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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

- 2005 Ph.D., Northwestern University, Department of Sociology
Dissertation: "Status Judges: The Effects of Formal Rankings on Educational Status Systems"
- 1997 M.A., Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
Thesis Title: "The Policy of Poverty or The Poverty of Policy: Anti-Poverty Legislation in the United States, 1945-1996"
- 1993 B.A., Truman State University, Psychology (Minor: Philosophy)

Positions

- 2005- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- 2009 Manza, Jeff and Michael Sauder (eds.), *Inequality and Society: Social Science Perspectives on Social Stratification* (W.W. Norton)
- Under Contract Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. *Fear of Falling: How Media Rankings Changed Legal Education in America* (Russell Sage Foundation)

Publications

Refereed

- Forthcoming Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "How Rankings Affect Diversity." *The Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice*. Volume 18.
- Forthcoming Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "A Matter of Rank." *Contexts*.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "The Discipline of Rankings: Tight Coupling and Organizational Change." *American Sociological Review* 74:63-82.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Chad McPherson. "The Value of a Negative Case: Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*." *Sociological Forum*.
- 2008 Sauder, Michael. "Interlopers and Field Change: The Entry of U.S. News into the Field of Legal Education." *Administrative Science Quarterly* 53:209-234.
- 2008 Sauder, Michael and Gary Alan Fine. "Arbiters, Entrepreneurs, and the Shaping of Business School Reputations." *Sociological Forum* 23:699-723.
- 2007 Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "Rankings and Reactivity: How Public Measures Recreate Social Worlds." *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1-40.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael. "Third Parties and Status Systems: How the Structures of Status Systems Matter." *Theory & Society* 35:299-321.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Ryon Lancaster. "Do Rankings Matter? The Effect of *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings on the Admissions Process of Law Schools." *Law and Society Review* 40:105-134.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "Strength in Numbers? A Comparison of Law and Business School Rankings." *Indiana Law Journal* 81:205-227.
- 2005 Sauder, Michael. "Contexts and Symbols: An Interactionist Approach to the Study of Social Status." *The Sociological Quarterly* 46:279-298.
- 2005 Manza, Jeff, Clem Brooks, and Michael Sauder. "Money, Participation, and Votes: Social Cleavages and Electoral Politics," in *A Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Civil Societies and Globalization*, ed. Thomas Janoski, Robert Alford, Alexander M. Hicks, and Mildred A. Schwartz. Boston: Cambridge University Press, pp. 201-227.
- 2004 Fine, Gary Alan, Tim Hallett, and Michael Sauder. "Myths and Meanings of Bowling Alone: A View from the Lanes," *Society* 41:47-49.

Non-refereed

- Forthcoming Michael Sauder and Wendy Espeland. "Fear of Falling: The Effects of U.S. News & World Report Rankings on Law Schools." Grant Report for Law School Admissions Council.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Jeff Manza. "Social Capital," *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology*, edited by Bryan Turner. Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2005 Sauder, Michael. "W. Lloyd Warner," *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*. London: Routledge.

Book Reviews

- 2008 Sauder, Michael. Review of *The Power of Privilege: Yale and America's Elite Colleges* by Joseph A. Soares. *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1470-1472.

Work under Review

- Manza, Jeff, Michael Sauder, and Nathan Wright. "Constructing the Sociological Mainstream: The Creation of Introductory Textbooks"

Work in Progress

- Sauder, Michael. "The Influence of Intermediaries on Organizational Status: A Theory of Status Judges"
- Sauder, Michael, Tim Hallett, and Ryo Uemera. "Interpretive Flexibility and Trojan Horses: The Proliferation of Public Ideas"
- Campos-Holland, Ana, Karen Heimer, and Michael Sauder. "Social Aggression Among Young Girls"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Invited Presentations (Previous Five Years)

"The De-Reification of USN Rankings: The Value of Ambiguity." Invited Presentation for Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 9, 2009.

"The Effects of Rankings on Legal Education." Invited presentation at University of Iowa Law School, April 14, 2008.

“Report on Interviews” (with Wendy Espeland). Plenary Speaker at Workshop on the Ratings Game, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3, 2007.

“Rankings and Reactivity: How Public Measures Recreate Social Worlds.” Invited Presentation at The Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin, October 10, 2006.

“The Benefits of Multiple Evaluations: A Comparison of Law and Business School Rankings.” Invited paper presented at the Next Generation of Law School Rankings Symposium, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN, April 15, 2005.

Conference Presentations (Previous Five Years)

“The Importance of Context for Status Inequality.” Paper Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, August 3, 2008.

“The Legitimacy of Organizational Status Judges.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August 13, 2006.

“Interpretive Flexibility and Trojan Horses: The Proliferation of Public Ideas” (with Tim Hallett and Ryo Uemera). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August, 2006.

“Discipline and Rankings: Accountability and the Transformation of Authority” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, August, 2005.

“Gaming Rankings” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, June, 2005.

“The Effect of Rankings on Work in Legal Education.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, April 1-3, 2005.

