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EDUCATION

Boston College

Ph.D., Sociology, 2010

Dissertation: *Strategizing Against Sweatshops: The Anti-Sweatshop Movement and the Global Economy*

Boston College

M.A., Sociology, 2007

Master's Thesis: *The Bush Administration, Debt Forgiveness and Development Regime Change*

Wesleyan University

B. A., Anthropology, 1996

Graduated *Phi Beta Kappa*

AREAS OF INTEREST

Collective Behavior/Social Movements, Labor and Labor Movements, Political Economy and Political Sociology, Social Inequality, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Globalization/Transnationalism

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- Lecturer in Sociology and International Studies, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL (2013-present)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (2012-2013)
- Teaching Fellow in Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (2004-2012)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Matthew S. Williams. 2016. "Strategic Innovation in US Anti-Sweatshop Movement." *Social Movement Studies*. 15 (3): 277-289.

Matthew S. Williams. 2009. "The Bush Administration, Debt Relief, and the War on Terror: Reforming the International Development System as Part of the Neoconservative Project." *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict and World Order*. 35 (3): 49-65.

John B. Williamson and Matthew S. Williams. 2005. "Notional Defined Contribution Accounts: Neoliberal Ideology and the Political Economy of Pension Reform." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 64 (2): 485-506.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2009: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association (ASA), "Strategizing Against Sweatshops: Ideology, Strategic Models and Innovation in US Anti-Sweatshop Movement."

2007: Robert and Riza Lavizzo-Mourey Summer Research Expense Grant, Boston College Sociology Department, "Strategies and Political Opportunities in the Anti-Sweatshop Movement".

2003: Severyn T. Bruyn Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Economy and Social Justice, Boston College Sociology Department, "Political Economy, Social Location and Opportunities for American Social Movements: A Gramscian Model of Political Opportunity Structure."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Matthew S. Williams. 2011. "Global Justice as a Social Movement." Pp. 258-259 in *The Concise Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Edited by George Ritzer. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

Matthew S. Williams. 2008. "Social Justice in a Global Context." Pp. 121-127 in *Teaching Social Movements: A Collection of Syllabi, Assignments, and Other Resources*. Edited by Lesley J. Wood, Paul Almeida, and Benita Roth. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.

Matthew S. Williams. 2007. "Global Justice as a Social Movement." Pp. 1947-1950 in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Edited by George Ritzer. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

John B. Williamson and Matthew S. Williams. 2003. "The Notional Defined Contribution Model: An Assessment of the Strengths and Limitations of a New Approach to the Provision of Old Age Security" (Working Paper, No. 2003-18). Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

COURSES TAUGHT

- International Studies Capstone Course: Global Civil Society and Social Movements
- Introduction to International Studies
- Introduction to Sociology/ Society in a Global Age

- Social Class and Inequality
- Social Justice in a Global Context
- Social Movements
- Sociological Theory
- Sociology of Globalization
- Sociology of War and Peace

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Matthew S. Williams. *Strategizing Against Sweatshops: The Global Economy, Student Activism and Worker Empowerment*. Under final review at Temple University Press.

Matthew S. Williams. “Exercising Leverage Across Multiple Social Institutions: The Anti-Sweatshop Movement, Colleges, and Institutional Consumer Power Within a Multi-Institutional Political Opportunity Structure.” In preparation. To be submitted to *Social Problems*.

Matthew S. Williams. “Commodity Chains and Economic Opportunity Structure: The Anti-Sweatshop Movement and the Global Apparel Industry.” In preparation. To be submitted to *The Journal of World-Systems Research*.

Matthew S. Williams. “Transnational Solidarity, Transnational Strategy and the Boomerang Effect in the Anti-Sweatshop Movement.” In preparation. To be submitted to *International Political Sociology*.

PRESENTATIONS

Matthew S. Williams. 2015. “Commodity Chains and Economic Opportunity Structure: The Anti-Sweatshop Movement and the Global Apparel Industry.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August 24, Chicago IL.

Matthew S. Williams. 2014. “Protest and Monitoring Groups in the Anti-Sweatshop Movement: Institutional Positions, Leverage, and an Activist Division of Labor.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 17, San Francisco CA.

Matthew S. Williams. 2012. “Private Regulatory Systems, Workers’ Rights, and Democracy.” Presented at the Political Economy of the World Systems (PEWS) Conference, April 21, Worcester MA.

Matthew S. Williams. 2012. “Solving the Sweatshop Problem: Rival Corporate and Social Movement Solutions.” Public talk at Bentley University, Waltham MA, April 3.

Matthew S. Williams. 2011. “Exercising Institutional Consumer Power: Lessons from the Anti-Sweatshop Movement.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 20, Las Vegas NV.

Matthew S. Williams. 2010. "Transnational Solidarity, Transnational Strategy and the Boomerang Effect in the Anti-Sweatshop Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August 14, Atlanta GA.

Matthew S. Williams. 2008. "Strategizing Against Sweatshops: Ideology, Strategic Models and Innovation in US Anti-Sweatshop Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August 4, Boston MA.

Matthew S. Williams. 2008. "Political Opportunities Beyond Politics: The Anti-Sweatshop Movement and the Global Apparel Industry." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 2, Boston MA.

William Gamson, Charlotte Ryan, Matthew S. Williams, Amy Finnegan, and Jesse Kirdahy-Scalia. 2007. "Plenary Workshop: Bridging the Academic Activist Divide." Presented at the Collective Behavior and Social Movements (CBSM) Conference, August 9, Hempstead NY.

Matthew S. Williams. 2006. "The Bush Administration, Debt Relief and Dependency." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 10, Montreal, Canada.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Movement/Media Research Action Project (MRAP), William A. Gamson (P.I.), May 2003-August 2005.

I did research on the political economy of globalization and on the various strands of the global justice movement for a pedagogical game exploring the dynamics of globalization and resistance to it. I also advised on the construction of the game and served as an assistant referee in test runs of the game.

Research Assistant, Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, John B. Williamson (P.I.), May 2002-August 2002.

My duties included research on an innovative form of pension reform, known as notional defined contribution accounts, and supervision of an undergraduate research assistant working on a project about patterns divergence and convergence in global social trends.

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Inquiry*.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, 2015-present.

Faculty Advisor, Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honors Society), Loyola University Chicago, 2013-present.

Presider, The Mobilization and Strategy of Unions Roundtable, American Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section, 2010.

Senior Research Associate, Movement/Media Research Action Project (MRAP), Department of Sociology, Boston College, January 2002-present

Graduate student representative on Scholarly Events Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2003-2004 academic year.

Graduate student representative to the Departmental Meeting, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2002-2003 academic year.

OTHER SERVICE

Editor, Boston Independent Media Center (IMC), Boston, MA, July 2001-August 2005.

Board of Directors, Boston Mobilization for Survival, Boston, MA, May 1999-October 2000.

REFERENCES

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