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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. 1992 University of Washington (Areas of Certification: Theory,
Social Psychology, Research Methods)
M.A. 1988 University of Washington (Sociology)
B.A. 1985 University of Utah, 1985 (Sociology, Anthropology)

Academic Positions

2007-present Louis B. Gaffney Endowed Chair, Seattle University
2005-present Professor of Sociology, Seattle University
1998-2005 Associate Professor of Sociology, Seattle University
1995-1998 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Seattle University
1992-1995 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Iowa

University Administrative Positions

2002- present Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
1999-2002 Director, Women's Studies Program, Seattle University

Visiting and Affiliate Appointments

2001-2002 Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology
University of California Santa Barbara
2001-present Affiliate Faculty, University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology
1994-present Affiliate Faculty, University of Washington, Sociology

Professional Association Positions

President, Pacific Sociological Association (2007-08).
Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Justice in Society, Seattle University (2006-07)

Research and Teaching Areas

Gender, Sexuality, Religion, Social Inequalities, Social Psychology, Social Theory, Qualitative
Research Methodologies

Books and Edited Volumes

O'Brien, Jodi (editor). 2009. *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society (2 volumes)*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Newman, David and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 2008. *Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings, 7th Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Newman, David and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 2006. *Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings, 6th Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

O'Brien, Jodi. 2005. *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings in Social Interaction, 4th Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Pine Forge Press (Sage).

Newman, David and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 2004. *Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings, 5th Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Newman, David and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 2002. *Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings, 4th Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

O'Brien, Jodi and Peter Kollock. 2001. *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings on Social Interaction, 3rd Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Pine Forge Press (Sage).

O'Brien, Jodi. 1999. *Social Prisms: Reflections on Everyday Myths and Paradoxes*. Newbury Park, CA: Pine Forge Press (Sage).

O'Brien, Jodi and Judith Howard (eds.). 1998. *Everyday Inequalities: Critical Inquiries*. New York: Basil Blackwell.

O'Brien, Jodi and Peter Kollock. 1997. *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings in Social Interaction, 2nd Edition*. Newbury Park, CA: Pine Forge Press (Sage).

Lawler, Ed Karen Heimer, Barry Markovsky and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 1995. *Advances in Group Processes: A Research Annual, Volume 12*. Greenwich, Conn: JAI.

Kollock, Peter and Jodi O'Brien. 1994. *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings in Social Interaction*. Newbury Park, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Lawler, Ed Karen Heimer, Barry Markovsky and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 1994. *Advances in Group Processes: A Research Annual, Volume 11*. Greenwich, Conn: JAI.

Lawler, Ed Karen Heimer, Barry Markovsky and Jodi O'Brien (eds.). 1993. *Advances in Group Processes: A Research Annual, Volume 10*. Greenwich, Conn: JAI.

