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Education and Training

- 2013 – 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Davis, School of Nursing
- 2012 – 2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke University, Center for Aging and Human Development
- 2012 PhD, Sociology, UCLA
Dissertation Title: Lost! The Social Psychology of Missing Possessions
Committee: Jack Katz (Chair), Stefan Timmermans, Robert Emerson, Jason Throop (Anthropology)
- 2000 AB, Sociology, Occidental College, *with Honors*

Areas of Specialization

Medical Sociology, Social Psychology, Science & Technology, Cognition & Memory, Ethnography

Publications

Berry, Brandon, Ester Apesoa-Varano, Yarin Gomez. (2015). How family members manage risk around functional decline: The autonomy management process in households facing dementia. *Social Science & Medicine*. 130, 107-114

Berry, Brandon (2014). Minimizing confusion and disorientation: Cognitive support work in dementia households. *Journal of Aging Studies*. 30, 121-130.

Berry, Brandon (2012). Reflections of self from missing things: How people move on from losing possessions. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 642 (1), 228-243.

Submitted

Berry, Brandon & Ester Apesoa-Varano. Medication takeovers: Regimen adjustment work, covert druggings, and resistance in households facing Alzheimer's. *Sociology of Health and Illness* in June 2015.

Manuscripts in Prep.

Berry, Brandon & Ester Apeso-Varano. Suspending disbelief: The cognitive work of training with simulated human bodies in medical school. To be submitted to *The Sociology of Health and Illness*.

Berry, Brandon & Ester Apeso-Varano. *Dummy Medicine: How American Doctors train with Simulated Human Bodies*. Book manuscript in prep.

Berry, Brandon. The informal economy of ideas: How scientists trade, gift, and protect original thought in bench science. To be submitted to *The American Journal of Sociology*.

Berry, Brandon. Credit sorting: The social psychology of authorship order in bench science. To be submitted to *Social Studies of Science*.

Berry, Brandon. Paper-driven science: How the need to publish at a competitive pace influences scientific work. To be submitted to *Social Studies of Science*.

Berry, Brandon. *Lost! The Social Psychology of Missing Possessions*. Book manuscript in prep.

Berry, Brandon. Ordinary mystery: Meaning vacuums, perturbed existence, and connecting the dots when something goes missing. To be submitted to *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

Book Review

Berry, Brandon (2001). Review of the book *Rites of Men: Manhood, Politics and the Culture of Sport* by Varda Burstyn. *Journal of Men's Studies*. 9, 2.

Research in Progress

Berry, Brandon. The social psychology of scientific work. Planned data collection: Observation in lab & collaboration meetings & 50 interviews with academic scientists. Current status: Data collection, analysis, and writing phases.

Berry, Brandon & Ester Apeso-Varano. Dummy medicine: How doctors train with simulated human bodies. Planned data collection: 6 months of observation in a simulation center at a medical school & 50 interviews with technicians, faculty, and students. Current status: Data collection, analysis, and writing phases.

Conference Presentations and Guest Lectures

4/15 "Giving medications to elders: Regimen takeovers, secretive druggings, and resistance in households facing Alzheimer's. UC Davis Medical Center, RCMAR Poster Session.

- 10/14 "Cognitive decline and risk in dementia: A social control model," UC Davis Medical Center, Faculty Research Seminar.
- 8/14 "How families manage functional decline across disease progression: The autonomy management process in dementia households, ASA Round Table Presentation, San Francisco.
- 5/14 "Ethnographic Exercises for Doctoral Students in the Health Sciences," Research Methods Seminar, UC Davis Medical Center.
- 4/14 "Reducing the risks of incompetency: Autonomy management work in dementia households." Presentation at the UC Davis Medical Center Qualitative Health Symposium.
- 2/14 "Dementia & Society Research Trajectory," Invited Lecture, UC Davis School of Nursing for Dean Heather Young.
- 12/13 "The Foundations and Practice of Ethnographic Research," Invited Lecture, UC Davis School of Nursing, for Prof. Elena Siegel.
- 3/13 "The Social Organization of Sudden Personality Change in Dementia," Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University School of Medicine.
- 6/12 "Turning Points in Commitment to a Misplaced Object," Invited Lecture, Self and Society Course, Jack Katz, UCLA
- 6/11 "Misremembering and Misplacement," Invited Ethnography Conference Presentation, Elijah Anderson, Yale University.
- 3/11 "Subjective Experiences of Memory: The Sociological Importance of Psychological Phenomena," Invited Lecture, Self and Society Course, Jack Katz, UCLA.
- 11/10 "How Objects Become 'Lost': A Naturalistic Social Psychology," Yale University Ethnography Conference, Invited by Elijah Anderson.
- 8/08 "When Things Go Astray: Social Psychological Experiences of Misplacement and Misremembering," ASA Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 4/05 "Animated Modeling of Social Psychological Processes." University of Pennsylvania: Philadelphia Ethnography Project.
- 4/03 Section Presider: "Doing Fieldwork in Public Places," Pacific Sociological Association Meeting.

Teaching and Research Experience

- 8/15-12/15 Adjunct Professor - Course: Social Psychology, California State University, Sacramento
- 7/07-9/07 Teaching Assistant, UCLA-NSF Ethnography Program (w Jack Katz)
- 3/07-6/07 Teaching Assistant, Urban Sociology
- 1/07-3/07 Teaching Assistant, Development of Sociological Theory
- 7/06-9/06 Teaching Assistant, UCLA-NSF Ethnography Program (w Robert Emerson and Jack Katz)
- 9/06-12/06 Teaching Assistant, Development of Sociological Theory
- 7/05-9/05 Teaching Assistant, UCLA-NSF Ethnography Program (w Robert Emerson and Jack Katz)
- 4/05-7/05 Teaching Assistant, Urban Sociology
- 1/05-3/05 Teaching Assistant, Development of Sociological Theory
- 9/04-12/04 Research Assistant, Computer Animation of Social Psychological Processes (w Jack Katz)
- 6/04-9/04 Research Assistant, Ethnic Stratification across Los Angeles (w Jack Katz)
- 1/04-3/04 Research Assistant, Analyzing Los Angeles Census Data (w Jack Katz)
- 1/03-3/03 Teaching Assistant, Development of Sociological Theory
- 9/02-12/02 Teaching Assistant, Development of Sociological Theory

Grants, Fellowships, Awards

- 2013-14 Postdoctoral Fellowship – Center for Aging and Human Development, Duke University School of Medicine (Declined)
- 2012-14 Postdoctoral Fellowship – Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research - Rutgers University (Declined)
- 2005-06 Institute of Industrial Relations, Research Grant, UCLA
- 2005-06 Graduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA

2004 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Award (Spanish), UCLA
2004 Summer Mentorship Award for Independent Research, UCLA
2002 Summer Mentorship Award for Independent Research, UCLA
2001-02 University of California Graduate Fellowship, UCLA
1999-00 Theodore and Ellen Stearns Trustee Scholarship (Merit-based Tuition Waiver), Occidental College

Professional Service

8/15-4/16 Organizing Committee Member, Qualitative Health Research Symposium, UC Davis
10/13-4/14 Organizing Committee Member, Qualitative Health Research Symposium, UC Davis

Occasional reviewer for: *Social Science & Medicine*

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Sections: Medical Sociology & Social Psychology

References

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