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## POSITIONS

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**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 - 2012  
NIMH Postdoctoral Trainee in Mental Health Services Research  
Rutgers University, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research

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## EDUCATION

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**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

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA ■ 2004

**M.A.** in Sociology

**Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC ■ 2002

**B.A.** in History and Sociology

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

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

**Winner, Robert K. Merton Book Award**, Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT) Section of the American Sociological Association (2015)

Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Health Affairs*,

*Isis, The Lancet: Infectious Diseases, Science Magazine, Society, and Sociology of Health & Illness.*

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.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Whooley, Owen and R. Tyson Smith. (forthcoming 2016) “‘Dropping the ‘D’ in PTSD”, *Contexts*.

Whooley, Owen. 2014. “Nosological Reflections: The Failure of DSM-5, the Emergence of RDoC, and the Decontextualization of Mental Distress,” *Society and Mental Health*, 4(2):92-110.

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. “Locating 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.

#### Chapters in Edited Volumes

Whooley, Owen. forthcoming 2016. “Defining Mental Disorders,” in *A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. NY: Cambridge University Press.

Whooley, Owen. forthcoming 2016. "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.

#### Other Published Writing

Horwitz, Ruth, Jennings, Jennifer, and Whooley, Owen. Forthcoming 2015. "Medical Sociology," in J. Manza, R. arum and L. Haney (eds.) *The Sociology Project*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Higher Education.

Whooley, Owen. 2015. "Book Review: Annemarie Jutel. *Putting a Name to It*," somatosphere.net.

Whooley, Owen. 2015. "Book Review: Sara Shostak. *Exposed Science*," *American Journal of Sociology*, 120(2): 621-623.

Whooley, Owen. 2015. Book Review: Shauna Devine. *Learning from the Wounded*." *American Historical Review*, 120(1):252-253.

Whooley, Owen. Spring 2014. "Focusing on the K in SKAT," *SKAT Newsletter*: 3-7.

Whooley, Owen. 2014. "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)." In William C. Cockerham (Editor-in-Chief), Robert Dingwall (Co-Editor) and Stella R. Quah (Co-Editor). *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing: 381-384.

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>.

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. 2007. "Collective Identity." In G. Ritzer (ed.), *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing: 46.

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#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*A Profession Unnerved: American Psychiatry and the Politics of Ignorance* (book manuscript)

“The Long Shadows of Intellectual Reform: American Psychiatry and the Politics of “Paradigm Shift” (revise and resubmit)

“Measuring Mental Distress: Lessons from DSM-5’s Failed Commensuration”

“The Criminalization of the Brain: Neurocriminology and the Exclusion of the Social” with Kristin Barker and Mallory Fallin

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### FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

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Robert K. Merton Book Award, Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT) Section of the American Sociological Association ■ 2015

EU Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico ■ 2014

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

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

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

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### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Measuring Mental Distress: Lessons for DSM-5’s Failed Commensuration,” Regular Session. Current Issues in Mental Health, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago ■ 2015

“The Criminalization of the Brain: Neurocriminology and the Exclusion of the Social,” (with Kristin Barker and Mallory Fallin), SKAT 25 Year Anniversary Conference, Chicago ■ 2015

- “Sociological Reflections on the Neuroscience of Mental Illnesses,” (with Kristin Barker),  
Invited Talk, Department of Neurology, University of New Mexico Medical  
School, Albuquerque ■ 2014
- “Categorical Reflections: The Implications of DSM-5 for the Sociology of Mental Health,”  
Regular Session on Medical Sociology (co-sponsored with Section on Sociology of  
Mental Health), Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New  
York ■ 2013
- “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 ■ 2011
- “The Professional Politics of Quantifying Mental Illness: Dimensionality and DSM-5,”  
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociology Association, Philadelphia ■ 2011
- “Author Meets Critic Session: *The Autism Matrix* by Gil Eyal” (Panel Discussant),  
Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Boston ■ 2011
- “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
- “Diagnostic Ambivalence: Psychiatrists’ Use of the DSM,” Regular Session on  
Organizations, Occupations, and Work. Annual Meeting of the American  
Sociological Association, New York ■ 2007

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## TEACHING

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**Professor**, University of New Mexico ■ 2012 to Present

The Social Contours of Health  
Sociology of Medical Practice  
Sociology of Madness  
Knowledge and Power (graduate theory course)

**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  
Sociology of Sport

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**SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP**

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Member, Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology*

Senior Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico

Committee on Curriculum and Student Progress (CCSP), BA/MD Program, University of New Mexico

Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)

UNM Med Head Workgroup

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Section on Medical Sociology

  - Session organizer for a panel, "Sociological Perspectives on DSM-5",  
ASA Annual Meeting, 2013*

- 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) ■ 2005 – 2012

New York/London Cultural Analysis Conference (NYLON) ■ 2005 – 2012

Assistant Editor, *Context Magazine* ■ 2006 – 2007

Media Research Action Project (MRAP) ■ 2002 – 2004

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *BioSocieties*, *Contexts*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Oxford University Press*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Society & Mental Health*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Theory*