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## Education

Ph.D. 2004. University at Buffalo. Sociology

Dissertation: Communitarianism on the Internet: An Ethnographic Analysis of the Usenet Newsgroup tpy2k, 1996-2004. Chairs: Edwin H. Powell, Lionel S. Lewis

M.A. 1995. University at Buffalo. Sociology

Thesis: Can Capitalism Be Caring? A Case Study of Ben & Jerry's Inc. Chair: Edwin H. Powell

B.A. 1990. Potsdam College, SUNY. Major: Sociology; Minor: Philosophy

## Current Research Interests

Current research interests include empirical and theoretical topics at the intersection of cultural evolution, complexity theory, network theory, memetics, and the sociology of knowledge, particularly where new technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics are involved.

## Teaching Experience and Program Development

*Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Morrisville State College,  
2017-Present*

Teaching duties include Introduction to Sociology (SOC101), Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH101), Social Problems (SOC201), Urban Sociology (SOC390), Drugs, Society and Behavior (SOC270), Social Movements (SOC360), The Values of Science and Technology (STS 101), Investigating Cyberculture (STS316), Advanced Topics in STS (STS 401), STS Senior Seminar (STS 411).

*Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Morrisville State College,  
2009-2017 (Department Chair 2013-2016)*

Teaching duties as above.

*Co-developer, Science, Technology, and Society Bachelor of Science degree program, 2007*

Duties include overseeing recruitment and marketing efforts, reviewing course offerings in relation to student need, scheduling STS classes, working across disciplinary boundaries with other departments and technical concentrations, executing assessment procedures and five-year program reviews, and coordinating the annual STS Symposium. Program co-coordinator 2007-2012, Coordinator 2012-2014.

*Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Morrisville State College, 2002-2008*

Teaching duties as above.

*Instructor, Cazenovia College*

Teaching duties included Introduction to Anthropology (SB110), Summer 2011, 2013.

*Instructor, University at Buffalo and Millard Fillmore College, 1996-1999*

Teaching duties included Sociology of City Life, Social Problems, Individual and Society (SOC371), Social Problems (SOC206), Urban Sociology, (SOC348), Sociology of City Life (SOC315), History of Sociological Theory (SOC349).

*Lecturer, State University of New York at Geneseo*

Teaching duties included Contemporary Social Theory (SOC301), Fall 1996.

## **Cited Publications**

2013. "Chicken Killers or Bandwidth Patriots? A Case Study of Ethics in Virtual Reality." In *Moral, Ethical, and Social Dilemmas in the Age of Technology: Theories and Practice*, Rocci Luppincini ed. IGI Global Express, February 2013.

2011. "Chicken Killers or Bandwidth Patriots? A Case Study of Ethics in Virtual Reality." *International Journal of Technoethics*, 2(3), 1-22. doi:10.4018/jte.2011070101

2010. "Why Virtual Worlds Matter." Book review of Thomas Malaby's "Making Virtual Worlds: Linden Labs and Second Life," *Symbolic Interaction*, Vol. 33, No. 4, Fall 2010, pp. 635-640.

2008. "The Country and the Grassroots: Rural action for local control of energy policy and development." *Theory In Action*, Vol. 1, No. 4, October 2008. Transformative Studies Institute: NY.

2004. "Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Inc.," in *The Encyclopedia of Leadership*, James MacGregor Burns, George R. Goethals and Georgia J. Sorenson, eds., Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

2002. "Identity and the Internet: A symbolic interactionist perspective on computer mediated social networks," in *Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Association of Internet Researchers Conference*, Maastricht, The Netherlands, October 2002.

1998. "The Discredit of Credit: A Study of Consumerism and Class." *The Electronic Graduate Student Journal*, Redfeather Press, spring issue.

1998. "Telecommuting: On the Re-Integration of Work and Family." *The Electronic Graduate Student Journal*, Redfeather Press, summer issue.

## Conferencing

2015. Participant and undergraduate student mentor, the Society for Social Study of Science (4S) conference, Denver, Colorado, November 2015.

2013. "A Comparison of Social Movements around Fracking and Power Transmission." Presentation at the Society for Social Study of Science (4S) conference, San Diego, California, October 2013.

2013. "A Comparison of Social Movements around Fracking and Power Transmission." Presentation at the New York State Sociological Association (NYSSA) conference, Medaille College, Buffalo, New York, October 2013.

2013. "Y2K: Ten Years After." Paper presented at "Imagining the Worst," Science, Technology and Society Colloquium at Cornell University, April 19-21, 2013.

2012. "Chicken Killers or Bandwidth Patriots?: Ethics in Virtual Reality." Poster presented at the New York State Sociological Association (NYSSA) conference, SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, New York, October 2012.

2011. "Chicken Killers or Bandwidth Patriots?: Accountability and Ethics in Virtual Reality". Paper presented at the Society for Social Study of Science (4S) conference, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2011.

2010. Meeting participant. "Science and Technology Studies: The Next Twenty. Conversations Within and Beyond the Field." Harvard University, April 7-9, 2011.

