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Education:

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Oregon.

M.A. in Sociology, California State University, Sacramento.

B.A. in Sociology (Highest Honors), University of California, San Diego

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Sociology

Marriage and Family

Research Methods

Social Psychology

Sociology Capstone

Research Interests:

My main research goals are to distinguish competing versions of “constructionism” and to develop an interpretive constructionist approach to the study of inequality. My broader interests include social psychology, family, and qualitative methods.

Selected Publications:

(Books and Edited Collections)

2006. “Social Constructionism and Social Inequality.” Special issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, volume 35, issue 3.

2006. *The Meanings of Marital Equality*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

(Articles/Chapters)

2008. “Constructionism in Sociology.” Chapter 12 in the *Handbook of Constructionist Research*, edited by J.A. Holstein and J.F. Gubrium. New York: Guilford Publications. (in press)

2006. "Social Constructionism and Social Inequality: An Introduction to a Special Issue of *JCE*." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 35:223-235.

2006. "The Everyday Meaning of Marital Equality." Pp. 44-61 in *Couples, Kids, and Family Life*, edited by J.F. Gubrium and J.A. Holstein. New York: Oxford University Press.

2004. "Challenging the Conventional Wisdom: Recent Proposals for the Interpretive Study of Inequality." *Human Studies* 27:113-136.

2003. "Critiquing and Expanding the Sociology of Inequality: Comparing Functionalist, Conflict, and Interactionist Perspectives." *Quarterly Journal of Ideology* 25:1-21.

2003. "Studying Equality/Inequality: Naturalist and Constructionist Approaches to Equality in Marriage." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 32:200-232.

- This manuscript received the David R. Maines Narrative Research Award from the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research.

2001. "What Can Interactionism Contribute to the Study of Inequality? The Case of Marriage and Beyond." *Symbolic Interaction* 24:455-480.

- This manuscript received an Honorable Mention for the Herbert Blumer Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

2000. "Meanings and Measurements of Equality in Marriage: A Study of the Social Construction of Equality." Pp. 111-145 in *Perspectives on Social Problems*, vol. 12, edited by J.A. Holstein and G. Miller. Stamford, CT: JAI Press.

2000. "The Social Construction of Equality in Everyday Life." *Human Studies* 23:371-393.

- This article received an Honorable Mention for the Shils-Coleman Award from the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association.

1997. "Status Inequality and Close Relationships: An Integrative Typology of Bond-Saving Strategies." *Symbolic Interaction* 20:1-20.

- Reprinted in 2005 in *The Production of Reality (4th Edition)*, edited by J. O'Brien. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Selected Awards and Grants:

2005 Robert A. Johnston Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University

2005 Faculty Excellence Award, Student Government Association, Saint Louis University

2003-2004 SLU2000 Research Leave, Saint Louis University
2000 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, the Woodrow
Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Professional Associations:

American Sociological Association
National Council on Family Relations
Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction