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DEGREES EARNED

Ph.D., Princeton University, Sociology (November 2006)

Dissertation title: *Morality in Science: How Research is Evaluated in the Age of Human Subjects Regulation*

Mentor: Robert Wuthnow

M.A., Princeton University, Sociology (May 2003)

B.S. with Honors, Cornell University (May 1998)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (2012-present)

Assistant Professor, Center for Medicine, Health and Society (College of Arts & Science)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (College of Arts & Science) (secondary)

Affiliated Faculty Member, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society (School of Medicine)

Affiliated Faculty Member, Department of History (College of Arts & Science)

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (2009-2012; unpaid leave 2012-present)

Assistant Professor, Program in Science in Society and Department of Sociology

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (2008-2010; unpaid leave fall 2009)

Stetten Fellow, Office of NIH History

Mentor: Robert Martensen

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (2006-2008)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Science in Human Culture and Department of Sociology

Mentor: Ken Alder

AWARDS AND HONORS

2013-14 Visiting Faculty, Harvard University Department of the History of Science

2010 Burnham Early Career Prize, History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences (for the best article-length manuscript: "The Science of Ethics: Deception, the Resilient Self, and the APA Code of Ethics, 1966-1973").

2008 Dissertation Prize, History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences (for the best dissertation defended in the previous two years).

RESEARCH

BOOK

2012. *Behind Closed Doors: IRBs and the Making of Ethical Research*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

(Reviewed in *Science* 335 (6065): 170, 2012; *Health Affairs* 31 (5): 1123-24, 2012; *Journal of Clinical Research and Best Practices* 8 (6), 2012; *American Journal of Sociology* 118(2): 494-496, 2012; *Christianity Today*, Books & Culture Section, October, 2012; *Times Higher Education*, April 5, 2012; *Isis* 103 (4): 810-811, 2012; *Journal of American History* 99(4): 1328, 2013; *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics* 8 (1): 91-92, 2013; *Symbolic Interactionism*, 36 (2): 229-233, 2013; *Contemporary Sociology* 42 (4): 618-619, 2013; *Journal of the History of Biology*, October 2013; Interviewed for segments in *Inside Higher Education*, February 8, 2012; *New Books in Science, Technology and Society*, September 27, 2012 < <http://newbooksinscitechsoc.com/> > “More than Meets the IRB” <<http://digitalcommons.wustl.edu/hrpopods/3/>>).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Revise and resubmit, 2012. (second author with Leah Aronowsky) “Mediating Practices: Prescriptions and the History of Pregnancy Prevention, 1930-2010.” *Social Politics*.

Under review September 2013. (first author with Nancy Campbell) “Cancer Virus, Contamination, and the Philosophy of History: Postwar Studies of SV40 on Federal Prisoners at the US National Institutes of Health,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*.

2013. “Reading Trust between the Lines: ‘Housekeeping Work’ and Inequality in Human-subjects Review,” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 22(4): 391-399.

2010. “The Science of Ethics: Deception, the Resilient Self, and the APA Code of Ethics, 1966-1973.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*. 46(4): 337-370. (Winner of the History of Science Society’s Forum for the History of the Human Sciences Burnham Early Career Prize.)

2005. (second author with Mario Luis Small) “Are Poor Neighborhoods Resource-Deprived? A Case Study of Childcare Centers in New York.” *Social Science Quarterly*. 86(5): 1013-1036.

2004. (first author with Hans-Peter Kohler) “The Popular Debate about Low Fertility: An Analysis of the German Press, 1993 – 2001.” *European Journal of Population* 20(4): 293-321.

2002. (first author with Hans-Peter Kohler) “The Debate Over Low Fertility in the Popular Press: A Cross-National Comparison, 1998-1999.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 21(6): 535-574.

RESEARCH ESSAYS

2012. “The House that Kuhn Built: Teaching Fleck’s *Genesis and Development* through *Structure*,” *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences* 42(5): 570-575.

2007. “Victims in Our Own Minds? IRBs in Myth and Practice.” *Law and Society Review*. 41(4): 777-786.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Accepted July 2013. "The Language of Ethics: Monolingualism and Inequality in Medicine," in van den Hoonaard, ed. *Ethics Rupture*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

In production August 2013. "Chapter 11: IRBs and the Problem of Local Precedents," I. Glenn Cohen and Holly Fernandez Lynch (eds), *The Future of Human-Subjects Protections*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

In production August 2013. "Declarative Bodies: Bureaucracy, Ethics, and Science in the Making," Kelly Moore and Daniel Kleinman (eds), Section on Rules and Standards, *Handbook of Science, Technology and Society*. New York: Routledge.

2011. "IRB Meetings by the Minute(s): How Documents Create Decisions." In Charles Camic, Neil Gross, and Michèle Lamont (eds), *Knowledge Making, Use and Evaluation in the Social Sciences: The Underground of Practice*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

2010. (first author with Adam Hedgecoe) "A Practical Guide to Research Ethics." In Ivy Lynn Bourgeault, Raymond DeVries, and Robert Dingwall (eds), *Handbook on Qualitative Health Research*. New York: Sage Publications.

BOOK REVIEWS

Due September 30, 2013. "Review: *Knowledge in the Time of Cholera* by Owen Whooley," *American Journal of Sociology*.

Submitted September 2013. (first author with Kaitlyn Berry, Vanderbilt student, Honors project). "Review: *The Neurological Patient in History* edited by L. Stephen Jacyna and Stephen T. Casper," *Journal of the History of Behavioral Sciences*.

2013. (first author with Rosemary Pierson, Wesleyan student, Independent Study training). "Review: *Observing Bioethics* by Renee Fox and Judith Swazey." *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 22(3).

2011. "Review: *Ethical Imperialism* by Zachary Schrag." *American Journal of Sociology* 117(3): 1019-1021.

2007. "Review: *Twentieth Century Ethics of Human Subjects Research: Historical Perspectives on Values, Practices, and Regulations*, Volker Roelcke and Giovanni Maio (eds)." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 43(2): 227-8.

OTHER RESEARCH PUBLICATION

2002. Nils Daulaire, Pat Leidl, Laurel Mackin, Colleen Murphy, and Laura Stark. *Promises to Keep: The Toll of Unintended Pregnancies on Women's Lives in the Developing World*. Washington, DC: Global Health Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

2012. "Drug Review Amendments Need Changes." *The Tennessean*. Op-ed Section. October 30.

2010. "Gaps in Medical Research Ethics." *The Los Angeles Times*. Op-ed Section. October 8.

(Published in syndication in *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader*, *The Bellingham (WA) Herald*, *The Columbus (IN) Republic*, *The Korea Herald*, and other outlets.)

2009. "Where are the Students in the Healthcare Debate?" *Inside Higher Education*. Views Section. December 17. (first author with four students in course "Sociology of Medicine").

2009. "Inviting Researchers to IRB Meetings." *Protecting Human Subjects*. Issue 18: 17-18.

Invited regular contributor. "Bill of Health," Harvard University School of Law, Petrie-Flom Center. <blogs.law.harvard.edu/billofhealth/>

Invited guest contributor. "Ampersand," PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research). <primr.blogspot.com/>

EXPERT INTERVIEWS

2013. "The Problem of Local Precedents," *Thinking outside the IRB*. Washington University Research Review Resources. May 7.

2012. "Scientific Misconduct And Its Wide-Ranging Effects: Many Are Affected When Researchers Cheat," by William Weir. *The Hartford Courant*. January 22.

2011. "Investigation: Ethics Violations in Health Experiments," *The Takeaway with John Hockenberry* (New York Public Radio). March 4.

2011. "Past Medical Experiments on Humans Revealed," by Mike Stobbe. Associated Press. February 27.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2011-12 Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship for theme proposal "Fact and Artifact" (with Courtney Fullilove).

2011 Wesleyan Center for the Study of Public Life Grant for project "Creating an archival repository for US-sponsored biomedical research after World War II."

2010 Wesleyan Center for the Study of Public Life Grant for project "The Wesleyan Digital Archive of Psychology" (with Jill Morawski). <wesdap.research.wesleyan.edu >

2010 American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant for project "How Have Research Participants Affected Biomedical Research Practices?"

2008-09 Visiting Faculty Fellowship, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (declined).

2008 Alumnae Association Grant, Northwestern University for conference "Re: Calling 'Science as a Vocation'" (~\$10,000).

2005 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$24,000).

2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Sociology Program, SES-0503874 (~\$10,000).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2014. "Rethinking Exploitation in the History of Clinical Research," University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Medical History and Bioethics. April 15. Madison, WI.

2013. "Managing Local Precedents," National Academy of Science Workshop on Revisions to the Common Rule. March 22. Washington, DC.

2013. "Declarative Bodies and the Making of a Postwar Medical Morality: The Case of Research Ethics Committees." Department of Social Studies of Medicine, School of Medicine, McGill University. March 13. Montréal, Quebec (Canada).

2013. "Migrants or Commodities? The National Institutes of Health's Healthy 'Human subjects' and the Vernacular History of Postwar America." Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles. January 14. Los Angeles, CA.

2012. "Meet the Author - *Behind Closed Doors: IRBs and the Making of Ethical Research*." Meeting of Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R). December 5. San Diego, CA.

2012. "Creeping with the Enemy" in presidential session "Compliance in Practice: Creative Engagements with Regulatory Ethics Regimes" at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 15. San Francisco, CA.

2012. "A Practical Guide to Research Ethics." [Annual Seminar on the Protection of Human Subject Research Participants](#). School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago. October 18. Chicago, IL.

2012. "The Language of Trust: Monolingualism, Inequality, and Vernacular Cultures of Regulation." Department of Sociology, Northwestern University. October 18. Evanston, IL.

2012. "Discretion and its Discontents: 'Local Precedents' and the Future of Human Subjects Research." Petri-Flom Center, Harvard Law School. "The Future of Human Subjects Research" workshop. June 1. Cambridge, MA.

2012. "Declarative Groups Making the Scientific World in Postwar America." Department of Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. April 4. Troy, NY.

2012. "Declarative Bodies: Overseeing Science in the Liberal Hour and the Case of IS Human-subjects Regulation." Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. "Regulating Research" workshop. March 17. Berlin, Germany.

2011. "When the Subject Speaks." Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University. December 9. Middletown, CT.

2011. "Discussion of *Behind Closed Doors*." PRIM&R Meet the Authors session. December 4. National Harbor, MD.

2011. "Valuing Volunteers: The Ethics of Compensation in Postwar American Psychology Research." History of Economics as History of Science workshop. June 24-25. Cachan, France.

2011. "Reclaiming Empirical Ethics." Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. "Research Ethics: A Question of Method?" workshop. May 6. Cambridge, MA.

2011. "Group Consideration: The Making of Ethical Research in Postwar American Medicine." Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. March 25. Nashville, TN.

2011. "The Immortal Life of American Health Inequalities." One Book, One Town Program. The Trumbull (CT) Library System. March 22. Trumbull, CT.

2011. "The Medicinal Use of College Students in an Over-the-counter Culture." Program in History of Science, Princeton University. "Groovy Science" contributors' workshop. February 5. Princeton, NJ.

2010. "Charting Evidence: Patient Records and the Making of Ethical Research at NIH circa 1960." Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania. October 25. Philadelphia, PA.

2010. "Open Deliberations in Restricted Settings: Rethinking the Legacy of the First Gene-transfer-trial Death for Ethics Review Boards." Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, University of Cardiff. July 6. Cardiff, UK.

2010. "Citizen Subjects." Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, University of Chicago. MPI Conference: Human Subjects, Human Sciences. April 2-3. Chicago, IL.

2010. "Saying is Believing." Maryland Colloquium for the History of Technology, Science, and the Environment. Department of History, University of Maryland. May 6. College Park, MD.

2010. "On Being Normal in Abnormal Places." Science & Technology Studies Circle Seminar Series, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. March 22. Cambridge, MA.

2008. "Reading Trust Between the Lines: Results from an Ethnography of Three IRBs." Annual meeting of Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research. November 17. Orlando, FL.

2008. "Everyone's an Expert? IRBs and Warrants for Expertise in Modern State Administration." Department of Science and Technology Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. November 15. Blacksburg, VA.

2008. "IRBs in Myth and Practice." Bi-annual meeting of CIC Committee for IRB Administrators. September 29. Chicago, IL.

2007. "Talking Ethics Inside the Iron Cage." Program in Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Northwestern University Medical School. November 28. Chicago, IL.

2006. "Becoming Human Subjects." Papering Ethics, Documenting Consent: The New Bureaucracies of Virtue workshop. School of Law, Cornell University. October 28. Ithaca, NY.

2006. "Experience and Expertise in IRB Decisionmaking." Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research, Rutgers University. April 25. New Brunswick, NJ.

2006. "Making Science Moral: The Institutionalization of American Human Subjects Committees, 1953-1974." Institute for the Study of Genetics, Biorisk, and Society, University of Nottingham. March 9. Nottingham, UK.

2005. "Creating American Human Subjects Regulations: Biomedical or Experimental Model?" Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research, Rutgers University. February 15. New Brunswick, NJ.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2012. "Creeping with the Enemy? Reimagining Human-subjects Review with 'Nonce Bureaucrats.'" President's Session - Compliance in Practice: Creative Engagements with Regulatory Ethics Regimes. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 15. San Francisco, CA.

2012. "Knowing the Normals: The NIH's Normal Volunteer Patient Program and the Experience of Postwar America." Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. April 28. Baltimore, MD.

2011. "What did Money Mean? Monetary Exchanges in Postwar Research with Human Subjects" (co-authored with Jill Morawski). Annual Meeting of the **History of Science Society**. November 4. Cleveland, OH.

2010. "The 'Healthy Patient' Paradox: The Legacy of NIH Normal Control Subjects in American Ethics." Stetten Symposium on History in the NIH. June 15. Bethesda, MD.

2010. "Warranting Expertise." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. October 30. Washington, DC.

2010. "Can Scandals Cause Regulatory Change? Legal Consciousness and the Creation of the 'Human Subject' in the Long 1960s." Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. May 27. Chicago, IL.

2010. "From Captive Populations to Citizen Volunteers." Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. May 2. Rochester, MN.

2009. "The Board and the Ward." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 20. Phoenix, AZ.

2009. "The Trouble with 'Normal' People: Informed Consent, Group Review, and Ways of Making Decisions at the National Institutes of Health." Annual Meeting of Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences. June 25-28. State College, PA.

2009. "Ethics at 'The Ideal Hospital of the Future': How the NIH Clinical Center Changed American Research Ethics." Stetten Symposium on History in the NIH. June 16. Bethesda, MD.

2006. "Observing and Deceiving: The Science and Ethics of Research Methods, 1966-1973." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 2-5. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

2006. "Experience and Expertise in IRB Decision Making." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 11-14. Montréal, QC, Canada.

2005. "Negotiating the Ethics of Deception: Methods, Morality, and Human Subjects in American Psychology, 1966-1973." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13-16. Philadelphia, PA.

2005. "The Ethics of Deception in American Psychology." Annual Meeting of Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences. June 23-26. Berkeley, CA.

2005. "Introductory Remarks: A Brief History of IRBs and their Study." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. March 17-20. Washington, DC.

2005. "Biomedical or Experimental Model? Framing the Federal Human Subjects Regulations." Sociology of Bioethics Mini-Conference. March 18-19. Washington, DC.

2004. "Practicing Morality: Psychological Research Practices and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulations in Postwar America." Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. November 18-21. Austin, TX.

