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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Los Angeles
UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Sociology, July 2007 to Present

Research and Teaching Interests: Political Sociology, Social Movements, Culture, Collective Memory, Social Problems, Qualitative Methods, Theory.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, May 2007.

Dissertation: One Spirit, One Nation: The Politics of Potawatomi Cultural Revitalization

Committee: Kim Voss (Chair), Thomas Biolsi (Ethnic Studies), Michael Burawoy, Sandra Susan Smith

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2000.

B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sociology, 1996, with high distinction and honors.

PUBLICATIONS

Wetzel, Christopher. 2009. "Theorizing Native American Land Seizure: An Analysis of Tactical Changes in the Late Twentieth Century." Forthcoming in *Social Movement Studies*.

Wetzel, Christopher. 2006. "Intratribal Contention Concerning Indian Gaming: Implications for Syncretic Tribalism." *American Behavioral Scientist* 50(3): 283-295.

Wetzel, Christopher. 2006. "Neshnabemwen Renaissance: Local and National Potawatomi Language Revitalization Efforts." *American Indian Quarterly* 31(1&2): 61-86.

Wetzel, Christopher. 2001. "Peer Groups and Student Writing." *Writing Across Berkeley* 2(1): 2.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Vasquez, Jessica and Christopher Wetzel. "Tradition and the Invention of Racial Selves: Symbolic Boundaries, Collective Authenticity, and Contemporary Struggles for Racial Equality." Revise and resubmit at *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Wetzel, Christopher. "One Spirit, One Nation: Commemorating a Difficult Past Through the Potawatomi Gathering." Under review at *American Journal of Sociology*.

Wetzel, Christopher. *One Spirit, One Nation: The Politics of Potawatomi Cultural Revitalization*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Wetzel, Christopher. "Constitutional Conventions: Organizing Potawatomi Civic Engagement." In preparation.

PRESENTATIONS

"Language Revitalization and the Revival of Potawatomi National Identity," *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2008 (Boston, MA).

"The Politics of Potawatomi Cultural Revitalization," *Writing New Histories of Indigeneity and Imperialism Workshop*, 2008 (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

"Where the Potawatomi Indians are Going: Brokers, Bands, and Nation Building," *Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference*, 2008 (Athens, GA).

"Brokers, Legitimacy, and Nation Building: The Role of Gender in the Potawatomi Renaissance," *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2007 (New York, NY).

"Making Authentic Identity: Tradition and the Invention of Racial Selves," (with Jessica Vasquez), *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2007 (New York, NY); *Pacific Sociological Association Conference*, 2007 (Oakland, CA); *University of California, Berkeley Center for Race and Gender*, 2007 (Berkeley, CA).

"From Conflict to Consensus: Changing Cultures of Land in the Potawatomi Nation," *Pacific Sociological Association Conference*, 2007 (Oakland, CA).

- “Commemorating a Difficult Past through the Potawatomi Gathering,” *University of California, Berkeley Canadian Studies Program*, 2006 (Berkeley, CA).
- “Imagining the Potawatomi Nation: Gathering, Commemoration, and the Production of Collective Memory,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2006 (Montreal, Quebec).
- “Constitutional Conventions: Organizing Potawatomi Civic Engagement,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2005 (Philadelphia, PA).
- “‘One Sprit, One Nation’: The Potawatomi Gathering and Imagining the Nation,” *Pathways: A Graduate Conference on American Indian Studies*, 2004 (New Haven, CT); *New Directions in American Indian Research: A Gathering of Emerging Scholars Conference*, 2004 (Chapel Hill, NC).
- “Membership and Meaning: The Politics of Potawatomi Identity,” *Pacific Sociological Association Conference*, 2004 (San Francisco, CA).
- “Rereading Sociological Theories of the Nation: Potawatomi Bands, the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, and an Alter/Native Vision of Nationhood,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2003 (Atlanta, GA).
- “Intratribal Contention Over Indian Gaming: Implications for Syncretic Tribalism,” *Pacific Sociological Association Conference*, 2003 (Anaheim, CA).
- “Insiders, Outsiders, and Movement Brokers: Narrative Fidelity and the Indians of All Tribes Occupation of Alcatraz Island,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, 2002 (Chicago, IL).
- “Federal Native American Policy and Land Seizure Activism, 1946-2000,” *Midwest Sociological Society Conference*, 2001 (St. Louis, MO).
- “Linking Theory and Practice: Lessons from Social Movement Theory for Environmental Justice Organizing,” *National Student Environmental Justice Conference*, 1999 (Ann Arbor, MI).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

UCLA Institute of American Cultures Ethnic Studies Research Grant, 2008

University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007

UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2006

Sociology Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 1997, 2002, 2005

UC Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, 2004, 2005

American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund for Native American Research Grant, 2004

UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2001

Herbert Blumer Teaching Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2000

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention, 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UC Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2000

UC Berkeley: Instructor

National Identities, Fall 2005 (Undergraduate seminar).

National Identities, Spring 2004 (Undergraduate seminar).

Pedagogy Seminar, Fall 2000 (Graduate seminar, co-instructor with Tom Gold).

UC Berkeley: Teaching Assistant

History of Social Theory, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000. For Michael Burawoy.

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 1999. For Ann Swidler.

Introduction to Sociology, Fall 1998. For Tom Gold.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, October 2003 to December 2003.

United States Government Accountability Office, Center for Design, Methods, and Analysis, September 2002 to December 2002.

Energy and Resources Group, University of California, Berkeley, August 1997 to May 1998.

Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, August 1996 to August 1997.

School of Natural Resources and Environment and the Center for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Michigan, September 1993 to August 1995.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association. Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Section on Culture, Section on Environment and Technology, Section on Political Sociology.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*.

Reviewer, UCLA Graduate Division Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research, 2008.

Member, UC Berkeley Sociology Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2004.

Workshop Leader, UC Berkeley Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center, 2000-2002.

Member, UC Berkeley Sociology Department Teaching Committee, 1999.

Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 1997-1999.

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