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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico ■ 2012 – Present
Senior Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy
Faculty, Combined BA/MD Program

Postdoctoral Fellow, New Brunswick, NJ ■ 2010 to 2012
NIMH Postdoctoral Trainee in Mental Health Services Research
Rutgers University, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, NY ■ 2010
Ph.D. in Sociology
Dissertation Title: Cholera and Quacks: The Epistemic Contest over Medical Knowledge
in the Nineteenth Century United States
Committee: Jeff Goodwin (chair), Craig Calhoun, Troy Duster, Ann Morning

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA ■ 2004
M.A. in Sociology

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC ■ 2002
B.A. in History and Sociology (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Health and Illness	Sociology of Knowledge	Social Movements
Sociology of Mental Health	Sociology of Professions	Social Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Whooley, Owen. 2013. *Knowledge in the Time of Cholera: The Struggle over American Medicine in the Nineteenth Century*. University of Chicago Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Whooley, Owen. 2012. "Useful for Whom? Clinicians, Researchers, and DSM's Many-Sided Nature," *Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in Medicine*, 7:15-17.

Whooley, Owen. 2010. "Organization Formation as Epistemic Practice: The Early Epistemological Function of the American Medical Association," *Qualitative Sociology, Special Issue on Knowledge and Practice*, 33(4):491-511.

Whooley, Owen. 2010. "Diagnostic Ambivalence: Psychiatric Workarounds and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders," *Sociology of Health & Illness*, 32(3): 452-469.

Winner, Hacker Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award, Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT) Section of the American Sociological Association (2010)

Whooley, Owen. 2008. "Objectivity and its Discontents: Knowledge Advocacy in the Sally Hemings Controversy," *Social Forces*, 86(4): 1367-1390.

Whooley, Owen. 2006. "The Political Work of Narratives: A Dialogic Analysis of Two Slave Narratives," *Narrative Inquiry*, 16(2):295-318.

Whooley, Owen. 2004. "Situating Masterframes in History: The Religious Masterframe of the Abolition Movement and its Influence on Movement Trajectory," *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 17 (4): 490-516.

Shandra, John M., Bruce London, Owen P. Whooley, and John B. Williamson. 2004 "International Non-Governmental Organizations, Grassroots Movements, and Carbon Dioxide Emissions: A Quantitative, Cross-National Analysis of Less Developed Countries," *Sociological Inquiry*, 74 (4): 520-545.

Edited Volumes

Whooley, Owen. forthcoming 2013. "Of Quantities and Quackery: Homeopathy, the Rhetoric of Statistics, and Epistemic Authority, 1840-1890," in *Creating Authority*, edited by Craig Calhoun and Richard Sennett. New York: NYU Press.

Whooley, Owen and Allan V. Horwitz. 2013. "The Paradox of Professional Success: Grand Ambition, Furious Resistance, and the Derailment of the DSM-5 Revision Process," in *Making the DSM-5: Concepts and Controversies*, edited by Joel Paris and James Phillips. New York: Springer: 75-94.

Public Sociology

My research on cholera in the United States was featured on the radio program, *BackStory* with the American History Guys, Episode (2/15/2013): “Rinse and Repeat: Cleanliness in America” (<http://backstoryradio.org/rinse-and-repeat-cleanliness-in-america>). *BackStory* is a periodic special that airs on 26 public radio stations throughout the United States and is available for download as a podcast.

Whooley, Owen. February 2013. “Basic Facts Brief: What the Proliferation of Recognized Mental Disorders Means for American Health Care” Scholars Strategy Network. <https://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org>.

Other

Whooley, Owen. forthcoming 2013. “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM),” *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*. Blackwell Publishing.

Whooley, Owen. 2012. “Review: Patricia Fanning. *Influenza and Inequality*,” *Contemporary Sociology*, 41(6): 810-811.

Whooley, Owen. 2011. “Review: Saran Ghatak. *Threat Perceptions*,” *Contemporary Sociology*, 40(5): 593-594.

Whooley, Owen. 2006. “Collective Identity,” *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Blackwell Publishing.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Categorical Reflections: The Implications of the DSM-5 for the Sociology of Mental Health” (under review)

“Making Mental Illness Numerical: The Changing Place of Quantification in Psychiatry”

“Narrating Discoveries: The Professional Politics of Robert Koch’s Cholera Bacillus in the United States”

“The Profession of the Book: DSM-5, American Psychiatry, and the Weight of Strategic Legacies”

FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Postdoctoral Training Fellowship in Health Services Research ■ 2010-2012

Dean’s Dissertation Writing Fellowship, New York University ■ 2009-2010

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Science, Technology, and Society Program (#0822913) ■ 2008

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Predoctoral Fellowship, New York University ■ 2007

MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University ■ 2004 - 2009

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Service Fellowship, Boston College ■ 2002-2004

John K. Zeender Prize for Outstanding Thesis in History, Catholic University ■ 2002

PRESENTATIONS

“Narrating Discoveries: The Transformation of Robert Koch’s Cholera Bacillus in the United States,” Regular Session on the Sociology of Knowledge. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas

“The Professional Politics of Quantifying Mental Illness: Dimensionality and DSM-5,” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociology Association, Philadelphia ■ 2011

“Capturing Cholera – and Professional Authority – in the Lab,” NYLON Culture Conference, New York ■ 2010

“Organizational Strategies as Epistemological Practices: The Founding of the American Medical Association,” Regular Session on the Sociology of Knowledge. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco ■ 2009

“Epistemic Contests and Emergent Epistemologies,” Junior Theorist Symposium, Berkeley, CA ■ 2009

“The Birth of the American Medical Association: An Organizational Solution to an Epistemological Problem,” Inter-Ivy Sociological Symposium, Columbia University, New York ■ 2009

“The Origins of the AMA: Epistemological Boundary Work through Organizations,” NYLON Culture Conference, Cambridge, UK ■ 2009

“Of Quackery and Quantities: Homeopaths, the Rhetoric of Statistics, and Epistemic Authority, 1840-1890,” Regular Session on Issues of Medicalization. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociology Association, New York ■ 2008

“Diagnostic Ambivalence: Psychiatrists’ Use of the DSM,” Regular Session on Organizations, Occupations, and Work. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York ■ 2007

“Diagnostic Ambivalence and Shifting Terrains of Expertise,” NYLON Culture Conference, Somerset, UK ■ 2007

“Knowledge Advocates and the Struggle over History,” Section of Science, Knowledge, and Technology Refereed Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal ■ 2006

“Quacks, Regulars and the Struggle over Medical Expertise in the Nineteenth Century,” New York University Graduate Student Spring Conference, New York ■ 2006

“The Political Work of Narratives,” Section Session on Narrative, Biography and Culture. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia ■ 2005

“A Dialogue of Resistance: Comparing Bakhtin and Foucault on the Question of Resistance,” Section on Theory, Refereed Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia ■ 2005

“Masterframes and Movement Identity: A Case Study of the American Abolitionist Movements,” Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Refereed Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco ■ 2004

“The Final Stage: The Process of Post-Self Construction and the Politics of Death,” Section on Aging and the Life Course Refereed Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta ■ 2003

“The Global Politics of Death: Mbeki’s Response to the South African AIDS Crisis” Student Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago ■ 2002

TEACHING

Professor, University of New Mexico ■ Summer 2009

HMHV-101: The Social Contours of Health

Instructor, New York University ■ Summer 2009

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity – Race in a Post-Obama America

Instructor, New York University ■ Summer 2007

Introduction to Sociology – The Sociological Imagination

Teaching Assistant, New York University ■ 2005 - 2008

Conversation of the West: Antiquity to the Nineteenth Century

Introduction to Sociology Honors

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology and the Rule of Law

Teaching Assistant, Boston College ■ 2002 - 2004

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology of Revolutions

Introduction to Statistics

GUEST LECTURES/OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association “Author Meets Critic Session: *The Autism Matrix* by Gil Eyal” (Panel Discussant), Boston ■ 2011
 - New York University, Department of Sociology, Graduate Course in the Sociology of Science (Prof. Ann Morning). March 28, 2011. “Epistemology in Practice: Towards a Sociology of Epistemology”
 - Rutgers University, Department of Sociology, Graduate Course in the Sociology of Mental Health (Prof. Allan Horwitz). January 25, 2011. “DSM-V and the Future of Mental Illness”
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RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Assistant for Craig Calhoun ■ 2008

Archival research related to the changing conceptions of the “human” in medical, legal, and political treatises from the Renaissance to the present

Research Assistant for the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) ■ Summer 2006

Archival research on public higher education in different national contexts

Research Assistant for Professor James Jasper (CUNY) ■ Summer 2005

Research related to strategic dimension of social movements

Research Assistant for Professor David Garland (NYU) ■ Spring 2005

Archival research on U.S. state development as it relates to the death penalty

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Assistant Editor, *Contexts Magazine* ■ 2006 – 2007

Contributed to the *Discoveries* section of the magazine, including: “Dissing FDA Approval”, “Eat, Drink, and Demur” (Winter 2007); “Whitewashing Hip-Hop” (Summer 2007); “Not in His Genes”, “Whiter the Barricades” (Spring 2007); “Racial DNA”, “Unequal tooth Decay”, “Intimate Apartheid” (Fall 2007); “Not My Brother’s Keeper”, “Complex Canines”, “Model Behavior” (Summer 2006); “When an Illness Might Not Exist”, “An Unhealthy Optimism”, “Masculinity Stinks” (Spring 2006); “A Scared New World” (Fall 2006); “Robo Sapiens of the Future” (Summer 2005); “No Laughing Matter” (Spring 2005); “Breaking the One Drop Rule” (Fall 2005)

Manuscript Reviewer, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University

The Post-Secular in Question (forthcoming 2012, NYU Press)

Habermas and Religion (forthcoming 2012, Polity Press)

Manuscript Reviewer, Social Science Research Council

Roots of Radicalism (forthcoming 2012, University of Chicago Press)

Possible Futures, 5 volumes (2011, NYU Press)

PROFESSPROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Section on Medical Sociology
- Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology
- Section on Collective Behavior
- Section on History of Sociology (Graduate Student Paper Award Reviewer)

Social Science History Association (SSHA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

New York/London Cultural Analysis Conference (NYLON)

Power, Politics, and Protest (PPP)

Media Research Action Project (MRAP)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Contexts, Contemporary Sociology, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science & Medicine, Society & Mental Illness, Sociology of Health & Illness, Sociological Quarterly*