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Pending academic positions

2008– Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
 University of California, San Diego

2007-8 Postdoctoral Associate, Institute for the Social Sciences
 Cornell University

Research areas

Political sociology; sociology of knowledge and intellectuals; classical and contemporary theory; historical sociology; field and interview methods

Education

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2007 (expected)
Dissertation: “Think Tanks in America: Anti-Intellectualism and the Production of Policy-Knowledge”
Committee: Jerome Karabel (chair), Loïc Wacquant, Gil Eyal, George Lakoff

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2000

A.B. Franklin & Marshall College, Sociology and English, 1998, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with honors distinction for sociology

Publications

Medvetz, Thomas. 2007. Review of *Think Tanks, Public Policy, and the Politics of Expertise*, by Andrew Rich. *Journal of Politics*. 69(1): 271-273.

Medvetz, Thomas. 2006. “The Strength of Weekly Ties: Relations of Material and Symbolic Exchange in the Conservative Movement.” *Politics & Society* 34(3): 343-368.

Purser, Gretchen, Ofer Sharone, and Amy Schalet (with Theresa Gowan and Thomas Medvetz). 2004. *Berkeley’s Betrayal: Wages and Working Conditions at Cal* [excerpted in Giddens, Anthony, Mitchell Duneier, and Richard P. Appelbaum, eds. 2006. *Introduction to Sociology*, W.W. Norton and Company, 5th edition].

Papers under review and in progress

Medvetz, Thomas. “Hybrid Intellectuals: Think Tanks and Public Policy Experts in America.” Under review at *American Journal of Sociology*

Medvetz, Thomas. “Easy Expertise: The Symbiosis of Think Tanks and American Journalism.” In progress.

Medvetz, Thomas and Stephanie Mudge. “Interviewing and Observing Elites: Potentials and Limitations.” In progress.

Fellowships and honors

2006 University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Conference Grant
2005-6 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Award SES-0526199, Principal investigator: Jerome Karabel
2004-5 Social Science Research Council, Program on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector Dissertation Fellowship
Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Grant
2002-3 University of California, Berkeley, Dean’s Fellowship
1998-99 University of California, Berkeley, Departmental fellowship, Department of Sociology
1998 Phi Beta Kappa, Franklin & Marshall College
Keipner Prize in Sociology, Franklin & Marshall College, Awarded to one distinguished student in senior class
1994-8 Dana Scholar, Presidential Scholar, Franklin & Marshall College

Conference and invited presentations

“Think Tanks in America: Four Avenues of Theory and their Connections,” Knowledge in Contention: Social Movements and the Politics of Science, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, October 4-6, 2007.

“The Double Movement: Growing Boundedness and Dependence Among U.S. Think Tanks, 1970 to Today,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2-5, 2006.

“Hybrid Intellectuals: Toward a Social Praxeology of Think Tank Experts,” Practicing Pierre Bourdieu: In the Field and Across Disciplines, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, September 28-30, 2006.

“Merchants of Expertise: Think Tanks and Intellectuals in the U.S. Field of Power,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC, August 12, 2006.

“The Transformation of U.S. Think Tanks, 1970 to today,” Power in Thought and Practice: 50 Years of C. Wright Mills’ “The Power Elite,” Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY. April 14, 2006.

“The Strength of Weekly Ties: Institutional and Ideological Cohesion in the Conservative Movement,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 16, 2005.

“Taking Bourdieu into the (Interstitial) Field: Think Tanks, Intellectuals, and Politics in the U.S.,” Putting Pierre Bourdieu to Work 2: A Working Conference, University of California, Berkeley. May 12-13, 2005.

Panelist, “The Virtues of Voluntarism and Nonprofit Organizations: Arguments in American Social Policy and Politics,” Social Science Research Council Capstone Conference on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector, Florence, Italy, March 24-26, 2005.

“How Do Think Tanks Think About Their Own Success and Failure?”, invited presentation, Redefining Progress (Oakland, CA think tank), December 10, 2004.

“Merchants of Expertise: The Transformation of American Think Tanks, 1960-2002,” Social Science Research Council, Indiana University, and Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund Fellows’ Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, November 15-17, 2004.

“Think Tanks, Framing, and the Conservative Movement,” invited presentation, Redefining Progress, Oakland, CA, October 26, 2004.

“Babies, Guns, and Taxes: Notes on the Structure and Logic of the American Conservative Movement,” invited presentation, Center for Reproductive Health Research & Policy, University of California, San Francisco, September 22, 2004.

“The Transformation of American Think Tanks: Three Lessons for Students of Advocacy,” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, April 15, 2004.

Teaching experience

Fall 2006	Graduate Student Instructor, “Social Stratification,” Professor Mike Hout
Spring 2002	Graduate Student Instructor, “Social Change,” Professor Gil Eyal
Fall-Spring 2000-1	Graduate Student Instructor, “History of Sociological Theory,” Professor James Stockinger
Summer 1998	Teaching assistant, International Association for the Advancement of Youth (IAAY), Johns Hopkins University

Research experience

2002	Research assistant, Professor Jerome Karabel, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, Project on history of affirmative action at the University of California
1999	Research assistant, Professors Troy Duster and David Wellman, Institute for the Study of Social Change, Project on corporate diversity management

Professional memberships

American Sociological Association, 1998-present (section memberships: Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology)
Social Science History Association, 2005-present
Pacific Sociological Association, 2003-present
Berkeley Labor Research Group, 2001-4
Editorial collective, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 1998-9

References

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