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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology. University of Wisconsin–Madison Expected May 2010

Dissertation Title: *I am only looking up to God: Protest, repression and homecoming in a West African refugee camp*

Dissertation Committee: Myra Marx Ferree (Advisor), Erik Olin Wright, Pamela Oliver, Ivan Ermakoff, David Trubek (Law)

M.S. in Sociology. University of Wisconsin–Madison 2002

B.A. in Sociology. Wellesley College 2000

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Refugee Studies/Forced Migration, Social Theory, Gender, Law and Society

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	2009 – 2010
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined)	2009 – 2010
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant	2007 – 2008
Law & Society Association Graduate Student Workshop Travel Grant	2006

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Graduate Student Collaborative Vilas Conference Travel Grant	2009
Sociology Department Small Research Grant and Conference Travel Grant	2009
Institute for Legal Studies Fellowship	2005 – 2006
DAAD Center for German and European Studies Fellowship	2002

PUBLICATIONS

Elizabeth Holzer. Forthcoming. “Who Gets Blamed for Political Failures in a Refugee Camp?” *Refugee Survey Quarterly*. Special Issue on “Governance Beyond Boundaries.”

Elizabeth Holzer. 2008. “Borrowing from the Women’s Movement ‘for Reasons of Public Security’: A Study of Social Movement Outcomes and Judicial Activism in the European Union.” *Mobilization: The International Quarterly*. 13(1):195-214.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Elizabeth Holzer. “Disputing parties, social movements and the development of European citizenship rights.” Revise and resubmit, *European Law Journal*.

Elizabeth Holzer. “On being the object of empowerment.” In preparation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer	<i>Classical Sociological Theory</i> Spring 2009, University of Wisconsin–Madison Developed syllabus and taught classical texts and contemporary empirical work based on classical theories (30 undergraduates).
Guest lecturer	<i>Methods of Sociological Inquiry</i> July 15, 2009, University of Wisconsin–Madison Ran workshop on semi-structured interviewing. <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> March 26, 2009, Madison Area Technical College Presented lecture from dissertation research entitled “Being a democrat without democracy.”
Teaching assistant	<i>Contemporary American Society</i> Spring 2004, University of Wisconsin–Madison Lead discussions and evaluated students (four sections of up to 20 undergraduates).
Writing instructor/ teaching assistant	<i>Survey of Sociology—Communication B Course</i> Fall 2003; Fall 2001, University of Wisconsin–Madison Developed writing workshops, guided students through the writing process and lead discussions of course material (two sections of 15 undergraduates).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation research	Buduburam Refugee Camp and Accra, Ghana, West Africa September 2007 – August 2008, March – April 2006 Researched politics among refugees with fieldnotes, 10 focus groups (n=51), training two interviewers (n=28), interviewing refugees in semi-structured interviews (n=49) and informally interviewing other refugees, aid workers and Ghanaians. Collected texts from the UNHCR online archives to situate activities in the context of organizational development and international pressures.
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Project assistantship	NSF Initiative on Nanotechnology & Society Mark Suchman, Cornell University Madison, WI September 2004 – August 2005 Surveyed 29 scientists using patent excerpts for a quantitative study of the social construction of nanotechnology across disciplines. Co-wrote the survey and analyzed data in Stata.
Master’s research	Madison, WI January 2001 – August 2002 Interviewed representatives from three social movement organizations and analyzed discourse and framing in two legal texts and several articles to uncover activism in an EU court case.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

“Who is Accountable When the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Is Mother?” Presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 8 – 11, 2009.

“Why can’t refugees hold UNHCR accountable?” Presented at the 12th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Cyrus, June 28 – July 2, 2009.

“Who is accountable when UNHCR is mother?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Denver, CO, May 28 – 31, 2009.

“Advocating while Researching: Cautionary Tales.” Service panel presented at the Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI, September 19 – 20, 2008.

“‘I Am Only Looking up to God:’ Protest, Repression and Homecoming in a West African Refugee Camp.” Presented at the Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI, September 19 – 20, 2008.
“Democracy in Displacement.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 4 – 7, 2007.

“Governing Refugees.” Presented at the Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI, September 15 – 16, 2006.

“Incidentally Untying Citizenship from Nation-State.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Baltimore, MD, July 6 – 9, 2006 and the Conference on Gender, Genre, and Political Transformations, 1789-1989: A Comparative and Interdisciplinary Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 10 – 12, 2006.

“Democracy in Displacement: Methodological Concerns for Studying Democracy in Refugee Camps.” Presented at the 10th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Toronto, Canada, June 18 – 22, 2006.

“Borrowing from the women’s movement ‘for reasons of public security.’” Presented at the Conference on National Feminisms in a Transnational Arena: The European Union and Gender Politics, Madison, WI, April 3 – 5, 2003.

“Sovereignty, Women’s Rights, and the European Union: The Case of Tanja Kreil.” Presented at the Conference on Impossible Citizens: Engendering Politics in a Comparative World Perspective, Minneapolis, MN, May 10 – 12, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer, *Mobilization*

Member, *American Sociological Association, Law and Society Association, Sociologists for Women in Society, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration*

Program coordinator, *Law and Society in the 21st Century, Berlin 2007*, David Trubek (University of Wisconsin, Law) and Anne Boigeol (*Institut d’Histoire du Temps Présent*, Sociology), Program Co-Chairs, 2005 – 2007

Co-Coordinator, *Law, Politics & Society Brownbag* at University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2006

Editorial assistant, *Law & Society Review*, Susan Silbey (MIT, Sociology and Anthropology), Editor, 1998 – 1999

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (university level: upper intermediate)

REFERENCES

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