices and Constructing Civil Purification." *Cultural Sociology*. 8(1): 45-62. doi.org/10.1177/1749975513485566

8. Ortiz, David G. and Stephen F. Ostertag. 2014. "Katrina Bloggers and the Development of Collective Civic Action: The Web as a Virtual Mobilization Structure." *The Sociological Perspective*. 57(1): 52-78. doi.org/10.1177/0731121413517558

9. Ostertag, Stephen, F. and David G. Ortiz. 2015. "'Katrina Bloggers Activate!' The Long-Term, Digitally Mediated Processes of Civic Participation." *Sociological Inquiry*. 85(1): 28-54. doi: 10.1111/soin.12060

10. Ostertag, Stephen F. and David G. Ortiz. 2017. "Can Users of Social Media Produce Enduring Social Ties? Affordances and the Case of Katrina Bloggers." *Qualitative Sociology*. 40(1): 59-82. doi: 10.1007/s11133-016-9346-3

11. Ostertag, Stephen, F. and Lucas Dìaz. 2017. "A Critical Strong Program: Cultural Power and Racialized Civil Exclusion." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. 5(1): 34-67. doi.org/10.1057/s41290-016-0005-7

12. Chen, Xiaojin, Ningxin Liang and Stephen F. Ostertag. 2017. "Victimization of Children Left Behind in Rural China." *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency*. 54(4): 515-543. doi.org/10.1177/0022427816660145

13. Ostertag, Stephen F. 2020. "News as Relational Social Practice." *International Journal of Communication.* Available online: https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/11207/3099
    a. invited submission for a special issue on media practices.

14. Ostertag, Stephen F. 2021. "Social Drama and the Cultural Affordances of Social Media." *Cultural Sociology.* 15(1): 113-133. Available online: https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1749975520946609

15. Ostertag, Stephen F. 2021. "Building Trust through Social Media in Times of Crisis: Cultural Persuasion, Citizen News and the Cultural Affordances of Blogs." *Global Perspectives* (Special Issue on Trust and Digital Platforms). Available online: https://doi.org/10.1525/gp.2021.24961

16. Powell, Blake, Stephen F. Ostertag and Xiaojin Chen. 2022. "Coercive Immobility: The Role of Community Health in Crime" *Social Science & Medicine: Population Health*. Available online: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101057

Book Chapters:

1 Tuchman, Gaye and Stephen F. Ostertag. 2008. "Blogs and Journalists' Practices: Net Neutrality and Digital Inequality." in *Participation and Media Production: Critical Reflections on Content Creation.* Nico Carpentier and Benjamin De Cleen (eds.). Cambridge Scholars Publishers.

2 Giovanelli, Dina and Stephen F. Ostertag. 2009. "Controlling the Body: Media Representations, Body Size and Discipline." in *The Fat Studies Reader.* Esther Rothblum and Sondra Solovay (eds.), NYU Press.

3 Ostertag, Stephen, F. 2012. "News Constructions of Urban Violence: Fear and the Making of the Prototypical Criminal." In *The Social and Scientific Constructions of Violence: A Reader.* Dee Wood Harper, William E. Thorton, and Lydia Voigt (Eds.). Carolina Academic Press.

4 Ostertag, Stephen F. 2016. "Expressions of right and wrong: The emergence of a cultural structure of journalism." Pp. 264-281 in *The Crisis of Journalism Reconsidered: Democratic Culture, Professional Codes, Digital Future.* Jeffrey C. Alexander, Elizabeth Breese, and Maria Luengo (eds.). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. Invited Submission

5 Ostertag, Stephen F. 2019. "Antiracism Movements and the US Civil Sphere: The Case of Black Lives Matter." Pp. 70-91 in *Breaching the Civil Order: Radicalism and the Civil Sphere.* Trevor Stack, Jeffrey C. Alexander and Farhad

Khosrokhavar (eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press. Invited Submission. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108571050.005

Other Scholarly Publications:

1. Ostertag, Stephen F. 2020. *Why Journalism Still Matters*, Michael Schudson. *Contemporary Sociology*. 49(2): 119-123. Book Review. https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306120902417a

Invited Speaker Engagements:
"Rethinking Culture and Action: Meaning-Maintaining and the Causal Powers of Culture" Harvard University, *History, Culture, and Society* Workshop (March 14, 2025)

