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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, December 1999. North Carolina State University; Raleigh, NC

Dissertation:

“Redeeming Identities: Ideology, Emotion, and the Creation of Moral Selves”

M.A. English; August 1991. North Carolina State University; Raleigh, NC

B.A. English; Environmental Studies Certificate; May 1988. Dickinson College;
Carlisle, PA

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Inequality, Gender/Sexuality, Religion, Social Psychology, Qualitative Methods, and
Symbolic Interaction

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor; Department of Sociology, Centenary College; 2005-present
Taught Sociology of the Family, Social Problems, Sex and Gender in Society, Social
Movements, Methods in Social Research, Senior Seminar, Sociology of Religion, and
Communities and Conflicts [interdisciplinary seminar for first year students]

Gender Studies Co-Director. Centenary College; 2002-present.
Developed, implemented, and coordinate the Gender Studies Program.

Assistant Professor; Department of Sociology, Centenary College; 2000-2005.

Visiting Lecturer; Department of Sociology, North Carolina State University; 1998-
2000. (Taught Social Psychology and Social Problems)

Research Assistant; Generation X Project (with Dr. Jackson Carroll, Ormond Center at
Duke University; Durham, NC. 1996-97, Summer 1998).

Visiting Lecturer; Department of English, North Carolina State University; 1991-2000.
(Taught first-year composition, business and technical communication)

Visiting Lecturer; Multi-Disciplinary Studies Department North Carolina State
University, 1991-2000. (Developed and implemented writing assistance programs for
graduate students. Designed and taught graduate research, writing and thesis
workshops).

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, SERVICE

- 2005-06 Chair, Feminist Mentor Award Committee (Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction)
- 2005-06 Co-organizer ACS Gender Studies Conference
- 2005 Centenary College Outstanding Teacher Award
- 2004-05 Centenary College Research Professor in Social Science
- 2003-04 Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction)
- 2002-03 \$2700 US Dep't. of Justice Grant (Part of larger grant to reduce violence against women on campus)
- 2002-03 Centenary College Research Professor in Social Science
- 2002-03 Pacesetter Award from Centenary Student Government Association
- 2000-01 Mattie Allen Broyles Inaugural Research Chair Award
- 1998 \$2000 Dissertation Fellowship Award, Society for Scientific Study of Religion
- 1997 Alpha Kappa Delta, a graduate sociology honorary society
- 1991 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University

BOOKS

- Wolkomir, Michelle. 2006. Be Not Deceived: The Sacred and Sexual Struggles of Gay and Ex-Gay Christian Men. New Brunswick: Rutgers UP.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Wolkomir, Michelle and Powers, Jennifer. "Helping Women and Protecting the Self" The Challenge of Emotional Labor in an Abortion Clinic." (Under review) Qualitative Sociology.
- Wolkomir, Michelle. 2004. "Giving It Up to God: Negotiating Femininity in Support Groups for Wives of Ex-Gay Christian Men." Gender & Society. 18: 735-755.
- Wolkomir, Michelle. 2001. "Wrestling with the Angels of Meaning: The Revisionist Ideological Work of Gay and Ex-Gay Men." Symbolic Interaction 24: 407-424.
- Wolkomir, Michelle. 2001. "Emotion Work, Commitment, and the Authentication of the Self: The Case of Gay and Ex-Gay Christian Men." Journal of Contemporary Ethnography 30: 305-334.
- Schwalbe, Michael L and Wolkomir, Michelle. 2001. "Interviewing Men." Pp. 203-219 in Handbook of Interview Research. Eds. Jay Gubrium and Jim Holstein. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Schwalbe, Michael L. and Wolkomir, Michelle. 2001. "The Masculine Self As Problem and Resource in Interview Studies of Men." Men and Masculinities 4: 90-103.
- Schwalbe, Michael L., Sandra Godwin, Daphne Holden, Douglas Schrock, Shealy

- Thompson, and Michelle Wolkomir. 2000. "Generic Processes in the Reproduction of Inequality: An Interactionist Analysis." Social Forces 79: 419-452.
- Wolkomir, Michelle, Futreal, Michael, Woodrum, Eric and Hoban, Thomas. 1997. "Denominational Subcultures of Environmentalism." Review of Religious Research 38: 325-343.
- Woodrum, Eric and Wolkomir, Michelle. 1997. "Religious Effects on Environmentalism." Sociological Spectrum 17: 223-234.
- Wolkomir, Michelle, Futreal, Michael, Woodrum, Eric and Hoban, Thomas. 1997. "Substantive Religious Belief and Environmentalism." Social Science Quarterly 78: 96-108.
- Wolkomir, Michelle. 1993. "Moral Elevation and Egalitarianism: Shades of Grey in Chesnutt's The Marrow of Tradition." College Language Association Journal 36: 245-259.

BOOK REVIEWS/OTHER WORK

- Wolkomir, Michelle. 2001. Reviewed The Psychology of the Social Self. Eds. Tom R. Tyler, Roderick M. Kramer, and Oliver P. John. In Contemporary Sociology. 30: 258-259.
- Negotiating Uncertainty: The Practice and Ethics of Civic Deliberation. 2003. Steve Shelburne, Kim Vanhoosier-Carey and Michelle Wolkomir (Eds). Acton, MA: Copley Custom Publishing. (Edited collection published for first year seminars--not peer reviewed)

PRESENTATIONS (Since 2000)

- "Helping Women and Protecting the Self: The Challenge of Abortion Clinic Work." (with Jennifer Powers). Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Philadelphia, PA. August 2005.
- "Reconciling the Sacred and the Sexual: The Struggle of Gay and Ex-Gay Christian Men." Invited speaker. Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, TX. October 2003.
- "Remaking the Submissive Wife: Ex-Gay Wives' Support Groups and the Renegotiation of Femininity." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Atlanta, GA. 2003.
- "Emotion Work and the Authentication of the Self: The Case of Gay and Ex-Gay Christians." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Washington, DC. 2000.