

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1998 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
1989 M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
1981 B.A. in Anthropology, University of San Francisco

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental policy; U.S. history; political sociology; comparative and historical sociology; environmental justice; environmental sociology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2005-present Associate Professor, Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Associate member, Graduate Program in Sociology.

1998-2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Human Ecology.

1998 Instructor, Department of Sociology, College of Notre Dame, Belmont, California.

1995-1997 Instructor, Liberal Arts Division, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

1991 Instructor, Social Science Cluster Program, UCLA, California.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK

Karen M. O'Neill. 2006. *Rivers by Design: State Power and the Origins of U.S. Flood Control*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Karen M. O'Neill. 2008. Broken Levees, Broken Lives, and a Broken Nation After Hurricane Katrina. *Southern Cultures* 14(2): 89-108.

Karen M. O'Neill, Jeff Calia, Caron Chess, and Lee Clarke. 2007. Miscommunication During the Anthrax Attacks: How Events Reveal Organizational Failures. *Human Ecology Review* 14(2):119-129.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (cont.)

Lee Clarke, Caron Chess, Rachel Holmes, Karen M. O'Neill. 2006. Speaking With One Voice: Risk Communication Lessons from the U.S. Anthrax Attacks. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 14(3):160-169.

Karen M. O'Neill. 2005. Can Watershed Management Unite Town and Country? *Society and Natural Resources* 18(3):241-253.

Caron Chess, Jeff Calia, and Karen M. O'Neill. 2004. Communication Triage: An Anthrax Case Study. *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism* 2(2):106-111.

John T. Lang, Karen M. O'Neill, William K. Hallman. 2003. Expertise, Trust, and Communication About Food Biotechnology. *AgBioForum* 6(4):185-190.

Karen M. O'Neill. 2003. Organizational Change, Politics, and the Official Statistics of Punishment. *Sociological Forum* 18(2):245-267.

Karen M. O'Neill. 2002. Why the TVA Remains Unique: Interest Groups and the Defeat of New Deal River Planning. *Rural Sociology* 67(2):163-182.

Karen M. O'Neill. 1996. The International Politics of National Parks. *Human Ecology* 24(4):521-539.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Karen O'Neill. 2006. Levee Troubles: The Cost of Making the Sacramento Valley Into an Agricultural Giant, *Sacramento History Journal*, 6(1-4):73-104.

John T. Lang, Karen M. O'Neill, William K. Hallman. 2005. Expertise, Trust, and Communication About Food Biotechnology, *Food and Beverage Journal* (September) [reprint of Lang, et al., 2003] <http://www.fepsearchgroup.com/fbj/sep05in.html>.

Karen O'Neill and Caron Chess. 2002. *Some Perceptions of New Jersey's Watershed Management Effort: Background to Inform Mid-Course Corrections*. Center for Environmental Communications. Prepared for the New Jersey Council of Watershed Associations (May).

Karen O'Neill. 2001. Linking Rutgers University to New Jersey's Watershed Research Needs, *New Jersey Flows* [New Jersey Water Resources Research Institute] (Spring).

GRANTS

Thomas Rudel, Karen O'Neill, Paul Gottlieb, and Colleen Hatfield. Anti-sprawl Activists and Changing Patterns of Suburban Expansion: An Exploratory Analysis, National Science Foundation, Human and Social Dynamics Program, \$103,641 + \$5600 Research Experience for Undergraduates supplement, total: \$109,241, September 2005-September 2008.

Christopher Obropta, Gregory Rusciano, and Karen O'Neill. Engineered Stormwater Management for Low-Income Urban Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, P3 Award: A National Student Design Competition for People, Prosperity, and the Planet, \$10,000 for design costs, June 2004-May 2005.

Caron Chess, Karen O'Neill, and Lee Clarke. Risk Communication and Organizational Uncertainty, National Science Foundation, \$87,000, October 2003-October 2004.

Karen O'Neill and Caron Chess. Assessment of New Jersey State's Watershed Management Program, New Jersey Council of Watershed Associations, funded by the William Penn Foundation, \$25,000, January 2002-May 2002.

William Hallman, principal investigator; Karen O'Neill, project member. Consumer Acceptance of Food Biotechnology in the United States, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems, \$2.5 million, September 2001-August 2005.

AWARDS

P3 Award: A National Student Design Competition for People, Prosperity, and the Planet, Honorable Mention for team design (see design grant, above), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Academy of Engineering, May 2005

Cook College/New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Team Award, Food Biotechnology Program (William Hallman, PI), 2004

American Sociological Association, Section on Environment and Technology, Marvin E. Olsen Outstanding Student Paper Award, 1995

Fellowship and teaching assistant recruitment award, UCLA, 1987-1991

Summa Cum Laude, University of San Francisco, 1981

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Sovereign States and Climate Treaties: Why National Hazard Policies Limit International Cooperation. Department of Environmental Studies and Randolph G. Pack Environmental Institute at State University of New York-Syracuse, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, April 23, 2008.

U.S. Flood Control Policies and the Social Origins of Vulnerability. New Jersey Association of Floodplain Managers, October 18, 2007.

Karen M. O'Neill and Caron Chess. Social Movements as Campaigns to Define When State Coercion is Morally Necessary. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Conference. Hempstead, NY, August 10, 2007.

Politics and Flood Control Design in the U.S. Federal System. Landscape Architecture Speaker Series, Rutgers University, November 15, 2006.

Social and Physical Systems That Delay Responses to Climate Change: The Case of Flood Control. Research highlight speaker. The Climate Ahead: Global Change, Local Impacts, Rutgers University, September 22, 2006.