Dr. Cathy Taylor's course titled *Violence as a Public Health Problem*, Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences (GCHB 6500), Tulane University, School of Public Health. Discussed the intersections of race, crime and violence and their framing in mainstream news. (Spring 2013; Spring 2014; Spring 2015)

Center for Public Service, Public Service Intern Program. Discussed my service-learning courses and how I integrate service-learning into the classroom. (Fall 2013)

Dr. Bouchaib Gadir's course titled *Media Arabic*. Discussed my research on blogging, networking and social movements in relation the Arab Spring. (Spring 2013)

Invited Speaker at the Center for Public Service fellows training course (November 10, 2010)

Invited Speaker at Faculty Friday, a weekly series where residents of Wall dorm invite faculty to speak to residents about their discipline and scholarship (April 09, 2010)

TEACHING:

Commonly Taught Courses:

- Criminology
- Deviant Behavior
- Sociology of Culture
- Race, Crime and Social Control
- Media Sociology

SERVICE

University:
Council Member/Advisory Board, The Center for Academic Equity (First Generation College Students) (2018-2021)

Faculty Advisor, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT) Classroom Engagement (2014-2016)

Faculty Advisor, Unmasked—Mental Health Peer Support Group (2021-Present)

Faculty Advisor (2020-Present) Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Service Fraternity

School of Liberal Arts:
Promotion and Tenure Review Committee: Member (2024-Present)

Editorial Board Member: The Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy (2005-Present)

SLA Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member (2019-2023)

SLA Dean's Office Quality of Life Committee for New Faculty Transition and Retention (2019-2020)

Developed Contingent Faculty Review Guide (With Katherine Johnson) (Spring 2019-Fall 2019)

Director, Social Policy and Practice Coordinate Major (2014-2018)

Department:
CCC Graduate Program Steering Committee (2020—Present)

DEI Hiring Advisor (2024-Present)

Salary Committee (2019—2022)

Updated Sociology Department News and Announcements Website (2019—2021)

Professor of Practice Hiring Committee

Profession:
Editorial Board: *Qualitative Sociology* (2014-Present)

Editorial Board: *Deviant Behavior* (2020-2023)

Editorial Board: *Cultural Sociology* (2021-Present)

Editorial Board: *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* (2022-Present)

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review, Information, Communication & Society, The Sociological Forum, Social Science & Medicine, Poetics, The Sociological Quarterly, The Journal of Drug Issues, The American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Sociological Theory*, *Qualitative Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Deviant Behavior*

Fulbright Reviewer (2021)

The International Communication Association, The James W. Carey Award Committee Member (2011)

Pacific Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA, March 10-13, "Assessing Internet Use for Consuming and Making News: Citizenship and Urban Life." (Presider). (2011)

Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30, *Digital Media, Collective Action and Social Change* (Session Organizer, with David G. Ortiz). (2013)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 24-27, *Digital Media Use, Social Movement Networks and Civic Engagement.* (Presider). (2013)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 26-29, "Cultural Communication and the Cultural Affordances of Digital Communication Technologies." (Organizer and Presider) (2015)

American Sociological Association, *Section on Culture*, Nominations Committee (2017-Present)

American Sociological Association, *Section on Sociological Theory*, Membership Committee, Chair (2017-2021)

Community:

Opinion Piece on Defunding Police/Prison and the Movement for Black Lives, The Lens: "Defunding the Police and Prisons: a Primer" https://thelensnola.org/2020/06/21/defunding-police-and-prisons-a-primer/ (June 21, 2020)

Media Appearance: Expert Speaker on NFL Protests, National Anthem and Racism, FoxNews8: http://www.fox8live.com/clip/13760480/tulane-professor-nfl-anthem-protest-is-part-of-race-movement (August, 2018)

Editorial: Written for the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana on reentry and recidivism hurdles and local "ban the box" initiatives designed to remove felon checks on job applications. To be distributed to area newspapers. (2013)

Member, Board of Directors: The Lens-a non-profit, online newspaper focusing on the Gulf South (2012)

Editorial: "Changes at The Times-Picayune lay bare the roots of a national trend" *The Lens*, (Opinion Piece), (June 12, 2012)

Expert source, The Lens [online newspaper] "Poorer communities continue to suffer lack of broadband access—and related opportunity" (March 23, 2012).

