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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, Qualitative Methods, Religion, Social Psychology, and Symbolic Interaction

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Sociology, Centenary College; 2012-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]

Associate Professor; Department of Sociology, Centenary College; 2006-2012

Crawford Chair of Liberal Arts; Centenary College; 2006-2012
Direct the interdisciplinary 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; 2000-2006.

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

2010-11	Centenary Research Professor in Social Sciences (summer research grant)
2010	Expert Witness in Magnaye v. California. Immigration case involving mixed orientation marriage, sex, and legal status.
2010-13	Publications Committee Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
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 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	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. Co-Winner.

*Nominated for Charles Horton Cooley Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Book Award, and Susanne Glasscock Interdisciplinary Book Award

*Reviewed in *Social Forces, Contemporary Sociology, Men and Masculinities, Sociology of Religion, Gender and Society,* and *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Wolkomir, Michelle. (forthcoming). "You Fold Like a Little Girl:" (Hetero)Gender Framing and Competitive Strategies of Men and Women in No Limit Texas Hold Em Poker Games. Qualitative Sociology.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2009. "Making Heteronormative Reconciliations: The Story of Romantic Love, Sexuality, and Gender in Mixed Orientation Marriages." Special Issue on Heteronormativity and Sexualities. Gender & Society 23.4: 494-519.

*Nominated for Distinguished Article Award 2011, Sex and Gender section of ASA

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.

Reprint in Inside Social Life: Readings in Social Psychology and Microsociology. 2010. Oxford University Press.

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

Wollkomir, Michelle. 2012. "STD Cases rising Among Teens." Television interview for America Now News. May 9, 2012.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2011. ""Teen STDs on the Rise in Caddo Parish." Television interview KSLA. Nov. 7 and 17, 2011.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2010. Expert Witness in Magnaye v. California. Immigration case involving mixed orientation marriage, sex, and legal status. Prepared written legal brief and gave testimony.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2010. Reviewed Queer Women and Religious Individualism. Melissa Wilcox. Sexualities.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2010. Published Interview on Romantic Love. February 14. Social Science Research News.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2009. Commentary on "Reclaiming Critical Analysis: The Social Harms of 'Bitch.'" Sociological Analysis. 3: 114-117.

Wolkomir, Michelle. "God and Gays at the APA: A Flawed Debate." Religion Dispatches. May 11, 2008. Editorial for on-line paper.

Wolkomir, Michelle. Radio interview with Interfaith Voices. Ex-Gay Movement. February 21, 2008.

Wolkomir, Michelle. 2007. "Gay and Ex-Gay Paths to Resolving the Dilemma of Homosexuality in Christianity." Chapter prepared for Anglican bishops, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

"You Fold Like a Little Girl:" (Hetero)Gender Framing and Competitive Strategies of Men and Women in No Limit Texas Hold Em Games." Southern Sociological Society Meetings. New Orleans, LA. March 2012.

"Mentoring Session: Tips for Getting a Job and Publishing Your Work." Symbolic Interaction and Social Justice. Annual Meetings. Atlanta, GA August 2010.

"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.

"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.

"Shame, Ordinary Sin, and the Search For Textual Redemption: The Identity Dilemmas of Gay and Ex-Gay Christian Men." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. San Francisco, CA. August 1998.

"Across the Methodological Divide: Creating A Qualitative Space." (Group Presentation). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. April 1997.

"Squaring Off: The Environmental Implications of Religious Identity Construction in the Modern World." Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. April 1997.

"The Social Environment of Identity Making." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 1996.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Rewriting the Heterosexual Contract: The Spousal Negotiations of Love and Sex in Mixed Orientation Marriages." Southern Sociological Society Meetings. New Orleans, LA. March 2012.

"Reconciling the Sacred and the Sexual: The Struggle of Gay and Ex-Gay Christian Men." Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, TX. 2003.

"Being Gay and Christian in the Deep South." People Acting for Change and Equality (PACE). Shreveport, LA 2006.

"Partisanship and Social Inequality." Residence Hall Association. Centenary College. Shreveport, LA 2006.

"Stigma and Homosexuality: Negotiating College Life." Outreach (Centenary College and Louisiana State University). Shreveport, LA 2007.

"Status of Women in Today's Workplace." ERA Study Group (oldest women's study group in Shreveport). Shreveport, LA 2008.

"Homosexuality, Religion and Homophobia." Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Shreveport, LA 2009.