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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology

The New School for Social Research, expected October 2013

Dissertation title: “A Comparative Analysis of Populist Discourse in Venezuela and the United States”

Committee: Orville Lee (chair), Andrew Arato, Sarah Daynes, Federico Finchelstein

Field exams: Sociology of Culture; Collective Behavior and Social Movements

M.A. Sociology

The New School for Social Research, May 2005

B.S. Sociology, Philosophy

Bradley University, *magna cum laude*, May 2003

Research Interests

Social theory, political sociology, comparative-historical sociology, cultural sociology, linguistic formalism, psychoanalysis, phenomenology

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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| 2012 | Savage, Ritchie. “From McCarthyism to the Tea Party: Interpreting Anti-Leftist Forms of U.S. Populism in Comparative Perspective.” <i>New Political Science</i> : 34 (4): 564-584. |
| 2011 | Savage, Ritchie. “Populist Elements in Contemporary American Political Discourse.” <i>The Sociological Review</i> : 58 (Special Issue): 169-188. |

Other Publications

- 2009 Savage, Ritchie. "The Complexities of Re-articulating Autonomy from a Nietzschean Perspective." *Filos* (5): 93-105.
- 2008 Savage, Ritchie. "Merleau-Ponty's Use of the Weberian Example: Avoiding Totalizing Meanings in History." Pp.73-85 in *Max Weber Matters: Interweaving Past and Present*. eds. David Chalcraft, Fanon Howell, Marisol Lopez Menendez, Hector Vera. Farnham: Ashgate.

Works in Progress

- Savage, Ritchie. "A Comparison of 'New Institutionalized Populism' in Venezuela and the United States" (revise and resubmit, *Constellations*)
- Savage, Ritchie. "From Betancourt to Chávez: Interpreting Venezuelan Populism in Two Revolutionary Governments" (article under preparation)
- Savage, Ritchie. "Populism from the Perspective of Methodological Individualism" (article under preparation)
- Savage, Ritchie. *Populism in the Americas* (work in progress)

Fellowships and Grants

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| 2013 | Student Research and Conference Travel Fund Grant, NSSR |
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| 2011 | Student Research and Conference Travel Fund Grant, NSSR |
| 2010 – 2011 | Arthur Vidich Dissertation Fellowship for dissertation writing, NSSR |
| 2010 | Janey Research Fellowship for field research in Latin America, NSSR |
| 2009 | Student Research and Conference Travel Fund Grant, NSSR |
| 2006 – 2007 | University Fellowship, highly competitive tuition award, NSSR |

Honors and Awards

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| 2007 | Canon Magazine Essay Contest Winner, NSSR |
| 2003 – 2006 | Tuition Scholarship, NSSR |
| 2002 | Liberal Arts and Sciences Fund Scholarship, Bradley University |

Invited Talks and Conference Papers

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| 2013 | “A Comparison of New Institutionalized Forms of Populism in Venezuela and the United States.” Presented in the Sociology of Culture Section panel, “‘Isms as Culture: Ideologies of Collective Publics,” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – New York, NY. |
| 2013 | Invited Speaker, “Decoding the Political Tides: The Tea Party & Occupy Wall Street” panel, “Movement” Lecture Series at Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA. |
| 2013 | “A Comparative Analysis of Populist Discourse in Venezuela and the United States.” Presented at the Sociology Department Brown Bag Lunch Series at the New School for Social Research – New York, NY. |
| 2012 | “From McCarthyism to the Tea Party: Interpreting Anti-Leftist Forms of Populism in the United States.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – Denver, CO. |
| 2011 | “For a Phenomenology of Latin American Populism.” Presented at the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences Annual Conference – Philadelphia, PA. |
| 2011 | “The Antonymic Role of the ‘Opposition’ in the Populist Discourse of Betancourt and Chávez.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – Las Vegas, NV. |
| 2010 | “The Contributions of Freud and Lacan Toward a Theory of Populism.” Presented at the 7 th Annual Social Theory Forum at the University of Massachusetts, Boston – Boston, MA. |
| 2009 | “Populist Elements in Contemporary American Political Discourse.” Presented at The Sociological Review 100 th Anniversary Conference – Stratford-upon-Avon, England. |
| 2007 | “The Plain People: The Role of Articulatory Practice in the Formation of the American Populist Party.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop at Hofstra University – Long Island, NY. |

- 2006 “Merleau-Ponty’s Use of the Weberian Example: Avoiding Totalizing Meanings in History.” Presented at the History Matters: The Legacy of Max Weber Conference at The New School for Social Research – New York, NY.

Further Research Experience

- 2008 Research Assistantship with Sarah Daynes
- 2006 Research Assistantship with Orville Lee

Teaching Experience

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| Spring 2010 – Fall 2013 | Sociology 200 (2 sections)
Pratt Institute – Brooklyn, NY |
| Fall 2009 | Sociology 200 (1 section)
Pratt Institute – Brooklyn, NY |
| Spring 2009 | Language and Culture
St. John’s University – Queens, NY |
| Fall 2008 | Introduction to Sociology; Race and Ethnicity in America
St. John’s University – Queens, NY |
| Fall 2007 | Social Thought 1
Teaching Assistant for José Casanova
New School University Lecture Program – New York, NY |
| Spring 2006 – Spring 2008 | Language and Culture
St. John’s University – Queens, NY |
| Fall 2005 | Introduction to Sociology
College of Mount Saint Vincent – Riverdale, NY |

Departmental and Professional Service

- Spring 2012 Guest Speaker, Sociology Department M.A. Student Career Forum
The New School for Social Research – New York, NY

Summer 2008	Freelance Writer EBSCO <i>notes</i> , Ebsco Publishing Article Titles: “Contagion Theory” and “Biology and Culture”
Spring 2007	Coordinator of the “Sociological Imagination” Lecture Series The New School for Social Research – New York, NY
Fall 2004 – Spring 2006	Editorial Assistant <i>Social Research, An International Quarterly of the Social Sciences</i>

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association (sections: Theory, Political Sociology, Comparative and Historical Sociology)

The Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences

Academic References

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