Expert source, The Louisiana Weekly [newspaper] "Trying to Understand the Psychology Behind N.O. Murders" (October 10, 2011)

Panelist: Rising Tide VI: A conference on social media and the future of New Orleans (August 27, 2011)

Expert speaker on transient youth for a report on WDSU, aired on February 10, 2011. Available at http://www.wdsu.com/video/26825716/detail.html

Invited Speaker to talk about systemic racism at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans (March 11, 2010)

RESEARCH SUPPORT

External:
National Institute for Health Care Management, Journalism Grant (October 2025): $60,000 (**Under Review**)

Assessing Internet Use for Consuming and Making News: Citizenship and Urban Life, *The Horowitz Foundation on Social Policy and Practice* (2012), $5,000 (Not Funded)

Motivating News Across Cultures, *ATLAS* (2015-2016), $39,001 (Not Funded)

African American Entrepreneurs and Social Media Use: Strategies, Purposes, and Impact on Local Economies, *Facebook: Economic Impact of Digital Technologies* (2020), $86,100 (Not Funded)

Universal Stories, Cultural Manifestations: Joseph Campbell and the Mythology of News, *American Philosophical Society's Franklin Program Research Grant* (2020), $6,000 (Not Funded)

African American Entrepreneurs and Social Media Use: Strategies, Purposes, and Impacts on Local Economies. Economic Impact of Digital Technologies, *Facebook*. (Spring 2020) $86,100 (Not Funded)

Internal:

Recipient (with David G. Ortiz): The New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Monroe Fellowship (2012-2013) $1,500 (Funded)

Recipient (With David G. Ortiz): The Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching Fund for Faculty/Student Scholarly and Artistic Engagement (2012-2013) $1,900 (Funded)

Recipient (with David G. Ortiz): The New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Monroe Fellowship (2013-2014) $2,298 (Funded)

Recipient (with Bouchaib Gadir and Christopher Oliver): The D. W. Mitchell Lecture Series and the Provost's Faculty Seminars in Interdisciplinary Research (Spring: 2015): $500 (Funded)

Recipient: Carol Lavin-Bernick Faculty Grant Application, Research Conference Travel (Fall 2016): 2,882 (Funded)

Recipient: Carol Lavin-Bernick Tenure Track International Conference Fund (Fall 2016): $1,000 (Funded)

Recipient: Carol Lavin-Bernick Interdisciplinary Faculty Workgroups (Fall 2016-Spring 2017) $5,000 (Funded)

Recipient: Carol Lavin-Bernick Interdisciplinary Faculty Workgroups (Fall 2017-Spring 2018) $5,000 (Funded)

Recipient: Carol Lavin-Bernick Interdisciplinary Faculty Workgroups (Fall 2018-Spring 2019) $5,000 (Funded)

Recipient: "Universal Stories Cultural Manifestations: Joseph Campbell and the Mythology of News." School of Liberal Arts Research Award, Tulane University. (Fall 2021) $5,000 (Funded)

PRESENTATIONS

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia "Health Care Utilization of Drug Users: An Examination of Social Psychological Factors." (2003)

University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology Brownbag Series "Health Care Utilization of Drug Users: An Examination of Social Psychological Factors." (2003)

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, New York. "Trust and Other Social Psychological Aspects of Health Care Utilization by Injection Drug Users: A Contribution to Health Care Use Models." (2004)

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA "We're Here Because of You: Programming, Collective Identity, and Reformulating Hegemony through Public Television." (2005)

North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA "We're Here Because of You: Programming, Collective Identity, and Reformulating Hegemony through Public Television." (2005)

Couch-Stone Symposium, Boulder, CO "Political Debates and Face-work: Resisting a Status Degradation Ceremony." (2005)

16th Annual Women's Studies Conference. Southern Connecticut State University. New Haven, CT "Controlling the Self: Media Representations, Body Size, and Self Discipline." (with Dina Giovanelli) (2006)

Invited Lecture. "Fat Women and the Contemporary Television Media: Depictions, Ramifications and Influences." University of Connecticut (Storrs). (with Dina Giovanelli) (2006)

International Communication Association, Keynote Session, (with Gaye Tuchman) San Francisco, CA. May 27, 2007. "Blogs and Journalists' Practices: Net Neutrality and Digital Inequality." (2007)

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA "The Symbolic Meanings of News Media." (2007)

Invited Lecture. "Stigmatized Bodies: Fat Women on Television." Invited Lecture. University of Connecticut (Storrs). (with Dina Giovanelli) (2007)

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY "Negotiating News: A Study of the Social Construction of News Realities." (2008)

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. March 20, 2009 "Establishing News Confidence: PBS as a News Safety-Net." (2009)

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 14-17. "Ignorant Othering as Reality Maintenance Work." (2010)

Association for Humanist Sociologists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 12-15. "The Criminal Justice System and Structural Oppression: Possibilities for Anti-Racism In the Age of Obama." (2010)

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Collective Behavior and Social Movements Pre-conference), Las Vegas, NV, August 17-19, "Triggering Trauma and Contentious Behavior: The Emergence of a Post-Katrina New Orleans Blogosphere." (2011)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 22-25, "From Online Communities to Offline Organizing: Blogging and Evidence Against the Substitution Thesis." (2012)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 24-27, "The Battle over Meaning: Digitally Media Processes of Cultural Trauma and Repair." (2013)

Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30, "'Katrina Bloggers Activate!' The Long-Term, Digitally Mediated Processes of Civic Participation." (2013)

Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, October 25, "Personal Communication Technologies, Moral Foundations and Discourses of Civil Society: The Cultural Power of Katrina Bloggers." (2013)

Center for Cultural Sociology 10th Anniversary Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 25-27. "Changing Mobilizations and the Cultural Affordances of PCTs: A Role for Cultural Sociology's Strong Program." (2014)

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 13-17, "Collective Action through Blogs." (2016).

- **Invited Panelist**

European Sociological Association 6th Midterm Conference, Research Network on the Sociology of Culture, Exeter, UK, November 16-18. "From Gossip to News: Emotions, Moralities and Emergent Cultural Structures of Journalism." (2016).

European Sociological Association 6th Midterm Conference, Research Network on the Sociology of Culture, Exeter, UK, November 16-18. "Emergent Collective Actions through Social Media: Meanings, Emotions and Cultural Affordances of Blogs." (2016).

Center for Cultural Sociology Workshop Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 21. "Explaining the Endurance and Specificity of News: News as Social and Cultural Practice." (2017).

- **Invited Workshop**

Center for Cultural Sociology Annual Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 28-29. "Where's the Effort? Emotions and the Problem of Meaning-Centrism in Cultural Theories of Action." (2017).

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 19-21. "Where's the Effort? Emotions and the Problem of Meaning-Centrism in Cultural Theories of Action." (2017).

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Media Sociology Pre-conference), Montreal, Canada, August 18. "Enduring Specificity: Continuing Motivations of the Consumption and Communication of News and their Modern Manifestations." (2017).

Civil Sphere and Radicalization: A Conference and Book Project. Hosted by the Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law (CISRUL). University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK. October 20-22. "Black Radical Protests and the US Civil Sphere." (2017)

- **Invited Contributor**

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 23-25. "Black Radical Protests and the US Civil Sphere: Racialized Civil Inclusion, Exclusion and the Black Lives Matter Movement." (2018).

- **Invited Panelist**

Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, March 28-31. "Enduring Specificity: Continuing Motivations of the Consumption and Communication of News and their Modern Manifestations." (2018)

Sharing Society, International Conference, Bilbao, Spain, May 23-24. "Reciprocity of News in the Context of Disaster: News Sharing, Blogs and Collective Actions over Time." (2019)

COURSES TAUGHT AT TULANE UNIVERSITY

Tenured, Associate Professor:

Fall 2024:
Soci 1080-01: Deviant Behavior
Soci 1300-03: Criminology

Spring 2024:
Soci 1080-02: Deviant Behavior
Soci 6011-01: Industry and User Research

Fall 2023:
Soci 1080-02: Deviant Behavior

Fall 2022-Spring 2023: Faculty Leave, No Courses Taught

Spring 2022:
Soci 1300: Criminology
Soci 6210-01: Sociology of Culture
Tenembaum Sophomore Tutorials in Liberal Arts
Josephine M James-Le: Topic—Immigration, Refugees and Civil Sphere

