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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2013-** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
- 2012-13** Lecturer of Public Policy (full-time), University of Chicago

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, Department of Sociology**, Madison, WI  
PhD, Sociology. Minor: Southeast Asian Studies. August 2012.

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs**, Master in Public Affairs – Concentration in Development Studies, 2005.

**TULANE UNIVERSITY**, New Orleans, LA  
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and English; Minor in Economics, 1999.  
Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, University Commencement Speaker, Deans' Honor Scholarship, Senior Scholar in Sociology, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society.

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015** Pardee Faculty Fellow (\$20,000 Grant)  
Southeast Asia Research Group, Fellow
- 2014** Inaugural Gitner Lecture, Boston University
- 2013** Morris Grant, Boston University
- 2012** Best Graduate Student Paper, Association for Asian Studies  
(published in *Journal of Contemporary Asia*)
- 2009** Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2006-2008** Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

## AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST

Global Health; Political Sociology; Healthcare Policy; Sociology of Development; Medical Sociology; Globalization; HIV/AIDS; Human Rights; Citizenship; Research Methods

## BOOKS

*Achieving Access: Professional Movements, Politics, and the Struggle for Health Universalism in Thailand, Brazil, and South Africa* (Forthcoming, Cornell University Press)

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Moving Towards Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from 11 Country Studies.” *The Lancet*. (with multiple co-authors, second author). 2016. 387(10020), 811-816.

“‘Developmental Capture’ of the State: Explaining Thailand’s Universal Coverage Policy.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 2015. 40(1): 165-93.

“Political Repression, Civil Society, and the Politics of Responding to HIV/AIDS in the BRICS Nations.” *Health Policy and Planning* (with Ed Gomez). 2015.

“Who Governs? Autonomous Political Networks as a Challenge to Power in Thailand.” *Journal of Contemporary Asia*. 2014. 45(1): 3-25. (Lead Article).

- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Association for Asian Studies 2012

“Uneven Inclusion: Consequences of Universal Healthcare in Thailand.” *Citizenship Studies*. Vol. 17(1) February 2013: 111-27.

“The Nuts and Bolts of Post-Conflict Capacity Building: Practicable Lessons from East Timor.” *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*. (with Reyko Huang). Vol. 2 (3), 2006: 78-92.

## REVIEWS

*Heart-Sick: The Politics of Risk, Inequality, and Heart Disease*, by Janet Shim. *Contemporary Sociology*. 2015.

## ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“Professional Movements and the Expansion of Access to Healthcare in the Industrializing World.” (Revise and Resubmit, *Sociology of Development*)

“The Politics of Expanding Healthcare Access to the Poor and Informal Sectors.” (under review, *World Development*)

“From Neoliberalism to Universalism: Explaining the Emergence of Universal Health Coverage as a Global Norm.”

“Distinguishing between Bureaucratic Autonomy and Developmental Capture of the State.”

“American Medical Sociology and the Problems of Global Health”

“The Emerging Sociology of Global Health”

## **OTHER REPORTS, BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

*Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.* Washington: World Bank. 2014. (with A Maeda, E Araujo, C Cashin, N Ikegami and M Reich.)

Chapter on Research Methods, *Introduction to Sociology.* (textbook) Contributor, Ed. George Ritzer, Sage Publications. 2013.

“In Perspective: The Health Care Reform” *Bangkok Post.* 5 January 2010.

*Weak and Fragile States Working Group Report.* Co-Authored with Princeton University Policy Workshop, December 2004.

*Best Practices and Lessons Learned in the Capacity Development Process.* Co-produced with Reyko Huang. UNDP East Timor, May 2004.

*UNDP Strategy for Strengthening the Public Service.* UNDP East Timor, December 2003. Primary Committee Writer.

## **REVIEWER**

Social Forces; Contemporary Sociology; Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law; Citizenship Studies; Journal of Contemporary Asia; Pacific Affairs; Health Systems and Reform; Palgrave MacMillan

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2016** “Achieving Access: Professional Movements and the Politics of Health Universalism.” Transnational Studies Initiative. Harvard University. September 28, 2016.
- “American Medical Sociology and the Problems of Global Health.” BU Tertulia Junior Faculty Forum. April 21, 2016
- “Universal Healthcare in the Developing World and the UN Sustainable Development Goals” Beyond the Headlines: The UN Sustainable Development Goals, Public Health, and Disability.” BU Global Civics/Pardee School of International Relations Event. April 14, 2016
- “Professional Movements and the Expansion of Access to Healthcare in Thailand and Brazil.” Professions and Professionals in the Developing World Symposium. Brown University.
- 2015** “Introduction to Sampling.” *SO 201 Sociological Methods.* Boston University.

