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RANK: Assistant Professor, Limited Term

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Manchester (UK), 2010

M.A., Sociology & Anthropology, University of Guelph (Canada), 2005

B.A., Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada), 2002

ACADEMIC HONOURS, FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

Lead Applicant and Canadian Principal Investigator, UK-Germany-France-Canada Open Research Area (ORA), *Visions of Policing: How Visual Technologies Shape Police Oversight and Training*. (\$2,546,754CAN Approx. total; \$398,412 Canadian Team), Submitted November 15th, 2021

Principal Investigator, SSHRC Partnership Development Grant “*Charting the Reasonable Officer: A Partnership with the Ontario’s Special Investigations Unit to Understand Oversight in Police Use-of-Force Cases*.” (\$196,116), 2021

Principal Investigator, SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant “*Gaming Subscription Predictive Algorithms: A Partnership with Netflix to Assess the Social Life of Algorithms*.” (\$22,501), 2019.

Principal Investigator, SSHRC Insight Grant “*Understanding Video Evidence in Criminal Trials for Police-Involved Shootings*” (\$87,003), 2019.

International Visiting Research Fellow, Liverpool University UK, May 2019 (£3,500)

Co-Investigator, SSHRC Connections Grant “*International Institute of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Conference: Technologies and Techniques*” (\$26,000), 2013.

Social Science and Humanities Research Council Post Doctoral Fellow (\$83,000), 2011.

ACADEMIC HONOURS, FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING (Cont.)

Discipline Area Bursary, University of Manchester (£2,100), 2006.

Departmental Travel Funding, University of Manchester (£300), 2006.

Nomination, David R. Maines Narrative Research Award, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Limited Term), Criminology, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2017-2022

Sessional Lecturer, McMaster University, Sociology Department and Social Psychology Program, 2015-2018

Sessional Lecturer, St. Jerome's University at the University of Waterloo, Sociology and Legal Studies, 2015-2019

Sessional Lecturer, University of Waterloo, Sociology and Legal Studies, 2011-2014

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo, 2011-2013

Research Associate, University of Manchester, School of Environment & Development, 2010

Research Associate, Middlesex University (UK) Engineering and Information Sciences, 2008-2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Merit Reviewer, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Program, 2021

Departmental Ethics Committee, Criminology, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2019-2020

Reviewer for: Canadian Journal of Law & Society; Science, Technology & Human Values; Symbolic Interaction; Computer Supported Co-operative Work; Australian Human-Computer Interaction Conference;

Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis of American Sociological Association:

Section Treasurer, 2018-2022

Elected Representative, 2014-2018

Book Awards Committee Chair, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Cont.)

Board Member, International Institute of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, 2013-Ongoing

Organizer, *Killing in the Name Of: Interpreting Images of State Violence*, workshop held at WLU Brantford, July 13-14, 2018.

Organizer, *International Institute of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Conference*, University of Waterloo, August 5-9th, 2013

Organizer, *Ethnographic Methods in Local Policy Research Conference*, University of Manchester, March 13, 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Science, Knowledge, Technology and Law (municipal and criminal)

Police Use-of-Force

Civilian Police Oversight

Evidence in Court

Video as Data

Ethnography, Ethnomethodology and Social Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“The Ethnomethods of Law and Order: Studying Cops and Courts” in Andrew Carlin, Alex Dennis, K. Neil Jenkins, Oskar Lindwall & Michael Mair (eds). *The Routledge International Handbook of Ethnomethodology*. London, UK. Routledge. (publication date 2022)

“Risk and Trust: Notes on the Politics of Evidence and Calculation in Toronto’s Gardiner Expressway Debate” in Dean Curran (ed.) *The Handbook on Risk and Inequality*. Cheltenham, UK: Elgar (publication date 2022)

“Handling Video Evidence of [Police] Violence: Theoretical versus Practical Analyses” (with Albert J. Meehan) in Dirk vom Lehn, Natalia Ruiz-Junco and Will Gibson (eds). *The Routledge International Handbook of Interactionism*. London, UK. Routledge (2021)

“The Violence You Were/n’t Meant to See: Representations of Death in the Age of Digital Reproduction.” (with Michael Mair, Christopher Elsey and Paul V. Smith) in R. McGarry and S. Walklate (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Criminology and War*. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan. 2016.

PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

“Ethnomethodology, Conversation Analysis and the Study of Action-in-Interaction in Military Settings.” (with Michael Mair, Christopher Elsey and Paul V. Smith) in A. J. Williams, R. Woodward, K. N. Jenkins and M. F. Rich (eds). *Ashgate Research Companion to Military Research Methods*. London, UK: Ashgate. 2016.

“On Press Scrums: The Gathering of Comment for News Broadcasts” (with Christian Greiffenhagen) in Fitzgerald, Richard and Housely, William (eds.) *Media, Policy and Interaction*. London, UK: Ashgate. 2009.

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Gestalt Contexture and Contested Motives: Understanding Video Evidence in the Murder Trial of Officer Michael Slager”. *Theoretical Criminology*. (accepted with minor revisions, 2021-11-18)

“Police Body-Worn Cameras: Assumptions and Implications” (Trans to French), *Revue Criminologie*. 54(1): 15-39. 2021. (With Erick Laming and Christopher J. Schneider, equal authors).

“‘Common Sense Geography’ and the Elected Official: technical evidence and conceptions of risk in Toronto’s Gardiner Expressway decision”. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*. 43(1): 49-76. 2018.

“Re-presenting Justice: Seeing ‘Transactions’ in Video Evidence of a Police-Involved Shooting” *Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* Vol. 7: pp. 96-117. 2018.

“The Documentary Method of [video] Interpretation: a Paradoxical Verdict in a Police-Involved Shooting and its Consequences for Understanding Crime on Camera” *Human Studies*. 41(1): 121-135. 2018.

“Can Politicians Afford Knowledge? Thoughts on the Implementation of Networked Governance.” *Administration & Society*. 49(7): 990-1014. 2014.

“Interpretive Asymmetries, Retrospective Inquiry and the Reconstruction of Action in an Incident of Friendly Fire.” (with Michael Mair, Paul V. Smith and Christopher Elsey) *Symbolic Interaction*, Vol. 36(4): pp. 398-416. 2013.

“Some Technical Reflections on an Instance of Friendly Fire” (with Michael Mair, Christopher Elsey and Paul V. Smith). *British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 63(1), pp. 75-96. 2012.

PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

“Towards an Ethical Interaction Design: the issue of including stakeholders in law-enforcement software development” (with Brennan, M., Walkerdine, J., Jones, M. and Duquenoy, P.) *Proceedings of the 21st Annual Conference of the Australian Computer Human Interaction Special Interest Group: Design*, Nov. 27-29th, Melbourne Australia, pg. 313-316. 2009.

Book Reviews

Review: Martyn Hamersley. (2018) The Radicalism of Ethnomethodology: An Assessment of Sources and Principles. *Qualitative Research*.

“Locating ‘Truths’ as a Call for Methodological Reflection?”. Review of Gieryn, T. F. (2018). Truth Spots: How Places Make People Believe. *Symbolic Interaction*.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/symb.415>

Review of Handling Digital Brains: A Laboratory Study of Multi-Modal Semiotic Interaction in the Age of Computers by Morana Alac, *Symbolic Interaction*, vol. 37(2). 312-314.

Review Symposium, “Applied Ethnographic Research: A Coming of Age”. in *Symbolic Interaction*, 40(1): 136-140.

Jordan, B. (2014) Advancing Ethnography in Corporate Environments: Challenges and Emerging Opportunities Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.
Ladner, S. (2014) Practical Ethnography: A Guide to Doing Ethnography in the Private Sector. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“Seeing with Cameras” *Public Policy Forum (UK): The Future of CCTV*. May 25th, 2021.

“What Can We Do with Videos of Police Violence?” *American Sociological Association Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Online Seminar*. March 30th, 2021.

“Video Analysis in the Wild: Lessons from EMCA for Video Evidence in Legal Proceedings”. Keynote Address to *UK EM/CA Doctoral Network Meeting*. Manchester University, (UK). May 20-21st, 2019.

“Videontology: Seeing and Knowing”. *New Directions in Ethnomethodology*. Liverpool University (UK). March 29, 2018.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (Continued)

“On Prognostication: Computers, Knowledge and Seeing the Future” York University (Toronto) *Science and Technology Studies Program, Guest Speaker Series*, February 2nd, 2016.

“The Science of Decisions.” *University of California San Diego, Science Studies Program, Guest Speaker Colloquium*, November 17th, 2014.

“Professional Vision, Evidence Claims and Technology”. to *Accounting for Combat-Related Killings workshop*. Goethe University. Frankfurt, Germany. (with Michael Mair, Chris Elsey and Paul V. Smith), July 21-22, 2014.

“Ethnographies in the Knowledge Economy.” to Xerox Research Centre Europe, Work Practice and Technology Team. Grenoble, France, February 5, 2014.

“On Sociological Engagement with Ethnography: Some Theory and Two Demonstrations.” to University of Michigan School of Information, Ann Arbor, MI. March 5, 2013.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Presentations marked with ‘*’ were presented to ACM SIGCHI organized conferences, and are typically weighted as peer reviewed scholarly publications/journal articles)

“Posthumous Psychoanalysis: Assigning ‘Motive’ to Victims of Police Violence”. *Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)*. Online. October 7th, 2021.

“Gestalt Contexture and Contested Motives: How does Ethnomethodology handle Racism?” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Regular Section on Ethnomethodology. Online. August 8th, 2021.

“Using Twitter Data to Learn about Algorithms: a ‘proof of concept’ for Computational Grounded Theory”. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Regular Section on Qualitative Methodology. San Francisco, CA August 9th, 2020 (lead author, with Philip Brooker, Mike Clarke and Hayden Slight).

“Can Grounded Theory Build a Better Algorithm?” *Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW)*. Austin, TX. November 9th, 2019 (lead author, with Philip Brooker and Hayden Slight)*

“Video Evidence in Criminal Trials for Police-Involved Shootings: A Sociology of Perception”. Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology Roundtables. *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY. August 10th, 2019.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Dr. Frankenstein’s Freeway: future scenario planning in local government as a ‘thought experiment’” *Society for Studies in Symbolic Interaction Conference*. New York, NY. August 9th, 2019

“Deciding a Driver’s Culture: on ‘Technical’ vs. ‘Political’ Versions of Human Dispositions”. *International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Conference*. Mannheim, Germany. July 3rd, 2019

“Silver Bullet or Layer of the Palimpsest? The use of video evidence in criminal trials for police-involved shootings”. *National Conference on Critical Perspectives in Criminology*. Brantford, ON: May 3rd, 2019.

“Radical Video”. *American Sociological Association Meetings*. Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14 2018.

“Video Ethnography: Some Notes from an Instant Ethnography and Beyond”. *Qualitative Analysis Conference*. Fredericton, New Brunswick. May 15-18 2018.

“Violence on Video: Accounting for a Police-Involved Shooting in Legal Settings.” *Canadian Sociological Association Meetings*. Toronto, ON, May 28-June 1, 2017

“Notes on Mundane Governmental Decision-Making with Contributions from (Scientific) Experts.” *Canadian Sociological Association Meetings*. Toronto, ON, May 28-June 1, 2017

“Making Sense of Police Shootings Captured on Video.” *Qualitative Analysis Conference*. Hamilton, ON, May 17-19, 2017.

“Representing ‘Transactions’ in a Video of a Police Involved Shooting.” *Critical Criminology / Representing Justice*. Ottawa, ON, May 4-5, 2017.

“‘Common Sense Geography’ and the Elected Official.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA, August 19-23, 2016.

“Risk, Morality, and Expertise in Public Policy Decision Making.” *Canadian Sociological Association Meetings*. Calgary, CA, May 30-June 4, 2016.

“The Elected Official’s Dialectic: Some Ground Between Evidence and Policy.” *Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, November 11-14, 2015.