Fall 2021: Sabbatical, No Courses Taught

Faculty Fellow, Yale University, Center for Cultural Sociology

Spring 2021:
Soci 1300: Criminology
Soci 6210-01: Sociology of Culture
TIDES: Crime and Criminal Justice in New Orleans
Tenenbaum Sophomore Tutorials in Liberal Arts
Black Powell: Topic—Health Care and Crime/Violence (published article)
Grace Ostendorf: Topic—AntiRacism Movements (BLM) and Impact on City Criminal Justice Policy (Los Angeles)
Independent Study: Deviance (Sarah Werman, CCC Student)
Independent Study: Cultural Sociology (Karrie Gaspard, CCC Student)
Honor's Thesis: Katherine Rose

Fall 2020:
Soci 2100-01: Sociology of Media/Culture (Special Topics)
Soci 6130: Race, Crime and Control

Summer 2020 (Maymester):
Soci 1300-01: Criminology

Spring 2020:
Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partners: Orleans Public Defenders and Court Watch NOLA
Soci 6210-01. Sociology of Culture

Fall 2019:
Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders
Soci 6012-01. Race, Crime and Control

Summer 2019:
Soci 6210-01. Sociology of Culture

Tenure Track, Assistant Professor:
Summer 2019:
Soci 1300-01. Criminology

Spring 2019:
Soci 1300. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders
Soci 6210. Sociology of Culture

Fall 2018:

Soci 1300. Criminology

With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 6012-01. Race, Crime and Control

Spring 2018:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology

With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Fall 2017:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology

With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Summer 2017:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Spring 2017: Fourth-Year Junior Faculty Leave (Did Not Teach)

Fall 2016: Parental Leave (Did Not Teach)

Summer 2016:

Soci 4310-01. Crime, Punishment and Community in New Orleans

With Mandatory Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: The Tulane/Canal Neighborhood Development Cooperation

Note: This course ran concurrently and coordinated with Dr. Christopher Oliver's Urban Ethnography and Social Justice course (Soci 4210-01).

Spring 2016:

Cccc 7980-04. Independent Study (Urban Education, Jesse Chanin)

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology

With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Fall 2015:

Soci 6012-01. Race, Crime and Control

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Summer 2015:
Soci 1300-01. Criminology

Spring 2015:
Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 2100-02. Media, Culture and Social Life (Special Topics)

Soci 5000-02. Honor's Thesis

Soci 7980-09. Independent Study

Fall 2014:
Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Professor of Practice:

Summer 2014:
Soci 2102-01. Drugs, Crime and Public Policy
Part of the Summer Minor in Public Policy Program

Spring 2014:
Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1080-02. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Fall 2013:
Soci 1080. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 6010-01. Special Topics: Race, Crime and Control
With Optional 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana

Summer 2013:
Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology

Soci 1300-02. Criminology

Spring 2013:
Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1080-02. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 1300-05. Criminology

Fall 2012:
Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1080-03. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Summer 2012:
Soci 1080.01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology

Spring 2012:
Pols 4990-02. Honor's Thesis

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1080-02. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component

Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 1300-05. Criminology

Fall 2011:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1080-02. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 4990-02. Honors Thesis

Summer 2011:

Soci 1300-01. Criminology

Spring 2011:

Soci 1080-02. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Fall 2010:

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Mandatory 40-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 2100-02. Sociology of the Mind (Special Topics)

Soci 4910-01. Independent Study (Mia Backon)

Summer 2010:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Spring 2010:

Soci 1300-01. Criminology
With Optional 20-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 1300-02. Criminology
With Optional 20-hour Service Learning Component
Service Learning Partner: Orleans Public Defenders

Soci 2100-01. Media, Crime and Justice (Special Topics)

Fall 2009:

Soci 1080-01. Deviant Behavior

Soci 1300-02. Criminology

Soci 2100-01. Sociology of the Media (Special Topics)

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Honor's Theses (Undergraduate Level):

Director:

Hawkins, Courtney. 2012. "Americans in Cages: A Look at the Manifestations of Institutionalized Racism Through Law Enforcement in the Criminal Justice System of New Orleans"

Silver, David. 2015. "The Impact of Deinstitutionalization on the Incarceration of the Mentally Ill"

Katherine Rose. 2020-21.