**INVITED LECTURES (continued)**

- 2015** “Emerging Lessons for Political Economy Based on Country Case Studies.” *World Bank Workshop. Sharing Lessons and Insights Moving Towards Universal Coverage.* Lead Presenter and Facilitator, Political Economy. Side Meetings, Prince Mahidol Awards Conference (Delegate). Bangkok, Thailand.
- “On Behalf of the People: Professional Movements, Politics, and the Struggle for Universal Healthcare in Thailand, Brazil, and South Africa.” Boston University School of Public Health. Center for Global Health and Development Scientific Meeting / Society, Politics and Culture Workshop. Boston University Department of Sociology / Southeast Asia Research Group / Tertulia / Graduate Seminar, Harvard University School of Public Health / Remaking Modernity Conference.
- 2014** “Emerging Lessons in Political Economy.” *World Bank Workshop on Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.* Lead Presenter and Facilitator, Political Economy. Washington, DC.
- "Asia's Evolving Sociopolitical Context: Opportunities for Strengthening Partnerships through Medical Cooperation." Invited Panelist. Asia and the United States: Relationship Patterns and Potentials Conference. Session on Socio-Political Context: Governance, Regional Cooperation, and Demographics.
- “Critical Research and Education to Advance the Human Condition: Focus on Ebola.” Invited Speaker. Gitner Lecture. Pardee School for Global Studies.
- “A New Developmental State? Thailand and the Movement towards Universal Coverage.” Invited Speaker. St. Antony's College. Oxford University.
- “Discussion with the Author.” Political Economy and Ethics of Health Reform Graduate Seminar. Invited Speaker. Harvard University School of Public Health.
- “BICS+ Innovations in the Expansion of Healthcare Coverage." Invited Speaker. Higher Education and Innovation in Emerging Economies: From Local Development to Global Engagement Conference. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. Boston University.
- “The Global South's New Developmental Tigers? The Surprising Movement towards Universal Health Coverage.” Invited Speaker. College of William and Mary. Department of Sociology. Also IR369 Economic Development in SE Asia.
- 2013** “The Politics of Universal Coverage: The Critical Role of Doctors in the Ministry.” *Sampran Forum.* Ministry of Public Health. Bangkok, Thailand, Invited Speaker.
- 2009** “Building my Research Project: Question, Design, Framework.” (In Thai.) Non-Traditional Education Master's Class (Guest Lecturer). Chiang Mai University.
- 2007** “The State of AIDS in Chiang Mai.” (In Thai) Advanced Study of Thai Program.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016** “Policy Diffusion from the Global Periphery: Thailand’s Role in Destabilizing and Displacing Dominant Public Health Models” Work in Progress Forum Boston University. October 28, 2016. Sociology of Development Conference. Cornell University. October 7, 2016.
- “From Neoliberalism to Universalism: Explaining the Emergence of a Global Norm around Universal Coverage.” International Sociological Association Meetings. July 11, 2016.
- “Professional Movements and the Expansion of Access to Healthcare in Thailand and Brazil.” American Political Science Association Meetings. September 3, 2016. Global Health Congress, London. June 22, 2016.
- “Emerging Sociological Contributions to Global Health.” (Organizer, two panels) *Eastern Sociological Society Meeting*.
- 2014** “Explaining ‘Developmental Capture’ of the State.” *Social Science and History Association*. Invited Panelist. Session on Experts, “Randomistas,” and Bureaucratic Disorganizers Around the World.
- “The Expansion of Healthcare in Asia and Implications for the Developmental State” *Association for Asian Studies Meeting*. Medical Knowledge/Health Policy.
- “From Neoliberalism to Universalism: Explaining the Global Shift towards Universal Health Coverage.” *Eastern Sociological Society Meeting*. Session on Neoliberalism: Social Movements, Economic Transformations.
- Session on Health Care Markets and Rights. (Presider) *Eastern Sociological Society Meeting*.
- 2013** “From Neoliberalism to Universalism: Explaining the Emergence of a Global Norm around Universal Coverage.” *Social Science and History Association Annual Conference*. Session on Making Things with Social Science.
- “Understanding the Conditions for Developmental Capture of the State.” *American Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Session on Comparative Sociology.
- “From Neoliberalism to Universalism: The Role of Experts in the Expansion of the Developmental State.” *Association for Asian Studies Meeting*. Session on Asian Development Models: A New Paradigm for Development Practice?
- 2012** “Conflict, Power, and Agency in Studies of Policy Diffusion.” (with Shiri Noy) *American Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Session on Movement of Knowledge Across Borders.
- “Who Governs? Autonomous Political Networks as a Challenge to Power in Thailand.” Power and Politics in SE Asia. *Association for Asian Studies Meeting*.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

- 2011** “When Do Experts Matter? The Strategic Role of Experts in Social Policy Advocacy.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- “Making History Invisible: The Role of ‘Policy Accidents’ in Formalizing Ethnic Boundaries in Thailand.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2010** “Sociology and the Debate over Universal Health Care.” Joint Midwest Sociology Society/North Central Sociological Association Meeting (Organizer/ Moderator).
- “Not Just Expertise: The Decisive Role of an Epistemic Community in the Movement towards Universal Health Care in Thailand.” Meeting of the Midwest/North Central Sociological Associations.
- 2010** “The Role of Social Policy in the Consolidation of State Systems of Stratification.” Meeting of the Midwest/North Central Sociological Associations.
- 2008** “Stratified Citizenship: State Classification Systems in Thailand.” Midwest Sociological Society Meeting. Prior version at Council on Thai Studies Meetings.

