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ACADEMIC POSITION:

The University of Chicago,

Associate Professor of Sociology and of the Social Sciences in the College, affiliation with the Department of Germanic Studies and Center for International Studies (since 2005)

Assistant Professor (1998-2004)

PUBLICATIONS:

Book:

Divided in Unity: Identity, Germany and the Berlin Police. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Spring 2000 (paperback edition, Fall 2002)

Articles:

"An Ontology for the Ethnographic Analysis of Social Processes: Extending the Extended Case Method" in, *Social Analysis*, accepted for publication (in the editorial process)

"Collective Intentionality, Belonging and the Production of State Paranoia: Stasi in the Late GDR" in press in Shryock, Andrew, ed., 2004, *Off Stage/On Display: Intimacies and Ethnographies in the Age of Public Culture.* Stanford: Stanford University Press

"Power/Knowledge Failure: Epistemic Practices and Ideologies in the Secret Police of Former East Germany" in, *Social Analysis*, vol. 47 (1), 2003

"Why Germany Remains Divided" in Sander Gilman and Todd Herzog (eds.) *The New Germany in a New Europe.* London: Routledge, 2000

"Placed Selves: The Role of Space in Identity Formation Processes of Eastern and Western Berlin Police Officers after German Unification," in *Social Identities*, vol. IV, 1.1998

Speeches:

"How About Becoming a Poet?" The Aims of Education Address 2005, The University of Chicago. To be published in the series "Occasional Papers on Higher Education," The College of the University of Chicago

BOOK REVIEWS AND INCIDENTAL PIECES:

"Theory by Way of Ethnography" in, *Perspectives*, January 2004

"Where the World Ended: Reunification and Identity in the German Boderland" bookreview in *AJS*. 105.5, 2000

"Reconstructing a Woman's Prison: The Holloway Redevelopment Project 1968-88" bookreview in *AJS*. 104.6, 1999

CURRENT PROJECTS:

Book Projects:

"Unimaginable Communities: Making Sense of Muslim Immigrants in France, Britain and Germany."

How have the ways in which a wider public in Europe has made sense of Muslim immigrants changed in the last 10 to 20 years? How have particular understandings come to assume center stage rather than others? Currently the "multiculturalism argument" voiced on the liberal left during the 1990 to welcome immigrants has considerably lost in centrality—how come? How do non-discursive events play into the valuation of particular understandings? How is authority constituted? This project expands my "political epistemologies" and "sociology of understanding" frames into a new domain and into a different research methodology.

"Political Epistemologies: Secret Police, Opposition and the End of GDR Socialism" (six chapters (360 pages) completed)

How do people, politicians, bureaucrats and citizens come to gain, maintain and lose certainty in particular understandings of the polity in which they live? How do their interactions with other people, their everyday experiences, their reflections instigate, reproduce and change what they believe, what they think they know or take for real? In which way can belief, knowledge or a sense of reality be comprehended as socially constructed and where are the limits of such social constructions? I search for answers to these questions through an intense engagement with one particular social arena: the efforts of the secret police of former East Germany to control the peace and civil rights movements in East Berlin during the 1980s. This arena poses a number of interrelated empirical puzzles and a number of comparable processes of belief certification which guide the theoretization. The theoretical answer hinges on different forms of validation which connect networks of authority relations to more certain understandings and hence individual subjectivities who through their validation in turn construct authority and belonging.

" *Process Dynamics: A Critique of "Mechanisms"* This article existing in draft form outlines an alternative to the fast proliferating thinking in terms of "mechanisms" in the social sciences.

"*Emotive Governmentality: Emotions in the Making of Political Subjects*" (one draft article completed for a projected collective volume to be edited by me).

Cultural Processes (70 page article outlining a short book completed): This theoretical project aims at a reconceptualization of culture which allows not only for an integration of symbol-centric and practice-oriented approaches of culture, while arguing for the central place of emotions in establishing the relevance of cultural forms to a particular subject. I argue that meaning construction proceeds simultaneously in conscious and unconscious thought, in the movement of bodies through space-time, and in feelings. The chief aim of this reconceptualization is an improved understanding of cultural dynamics deriving from emotive divestment and institutional change. Institutions are understood in this framework as metaprocesses laminating the ongoing reconstruction of meaning construction process in the domains of thought, practice and feeling.