Published Articles and Book Chapters

- O'Brien, Jodi. 2009. "Sociology as an Epistemology of Contradiction." Presidential Address to the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association (April 2008). *Sociological Perspectives*. Vol.52:5:22.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2008. "Complicating Homophobia." *Sexualities*. Vol.11:496-512.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2007. "Queer Tensions: The Cultural Politics of Belonging and Exclusion in Same Gender Marriage Debates." Pp. 125-149 in *Interdisciplinary Readings on Sex and Sexuality*. Amsterdam: Rodopi.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2006. "Reorganizing the Contradictions of Teaching and Research." Pp. 16-38 in *Excellent Teaching in the Excellent University* edited by Jerome Rabow. Bethesda, MD: Academica Press.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2005. "How Big is Your God? Queer Christian Social Movements." Pp. 237-261 in *Genealogies of Identity: Interdisciplinary Readings on Sex and Sexuality*. Amsterdam: Rodopi.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2004. "Seeking Normal? Considering Same Sex Marriage." *Seattle Journal of Social Justice*, Volume 2:459-474.
Reprinted in: Emma Jordan, *When Markets Fail: A Critical Perspective on Economic Justice*, Chapter 13: Corrective Struggles; subsection C: Rethinking the Family as an Economic Institution. Foundation Press. (2005).
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2004. "Wrestling the Angel of Contradiction: Queer Christian Identities." *Culture and Religion*. Vol 5:179-202.
- O'Brien, Jodi and Eve Shapiro. 2004. "'Do it on the Web' Emerging Discourses on Internet Sexuality." Pp. 114-126 in *Web.studies: Rewiring media studies for the digital age. 2nd Edition*, edited by D. Gauntlett and R Horsley. London: Arnold Press.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 2002. "Heterosexism and Homophobia." Article length entry for the International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Oxford: Elsevier Publishing.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 1999. "Writing in the Body: Gender (Re)Production in Online Communication." Pp. 77-104 in *Communities in Cyberspace*, edited by P. Kollock and M. Smith. London: Routledge.
- O'Brien, Jodi. 1996. "Changing the Subject" *Women and Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory*, Vol. 9. Special Issue on Sexuality & Cyberspace.
- O'Brien, Jodi and Judith A. Howard. 1996. "The Paradox of Value-Neutrality: Responsibility and Authority in Teaching." *Teaching Sociology* 24:326-330.
Reprinted in: *Feminist Pedagogies in Action: Teaching Beyond Disciplines*. Edited by Maralee Mayberry, Sara Crawley and Jennifer Lewis. Forthcoming.
- Kollock, Peter and Jodi O'Brien. 1992. "The Social Construction of Exchange." In *Advances in Group Processes Volume 9*, edited by E. Lawler, B. Markovsky, C. Ridgeway and H. Walker. Greenwich, Conn: JAI.
- O'Brien, Jodi and Peter Kollock. 1991. "Social Exchange Theory as a Framework for Teaching the Sociological Perspective." *Teaching Sociology* 19:140-153.
- Cook, Karen, Jodi O'Brien and Peter Kollock. 1990. "Exchange Theory: A Blueprint for Structure and Process." In *Frontiers of Social Theory*, edited by G. Ritzer. New York: Columbia University Press.

Cook, Karen and Jodi O'Brien. 1990. "Individual Decision-Making versus Market-Level Predictions: The Applicability of Rational Choice Theory." In *The Limits of Rationality*, edited by K. Cook and M. Levi. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Levi, Margaret, Karen Cook, Jodi O'Brien and Howard Faye. 1990. "The Limits of Rationality: An Introduction." In *The Limits of Rationality*, edited by K. Cook and M. Levi. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Book Reviews and Essays

2005. "A Sociology of Religion and Homosexuality." Review essay of *Weathering Change: Gays and Lesbians, Christian Conservatives and Everyday Hostilities* (Tom Linneman, NYU), *Coming out in Christianity: Religion, Identity and Community* (Melissa Wilcox, Indiana University Press), and *Love the Sin: Sexual Regulation and the Limits of Religious Tolerance* (Janet Jakobsen and Ann Pellegrini, NYU), *Contemporary Sociology*.

2004. "Feminism, Families and the Welfare State." Review essay of *Families of a New World* (Lynn Haney and Lisa Pollard, Routledge) and *The Family in the Mediterranean Welfare States* (Manuela Naldini, Cass), *Gender and Society*,

1999. "Phone Sex, Fantasy and Disembodiment." Review essay of *The Fantasy Factory* (Amy Flowers). *Sexualities*, Vol 2:267-272.

1999. "Boundary Mavericks: Prostitution and Civil Rights." Review essay of *Live Sex Acts* (Wendy Chapkis) and *The Prostitution Prism* (Gail Pheterson). *SIGNS: Journal Of Women in Contemporary Culture*, Volume 24:529-532.

1998. "Homophobia." Entry for the *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality, Volume I: Lesbian Histories and Cultures*. Edited by Bonnie Zimmerman, New York: Garland Publishing.

1998. "Stereotypes." Entry for the *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality, Volume I: Lesbian Histories and Cultures*. Edited by Bonnie Zimmerman, New York: Garland Publishing.

1995. "Sociology for the Student as Public: A Neglected Genre." Review essay of *Sociology for the 21st Century* book series. *Contemporary Sociology* 24:307-311.

1994. *Teachers and Teaching*, Tom Russell and Hugh Munby (eds.). Book review. *Teaching Sociology* 22:355-356.

1994. *Money, Morals and Manners*, by Michele Lamont. Book review. *Social Forces* 72:911-913.

