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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 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; 2000-2005.

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

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, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Book Award, and Susanne Glasscock Interdisciplinary Book Award

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

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Wolkomir, Michelle. (Forthcoming). "Making Heteronormative Reconciliations: The Story of Romantic Love, Sexuality, and Gender in Mixed Orientation Marriages." Special Issue on Heteronormativity and Sexualities. Gender & Society.

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). Commentary on "Reclaiming Critical Analysis: The Social Harms of 'Bitch.'" Sociological Analysis.
- 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. "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 (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.