Creating Environmental Injustice by Remaking the River. Katrina, New Orleans, Race, and the Fate of the Nation, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers University, May 12, 2006.

How National Sovereignty in Resource Policies Limits International Disaster Responses. MaGrann Conference: The Future of Disasters in a Globalizing World, Geography Department, Rutgers University, April 21, 2006.

The Social Origins of U.S. Flood Control: Building the State and Remaking Vulnerability. Tricampus Workshop on Contentious Politics and Fernand Braudel Center, State University of New York-Binghamton, November 11, 2005.

Karen M. O'Neill and Lee Clarke. Levees and Power: What Sociology Can Contribute to Understanding Hurricane Katrina, Sociology Department, Rutgers University, September 21, 2005.

Local Governments' Responses to the Anthrax Attacks. Keynote speaker. AKD (Sociological Honor Society) Induction Program, College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ, April 17, 2004.

Public Participation as a Stage in the History of Resource Planning: The Case of New Jersey Watersheds. Joint Environmental Policy Symposium, Rural Sociological Society/American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 15, 2000.

PRESENTATIONS

Karen M. O'Neill. Disasters and the U.S. State's Ongoing Failure to Meet Expectations. Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 18, 2007.

Karen M. O'Neill, Jeff Calia, Caron Chess, and Lee Clarke. Miscommunication During the Anthrax Attacks. American Sociological Association, New York, August 11, 2007.

U.S. Flood Control Policies and the Social Origins of Vulnerability. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, March 18, 2007.

Territorial Power and the Growth of Water Programs Under the U.S. Federal System. American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 13, 2006; Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 4, 2006; Rural Sociological Society, Santa Clara, August 3, 2007.

Karen O'Neill and Caron Chess. Splitting a Social Movement: Collaboration vs. Environmental Regulations in New Jersey. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 13, 2005.

Karen M. O'Neill, Jeff Calia, and Caron Chess. Evaluating Risk Communication in Small Communities Through Event Analysis. Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, August 11, 2005.

John T. Lang, Karen M. O'Neill, William K. Hallman. Expertise, Trust, and Communication About Food Biotechnology, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 16, 2004.

Territory and the Growth of the U.S. Federal State, American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 18, 2003.

Collaboration vs. Regulation? New Jersey Restructures its Watershed Program, Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, July 29, 2003.

Government by Volunteers: Why City Officials Join Watershed Management Projects, American Sociological Association, Anaheim, August 21, 2001.

Inter-regional Competition as a Stimulus to Central State Growth in the Nineteenth-Century United States, Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, October 28, 2000.

Civil War, Reconstruction, and the U.S. Government's Commitment to Land Development, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Park City, UT, August 4, 2000.

PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

Land Policy as State Building in the Deal to End Reconstruction. Eastern Sociological Association, Philadelphia, March 3, 2000.

Federalism and the Difficulties of Comprehensive Resource Planning. American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 9, 1999.

State Making and the Development of the Environment. American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 1997.

Legitimation and the Official Statistics of Professionalized Punishment. American Sociological Association, August 20, 1996, New York, and American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 21, 1996.

One Model for Elite-State Relations? The Special Case of Landowners. American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 20, 1995.

Landed Class Formation, State Making, and U.S. Flood Control. Conference: Who Owns America? Land and Resource Tenure Issues in a Changing Environment. Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 23, 1995.

MEETING ORGANIZING

Program chair, Rural Sociological Society 2008 convention, Manchester, NH, July 28-31, 2008.

Panel co-organizer, State Weakness, State Failure, Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 18, 2007.

Panel co-organizer, The Social Production of Environmental Vulnerability, Eastern Sociological Association, Philadelphia, March 18, 2007.

Panel discussant, Hurricane Katrina: Racism and the Effects of Historical Neglect, American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 12, 2006.

Panel chair and discussant, Nature-Society Relationships, as Viewed Through the Lens of State-sponsored Infrastructural Development, Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, October 28, 2000.

Panel organizer, Political Violence and the Environment, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Park City, UT, August 4, 2000.

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Politics of Environmental Issues; Environmental Policy and Institutions

Graduate: Human Dimensions of Environmental Change; Knowledge, Conflicts, and Solutions
(participating lecturer)

SERVICE

Rural Sociological Society:

Program Chair for 2008 convention, "Rural Sociology as Public Sociology"—
helped develop program theme, organized theme sessions, coordinated and
scheduled all other sessions, liaison with interest groups and invited
speakers.

Development committee, 2004-2007 term; publications
committee, 2000-2003 term

American Sociological Association: Strategies for Getting Tenure panel member, 2007

ASA, Environment, and Technology Section: student paper prize committee,
2004; nominations committee, 2001; book award committee, 2000

Reviewer:

Books: Routledge Press

Journals: Human Ecology; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management;
Professional Geographer; Rural Sociology; Society and Natural
Resources; Environmental Politics; Journal of Environmental
Management

Grants: National Science Foundation; U.S. Department of Agriculture--Small
Business Innovation Research Program

Raritan Basin Watershed Management Project, New Jersey: advisory panel on
environmental restoration, 2007; participant and subcommittee chair, 1999-2003

New Jersey Watershed Program study for New Jersey Council of Watershed
Associations, 2002

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Listening Session on Agricultural Water Security and
USDA funding priorities, participant, Park City, Utah, September 9-10, 2004

Rutgers University, Cook College: Academic Integrity Facilitator; General Honors
Program committee, 2004-2006 and 2000-2002 terms; George H. Cook Honors
Committee, adjunct member and committee chair, 2003-2005 term; Student
Finance Board faculty advisor, 2004-2005; poster contest judge, 2002

Rutgers University, Human Ecology Department: teaching committee, 1998-present;
space committee, 1999-2001