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## **POSITIONS**

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WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (July 1, 2009-present)

Assistant Professor, Program in Science in Society and Department of Sociology

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (2008-2010; on leave autumn 2009)

Stetten Fellow, Office of NIH History

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (2006-2008)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Science in Human Culture

## **AFFILIATION**

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*HISTORY & THEORY* (July, 1 2011-present)

Assistant Editor

## **EDUCATION**

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (2000-2006)

Ph.D., Sociology, September 2006.

M.A., Sociology, May 2003.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY (1995-1998)

B.S. with Honors, May 1998.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **BOOK**

2012. *Behind Closed Doors: IRBs and the Making of Ethical Research*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

### **ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

Revise and resubmit. "Reading Trust Between the Lines" (journal article).

Revise and resubmit. "Mediating Practices: Prescriptions and the History of Pregnancy Prevention, 1930-2010." (journal article with Leah Aronowsky).

2011. "IRB Meetings by the Minute(s): How Documents Create Decisions." In Charles Camic, Neil Gross, and Michèle Lamont, eds., *Knowledge Making, Use and Evaluation in the Social Sciences: The Underground of Practice*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

2010. "The Science of Ethics: Deception, the Resilient Self, and the APA Code of Ethics, 1966-1973." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*. 46(4): 337-370. (Winner of the History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences Burnham Early Career Prize.)

2010. (first author with Adam Hedgecoe) "A Practical Guide to Research Ethics." In Ivy Lynn Bourgeault, Raymond DeVries, and Robert Dingwall, eds. *Handbook on Qualitative Health Research*. New York: Sage Publications.

2007. "Victims in Our Own Minds? IRBs in Myth and Practice." *Law and Society Review*. 41(4): 777-786.

2005. (second author with Mario Luis Small) "Are Poor Neighborhoods Resource-Deprived? A Case Study of Childcare Centers in New York." *Social Science Quarterly*. 86(5): 1013-1036.

2004. (first author with Hans-Peter Kohler) "The Popular Debate about Low Fertility: An Analysis of the German Press, 1993 – 2001." *European Journal of Population* 20(4): 293-321.

2002. (first author with Hans-Peter Kohler) "The Debate Over Low Fertility in the Popular Press: A Cross-National Comparison, 1998-1999." *Population Research and Policy Review* 21(6): 535-574.

## SECONDARY PUBLICATIONS

2011. "Review: *Ethical Imperialism* by Zachary Schrag." *American Journal of Sociology* 117( 3): 1019-1021.

2010. "Gaps in Medical Research Ethics." *The Los Angeles Times*. Op-ed Section. October 8. (Published in syndication in *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader*, *The Bellingham (WA) Herald*, *The Columbus (IN) Republic*, *The Korea Herald*, and other outlets.)

2009. "Where are the Students in the Healthcare Debate?" *Inside Higher Education*. Views Section. December 17.

2009. "Inviting Researchers to IRB Meetings." *Protecting Human Subjects*. Issue 18: 17-18.

2007. "Review: *Twentieth Century Ethics of Human Subjects Research: Historical Perspectives on Values, Practices, and Regulations*, Volker Roelcke and Giovanni Maio (eds)." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 43(2): 227-8.

2002. Nils Daulaire, Pat Leidl, Laurel Mackin, Colleen Murphy, and Laura Stark. *Promises to Keep: The Toll of Unintended Pregnancies on Women's Lives in the Developing World*. Washington, DC: Global Health Council.

## IN PREPARATION

"The Medicinal Use of College Students in an Over-the-counter Culture." In *Groovy Science*, David Kaiser, ed. (book chapter, draft presented February 2011).

"Teaching Class: A Century of American Medical Education." (short article with Melanie Koren and Chris Douchette).

"Hospital Architecture and Postwar Theories of Disease: The Case of the NIH Clinical Center." (short article with Eliana Theodorou).

Review of *Observing Bioethics* for *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* (with Rose Pierson).

Review of *The Professional Guinea Pig* for *The Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (with Erin Kelly).

## **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2011/12 Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship for theme proposal  
“Fact and Artifact” (with Courtney Fullilove).

2011 Wesleyan Center for the Study of Public Life Grant for “Creating an archival repository to  
US-sponsored biomedical research after World War II.”

2010 Burnham Early Career Prize, History of Science Society’s Forum for the History of the  
Human Sciences (for the best article-length manuscript: “The Science of Ethics:  
Deception, the Resilient Self, and the APA Code of Ethics, 1966-1973”).

2010 Wesleyan Center for the Study of Public Life Grant for The Wesleyan Digital Archive  
of Psychology (with Jill Morawski) <wesdap.research.wesleyan.edu >

2010 American Sociological Association’s Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline  
Grant (for Project: “How Have Research Participants Affected Biomedical Research  
Practices?”).

2008/09 Visiting Faculty Fellowship, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (declined).

2008 Dissertation Prize, History of Science Society’s Forum for the History of the Human  
Sciences (for the best dissertation defended in the previous two years).

2008 Alumnae Association Grant, Northwestern University (for conference “Re: Calling  
‘Science as a Vocation’”).

2005 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.

2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Sociology  
Program, SES-0503874.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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### **INVITED TALKS**

2011. “Valuing Volunteers: The Ethics of Compensation in Postwar American Psychology  
Research.” History of Economics as History of Science Workshop. June 24-25. Cachan,  
France.

2011. “Reclaiming Empirical Ethics.” Kennedy School of Government, Harvard  
University. “Research Ethics: A Question of Method?” workshop. May 6. Cambridge,  
MA.

2011. “Group Consideration: The Making of Ethical Research in Postwar American  
Medicine.” Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University School of  
Medicine. March 25.