Committee Member:

Lentz, Cassandra. 2012. "The Impact of Intergroup Anxiety and Self-Salience on Social Attributions"

Gersten, Sarah. 2013. "Sci-Fi Technologies and the Impact of Identification: The Case of X-Men and Avatar"

Gooderham, JP. 2013. "Prison Privatization in Louisiana: How the Prison Industrial Complex Overwhelmed the Public Interest and Subverted Democracy"

Graduate Level:

Cumulative Examination Committees:

Isaac Freitas: Media and Disaster (Reader)

Karina Bull: Incarceration and Labor (Reader)

Jesse Chanin: Race and Education (Reader)

Sarah Werman: Deviance and Homelessness (Head)

Alison Cruz: Cultural Sociology (Head)

Dissertation Committees:

Vincent, M. Bess. 2011. "Chicago Neighborhoods and Crime: A Test of Agnew's Macro Level Strain Theory." Department of Sociology, Tulane University (Reader)

Dao, Vy. 2015. "From the Ground Up: A Qualitative Analysis of Gulf Coast Vietnamese Community-Based Organizations and Community (Re)Building in Post-Disaster Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama." Department of Sociology, Tulane University (Reader)

Kappel, Rob. 2017. "Drinking on the Go: Regulating Urban Space Through Permissive Policies." Department of Sociology, SUNY Buffalo (Reader)

Singh, Sonita. 2017. "Releasing into Conflict Zones: Exploring the Spatial Drivers of Urban Insecurity and its Impact on the Reentry of Offenders in New Orleans." The Payson Center for Global Development, Tulane University (Reader)

Mahoney, Maggie. Present. "Shaky Convictions: The Social-Medial-Legal Nexus of Shaken Baby Syndrome." Department of Sociology, Tulane University (Reader)

Freitas, Isaac. Present. "Post-Disaster Framing of Community on Twitter." Department of Sociology, Tulane University (Reader)

Dena Lagomarsio. Present "Hairy Bodies, Glossy Screens: A Digital-Institutional Ethnography Exploring Body Hair on Instagram" (Reader)

Independent Studies:

Albright, Ryan. Fall 2014. "Non-Profits & Social Movements"

Danica Brown. Spring 2015. "Racism Theory"

Margaret Mahoney. Spring 2015 "The Discourse of Innocence: Critical Criminology, Law and Miscarriages of Justice"

Jesse Chanin. Spring 2016 "Urban Education"

Allison Cruz. Summer 2020 "Sociology of Culture"

Sarah Werman. Spring 2021 "Deviance"

Karrie Gaspard. Spring 2021 "Cultural Sociology"

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Awards and Nominations:

2015: Recipient, The Barbara E. Moely Service Teaching Learning Award (for my criminology course with the Orleans Public Defenders)

2015: Nominated (by Tulane University's Center for Public Service) for the "Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Service-Learning Instruction in Higher Education Award" issued by the Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education (second time).

2014: Nominated (by Tulane University's Center for Public Service) for the "Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Service-Learning Instruction in Higher Education Award" issued by the Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education.

2011: Nominated for one of five endowed professorships in social entrepreneurship at Tulane University

2010: James W. Carey Urban Communication Award, issued by the International Communication Association ($1,000)

2008: Nominated: Honorary Faculty Recognition; Phi Kappa Psi (New York Chapter)

2006: Finalist, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), "Candace Rogers" award for best graduate student paper on any social issue, "Sold to the Highest Bidder: The Role of the Viewer in Public Television"

2006: Finalist, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI), "Herbert Blumer" award for best graduate student paper in the tradition of symbolic interaction "Sold to the Highest Bidder: The Role of the Viewer in Public Television"

2006: Recipient, Dissertation Fellowship, awarded by the University of Connecticut Graduate School ($2,000)

2005: Recipient "Ronald Taylor Award" for best paper among University of Connecticut, Sociology department graduate students, "Political Debates as a Public Performance: How Political Candidates Enact Impression Management to Save Face and Maintain their Political Selves"

2003: Recipient "Ronald Taylor Award" for best paper among University of Connecticut, Sociology department graduate students, "Health Care Use of Injection Drug Users: An Examination of Social Psychological Factors"