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Education

Ph.D., Sociology

The New School for Social Research, May 2014

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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| 2014 | Savage, Ritchie. “A Comparison of ‘New Institutionalized Populism’ in Venezuela and the United States.” <i>Constellations</i> (forthcoming, Dec. 2014). |
| 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

- 2014 Savage, Ritchie. "Reflections on Laclau."
<http://occupywallst.org/article/reflections-laclau/>
- 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. "Who Is for the People? Dual and Dueling Populist Parties in Greece, Italy, and Hungary" (article under preparation)
- Savage, Ritchie. "Between Lefort and Laclau: Populism, Emptiness, and the Problem of Locating Bodies in History" (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

2012 – 2014	Tuition Scholarship, NSSR
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

2014	“The Roles Language Plays within the Sociology of Culture.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – San Francisco, CA.
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 100th Anniversary Conference – Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom.
- 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 2014 | Visiting Instructor
Sociology 200 (2 sections)
Pratt Institute – Brooklyn, NY |
| Fall 2014 | Adjunct Assistant Professor
Social Inequality
Baruch College, City University of New York – New York, NY |
| Fall 2014 | Adjunct Assistant Professor
Introduction to Sociology
John Jay, City University of New York – New York, NY |
| Summer 2014 | Adjunct Assistant Professor
Sociological Analysis (senior capstone)
Baruch College, City University of New York – New York, NY |
| Spring 2014 | Adjunct Assistant Professor
Introduction to Sociology (2 sections) |

	Baruch College, City University of New York – New York, NY
Fall 2009	Visiting Instructor Sociology 200 Pratt Institute – Brooklyn, NY
Spring 2009	Adjunct Instructor Language and Culture St. John’s University – Queens, NY
Fall 2008	Adjunct Instructor Introduction to Sociology; Race and Ethnicity in America St. John’s University – Queens, NY
Spring 2006 – Spring 2008	Adjunct Instructor Language and Culture St. John’s University – Queens, NY
Fall 2007	Teaching Assistant Social Thought 1, taught by José Casanova New School University Lecture Program – New York, NY
Fall 2005	Adjunct Instructor 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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