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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Stanford University, Sociology, June 2013 (expected)

M.Phil. University of Oxford, Development Studies, 2005

B.A. Stanford University, Political Science with Honors, Minor in African History, 2001

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Political Sociology	Global & Transnational Sociology
Organizations	Conflict & Development
Social Movements	Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Cook, K.S. & B. Cook. 2011. "Social and Political Trust," in Delanty, G., & Turner, S. P. (eds.) *Routledge International Handbook of Contemporary Social and Political Theory*. pp. 236–247. New York: Routledge.

Cook, B. 2012 (forthcoming). "Donors and the Unintended Consequences of Humanitarian Aid." *Contexts*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

2012 Cook, B. *The Impact of Weak States and Ethnic Exclusion on Forced Migration: Refugees and Internally Displaced People in 120 Countries, 1989-2000* (Revise and Resubmit: *Journal of Refugee Studies*).

2012 Cook, B. *Angels of Mercy or Carriers of Conflict? International Humanitarian Organizations and Inter-Group Conflict* (Under Review: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*).

2012 Cook, B. *Emerging Class Consciousness or Racism Revisited? Race, Class, and Municipal Politics in South Africa's Democratic Transition* (Under Review: *American Journal of Sociology*).

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS

Dissertation - 3 paper option:

1) *International Humanitarian Organizations and Inter-Group Conflict*

This article focuses on the impact of one specific type of international actor - international humanitarian organizations (IHOs) - on a single aspect of armed conflict, the displacement of people from regions of conflict. This study, therefore, is motivated by two primary questions: 1) What mechanisms link the activities of international humanitarian organizations to forced migration during conflicts, and 2) Do international humanitarian organizations alleviate or exacerbate the forced displacement of people, net of other factors identified in the literature?

2) *The Political Economy of Collective Action in Emerging Democratic Regimes: South Africa from 1994-2010*

Under the apartheid regime in South Africa before 1994, social movement organizations in South Africa were largely allied in opposition to the Afrikaner-run government. Therefore, collective action in South Africa during the apartheid period most often emerged from cross-racial and cross-ethnic alliances. This paper examines how these alliances have shifted in the post-apartheid period by analyzing event-history data on the impact of political and economic reforms on collective action events between 1994 and 2010.

3) *From Institutionalized Supremacy to Social Movement Separatism: The Transformation of the Afrikaner Nationalism in Post-Apartheid South Africa*

One of the least addressed questions concerning the transition to democracy in South Africa is the impact that majority rule has had on what was once one of the most successful social movements in Africa, if not the world – namely, Afrikaner Nationalism. Using a mixed-methods approach, this paper looks at how losing South Africa’s “liberation struggle” has affected Afrikaner Nationalism particularly in the face of the social, political, and economic restructuring of the country in the post-apartheid period. From a theoretical perspective, this study addresses two longstanding sociological questions about 1) the mobilizing effect of threat and the emergence of reactive social movements, and 2) the evolution of movement framing.

Working Papers

Legitimacy and Accountability: the Organizational Ecology of International Humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations

Immigration Policy and Discourse and Anti-Immigrant Violence in Western Europe, with Susan Olzak & Ruud Koopmans

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS

2005 *Assessing the Impact of Development: Evaluating NGO Performance in Developing Countries*. M.Phil Thesis, Department of International Development, University of Oxford.

2001 *From Revolutionary Movement to Political Party: the Transformation of the African National Congress, 1962-1999*. Honors Thesis, Department of Political Science, Stanford University.

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

2012 *Uncertain Refuge*. Section on Refugees, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, CO.

2011 *Angels of Mercy or Carriers of Conflict? International Humanitarian Organizations and Inter-Group Conflict*. Section on Politics in Settings of Violence, Instability and Disaster, 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV.

2010 *The Political Economy of Protest after Democratic Transitions, South Africa 1994-2009*. Social Movements in Transitional and Transnational Contexts Section, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

2010 *The Emergence of Collective Action in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Session on Democracy within a Fragile and Interconnected World, RC47.03, XVII International Sociological Association World Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden.

2010 *The Impact of Weak States and Ethnic Exclusion on Forced Migration: Refugees and Internally Displaced People in 120 Countries, 1989-2000*. Section on Refugees, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2011-present *Pro- and Anti-Immigration in Western Europe*.
PI: Susan Olzak. Research Assistant.

2006-2011 *The Impact of Environmental Protest on Legislation in the United States*
PI: Susan Olzak. Research Assistant.

2007 Research Assistant for Andrew Walder: “Political Sociology and Social Movements,” *Annual Review of Sociology*. 2009. 35:393–412.

2004 *Oxford University Research Fellow*, Blantyre, Malawi.

Research Methods Training

Quantitative: General linear models for discrete and continuous outcomes, fixed-effects, time-series, and event-history analysis, population ecology models, geo-statistical analysis, SPSS, STATA

Qualitative: Comparative historical and case study analysis, interview-based methods

Fieldwork Experience: Guatemala, South Africa, Malawi, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Teaching Fellow, Stanford University Department of Sociology, 2011-2012
Sociology 180A: Foundations of Social Research (Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University Department of Sociology, 2006-2009
Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2007, Spring 2009)
Sociology 180B: Evaluation of Evidence
Sociology 200: Junior and Senior Seminar: Writing in the Major
Sociology 247A: Comparative Ethnic Conflict

Instructor & Teaching Assistant, Stanford Program in International Relations, 2008-2012
IR 200A: Pre-Fieldwork Seminar for Honors Thesis (Spring 2008-2012)
IR 200B: Fall Honors Seminar (Fall 2008-2012)
Honors College (2008-2011)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2011 Graduate Research Opportunity Funds Dissertation Grant, Stanford University
2011 Stanford Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society Dissertation Grant
2011 Stanford Sociology Research Opportunities Grant
2010 American Sociological Association Student Paper Grant for the ISA 2010 World Congress
2010 Stanford Sociology Research Opportunities Grant
2008-2010 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association – Sections: Political Sociology, Global and Transnational Sociology, Collective Behavior and Social Movements

American Political Science Association

International Sociological Association

Pacific Sociological Association

South African Sociological Association

African Studies Association

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Mobilization*, *Comparative Political Studies*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2002-2003 *Program Coordinator, Volunteers for Inter-American Development Assistance*
Responsible for day-to-day domestic operations, supply network and fundraising

2001-2002 *International Coordinator, UNHCR, Chiapas, Mexico*
Provided support for a refugee repatriation project involving families returning to Guatemala as a result of ongoing violence in Chiapas

1999, 2000 *Amy Biehl Fellow, Amy Biehl Foundation Trust, Cape Town, South Africa*
Developed and implemented violence prevention programs for township youth

REFERENCES

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