2011. "The Immortal Life of American Health Inequalities." One Book, One Town Program. The Trumbull (CT) Library System. March 22.

2011. "The Medicinal Use of College Students in an Over-the-counter Culture." Program in History of Science, Princeton University. "Groovy Science" contributors' workshop. February 5. Princeton, NJ.

2010. "Charting Evidence: Patient Records and the Making of Ethical Research at NIH circa 1960." Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania. October 25. Philadelphia, PA.

2010. "Open Deliberations in Restricted Settings: Rethinking the Legacy of the First Gene-transfer-trial Death for Ethics Review Boards." Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, University of Cardiff. July 6, Cardiff, UK.

2010. "Citizen Subjects." Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, the University of Chicago. MPI Conference: Human Subjects, Human Sciences. April 2-3. Hyde Park, IL.

2010. "Saying is Believing." Maryland Colloquium for the History of Technology, Science, and the Environment. Department of History, University of Maryland. May 6. College Park, MD.

2010. "On Being Normal in Abnormal Places," Science & Technology Studies Circle Seminar Series, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. March 22. Cambridge, MA.

2008. "Reading Trust Between the Lines: Results from an Ethnography of Three IRBs." Annual meeting of Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research. November 17. Orlando, FL.

2008. "Everyone's an Expert? IRBs and Warrants for Expertise in Modern State Administration." Department of Science and Technology Studies, Virginia Tech. November 15. Blacksburg, VA.

2008. "IRBs in Myth and Practice." Bi-annual meeting of CIC Committee for IRB Administrators. September 29. Chicago, IL.

2007. "Talking Ethics Inside the Iron Cage." Northwestern University Medical School. November 28. Chicago, IL.

2006. "Becoming Human Subjects." Workshop: Papering Ethics, Documenting Consent: The New Bureaucracies of Virtue. Cornell University. October 28. Ithaca, NY.

2006. "Experience and Expertise in IRB Decisionmaking." Rutgers University, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. April 25. New Brunswick, NJ.

2006. "Making Science Moral: The Institutionalization of American Human Subjects Committees, 1953-1974." University of Nottingham, Institute for the Study of Genetics, Biorisk, and Society. March 9. Nottingham, UK.

2005. "Creating American Human Subjects Regulations: Biomedical or Experimental Model?" Rutgers University, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. February 15. New Brunswick, NJ.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS**

2011. "What did Money Mean? Monetary Exchanges in Postwar Research with Human Subjects" (co-authored with Jill Morawski). Annual Meeting of the . November 4. Cleveland, OH.

2010. "The 'Healthy Patient' Paradox: The Legacy of NIH Normal Control Subjects in American Ethics." Stetten Symposium on History in the NIH. June 15. Bethesda, MD.

2010. "Warranting Expertise." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. October 30. Washington, DC.

2010. "Can Scandals Cause Regulatory Change? Legal Consciousness and the Creation of the 'Human Subject' in the Long 1960s." Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. May 27. Chicago, IL.

2010. "From Captive Populations to Citizen Volunteers." Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. May 2. Rochester, MN.

2009. "The Board and the Ward." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 20. Phoenix, AZ.

2009. "The Trouble with 'Normal' People: Informed Consent, Group Review, and Ways of Making Decisions at the National Institutes of Health." Annual Meeting of Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences. June 25-28. State College, PA.

2009. "Ethics at 'The Ideal Hospital of the Future': How the NIH Clinical Center Changed American Research Ethics." Stetten Symposium on History in the NIH. June 16. Bethesda, MD.

2006. "Observing and Deceiving: The Science and Ethics of Research Methods, 1966-1973." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 2-5. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

2006. "Experience and Expertise in IRB Decision Making." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 11-14. Montréal, QC, Canada.

2005. "Negotiating the Ethics of Deception: Methods, Morality, and Human Subjects in American Psychology, 1966-1973." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13-16. Philadelphia, PA.

2005. "The Ethics of Deception in American Psychology." Annual Meeting of Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences. June 23-26. Berkeley, CA.

2005. "Introductory Remarks: A Brief History of IRBs and their Study." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. March 17-20. Washington, DC.

2005. "Biomedical or Experimental Model? Framing the Federal Human Subjects Regulations." Sociology of Bioethics Mini-Conference. March 18-19. Washington, DC.

2004. "Practicing Morality: Psychological Research Practices and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulations in Postwar America." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 18-21. Austin, TX.

2004. "Practicing Morality: Psychological Research Practices and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulation in Postwar America." US Department of Health and Human Services, ORI, Research on Research Integrity Conference. November 12-14. San Diego, CA.

2004. "Methods as Morality: American Psychology and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulations." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 14-17. San Francisco, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### Referee

#### Funders

National Institutes of Health  
National Science Foundation

#### Journals

*American Journal of Sociology*  
*BMC Medical Ethics*  
*Hypatia*  
*Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*  
*Law and Social Inquiry*  
*Population Research and Policy Review*  
*Regulation and Governance*  
*Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*  
*Social Science and Medicine*  
*Sociological Theory*

#### Prize Committees

American Sociological Association, History Section, Distinguished Scholarly Publication Prize Committee (2010)  
History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences, Burnham Early Career Prize (2011)

### Service

#### External

Member, Community Health Center, Institutional Review Board (2010-2014)  
Chief Operating Officer, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Section (2011-2014).  
Secretary, History of Science Society, Forum for the History of the Human Sciences (2010-2012)  
Member, American Sociological Association, Committee on Professional Ethics (2012-2015)

#### Wesleyan University

Editor (with Erica Chenoweth), ACSPL Working Papers Series  
Member, Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee