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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology Department, University of California at Irvine.
Advisor: David S. Meyer

Dissertation:

“The Problems and Promises of Policy Reform Goals for Social Movements.”

I examine whether policy reforms that provide small gains to activists end movements or provide a foothold for subsequent influence. This project utilizes interviews, ethnographic data, and archival research to interrogate the effects of policies on a targeted practice and on the movement.

Committee: Ann Hironaka, Edwin Amenta, Claire J. Kim, and Su Yang.

M.A. Political Science Department, San Francisco State University, Valedictorian, 2008.

B.A. English Lit and Psychology, San Francisco State University, *Cum Laude*, 2003.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Invited participant, “Young Scholars in Social Movements” Mini-Conference, Notre Dame Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, 2014.

Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, General Assistance Scholarship for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Conference, 2014 (\$1,195).

Associate Dean’s Fellowship Award, UCI School of Social Sciences, 2014 (\$11,000).

Newkirk Center for Science and Society Fellowship, UCI, 2013 (\$400).

Animal Welfare Trust, Research Grant, 2012 (\$5,000).

Center for Organizational Research, Research Recognition, UCI, 2012.

Sociology Department Summer Fellowship Award, UCI, 2011 (\$500) 2012 (\$1,000) and 2013 (\$1,500), UCI.

Distinguished Achievement in Graduate Studies, 2008, SFSU.

Teaching Assistant of the Year 2007 and 2008, SFSU Political Science Dept.

The Louis Wasserman Prize, Best Graduate Essay in Political Science, 2007, SFSU.

Publications

- Meyer, David S. and Erin Evans (forthcoming) "Citizenship, Political Opportunities and Social Movements." *Handbook of Political Citizenship and Social Movements*, ed. H.A. van der Heijden, Edward Publishing Ltd.
- Evans, Erin and Charles R. Booher II (forthcoming) Book review of John Miller's *Empire and the Animal Body: Violence, Identity, and Ecology in Victorian Adventure, Society and Animals*.
- Evans, Erin (2012) Book review of Sarah Sobieraj's, *Soundbitten: The Perils of Media-centered Political Activism, Mobilization*.
- Evans, Erin (2010) "Constitutional Inclusion of Animal Rights in Germany and Switzerland: How Did Animal Protection Become an Issue of National Importance?" *Society & Animals* (18)3: 231-250.
- Evans, Erin (2007) "Dualism and Niche Construction: Francis Galton's Methods of Producing False Evolutionary Knowledge of Colonized Groups, Women and Animals," *Podium* (3)1: 67-78.

Work in Progress

- Evans, Erin (under review) "Stealing the Spotlight: How Controversial Organizations Get the Quality of Coverage They Want."
- Gardner, Beth Gharity, Erin M. Evans, Myra Marx Ferree and Tim Sven Müller (under review) "Speaking for the Public: Journalists' Use of Neutral Frames in the Abortion Debate"
- Evans, Erin M., Thomas C. Elliot and Edwin Amenta (in progress) "Newspaper Coverage of Animal Rights Social Movement Organizations from 1900 to 2010."
- Evans, Erin M., Ann Hironaka, Evan Schofer and Sheila Xiao (in progress) "The World Society of Social Movements: How INGOs Make Protests Matter."
- Evans, Erin M. and Thomas G. Kelch (in progress) "Legal Effects of Constitutional Protection of Animals in German, Switzerland, and India."

Research Experience

- Research Group participation with Professor Edwin Amenta, UCI, 2011 to present. NSF (1023863) funded database formation covering news coverage of social movement organizations.

Graduate Research Assistant to Professor Ann Hironaka, UCI, 2011 to 2012.

Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Angelika von Wahl, SFSU, 2007.

Conference Participation

“The Guise of Neutrality: Journalists’ Role in Framing the Abortion Debate” with co-authors Beth Gharity Gardner, Myra Marx Ferree, and Tim Sven Müller, American Sociological Association Conference, August 18, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

Invited participant, “The Problems and Promises of Policy Reform Goals for Social Movements” “Young Scholars in Social Movements” Mini-Conference, Notre Dame Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, May 2-3, 2014, South Bend, Indiana.

“The Guise of Neutrality: Journalists’ Role in Framing the Abortion Debate,” with co-authors Beth Gharity Gardner, Myra Marx Ferree, and Tim Sven Müller, Media Sociology Preconference of the American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2013, New York, New York.

“Their Bottom Line: Social Movements and the Economics of Incremental Goals” American Sociological Association Conference, August 2013, New York, New York.

Invited presentation, “Stealing the Spotlight: How Activists Get Media Coverage of Grievances,” Qualitative Comparative Analysis workshop at UC Irvine, May 2013.

“Social Movement Organizations and Mass Media: How Organizational Identity Influences Coverage of the Animal Justice Issues,” American Sociological Association Conference, August 2012, Denver, Colorado.

“Stealing the Spotlight: How Activists Get Media Coverage of Grievances,” American Sociological Association Conference, August 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada.

“Mass Media and ‘Moral Shocks’: The ‘Radical Flank Effect’ in Media Coverage of Protests,” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, June 2011, Seattle, Washington.

“Constitutional Inclusion of Animal Rights in Germany & Switzerland: A Dynamic Approach to Political Opportunity,” Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 2010, Oakland, California.

“Animal Rights as Ecological and Human Rights: A Case Study of LD50 and its Connection to American Toxicity Standards,” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2009, Vancouver, Canada.

“Constitutional Inclusion of Animal Rights: A Dynamic Approach to Political Opportunity Structures,” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2008, San Diego, California.

Invited speaker, “Ecofeminist Approaches to Environmental Activism,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, April 2008, Eugene, Oregon.

Service Work

Elected student representative for American Sociological Association Section on Communication and Information Technologies, 2014.

Contributing editor for Mobilizing Ideas (<http://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/>)
June 2014-June 2015.

Invited Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Mobilization*, American Psychological Association (*Psychology of Violence*), *Social Problems*, and *International Sociology*.

Blog post for David S. Meyer's blog, "Politics Outdoors."
<http://politicsoutdoors.com/2011/10/04/report-from-occupy-la/>

Member of American Sociological Association and sections on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Animals and Society, and Communication and Information Technologies

Member of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

Elected representative for UC Irvine's Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2013

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1)

Co-Instructor for graduate seminar titled "Marx's Social Thought," Spring 2012.

Teaching Assistantships in the following courses

- Intro to Sociology, Sociology of Sexual Behavior, Sociology of Sexuality, Baseball and Society, International Sociology, Intro to Social Problems, Political Sociology, Chican(a)/Latin(a) Studies III, Intro to Race and Ethnicity, Introduction to American Politic