2009. "The New "AOL": Activism On-Line and the role of the Internet in community organizing." Paper presented at the Society for Social Study of Science (4S) conference, Washington, D.C., October 2009.

2007. "The Country and the Grassroots: Rural utility development and local control." Paper presented at the Society for Social Study of Science (4S) conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 2007.

2006. "Eschatechnology: Computer Science, Religion and Y2K." Paper presented at the Society for the Social Study of Science (4S), Vancouver, Canada, November 2006.

2005. "Computer Networks as Community Networks: USENET as a Technological Artifact." Paper presented at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute conference "STS (Science, Technology and Society) (R)Evolution," April 2005.

2002. "Identity and the Internet: A symbolic interactionist perspective on computer mediated social networks," presented to the 3rd Annual Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Conference, Maastricht, The Netherlands, October 2002.

2000. "Cyberethnography and Y2K on the Internet." Paper presented at the University at Buffalo sociology conference "Navigating Social Spaces," March 2000.

1998. "Identity and the Internet: A symbolic interactionist perspective on computer mediated social networks." Paper presented at the University at Buffalo sociology conference "Conflict and Community," March 1998.

## **Technical-Academic Experience**

- Created and maintain website for Science, Technology and Society bachelor degree, Morrisville State College, 2007-2012.
- Faculty Web Design Consultant and Computer Service Tech, Morrisville State College, 2002-2012.
- Chief Web Designer for Morrisville State College, 2001-2002, 2003-2004.
- Produced companion web site accompanying the book *Selling the Lower East Side*, 2000, by Christopher Mele, University at Minnesota Press.
- Created the University at Buffalo Environment and Society Institute web site, 2000.
- Managed the Johns Hopkins University Department of Immunology website, 1999-2000.
- Created the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Department of Immunology website, 1998.
- Created the University at Buffalo Sociology Graduate Student Association web site.
- General knowledge of computer hardware construction and UNIX and Windows software operating systems.

## **Grants, Awards and Honors**

- Grant recipient, Sheila Johnson Institute, \$1500 for the 7th Science, Technology and Society Symposium, "Monsters of Science and Technology," Spring 2014.
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Spring 2013.
- Grant recipient, Sheila Johnson Institute, \$5000 for the 5th annual Science, Technology and Society Symposium, "Technomusia: Science, Technology and Music," Spring 2011.
- Nominated for Distinguished Faculty Award, Morrisville State College, 2010 and 2011.
- Faculty/Student "Building Bridges" Award, Morrisville State College, 2007.
- WCVM Radio Staff Recognition Award, 2002.
- Carl C. Couch Internet Research Award, presented at the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) conference, Maastricht, Netherlands, October 2002.
- Jacob Javits Fellowship, University at Buffalo, 1993-1997.

## Professional Activities and Service

- Computer Support Technician, Morrisville State College School of Liberal Arts, 2002-2016
- Advisory Board, Interdisciplinary Studies program, SUNY Polytechnic-Utica, 2012-2017
- Member, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, inducted Spring 2012
- Member, Citizens for Safe Energy of Madison County, Hamilton, New York, 2010 – 2014
- International Editorial Review Board, International Journal of Technoethics, 2009 – present
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Science Technology & Society Program, 2010
- Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) member 2006-2015
- Association of Internet Researchers member, 1999 - 2005
- American Sociological Association member since 1995-2001, 2007-present

### *Morrisville State College Committees, Organizations and Service (representative list):*

2013-2016, Chair, Department of Social Sciences  
2013-2016, Student Affairs Committee, Recorder  
2012-2013, Chair, Educational Technology Committee  
2010-2012, Faculty Advisor, Music Club  
2010-2011, Chair, Middle States Assessment Committee Working Group - Standard 11  
2010, Cost Savings/Revenue Building Task Force – Scheduling Efficiencies  
2008, Program Review Curriculum Committee, School of Liberal Arts  
2008, President's Sustainability Committee  
2008-2009, Learning Communities Initiative Committee  
2007, Faculty Congress Bachelor of Science Curriculum Committee  
2007, Writing Across Curriculum Committee  
2006, E-textbook Task Force 2005, Computerized Gradebook Ad-Hoc committee  
2006-2010 MSC International Film Festival presenter  
2003-2013, Various faculty search committees  
2003-2009 Member, Faculty Congress (now College Senate)  
2003-2007, In-Lieu of Credit Faculty Committee

### *University at Buffalo Service:*

- Organizer of the University at Buffalo Sociology Graduate Student Association (UB- SGSA) conference "Conflict and Community," Spring 1997. Keynote Speaker: Terry Williams, New School for Social Research, author of "Crackhouse: Notes From the End of the Line."
- Organizer of the third annual UB-SGSA conference "Navigating Social Spaces," Spring 1999. Keynote Speaker: Elijah Anderson, University of Pennsylvania, author of "Code of the Street: Decency, Violence and the Moral Life of the Inner City."
- Sociology Graduate Student Organization representative 1993-1996.
- Graduate Student Employees Union Representative for Department of Sociology.