EDUCATION:

Harvard University:

PhD in sociology (November 1997). Areas of specialization: Theory, culture, identity, ethnographic field methods

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University:

MPA (June 1992). Area of specialization: International political economy

Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen, Germany:

MA. in economics (1990). Areas of specialization: Econometrics and statistics, development economics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

"Converging Understandings: Analysis of the Dynamics of Press Reporting on a Berlin Murder Case" Council for European Studies, Chicago March 2006

"A Plea for Process Dynamics: Theorizing Political Understandings in Late Socialist East Germany," annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Portland (Oregon), November 2005

"Unimaginable Communities: Mass-Mediated Political Epistemologies of the Foreign in Contemporary Germany," paper presented at the NSF workshop on Politics and Cultures of Globalization in Eastern Europe, Budapest, May 2005-06-08

"How Understandings Gain and Loose Certainty: Members of the East German Civil Rights Opposition for example," paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, August 2004

- "Memory and the Ontology of Social Processes" paper presented at the "Collective Memory and Social Interaction" conference, Northwestern University, June 2004
- "When Pride becomes Shame: Ironies of Intentional Emotional Cultures in the Late GDR," Council of European Studies, biennial meeting, Chicago, March 2004
- "Other Minds and the Secret Police: Ironies of Bureaucratic Reality Construction in the Late GDR," American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago, November 2003
- "Emotional Poetics, Culture and Social Change: East German Secret Police Officers and the End of Socialism," American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, August 2003
- "Second Thoughts on Power and Knowledge," American Anthropological Association annual meeting, New Orleans, November 2002
- "Revolutionary Intentionality, Synecdochical Mischief and the Production of State Paranoia", American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, August 2002
- "Making Enemies: How Stasi has (Mis-)Understood the GDR Civil Rights Movement," Council of European Studies biennial meeting, Chicago, March 2002
- "Synecdochical Mischief, Cultural Intimacy and the Production of State Paranoia: Stasi and the GDR Peace Movement", Washington, November 2001
- "The Temporal Dynamics of Memory: Berlin's Palace of the Republic" New Hampshire Symposium on GDR research, Conway, June 2000
- "Berlin's Politics of Remembering: Past and Present Memory Practices Centering on the Palace of the Republic," American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago, November 1999
- "The Poetics of Personality: Towards a Sociology of Personal Difference", American Sociological Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 1998
- "Space and Identity in Postunification Berlin" Berlin Conference, Center of European Studies, Harvard University, February 1998
- "The Temporal Hermeneutics of Self and Other in the Postunification Berlin Police," New Hampshire Symposium for GDR research, June 1998
- "Developmental Othering: Identity Formation Through Distemporalization, American Sociological Association annual meeting Toronto, August 1997
- "Spatializing Identity: The Role of Space and Place in Identifying Self and Other in the Post-Unification Berlin Police," paper presented at the annual meeting of the ASA in New York, August 1996
- "Treading the Public-Private Divide in an East Berlin Police Precinct," Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, March 1996

"Reversal of Fortunes: The Dialectic between Interpretations and Actions in the Salem Witchcraft Episode," American Sociological Association annual meeting, Washington, August 1995

INVITED EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS:

"Theory by Way of Ethnography—A Way out Social Theory's Crisis?" paper presented in the colloquium of the sociology department, University of Pennsylvania, April 2006

"Identity Formation Processes in Post-Unification Germany" paper presented at the Center for European Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2006

"The Dynamics of Understanding State and Socialism among GDR Peace Activists" paper presented in the colloquium series of the department of sociology, University of Southern California, October 2005

"The Sociology of Understanding and its Application to the Dynamics of Political Knowledge in Late Socialist East Germany" paper presented in the colloquium series of the sociology department, Yale University, October 2005

"Political Epistemologies: Developing Understandings of State and Polity among East German Opposition Members," papers presented at the Social Movements Workshop, University of Michigan, March 2005

"Studying Social Processes Ethnographically," paper presented at the Narratives Workshop, University of Michigan, March 2005

"Political Epistemologies: Developing Understandings of State and Polity among East German Opposition Members," papers presented at the Center for East European and Russian Studies, University of Michigan, November 2004

"Emotive Governmentality: Making Political Subjects in former East Germany," paper presented in the department of sociology and the Center for German and European Studies University of Wisconsin Madison, April 2004

"The Sociality of Understandings and its Limits," Department of Germanic Studies, Cornell University, February 2004

"Making Realities among the Secret Police in former East Germany," paper presented at the anthropology department, The University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, April 2003

"Why we Believe What we Believe: Former East German Secret Police Officers for Example," paper presented at the sociology department, Northwestern University, February 2003

"Divided in Unity," discussion of three chapters of my book in the ethnography workshop, department of Sociology, Northwestern University, November 2002

"Cultural Processes, " paper presented at the John F. Kennedy Institut of the Free University of Berlin, June 2001

"Insitutions, Practical Ontologies and the Experience of Order," paper presented at the sociology department, Columbia University, October 2000

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION/PANELS:

"Constru(ct)ing the Current: Theorizing Media in the New Millenium," University of Chicago, Chicago, May 2004, co-organizer

