Doctoral Program in Sociology

Job Placement

Graduates of the program have traditionally obtained employment either in academic settings or in the rich variety of applied research opportunities available in the area. Among recent graduates, the balance has shifted somewhat in favor of academic jobs. For the 67 graduates for the 2001-2006 period for whom we have information, 80% have full-time teaching, research or staff positions in academia. Three more have postdocs. The academic positions include appointments at UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, California State, Fullerton, SUNY Westbury, Brooklyn college, College of Staten Island, BMCC etc. to Another 13% hold full-time research or applied positions. The placement record has markedly improved in the last two years, and we expect that this trend will continue.

Full List of Job Placements, Ph.Ds 2004-2010:

Ayse Akalin, a Turkish national and 2009 alum, has accepted a tenured position as a Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Istanbul Technical University. Ayse’s dissertation was on "Exchanging Affect: The Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey" with Patricia Clough, Barbara Katz Rothman, & Philip Kasinitz. Congratulations to Ayse!

Penny Lewis, a recent graduate, will be starting a new job in September--as Assistant Professor of Labor Studies at the Murphy Institute for Labor Studies, which is part of the School of Professional Studies at our very own Graduate Center. The Institute is starting new BA and MA programs in Labor Studies. Penny is an assistant professor at BMCC for last couple of years. Congratulations to Penny!

Megha Ramaswamy has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position at the University of Kansas. She will join the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, in the School of Medicine, in July 2009. Megha is writing her dissertation on “Masculinity as Risk, Masculinity as Protection: Sex, Drugs, Violence & Recidivism Among Incarcerated Urban Adolescents” with Juan Battle (chair), Barbara Katz Rothman, and Nick Freudenberg on her dissertation committee. Congratulations to Megha!

Erynn Masi de Casanova has just accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati, to begin in September 2009. Mitch Duneier, Hester Eisenstein, and Charles Green are on Erynn's dissertation committee. Congratulations to Erynn.

Laura Fantone has just accepted a Visiting Scholar position at UC Berkeley, with the Beatrice Bain Interdisciplinary Research Group. Since her graduation she has been working in Italy, at Padua and Naples Universities.
Tracy Chu has accepted a post-doctoral position at Rutgers University. Her dissertation was entitled, "The Pathology of Victimhood: Mental Health and the Social Construction of 'Trauma' among Immigrant Survivors of Political Violence." Her committee members were Barbara Katz Rothman, Juan Battle and Phillip Kasinitz.

Lauren McDonald has accepted a Tenure Track Assistant Professor Position at California State University Northridge beginning Fall 2008. Her title of Dissertation is The Rise of Conservative Think Tanks: The Debate Over Ideas, Research, and Strategy in Public Education Policy with Paul Attewell, Julia Wrigley, and David Lavin.

Jack Levinson has been appointed to a regular tenure-track assistant professor position in sociology at City College, CUNY.

Deborah Gambs has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Social Science Department at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Alia Tyner has accepted a post-doctoral position at Teachers College, Columbia University. Alia defended her dissertation, “Finding Space: Educational Reforms in Practice in an Urban Public School” in early March with Julia Wrigley, Paul Attewell and Juan Battle on her committee. Congratulations to Alia.

Kristen Lawler has accepted a tenure track position at College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale. Kristen’s dissertation is entitled “Endless Summer: The Image of the Surfer and the Politics of Popular Culture” with Stanley Aronowitz, William Kornblum and Philip Kasinitz on her committee. Congratulations to Kristen.

Rebecca Tiger has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position at Middlebury College, Vermont, starting Fall 2008. Rebecca is writing her dissertation on “Drug Courts and Coerced Treatment: The Social Construction of “Enlightened Coercion” with Barbara Katz Rothman, Bill Kornblum, and Michael Jacobson on her dissertation committee. Congratulations to Rebecca and her committee.

Colin Jerolmack has accepted a tenure track assistant professorship in Sociology and Environmental Studies at NYU. He will take up the position after 18 months at Harvard in its Health Policy Scholars Postdoctoral Program sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Colin's dissertation is called "The Global Pigeon." Congratulations, Colin!

Antonio (Jay) Pastrana has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position at John Jay College (CUNY), starting Fall 2008. His dissertation is titled "Organizing Intersectional Politics: Narratives of People of Color in Lesbian and Gay Organizing," with Juan Battle as his advisor. Congratulations to Jay and Juan!

Tamara Mose-Brown has accepted an Assistant Professor tenure track position in the Sociology department at Brooklyn College starting in Fall 2008. Tamara is writing her dissertation on "West Indian Babysitters in Brooklyn Parks: Negotiating Social Spaces in Public and Private Places" with Barbara Katz Rothman as her advisor. Congratulations to her and Barbara.
Jeffrey Graham, who is writing his dissertation on “Loose Lips Sink Ships: A Sociological Examination of Rumor Control in the United States Since World War II” with Stuart Ewen as his advisor, has been appointed Executive Director, Customer Insight at the New York Times. There he will be leading all research for The New York Times newspaper and NYTimes.com---in support of strategic initiatives, product development and advertising sales, in addition to database marketing, web analytics and statistical analysis. Congratulations to him and Prof. Ewen.

Thurston (Thad) Domina, who defended last spring, has accepted an assistant Professorship at The University of California at Irvine, in the School of Education. His advisor is Paul Attwell.

Miriam Greenberg, has recently accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Her advisor is Sharon Zukin.

Caroline Pinedo Turnovsky, has recently accepted a tenure track position as assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Judy Halasz has accepted a position at SUNY New Paltz. Congratulations to Judy and her advisor, Stanley!

Michelle Rhonda has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Marymount Manhattan College, NY

Robert Turner has accepted a Postdoctoral position in Social & Cultural Science at Marquette University, WI

Leiza Reisel has accepted a position as senior researcher at the Institute for Social Research in Oslo Norway, Norway

Wetzel Dominic has accepted a position as Visiting Asst. Professor of Social Sciences at St. Cloud's State Univ, Minnesota

Craig Willse has accepted a position as Visiting Scholar of Sociology at UC-Riverside, CA

Carlene Buchanan Turner has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Morgan State, MD

Roderick Graham has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Rhode Island College, RI

Richard Ocejo has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at John Jay, NY

Jean Phelps has accepted a position as Director of Student Services at York College, NY

Chu, Tracy Asst. Professor Health & Nutrition Science Brooklyn College NY
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Freed, Christopher  Assistant Professor Sociology University of South Alabama AL
Gambs, Deborah  Assistant Professor Sociology BMCC NY
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Lawler, Kristin  Assistant Professor Sociology The College of Mt St Vincent NY
McDonald, Lauren  Assistant Professor Sociology CalState University, Northridge CA
Mose-Brown, Tamara  Assistant Professor Sociology Brooklyn College NY
Nerio, Ron  Adjunct Asst Professor Sociology Wagner College NY
Pastrana, Antonio  Assistant Professor Sociology John Jay College (CUNY) NY
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