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EDUCATION

- 2018 PhD Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
Comprehensive Examinations: Political Sociology and Social Movements
- Dissertation Title: “The Politics of Circumvention: The Off-Grid Eco-Housing Movement of Earthships”
- Co-Chairs Dr. Paul-Brian McInerney and Dr. William T. Bielby
- 2012 MA Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
Concentration-Work, Organization, Economy
- Thesis Title: “Nativist Sentiment Pools: Conditions and Outcomes of an Amorphous Social Movement”
- 2007 BA Sociology, Purdue University of Calumet

RESEARCH AREAS

Environmental Sociology.
Social Movements and Political Sociology
Science, Technology and Society

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018-current Visiting Assistant Professor, Salisbury University
- 2018 Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University
- 2017 Instructor, Elmhurst College.
- 2012-2018 Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2015 Graduate Research Assistant. National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at University of Chicago.
- 2010 Researcher, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2007 Supplemental Instructor- Sociology 100. Purdue University Calumet.

COURSES TAUGHT AND ASSISTED

Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Political Sociology, Sociology of Work, Sociology of Asian Americans and Asian Society, Sociology Senior Research practicum, Black Social Movements, Social Theory.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 Conference Paper Award for the Theory, Culture, and Language Section
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee ASU Anthropology Colloquium.

- 2016 Cologne Summer School of Interdisciplinary Anthropology "The Phenomenality of Material Things: Praxis – Genesis – Cognition". Travel and Lodging grant- 950 €.
- 2010 David P. Street Memorial Award for Engaged Sociology 2009-2010. University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Sociology.
- 2007 Undergraduate Research Grant. Purdue University Calumet- \$2,800.

PUBLICATIONS

Sporer, Ryan and Kevin Suemnicht. (Forthcoming Early 2019). "The Prefigurative Politics of Going Off-Grid: Anarchist Political Ecology and Socio-Material Infrastructures". In Springer, Simon (Ed.), *Violence in the Age of Anthropocentrism*. PM Press.

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

2018

"Towards a Sociological Noumenon, or an Object-Friendly Sociology." Why Do Animal Studies?: The Turn to the Quasi-, Post-, Anti-, Non-, Para-. University of Chicago and Northwestern University. April 26-27, 2018.

2017

"An Archeology of Circumvention as Politics." Americans Humanists Sociologists Annual Meeting 2017. Havana, Cuba Dec 1-5, 2017.

"The Global Off-Grid Movement: Finding the Ability to Connect and Disconnect in an Increasingly Globalized World." Midwest Sociological Society. Interpretations and Cultures of Sustainability April 2, 2017.

"Seeing the Grid and Producing Knowledge to Go Off-Grid: The Non-Specialist's Movement to Build Assemblages for Autonomy." University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. Interdisciplinary Encounters: Exploring Knowledge-Making Across Boundaries. March 10-11, 2017.

2016

"Politics of Circumvention: The Off-Grid Housing Movement." University of Cologne, Germany. Interdisciplinary Anthropology: The Phenomenality of Material Things: Genesis. September 21, 2016.

"Building and Living Off-Grid: The Creation of Human and Non-Human Assemblages as a Politics of Circumvention." University of Chicago Social Theory Workshop. April 7, 2016.

"The Material Flows and Social Conventions of Off-Grid Building and Dwelling." Second City Anthropology Conference: March 5, 2016.

2015

"Leaving Dystopian Grids: A Social Movement to Build and Dwell in Off-Grid and Sustainable Eco-Housing." 5th Annual International Studies Conference. DePaul University May 8, 2015.

"Building, Dwelling, and the Politics of Circumvention: Sustainable and Off-Grid Housing." 17th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. Loyola University Chicago. March 14, 2015.

2014-2006

“Constructing a Social Movement through Building Buildings.” 4th Annual Public Sociology Conference. George Mason University. October 18, 2014.

“Nativist Sentiment and Nativist Social Movements.” 15th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Chicago, March 2, 2013.

“Women Inside the Far-Right: The Common Thread of Progressive Form and Conservative Content.” Gender and Women’s Study Graduate Student Brown Bag. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 25, 2012.

“Nativism in New Immigrant Destinations: A New Social Movement Form?” 75th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, Minnesota. March 29, 2012.

“A Nation of Immigrants: Innumeracy and Distortion Surrounding Estimation of Hispanic/Latino Group Size.” Springfield, Jonathan and Ryan Sporer. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Researchers. Phoenix Arizona. May. 2011.

“Black and Brown: Idealist Discourses and the Materialist Challenge.” 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Round table. August 1, 2008.

“Argentina’s Recovered Factories: Economic Alternatives.” Galvin, Aracely and Ryan Sporer. Second Place. Undergraduate Student Research Competition. Purdue University Calumet. Spring 2007.

“Argentina’s Recovered Factories: Economic Alternatives.” Galvin, Aracely and Ryan Sporer Undergraduate Student Research Poster Session. Purdue University Calumet. Spring 2007.

“Independent Survey of Rohm and Hass Employees Regarding Mandatory Overtime Notification.” Lansing Facility 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018 Section Head Editor/Reviewer: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Journal UIC.
- 2018 Chancellor’s Committee on Sustainability and Energy (CCSE) UIC.
- 2017 Reviewer: Routledge-Taylor and Francis.
- 2016 Conference Organizer. “Paths to the Future: Reflecting on Agency in an Age of Uncertainty.” International Studies Programs at DePaul & University of Illinois at Chicago. DePaul University.
- 2013 Conference Organizer. “15th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference: Cultures and Subcultures.” University of Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2015 Critical Inquiry’s Special Seminar on Non-human Theories at the University of Chicago. Taught by Dr. Katherine Hayles.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016-2017 St. Leonard's Ministries, Michael Barlow Center. Literacy Tutoring.
2012-present Member, Midwest Sociological Association.
2011-2014, 2017 Member, Association of Humanist Sociologist.
2010-present Member, Graduate Employment Organization.
2010-2011 Department Union Steward, Graduate Employment Organization.
2008-present Member, American Sociological Association.
2004-2007 Member, Social Justice Club, Purdue University Calumet.