1993. *Central Life Interests*, by Robert Dubin. Book review. *Contemporary Psychology* 38:1078.

1992. *Strong Interaction*, by Thomas Spence Smith. Book review. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Professional Monographs

"Gender and Justice: Issues and Trends in Washington State." Report prepared for the Washington Courts Gender and Justice Commission, Long Range Planning Meeting, May 2006 (Jodi O'Brien and Shasti Conrad).

Book Series Editor

“Contemporary Sociological Perspectives” (series editor with Valerie Jenness). Routledge. 2007-present.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

2009. “Queer Christianity.” Women and Gender Studies Lecture Series. University of Texas at Austin.

2008. “Epistemologies and Methodologies of Complexity.” Sociology Faculty Lecture Series: University of Toronto.

2006. “The Power to Define Difference: Writing My Own Story.” Keynote Speaker. Conference on “Race and Sexuality.” South Puget Sound Community College.

2006. “The Gods Really Are Crazy: Searching for Meaning and Truth in an Absurd World.” Sue Naef Annual Scholarship Lecture. Seattle University.

2006. “Permissible Prejudice? Religion, Sexuality and Social Justice.” Gonzaga University Public Lecture Series sponsored by the Faculty Senate. Spokane, Washington.

2006. “‘Triangles, Wedges and Veils:’ The Cultural Politics and Queer Belonging.” University of Connecticut Lecture sponsored by Sociology, Women Studies and the University Rainbow Center. Storrs, Connecticut.

2005. “Sexuality and Christianity.” Workshop presentation for the Northwest Regional Covenant Network of Presbyterians Conference. Bellevue, WA.

2004. “Discourses of Sexuality.” Literary and Rhetorical Studies Speaker Series, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota. (http://writing.umn.edu/lrs/speaker_series.htm)

2003. “Silence is Costly: Education as a Tool for Sexual Awareness, Responsibility and Personhood.” Keynote Speaker. Seattle University Academic Day and President’s Convocation.

2003. “Constructing Queer Religious Identities.” Self and Identity Lecture Series. Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana.

2002. “Doing it on the Web: Emerging Discourses on Internet Sexuality.” Faculty Colloquia Series. Rutgers University. Rutgers, New Jersey.

2001. “Who Are the Gods? Authority and Meaning in the 21st Century.” Great Professors Collegium Talks, Seattle University.

2000. “I Think, Therefore I’m Racist/Sexist. A Theory of Prejudice.” Department of Sociology, SUNY-Geneseo. Geneseo, New York.

2000. “Wagner: The Protofeminist?” Seattle Opera Lecture Series. Seattle, WA.

2000. “Permissible Prejudice: Legitimizing Hate.” Public Awareness Focus Series Sponsored by Central Washington University and the Ellensburg Police Department. Ellensburg, WA.

2000. “Sex and Religion.” Seattle First Baptist Church Lecture Series. Seattle, WA.

1999. "Family Values and the Law: Some Paradoxes." Plenary Speaker. Annual Meetings of the Lavendar Law Association. Los Angeles, California.
1999. "Blasé Blues: Meaning and Value in the Age of Certainty." President's Lecture Series. Depauw University. Greencastle, Indiana.
1999. "The Freedom to be Quirky." Keynote Speaker. Symposium: Rethinking Sexual Identity Politics Sponsored by University of Nevada. Las Vegas, Nevada.
1999. "Good Girls and Bad Boys." Comments on *Don Giovanni*. Seattle Opera Lecture Series. Seattle Washington.
1998. "How Big is Your God? Religion and Homosexuality." Graduate Colloquia Series. University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon.
1998. "Passionate Pursuits: The Re-Enchantment of Higher Education." President's Lecture Series. Hamilton College. Clinton, New York.
1998. "Values in the Age of Certainty." Touchstone Lecture. Seattle University
1997. "Whose Values? Family Matters." Honor Series Colloquia. Highline Community College. Highline, Washington.
1997. "Mormonism and the American Ethos." Adult Education Forum. Epiphany Church. Seattle, Washington.
1997. "Embracing Uncertainty." Keynote Speaker. Seattle University Honor's Program Commencement Banquet. Seattle, Washington.
1996. "Family Equations: Tupperware and Other Forms of Containment." New Research on Gay and Lesbian Families. Forum sponsored by the Northwest Center for Research on Women. Hosted by University of Washington, Seattle.
1996. "Which Box Do I Check? From Monolith to Multiplicity." Keynote Speaker. Symposium on Diversity and the Global Perspective. San Diego State University. San Diego, California.
1995. "Who's Diverse? The Politics of Definition." Plenary Presentation for Transforming the Curriculum Conference, Association of American Colleges and Universities. San Francisco, California.
- 1994-95 "Preparing the Future Professorate." College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series for Graduate Teaching Assistants. University of Washington. Seattle, Washington.
- Specific Lectures:
- "The Political Economy of Higher Education"
 - "Diversity: What Is It and Why Should You Care?"
 - "TA/Professor Relations: Power, Diplomacy and Effective Advocacy"
 - "Evaluating Students: Bureaucratic Gatekeeping, Fairness and Incentives"
 - "Teaching as a Moral Vocation"
1994. "University Education: Culture, Politics and the Classroom" (debate with David Bromwich). Ida Beam Lecture Series, University of Iowa. Iowa City, Iowa.