2004. "Practicing Morality: Psychological Research Practices and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulation in Postwar America." US Department of Health and Human Services, ORI, Research on Research Integrity Conference. November 12-14. San Diego, CA.

2004. "Methods as Morality: American Psychology and the Rise of Human Subjects Regulations." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 14-17. San Francisco, CA.

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Vanderbilt University, Center for Medicine, Health and Society
Co-organizer, Conference Politics of Health, October 3-4, 2013.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Wesleyan University
Founding co-editor (with Erica Chenoweth), Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Working Papers Series, Wesleyan University.
Founding co-director (with Jill Morawski), Wesleyan Digital Archive of Psychology.
Member, Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (2011-2012).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, *History & Theory* (July 2011-present)

Officer (elected)
Chief Operating Officer (secretary-treasurer), American Sociological Association,

Sociology of Culture Section (2011-2014).
Secretary, History of Science Society, Forum for the History of the Human Sciences
(2010-2012).
Representative for Region 1, History of Science Society, Forum for the History of
the Human Sciences (2007-2009).

Member, American Sociological Association, Committee on Professional Ethics (2012-
2015).

Referee

Funding Agencies

National Institutes of Health
National Science Foundation

Book press

University of Chicago Press

Journals

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
BMC Medical Ethics
Hypatia
Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences
Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal
Law and Social Inquiry
Population Research and Policy Review
Regulation and Governance
Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society
Social Science and Medicine
Social Studies of Science
Sociological Theory

Prize Committees

History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences,
Early Career Prize (2013)
American Sociological Association, History Section, Distinguished Scholarly
Publication Prize (2010).
History of Science Society's Forum for the History of the Human Sciences,
Burnham Early Career Prize (2011).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Community Health Center (CT) Institutional Review Board, (2010-2012).

TEACHING-RELATED ACTIVITIES

INDEPENDENT STUDY & HONORS ADVISING

2013 Vanderbilt University Summer Research Experience program. Advisor for Nathan
Pauly.

2013 Vanderbilt Honors Project advisor (resulting in co-authored book review with Kaitlyn
Berry, Vanderbilt student, as second author). "Review: *The Neurological Patient in History* edited
by L. Stephen Jacyna and Stephen T. Casper," *Journal of the History of Behavioral Sciences*.

2012 Independent Study mentor (resulting in co-authored book review publication with Rosemary Pierson, Wesleyan student, as second author). "Review: *Observing Bioethics* by Renee Fox and Judith Swazey." *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 22(3).

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS MENTOR

2011-2012

Erin Kelly. Thesis title: *The Impact of Novel Products on Federal Regulations Controlling Drug Production: 1906-1963*. (Program in Science in Society, Wesleyan).

Eliana Theodorou. Publication title: *The Problem of Expertise for Democracy: The Case of the New York State DNA Databank* (Sociology Department, Wesleyan).

2010-2011

Taylor Cain. Thesis title: *Thinking through the lens: Reframing Experiences of Breast Cancer*. (Program in Science in Society Program, Wesleyan).

2009-2010

Liana Woskie. Thesis title: *Community Health Workers: Addressing the Shortfalls of a Sovereign Profession*. (College of Social Sciences, Wesleyan).

2007-2008

Rikki Stern. Thesis Title: *Gender and the Role of Lay Experts in Artificial Insemination Debates: A Community Analysis* (Sociology Department, Northwestern).

COURSES TAUGHT

Vanderbilt University (2012-13)

American Medicine & the World (2 terms)

Making the Modern Hospital (1 term)

Wesleyan University (2009-12)

Sociology of Medicine (3 terms)

Social Theory (2 terms)

Regulating Health (1 term)

Reading Medical Ethnography (1 term)

Making the Modern Fact (1 term)

Theorizing Science and Medicine (1 term)

Northwestern University (2006-08)

Sociology of Medicine (2 terms)

Research Methods (1 term)

Virtue and Vice (1 term)