“How Third Parties Shape Status Systems: The Case of Law School Rankings.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August, 13-16, 2004.

“Quantitative Authority and the Reflexivity of Rankings” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, June, 3-7, 2004.

“The Benefits of Ambiguity in Status Systems.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, April, 15-18, 2004.

“Reputational Markets: The Legitimacy of Business School Rankings.” Paper presented at Institutions, Conflict, and Change, Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, IL, September 2-4, 2004.

“Legitimacy Crises and Educational Rankings.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA, August, 16-19, 2003.

“The Effects of U.S. News Rankings on Law School Applications and Yields” (with Ryon Lancaster). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 5-8, 2003.

“The Allure of Numbers: Law School Rankings and the Rationalization of Reputation” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 5-8, 2003.

“Third Parties and Organizational Status.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April, 16-19, 2003.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants Awarded

- 2003-2005 Co-Principal Investigator (with Wendy Espeland) “Fear of Falling: The Effects of Rankings on Legal Education,” Law School Admissions Council Research Grant, \$152,566
- 2006 “Ambiguity in Status Processes.” Old Gold Summer Fellowship. (\$6,000)

Awards

- 2009 Shelton Prize for outstanding published empirical research in legal education (with Wendy Espeland). Sponsored by the Law School Admissions Council (\$5,000).
- 2004 ASA Sociology of Law Section Award for best graduate student paper (with Ryon Lancaster) for “Do Rankings Matter? The Effect of *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings on the Admissions Process of Law Schools”
- 2004 Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for best law-related paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems written by an untenured faculty member or graduate student for “Legitimacy Crises and Educational Rankings”
- 2003-2004 University Scholar, Northwestern University Graduate School
- 2002-03 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2001-02 Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2001 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Published or Presented Paper in Sociology by a graduate student, Northwestern University for “Status Judges: The Effects of Formalization on Status Systems”
- 2001 Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship

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| 2001 | Second Place Prize, Midwest Sociological Society's Graduate Student Paper Competition for "Contexts and Symbols: An Interactionist Approach to the Study of Social Status" |
| 2000-01 | Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University |
| 2000 | Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship |
| 1999 | Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship |
| 1998-99 | University Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University |

TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Students Supervised

| <u>Degree objective:</u> | <u>Student name</u> | <u>Years</u> | <u>Outcome</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. Ph.D. candidates | Channa Baron | 4 | Pending |
| | Elizabeth Lyman | 3 | Completed 2008 |
| | Nikki Civettini | 3 | Pending |
| | Laura Zieglowsky (Educ.) | 2 | Completed 2008 |
| | Layana Navarre-Jackson | 3 | Pending |
| | Vernon Woodley | 3 | Pending |
| b. Master's candidates | Ana Campos (co-chair) | 3 | MA |
| | Brian Johnson | 2 | MA |
| | Dennis Heinrich | 2 | MA |
| | Jorge Chavez | 2 | MA |
| | Douglas Grane (Geography) | 2 | Pending |
| | Chad McPherson (chair) | 2 | Pending |
| | Stef Shuster (chair) | 2 | Pending |

Courses Taught

University of Iowa

Sociological Theory
 Qualitative Methods (Graduate Seminar)
 Social Stratification (Graduate Seminar)

Northwestern University

Introduction to Sociology
 Classical Sociological Theory (Graduate Seminar)

Pennsylvania State University

Social Psychology

SERVICE

Department

- 2008-2009 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2007-2008 Chair, Theory Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Communications Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2006-2007 Chair, Theory Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2005-2006 Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Dismissal/Appeals Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2001-2002 Graduate Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 1999-2001 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

University

- 2009 Invited Speaker for students at University of Iowa Law School. "What Rankings Mean," March 19.
- 2008 Invited Participant for Department of Communication Symposium, "Erving Goffman and the Question of Communication." University of Iowa, September 12.

Profession

- 2008-2011 Member, Editorial Board for *Sociological Quarterly*
- 2009-2010 Chair, Publications Committee for Midwest Sociological Society
- 2008-2009 Member, Publications Committee for Midwest Sociological Society
- 2008-2009 Chair, Membership Committee for the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2009 Session Organizer, "Qualitative Study of Organizations," panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April.
- 2008 Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *European Management Review*, *Organization Science*, *Public Administration*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Psychological Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Quarterly*,

Sociology of Education

- 2007-2008 Member, Membership Committee for the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2007 Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *European Management Review*
- 2006 Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Focus*
- 2005 Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Sociological Focus*, and *Sociological Quarterly*
- 2005 Member, Alfred Lindesmith Award Committee for the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2004 Presider, Organizations Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Session Organizer and Discussant, “Ambiguity in the Social World: Forms, Functions, and Dilemmas” panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, April 15-18.
- 2003-2004 Member, Nominations Committee for the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2003 Chair, “Environment Regulation” panel, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June 5-8.
- 2001 Session Organizer and Discussant for “Status and Culture” panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, April 5-8.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Midwest Sociological Society