1993. "Pedagogy and the Postmodern Student." President's Lecture Series. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

2008. "Sociology as an Epistemology of Contradiction." Presidential Address. Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, Oregon.

2006. "The 'S' Word: The Cultural Politics of Sexual Ignorance." Keynote presentation for the 3rd Global Conference on Sex and Sexuality. Krakow, Poland.

2005. "Queer Tensions: Considering Same-Sex Marriage (Part II)." Keynote presentation for the 2nd Global Conference on Sex and Sexuality. Vienna, Austria.

2005. "Desexualizing Prison Rape: A Discursive Analysis of the U.S. Prison Rape Elimination Act." Paper presented at the 2nd Global Conference on Sex and Sexuality. Vienna (with Valerie Jenness).

2005. "Marriage Rituals, Rights and Politics." Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. Scripps College, Claremont, California.

2004. "How Big is Your God? Queer Christian Social Movements." Paper presented at the 1st Global Conference on Sex and Sexuality. Salzburg, Austria.

2004. "Intersectionalities: Conceptual Frameworks." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California.

2004. "We're Here, We're Queer, Let's Go to IKEA: Paradoxes of Lesbian and Gay Family Rights Movements." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California.

2003. "Discourses of Internet Sexuality." Paper presented at the European Sociological Association. Murcia, Spain.

2003. "Borders and Space: Lionel Cantu's Contributions to Sociology and Queer Theory." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, Georgia.

2002. "Online Intimacies." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the National Women Studies Association. Las Vegas, Nevada.

2001. "Which Box Do I Check? A Case Study of Boundaries and Mergers between Race/Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies." Paper presented at *Women's Studies in Ruins? Theory, Politics, and Pedagogy*. Conference. University of Northern Colorado. Greeley, CO.

2001. "Boundaries and Contractions: The Self as Process." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California.

2000. "Reorganizing the Contradictions of Higher Education." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwestern Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

2000. "Unimagined Paradigms: Transgender Sexualities in Theory and Practice." Panel Presentation. Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, California.

1999. "(Un)Gendering Sexual Desire." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, Oregon.
1999. "Queering Religion: Social Transformation in the Pews." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, Oregon.
1998. "Methodological Strategies and Marginality." Comments on Arlene Stein's *Sex and Sensibilities: Stories of a Lesbian Generation*. Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California.
1996. "Reflections on Transgressive Field Research." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Seattle, Washington
1995. "Writing in the Body: The Reproduction of Gender in Cyber Interactions." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C.
1995. "Rational Strategies or Normative Scripts? The Basis of Power in Interaction." Paper presented at the Eighth Annual Group Processes Conference. Washington, D.C.
1994. "Rendering Community: Confessions of a Lapsed Rational Choice Theorist." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, California.
1994. "Representations of Identity: A Theory of Cultural Transformation." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, California.
1993. "Commitment of the Heart vs. Commitment of Habit and Circumstance." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwestern Sociological Association. Chicago, Illinois.
1992. "Principles of Group Solidarity and Emergent Identity." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
1992. "From Instrumental Cooperation to Institutional Commitment: The Motivational Bases of Solidarity." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, California.