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EDUCATION

- June 2008 (expected) **Ph.D. in Anthropology**
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Dissertation Topic: Social and Economic Effects of a Private Prison in Rural New Mexico
GPA: 3.98
Advisor: Micaela di Leonardo
- August 2003 **M.A. in Anthropology**
American University, Washington, DC
GPA: 3.97
Advisor: Brett Williams
- May 2000 **B.A. in English and Anthropology** (High Distinction)
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island
GPA: 3.55

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/ethnicity, poverty and inequality; privatization and militarization of domestic police and prison systems; prison expansion and criminal justice policies; rural economic development and land use policies; civic participation.

Geographic focus: United States (urban and rural); Baltimore, MD; New Mexico.

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2006-2007 Weinberg Dissertation and Research Fellowship (Alan and Sherry Leventhal Fellow), Northwestern University
- 2005-2006 Graduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2004 Friends of Anthropology Summer Research Grant
- 2004 Northwestern University Legal Studies Summer Research Grant
- 2003-2004 Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship
- 2004-2005 Northwestern University Teaching Assistantship
- 2001 Distinction on Comprehensive Exam, American University
- 1996-2000 University of Rhode Island Presidential Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2007 **Instructor**, Central New Mexico Community College, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Course taught: Language and Culture
- 2004-2005 **Teaching Assistant**, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Courses: Contemporary African Worlds, Culture through Language, Myth and Symbolism

2002-2003 **Public Policy and Development Intern**, Advancement Project, Washington, DC
Wrote articles and summaries for publication on the organization's website; assisted with grant-writing responsibilities; conducted research on various civil rights issues; including education policy, democracy reform, and environmental justice, for use in reports.

PUBLICATIONS

2003 **Access Denied: The Construction of Criminality and the Consequences of Felon Disenfranchisement.** M.A. Thesis, American University.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & TALKS

2006 "Privatizing Prisons and Controlling Private Property: A public/private paradox in rural New Mexico," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, July 6-9.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WORK

2006-Present **Production Volunteer**, Quote-Unquote, Albuquerque Public Access Television

2005-Present **ESL/Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor**, Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program, Moriarty, NM

2005-2006 **Girls' Basketball Coach**, Estancia Youth Center, Estancia, NM

2005-2006 **Research and Boycott Volunteer**, UNITE HERE! Chicago, IL

2004-2005 **Founder, Organizer & Activist**, Northwestern Initiative for Peace and Justice, Evanston, IL

2004-2005 **Anthropology Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison**, Northwestern University
Dept. of Anthropology, Evanston, IL