“Official Versions, Material Evidence and the Plausibility of Science-Based Public Policy.” Panellist in *Just How Does Matter Come to Matter? Analysts, Members and the Material World*, International Institute of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, Koldig, Denmark, August 4-7, 2015.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Micro-Stories and Macro-Facts: Business Style Management, Knowledge Inequity and Doing the Work of Governance” paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 2013.

“On Contests of Knowledge” (with Michael Mair) Paper presented at the 11th Conference of the International Institute of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis: Technologies and Techniques, Waterloo, Canada, August 10-13, 2013.

“The Problem With Alcohol: A Municipal Intervention in a Culture of Drinking” paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO. August 2012.

“Interpretive Asymmetries, Retrospective Inquiry and the Reconstruction of Action in an Incident of Friendly Fire” (with Michael Mair, Christopher Elsey and Paul V. Smith) paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO. August 2012.

“From the Perspective of the Council: The Process of Officially Closing a School” paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, Waterloo, Canada, May 2012.

“Some Technical Reflections on an Instance of Friendly Fire” (with Michael Mair, Christopher Elsey and Paul V. Smith) paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.

“The Problem With Alcohol: A Municipal Intervention in a Culture of Drinking” paper presented to Keeping Up: Enthusiasm, Anxiety and the Culture of Well Being, Culture of Cities Centre, Toronto, ON. May 2011.

“Towards an Ethical Interaction Design: the issue of including stakeholders in law-enforcement software development” (with Brennan M., Jones, M. and Duquenoy, P.) paper presented to Australian Computer Human Interaction Conference (OZCHI), Melbourne Australia, November 2009*

“Developing “The Social” in Computer Human Research: Further Expansions in the “Intellectual Challenge of CSCW” paper presented to INTERACT: 12th IFIP Conference in Human-Computer Interaction, Uppsala Sweden, August 2009*

“Following the Rules” (with Michael Mair) panellist at Ethnographic Methods in Local Policy Research Conference, University of Manchester, March 2008.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Monographs:

The Totality of Circumstance: Video Evidence in Criminal Trials for Police On-Duty Shootings (lead author, with Albert J. Meehan, Michael Lynch, Carmen Nave and Ann Marie Dennis, Submitting to University of Chicago Press, January 2022).

This book reports on eight criminal trials for on-duty police shootings where video evidence played a crucial role in determining an accused officer's fate. The book presents a series of case studies that demonstrate the complexity of law, technology, expertise, and "common sense" for interpreting intentionality and circumstance pertaining to these incidents. We studied transcripts and videos from these trials to understand how lawyers argued officer intentionality and propriety in these cases. Of note, the issue at trial is almost always not clearly depicted in the video itself – the accused officer's motives. This leaves counsel with the weighty task of arguing before a jury that an officer was or was not motivated by a good-faith mistake belief that their victim was an "imminent threat" to the officer or others. In addition to the analyses of the cases themselves, we interviewed lawyers who argued these cases to get some sense of how they felt video evidence is changing criminal proceedings for accused police officers.

Qualitative Video Analysis: A Radical Proposal (lead author with Don Everhart) Submitting proposal to Palgrave, July 2022.

Video data is fast becoming one of the most compelling analytic tools in qualitative sociological research. It is conventionally thought to provide "unprecedented access" to social life, and to allow the analyst extensive opportunities to *re-view* the minutia of social life. This has led to extensive qualitative research using multi-modal interaction analysis, semiotics, conversation and discourse analysis, and more. However, an issue that has received little attention is how video data applied to qualitative research affects the research paradigm's commitment to an *anti-positivistic* counterbalance for functionalist sociologies. This book considers the philosophy and ontological commitments of qualitative research, particularly from an ethnomethodological perspective, and instead of unabashedly advancing a research agenda that concedes extensive ground to positivistic sociology, we consider what types of questions are best asked of video data, and what techniques work best in either producing video data for research purposes or analyzing video acquired elsewhere. We believe there is something unique and important to the qualitative paradigm that emerged through Weber's *verstehen* approach, and was developed through Pragmatism, Symbolic Interactionism and Ethnomethodology. We develop an open discussion of how these more radical approaches to social inquiry can incorporate video data without dissolving into positivistic discourses.

