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CURRICULUM VITAE (August 2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, Columbia University (Ph.D. expected May 2010).
M.Phil. Sociology, Columbia University, 2006.
M.A. Sociology, Columbia University, 2005.
Licenciado en Sociología, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2002.

DISSERTATION: “Capitalist Dreams: The World of Financial Self-Help”

My dissertation examines the social uses of best-selling financial success books that teach readers how to become rich. By drawing on ethnographic fieldwork, in-depth interviews and content analysis, my dissertation analyzes groups of financial self-help practitioners in the U.S. –the country where most financial self-help is produced- and Argentina –a substantially different economy that is importing much of that production. The goal of my project is to explain the role of localized and pragmatic expertise (books, workshops, informal networks and board games) in the construction of capitalist subjects. By studying the encounter between popular culture, financial expertise and the economy, my dissertation will make a contribution to the fields of economic and cultural sociology, Latin American studies, and the literature on social mobility.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Economic and Cultural Sociology; Expertise; Qualitative Methods, Popular Culture; Latin America.

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

“From Rats to Riches: Game Playing and the Production of the Capitalist Self”, forthcoming in *Qualitative Sociology*, 2010.
“A New Mentality for a New Economy: Performing the Homo Economicus in Argentina (1976-1983)”, forthcoming in *Economy and Society*, 2010.
“Wild Bulls, Discarded Foreigners, and Brash Champions: U.S. Empire and the Cultural Constructions of Argentine Boxers”, *Left History*, Vol. 12, Nº1, Spring/Summer 2007. (with David Sheinin)

Spanish Translation: "Toros Salvajes, Extranjeros Descartados y Campeones Insolentes: Estados Unidos y la Construcción Cultural de los Boxeadores Argentinos", Apuntes de Investigación, Nº13, 2008.

"The Last Champions: Boxing, Violence, and American Cultural Influences in 1970s Argentina", Latin American Essays, XIX, 2006. (with David Sheinin)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS, TRANSLATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS

"La creación de los consumidores en la última dictadura argentina," Apuntes de Investigación, Nº14, 2009.

"Charles Tilly, sociólogo, historiador (1929-2008)," Página/12, May 14, 2008. Reprinted in e-latina, Vol. 6, Nº23, 2008 and Revista Colombiana de Sociología, Nº30, 2008. (with Javier Auyero)

Voces del Encierro. Mujeres y Jóvenes Encarceladas en Argentina (Voices from Confinement. Female and Juvenile Prisoners in Argentina), Editorial Favale, Buenos Aires, 2006. (with Alcira Daroqui et.al.)

Book Review: *"City of Suspects: Crime in Mexico City 1900-1931", by Pablo Piccato, Delito y Sociedad, Nº18, 2005.*

Review Essay: *"Autobiografía de la desigualdad" (Autobiography of inequality). Dalton Conley's Being Black, Living in the Red and Honkey, Apuntes de Investigación, Nº10, 2005.*

Book review: *"The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life", by C. Murray and R. Herrnstein, Delito y Sociedad, Nº15-16, 2001.*

"Las Estadísticas Penales de EE.UU., 1925-1997" (Criminal Justice Statistics in the U.S., 1925-1997), Delito y Sociedad, Nº14, 2000.

Book review: *"Ni con Marx ni contra Marx" (Neither with Marx nor against Marx), by N. Bobbio, Delito y Sociedad, Nº14, 2000. (with Karina Mouzo).*

AWARDS

Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellows Program, ISERP, Columbia University, 2009-2010.

Summer Field Research Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University, 2007.

Cornerhouse Travel Grant, Sociology Department, Columbia University, 2006, 2009.

Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Fulbright Fellowship, Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States and Argentina, 2003-2005.

Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, 2003-2008.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “From Rats to Riches: Game Playing and the Production of the Capitalist Self”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 10, 2009.
- “The more you play, the richer you become: Game-playing and the production of the popular investor”, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 21, 2009.
- “Capitalist Dreams: Uses of Financial Self-Help Literature in Argentina”, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University, April 8, 2008.
- “Machos, Clowns and Stars: Masculinity and Boxing in Argentina (1966-1976)”, Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Annual Conference, Reading, PA, March 31, 2007. (with David Sheinin)
- “Wild Bulls and Brash Champions: Power, Identity, and the Construction of Argentine Boxers in the United States”, Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 17, 2006. (with David Sheinin)
- “Double Confinement: Institutional Obstruction of Social Ties with the Outside World in Argentine Prisons”, International Critical Criminology Conference Common Studies Session, CUNY, May 4, 2005.
- “The Last Champions: Boxing, Violence and Political Culture in 1970s Argentina”, Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, April 8, 2005. (with David Sheinin)
- “Los vecinos: Estado policial y nuevas identidades sociales” (The neighbors: police state and new social identities), IV Jornadas de Sociología, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 2000.

TEACHING

- Instructor, Columbia University, *Contemporary Civilization*, appointed for 2009-2010.
- Instructor, Columbia University, *The Sociological Imagination*, Summer 2009.
- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Prof. Ray Smith, *Race and Ethnicity in American Politics*, 2008.
- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Prof. Gil Eyal, *The Sociological Imagination*, 2007.
- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Prof. Diane Vaughan, *Social Control and Deviance*, 2006.
- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Prof. Priscilla Ferguson, *Sociology of Everyday life*, 2005.
- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Prof. Seymour Spilerman, *Stratification and Inequality*, 2004.
- Instructor, Universidad de Buenos Aires, *Introduction to Sociology*, (2002-2003).
- Teaching Assistant, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Prof. Juan Pegoraro, *Sociology of the Criminal Justice System*, 2001-2003.

OTHER RESEARCH

- Research Assistant, Prof. Diane Vaughan, Electronic coding of qualitative interviews, Project on Air Traffic Control, 2005.
- Research Assistant, Gino Germani Institute (UBA), Program of Studies in Social Control, 2000-2003.

Research Assistant, Latin American Demography Center (CELADE), "Population estimates in small districts through the symptomatic variables method", 2000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full-Time Data analyst at the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), Argentina, 1999-2002.

Intern at the United Nations, Statistics Division, New York, 2000.

EDITORIAL

Apuntes de Investigación (Argentina). Editorial Board, 2004-...

Delito y Sociedad. Revista de Ciencias Sociales (Argentina). Student Editor, 2000-...

Contexts (American Sociological Association). Student Editor, 2004-2005.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-Organizer, one-day Graduate Conference "Power in Thought and Practice: 50 Years of C. Wright Mills' *The Power Elite*", Columbia University, April 14, 2006.

Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Advisory Council (one year), Columbia University, 2005.