## **GRANTS**

Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Deans’ Office  
Deans’ International Travel Award  
\$2,000 (2016)

Boston University Department of Sociology Morris Fund  
\$1,000 (2016)

Boston University Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer Range Future  
\$20,000 (2015)

Boston University Department of Sociology Morris Fund  
\$1,200 (2015)

Boston University Department of Sociology Morris Fund  
Faculty Collaborative Research Grant (with Rebecca Farber)  
\$2,500 (2013)

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship  
\$30,000 (2009)

Scott Kloeck-Jenson Award  
\$2,000 (2008)

University of Wisconsin-Madison Departmental Field Research Grant  
\$500 (2008)

## **GRANTS (continued)**

Foreign Language and Area Studies Award  
\$2,000 (2008)  
\$13,500 (2007-8)  
\$12,000 (2006-7)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, University Fellowship  
\$12,500 (2005-6)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Principles of Sociology  
Sociology of Health and Healthcare  
Introduction to Globalization  
State-Building and Failure in the Developing World (Graduate/Undergraduate)  
Politics of Global Health (Graduate/Undergraduate)  
Practical Tools for Advancing Public Policy (Graduate)  
Leadership in Chicago (Graduate)  
The Sociological Enterprise  
Juvenile Justice Policy Workshop (Teaching Assistant)

### *Short Courses:*

Case Studies in Development: The Political Economy of Thailand (Graduate)  
Confronting the “Big Three”: HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria (Graduate)  
Influencing Public Opinion through Op-Ed Writing (Graduate)  
Policy Memo Writing (Graduate)

## **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

**2012-2015** World Bank, Health, Nutrition and Population, Human Development Network  
**2004** Weak and Fragile States Working Group, Princeton University, Monrovia, Liberia  
**2003** UNDP, Human Resources Management Project, Dili, East Timor  
**2002** World Bank, Trust Fund Operations, Asia and the Pacific  
**2001** World Bank, Human Development Department, Latin America and Caribbean

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2002** **Manager of Special Projects**, Grameen Foundation USA, Washington, DC  
**2001** **Editor and Researcher**, TheGlobalist.com, Washington, DC  
**1999-2000** **Henry Luce Scholar**, Hill Area Development Foundation, Chiang Rai, Thailand

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Political Sociology, Comparative Historical Sociology, Medical Sociology, Development, Global/Transnational, Human Rights Sections)

American Political Science Association (Health Politics, Comparative Politics Sections)

Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare, and Social Policy (RC19),

International Sociology Association

Social Science and History Association

Eastern Sociological Society

Sociologists' AIDS Network

## DISCIPLINARY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**2017**      **Panel Organizer**, Sociology of Development Section Sponsored Panel, American Sociological Association Meetings.

**2016**      **Chair and Discussant**, APSA Panel on the Politics of Public Health in the Developing World. American Political Science Association Meetings.

**Ad Hoc Service**, ASA Sociology of Development Initiative to Increase Sociology of Development Jobs

**2014-2015**    **Founder**, ASA Global Health Interest Group (almost 200 Members)

**Founder**, Boston Area Southeast Asia Network (25+ Members)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

**2016-2017**    **Member**, Accelerated Medical Program Admissions Committee

**Member**, Undergraduate Public Health Steering Committee, Boston University

**Faculty Supervisor**, BU Thai Students' Association

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## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2016-2017** **Member**, Medical Sociology Search Committee, BU Department of Sociology  
**Member**, Graduate Program Committee, Boston University
- 2015-2016** **Member**, Seminar Series Committee, BU Department of Sociology  
**Member**, Undergraduate Program Committee, Boston University
- 2014-2015** **Member**, Merit Committee, Boston University  
**Member**, Social Science Curriculum Committee, Boston University  
**Member**, Seminar Series Committee, BU Department of Sociology
- 2013-2014** **Co-Organizer**, Global Health and Social Policy Concentration, BU Department of Sociology

## **OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2016** **Organizer**, Forbes Street Community Listserv
- 2012-2013** **Director**, Writing Program, School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
- 2011-2012** **Volunteer**, City Farm, Cabrini-Green and Gold Coast, Chicago, IL
- 2010-2011** **Supervisor**, Three Undergraduate Research Assistants, Madison, WI
- 2010-2011** **Member**, Department Social Committee, Madison, WI
- 2009** **Volunteer English Teacher**, Hospital English Language Program. Thailand
- 2006-2008** **Mentor**, Graduate Program, UW-Sociology Department, Madison, WI
- 2005-2006** **Volunteer English Teacher**. Hmong Reintegration Project. Madison, WI

## **LANGUAGES**

Thai (Fluent) and Spanish (Basic)

## REFERENCES

Gay Seidman (Adviser)  
Martindale-Bascom Professor of Sociology  
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