Journal Articles and Chapters:

“Using Twitter Data to Learn about Algorithms: a ‘proof of concept’ for computational grounded theory. Under Review to *Big Data + Society*. Submitted 2021-11-28.

“What Can You Tell the Jury?: Problems with Expert Testimony in Trials of Police Officers” (with Carmen Nave & Ann Marie Dennis, 25% author). Submitting to *Law & Society Review*. December 2021.

MEDIA APPEARANCES, OPINION EDITORIALS, AND INTERVIEWS

“Opinion: Body Cameras are only Part of the Solution” (with Carmen Nave). *The Montreal Gazette*. June 19th, 2020. (<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-body-cameras-are-only-part-of-the-solution/wcm/2e360676-900a-41e6-8c17-0d73c2d11903/>)

“James Forcillo Granted Full Parole” *CBC Toronto News*. January 21st, 2020.

“Gun Crime in Waterloo Region” *The Mike Farwell Show 570AM Radio News*. January 17th, 2020. (<https://www.570news.com/audio/the-mike-farwell-show/>)

“Waterloo Regional Police Adds More Investigators to Combat Gun Crime” *CBC Kitchener-Waterloo News*. January 14th, 2020. (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/gun-crime-major-crimes-unit-1.542527>)

“Supreme Court Dismisses Former Cop James Forcillo’s Appeal in Shooting of Sammy Yatim”. *The Toronto Star*. December 6, 2018. (<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/12/06/supreme-court-to-decide-today-on-whether-to-hear-james-forcillos-appeal.html>)

How Video Evidence is Influencing Police-Involved Shootings. *CBC The Morning Edition – K-W with Craig Norris*. May 2nd, 2018. (<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/the-morning-edition-k-w/episode/15542671>)

The James Forcillo Case. *AM570 The Jennifer Campbell Show*. May 1st, 2018. (<http://www.570news.com/audio/the-jennifer-campbell-show/>)

“Court of Appeal Upholds Conviction of Toronto Cop who Shot Sammy Yatim”. *The Toronto Star*. April 30th, 2018. (<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/04/30/court-of-appeal-upholds-conviction-for-toronto-cop-who-shot-sammy-yatim.html>)

“Jordan Peterson a Little Shy on Proof”. *The Hamilton Spectator*. March 25th, 2017. (<https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/7207346-opinion-jordan-peterson-a-little-shy-on-proof/>)

CONSULTATION PROJECTS

Ethnographic Consultant, Marketing Research and Analysis, various accounts

Greenhouse Gas Regional Inventory Project (GRIP) Sacramento Area Council of Governors (SACOG) Consultant Researcher, Human Computer Interaction / Local Policy Analysis

Greenhouse Gas Regional Inventory Project (GRIP) European Regional Government Inventory Project, Consultant Researcher, Local Policy Analysis

TEACHING POSITIONS

2017- Present	Criminological Theory I (CC290); Criminological Theory II (CC390); Deviance & Diversity (CC401); Advance Issues in Theory and Practice: Evidence, Theory and Practice (CC416); Contentious Issues in the Criminal Justice System (CC499);
2015 - 2020	Introduction to Legal Studies (LS101). St. Jerome's University.
2015-2018	Mass Media (SOC4TT3); Self and Identity (SOC 4E03); Organizations (SOC 2I03); Media Institutions (SOC 2L03); The Multidisciplinarity of Social Psychology: Human Computer Interaction (SOCPSY2M03) Course Instructor/Author, McMaster University
2013 W	Technology and Social Change (SOC232) Course Author and Instructor, Waterloo.
2012-2013	Introductory Sociology (SOC101) Lecturer, Waterloo.
2012 W	Organizations (SOC340) Course Author/Instructor, Waterloo.
2005 F	Social Aspects of Crime (SXY3008) Course Author and Instructor, University of Wales, Bangor.

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