"Government by Emotion (Emotive Governmentality): Past and Current European Cases" Council for European Studies, panel-organizer

"Semiotic Technologies, the State, and the Ironies of Control," American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, November 2003, co-organizer

"Epistemological Practices and Ideologies in Government Bureaucracies," American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 2002, panel organizer

"The Ethnography of Global Processes: Methodologies for Studying Local, National and Global Linkages," University of Chicago, Chicago, May 1999, co-organizer

"Socializing Knowledge: Transformation and Continuity in Post-Socialist Cultural Forms," co-organizer, University of Chicago, Chicago, March 1999

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Ethnographic-historical fieldwork:

Since January 2001 long term oral history and biographical interviews in conjunction with intensive archival work aiming at a reconstruction of the everyday life of members of Stasi, the secret police of former East Germany.

Ethnographic fieldwork:

Eleven months of ethnographic fieldwork in two east German police precincts (1994-95); follow-up summer 1996.

Economic research, Eberhard-Karls University Tübingen:

Research in Thailand on the impact of distortions in the international rice markets on Thailand's development, involving interviewing and data collection (winter 1989/90)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Graduate:

A two part course sequence introducing students to theories of culture with a focus on the implication of theoretical framing and ontological assumptions on empirical, especially ethnographic and historical research. The courses deal respectively with cultural theory before and after the linguistic turn. This sequence is supplemented by more specialized courses:

a. Social Epistemologies

b. Culture and Emotions

c. Culture and Identity

d. Karl Mannheim and the Sociology of Knowledge in Weimar Germany

Furthermore: A required introductory theory course on social ontologies;

Dissertation committee memberships in sociology, history and anthropology (12)

Numerous doctoral qualifying exams in sociology, history and anthropology

Undergraduate:

Introductory social theory classes (core course) for first and second year students

Undergraduate seminar: Full year course accompanying and supervising undergraduate students writing their BA-thesis

Classical Theories of Culture

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Department of Sociology:

Chair, undergraduate program 1999-2003

Administrative committee 2001-2003

Junior and senior search Committees, 2000-2003

Admissions committee 2004-2005

Division of Social Sciences:

Social Science Collegiate Division, Governing Council, since 2003

Selection Committee, Fulbright and DAAD predoctoral fellowships, 2002, 2003

Selection Committee, Mellon and Harper Predoctoral Fellowships, Spring 2002

Committee on Divisional Research Grants, 2003

Master Nominating Committee

University:

University Board of Publications, since 2004

Council on Advanced Studies, Board, since 2003

International House Committee reviewing the future of the University of Chicago's

International House, Spring 2000

EDITING EXPERIENCE:

Sociological Theory, Editorial Board since 2004

American Journal of Sociology, associate editor, book review since 2004

University of Chicago Press, University Board of Publications, since 2004

University of Chicago Press, book series "Chicago Series in the Practices of Meaning," co-editor with William Sewell jr, Jean Comaroff and Lisa Wedeen

American Journal of Sociology, associate editor, 1999-2000

Book reviews for the University of Chicago Press and Princeton University Press

Paper reviews for the American Journal of Sociology, Sociological Methodology, American Ethnologist, Ethnos, American Anthropologist, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Cultural Anthropology, Sociological Theory

RESEARCH GRANTS:

German Marshall Fund of the United States, Advanced Research Fellowship 2003-04: \$ 40,000

Joint Social Science Division research grant 2000-01: \$ 33,000 (individual allotment)

Social Science Division junior faculty seed money 1999: \$ 3,000

HONORS:

Aims of Education Address, University of Chicago (2005)

Joseph Neubauer Teaching Award, University of Chicago (2004)

Harvard University, Program for the Study of Germany and Europe, Center for European Studies, Predissertation Scholarship (1994-95)

Harvard University, William Guild Howard Memorial Scholarship (1992-1994)

McCloy Scholarship, Volkswagen Foundation (1990-92)

Scholar of the German National Scholarship Foundation (German Federal Honors Society) (1984-89)

Scheffelbund (South German Poetry Society), elected member (1982-1987)

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

Management consultant, McKinsey&Co. Boston:

Consulting projects on organizational change management, post-merger integration, and market dynamics (1997-1998)

Management consultant, McKinsey&Co, Munich:

Strategy consulting for *Deutsches Museum*, Germany's leading museum of science and technology. Topics included: development of exhibition and collection policies, organizational restructuring, privatization models (summers 1994, '95, '96)

Management consultant, Boston Consulting Group, Munich:

Strategy consulting for a large retail bank, international benchmarking (summer 1991)

MEDIA APPEARANCE:

CNN International, "3 October 2000, Discussant in news Program about 10th anniversary of German unification

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

American Sociological Association
American Anthropological Association
Council for European Studies
Social Science History Association