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Education

- 2017 Expected PhD *University of Washington*
- Dissertation: “Environment of Tension, Moments of Conflict: A Comparative Study of Czech, Slovak, and Roma Interethnic Relations”
Committee: Steve Pfaff (chair), Sarah Quinn, Stewart Tolnay, and James Felak
Qualifying exams: Sociology of Culture, Race and Ethnicity
- 2011 MA Sociology, *University of Washington*
- 2008 BA Sociology and History, magna cum laude, *The College of New Jersey*

Publication and Work Under Review

- 2017 “Contact in integrated church organizations: Brokering Roma/majority relations and mediating threat to majority group position in Slovak towns.” Under review at *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- 2016 “Contention, consensus, and memories of communism: Comparing Czech and Slovak memory politics in public spaces, 1993-2012.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 57(3): 105-126.

Research and Teaching Areas

Race and ethnicity	Qualitative methods
Sociology of culture	Theory

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- 2016 Award for Excellence in Teaching (Solo Instructor) *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2014 Award for Excellence as a Teaching Assistant *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2014 Research Fellowship, Chester Fritz International Fellowship *UW Graduate School* (\$6,693+tuition)
- 2014 Research Fellowship, *IREX (International Research & Exchanges Board)* (\$31,279)

- 2014 Research Grant *European Union Center of Excellence in Seattle* (\$2,700)
- 2011 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Ellison Center* Summer, Czech language
- 2010 Foreign Language Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Global Studies Center* Academic year, Czech language
- 2010 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Ellison Center* Summer, Czech language
- 2007 Research Grant, *Newcomb Center for Research on Women at Tulane University*

Conference Presentations

- 2016 “Churches, Charities, and the Reproduction of Minority Marginalization: Structuring Interethnic Relations in Slovak Towns.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* Seattle, WA
- 2012 “Addressing the Past in Prague and Bratislava: Czech and Slovak Memory Politics and Public Memorials.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* Denver, CO
- 2011 “Western Influences and Eastern Residues on Political Memory: An Analysis of Museums and Memorials in Prague and Bratislava.” *Annual Pacific Sociological Association Conference* Seattle, WA
- 2008 “Chambermaids and Check-out Girls: Examining the Experience of Russian and Eastern European Female Migrant Workers” with Eileen Tomczuk. *Eastern Sociological Society Conference* New York City, New York

Visiting Affiliations, Invited Lectures, and Colloquia

- 2017 Invited Speaker *UW Qualitative Multi-Method Research (QUAL) Initiative* Seattle, WA
- 2016 Faculty Exchange *University of Ljubljana* Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2016 Invited Speaker *UW Qualitative Multi-Method Research (QUAL) Initiative* Seattle, WA
- 2015 Visiting Scholar *Pavol Jozef Šafárik University* Košice, Slovakia
- 2014 Visiting Scholar *Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences* Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014 Graduate Student Workshop *Colorado European Union Center of Excellence* Boulder, Colorado
- 2013 Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar *Woodrow Wilson Center East European Studies* Aspen Wye River, Maryland.

Teaching Experience

2015-present Teaching Assistant in Sociology Writing Center *UW Department of Sociology*
2013-2016 Instructor *UW Department of Sociology*
2015 Instructor *North Seattle College*
2008-2013 Teaching Assistant, *UW Department of Sociology*
2007 Teaching Assistant *The College of New Jersey Department of Sociology and Anthropology*
2007 Intern and Docent, *Jewish Heritage Museum –A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*

Courses Prepared

Introduction to Sociology (hybrid online/in-person course using Canvas LMS)
Introduction to Macrosociology
Sociological Theory
Qualitative Methods
Sociology of Ethnic and National Identities
Sociology of Education Practicum (with a service-learning element)

Professional Service

2017 Committee member, Cox Article Award Committee *ASA Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section*
2017 Committee member, Graduate Student Association *UW Department of Sociology*
2016 Committee member, nominations committee *ASA Sociology of Culture Section*
2016 Volunteer, mini-conference *ASA Comparative Historical Sociology Section*
2016 Volunteer, qualitative methods consulting *Lucia Neare's ACT Theatre Project*
2013 Volunteer *University Beyond Bars*

Languages

Czech (fluent), Slovak (intermediate)

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Social Science History Association
Pacific Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Gypsy Lore Society

References

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