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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]

Crawford Chair of Liberal Arts; Centenary College; 2006-present
Direct the First Year Experience Program, develop the curriculum, coordinate speakers and activities, administer budget.

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

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| 2007-08 | ASA Sexualities Section Book Award Committee |
| 2007-08 | Centenary Research Professor in Social Sciences (summer research grant) |
| 2006 | Associated Colleges of the South Diversity Mini-Grant for Student Led Collaboration with Faculty |
| 2006 | ASA Distinguished Book Award--Sexualities Section |
| 2006 | Wye Faculty Fellowship; Aspen Institute; July |
| 2006-07 | Centenary College Research Professor in Social Science (summer research grant) |
| 2005-06 of | 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.

*2006 ASA Distinguished Book Award in Sexualities; Nominated for Charles Horton Cooley Award and Susanne Glasscock Interdisciplinary Book Prize

*Reviewed in Social Forces (forthcoming), Gender and Society, Men and Masculinities, and Review of Religious Research

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Wolkomir, Michelle and Powers, Jennifer. 2007. "Helping Women and Protecting the Self: The Challenge of Emotional Labor in an Abortion Clinic." Qualitative Sociology. 30.2: 153-169.

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.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS/BOOK REVIEWS/OTHER

Wolkomir, Michelle. (forthcoming summer 2008). "Gay and Ex-Gay Paths to Resolving the Dilemma of Homosexuality in Christianity." Chapter in Anglican study guide for the Lambeth conference, Canterbury England.

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. August 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. August 2000.