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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

May 2015

Ph.D. Sociology

Dissertation: *The Cultural Consequences of Social Movements: The LGBT Movement and the Transformation of the Discussion of Homosexuality in Mainstream Newspapers*

Chair: Edwin Amenta

University of California, Irvine

Fall 2009

M.A. Sociology

Thesis: *The Queer Movement and the Media: New York Times Coverage of LGBT and AIDS Organizations 1969-2007*

University of Texas at Dallas

May 2006

B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies - Physics & Chemistry Education

Honors Thesis: *Providing a Safe Space: Creating a safer school climate for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.*

INTERESTS

Research Interests: Social Movements, Sexualities, Culture, Computational Social Science, Quantitative Methodologies, Social Network Analysis

Programming Languages: R, Python, Stata, Javascript, PHP, MySQL

Teaching Interests: Statistics, Quantitative Methodologies, Social Movements, Political Sociology, Social Problems, Sociology of Sexualities, Sociology of Gender, Computational Social Science

CURRENT POSITION

Data Scientist, GitHub

2017-Present

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming - Amenta, Edwin, Thomas Alan Elliott, Nicole Shortt, Amber Celina Tierney, Didem Turkoglu, Burrell Vann Jr. "Institutional Mediation, Why Movement Organizations Receive Substantive Coverage, and the 1960s Civil Rights Movement." *Mobilization*.

Forthcoming — Amenta, Edwin, and Thomas Alan Elliott. "All the Right Movements? Mediation, Rightist Movements, and Why U.S. Movements Received Extensive Newspaper Coverage." *Social Forces*.

2018 — Elliott, Thomas and Jennifer Earl. "Kids These Days: Supply and Demand for Youth Online Political Engagement." *Digital Media & the Future(s) of Democracy*. Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Series. University of Pennsylvania Press.

2018 – Elliott, Thomas and Jennifer Earl. “Organizing the Next Generation: Youth Engagement with Activism Inside and Outside of Organizations.” *Social Media + Society*.

2017 — Earl, Jennifer, Thomas V. Maher, and Thomas Alan Elliott. “Youth, Activism, and Social Movements.” *Sociology Compass* 11:e12465.

2017 — Amenta, Edwin, Thomas Alan Elliott, Nicole Shortt, Amber Celina Tierney, Didem Turkoglu, Burrell Vann Jr. “From bias to coverage: What explains how news organizations treat social movements.” *Sociology Compass*.

2017 — Elliott, Thomas Alan, Jennifer Earl, and Thomas V. Maher, “Recruiting Inclusiveness: Intersectionality, Social Movements, and Youth Online.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change*.

2016 — Edwin Amenta, Thomas Alan Elliott, and Amber Celina Tierney, “Political Reform and the Newspaper Coverage of U.S. Movements in Depression, Recession, and Historical Perspective.” *Mobilization* 21(4):393-412.

2016 — Elliott, Thomas Alan and Jennifer Earl. “Online Protest Participation and the Digital Divide: Modeling the Effect of the Digital Divide on Online Petition Signing.” *New Media and Society*.

2016 — Elliott, Thomas Alan, Edwin Amenta, and Neal Caren, “Recipes for Attention: Policy Reforms, Crises, Organizational Characteristics, and the Newspaper Coverage of the LGBT Movement, 1969-2009.” *Sociological Forum*.

2014 — Kane, Melinda, and Thomas Alan Elliott. “Turning to the Courts: A Quantitative Analysis of the Gay and Lesbian Movement’s Use of Legal Mobilization.” *Sociological Focus* 47(4):219-231.

2014 — Treas, Judith, and Thomas A. Elliott. “Sex, Family and Social Change.” In Judith Treas, Jacqueline Scott, and Martin P.M. Richards. *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Sociology of Families (2nd edition)*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. Pp. 527-546.

2012 — Amenta, Edwin, Beth Gharrity Gardner, Amber Celina Teirney, Anaid Yerena, and Thomas Elliott. “A Story-Centered Approach to the Newspaper Coverage of High-Profile SMOs.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change* 33:83-107

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Data Science Fellow, Insight 2017

Lecturer, California State University, Channel Islands 2016-2017
Courses Taught: Social Movements, Statistical Applications in
Political Science

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, University of Arizona 2015-2016
Youth Activism Project (with Jennifer Earl)

**Department of Sociology’s Statistics Consultant, University
of California, Irvine** 2014-2015

Research Assistant, University of California, Irvine 2010-2015
Supervisors: Edwin Amenta, Nina Bandelj, Francesca Polletta

Instructor, University of California, Irvine 2010-2014
Courses Taught: Statistics Refresher Course, Sociology of
Sexuality

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine 2007 - 2013

PRESENTATIONS

2015 — “Strategies, Stories, and the Quality of News Coverage of the Civil Rights Movement.” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, with Edwin Amenta, Nicole Clorinda Shortt, and Amber Celina Tierney.

2015 — “Cultural Tastes and Race: Interest-Based Boundaries Among Daters.” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, with Matt Rafalow (presenting) and Cynthia Feliciano.

2014 — “Perverts, Homosexuals, Gays, and Lesbians: Newspaper Coverage of Homosexuality, 1950-2010.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.

2014 — “Economic Protest Movements of the Great Depression and Great Recession.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA, with Edwin Amenta and Amber Tierney.

2014 — “The Cultural Consequences of Social Movements: The LGBT Movement and the Transformation of Discourse About Homosexuality.” *Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference*, Notre Dame.

2013 — “Paths to Coverage: Newspaper Coverage of the LGBT Movement, 1969-2009.” *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, with Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren.

2013 — “Good Coverage: SMO’s Sustained and Substantive Coverage in Major Newspapers.” *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, with Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, and Amber Celina Tierney.

2012 — “Policy Influence on Social Movements: Newspaper Coverage of LGBT SMOs.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO, with Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren.

2011 — “Dramatic Action, Assertive Action, and Securing Demands: Newspaper Coverage of SMOs and the Townsend Plan.” *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV, with Edwin Amenta, Beth Gharrity Gardner, Amber Celina Tierney, and Anaid Yerena.

2011 — “Policy Influence on Social Movements: The Impact of Policy Reforms on LGBT and AIDS Organizations.” Roundtable at *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

2011 — “Gaining Attention: Explaining Newspaper Coverage of the LGBT and AIDS Movement 1969-2007.” *Pacific Sociological Association* annual meeting, Seattle, WA.

2007 — “Turning to the Courts: A Quantitative Analysis of the Gay and Lesbian Movement’s Use of Legal Mobilization.” *Southern Sociological Society* annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, as second author (presented by Dr. Melinda Kane).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2016 — “Recruiting the News: A Topic Modeling and Discourse Network Analysis of Mainstream Newspaper Coverage of Homosexuality, 1950-2010, *SCANCOR Monday Seminar Series*, Stanford University.

2014 — “U.S. Movements in the Great Depression and Great Recession: Why They Took Off and Why There Were So Different.” *The Future of Democracy After Neoliberalism: Social Movements in a Globalizing World*, Kyoto University, with Edwin Amenta and Amber Tierney (presented by Edwin Amenta).

2014 — “Politics, Movements, and Policy: Recipes for Influence over U.S. Old-Age Policy in Its Formative Years.” *Voters, Protest and Policies: Bridging Public Opinion, Social Movement Outcomes and Policy Responsiveness Research*, University of Leicester, with Edwin Amenta and Charles Ragin (presented by Edwin Amenta).

2013 — “Demonstrating Time Series Analysis With Newspaper Coverage of LGBT Organizations.” Statistics Group, UCI.

2013 — “Fuzzy Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis: A Data Analysis Example.” Statistics Group, UCI.

2013 — “Fuzzy Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis: An Introduction.” Statistics Group, UCI.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015 — Excellence in Mentorship Award, Department of Sociology, UCI

2014 — Excellence in Research Award, Department of Sociology, UCI

2014 — James Harvey Scholar Award, \$8,000

2013 — Graduate Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000

2012 — Associate Dean’s Fellowship, \$10,500

2007 — Social Science Merit Award (five years of funding, including 3 quarters of fellowship and 12 quarters of teaching assistantship)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

Manuscript Reviewer: *Mobilization*, *Social Science Research*, *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Business Research*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology Compass*

Book Reviewer: *Mobilization*

2007-current: Member; American Sociological Association

2007-2012: Member; Pacific Sociological Association

2009-2013: Cohort Representative to Sociology Graduate Student Association