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EDUCATION

- 2010 **Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Dissertation: The Science of Subjectivity: The Paradoxical Rise of Mindfulness Meditation
Committee: Michael Bell (Chair), Mustafa Emirbayer, Erik Wright, Cameron Macdonald,
Richard Davidson
- 2002 **M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison**
- 1997 **B.A., Biology (graduated with honors), Oberlin College**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2005, 2006 Research Fellow at the Mind and Life Summer Research Institute
- 2004 North Central Regional Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grant
- 1999-2003 National Science Foundation IGERT Traineeship - 1999-2003
- 2000-2009 Travel Awards - 2000-2009 - Crowe Travel Scholarship; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Travel Award; Vilas Travel Award, UW Madison Department Travel Award, Sociology Dissertation Research Travel Grant, CALS WALSA Travel Grant

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Stiles, Kaelyn, Ozlem Altiok and Michael M. Bell. 2010. The Ghosts of Taste: Food and the Politics of Authenticity. *Agriculture, Food, and Human Values*.

Flaherty, Colleen M., Greg G. Sass, and Kaelyn E. Stiles.* 2003. Human Mercury Toxicity and Ice Angler Fish Consumption: Are People Eating Enough to Cause Health Problems? *Risk Analysis*. 23 (3) 497-504. *Names listed alphabetically, all authors contributed equally.

Works in Progress

Stiles, Kaelyn. (Revise and Resubmit) Mindfulness meditation as “good medicine”: A new epistemological pluralism in health care.

Stiles, Kaelyn. (Under Review) Embodied Boundary Work: Science, Buddhism, and Boundary Agents.

Other Publications

Mariola, Matt and Kaelyn Stiles. "The Social Implications of Management Intensive Rotational Grazing: An Annotated Bibliography" November 2004, Center for Integrated Agricultural Studies.

<http://www.cias.wisc.edu/the-social-implications-of-management-intensive-grazing-a-bibliography/>

Stiles, Kaelyn E. 2004. Instructor's Manual to Accompany the Second Edition of *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology, Second Edition*. Michael M. Bell. Pine Forge Press, Thousand Oaks, CA.

Stiles, Kaelyn E. and Steve Stevenson. 2001. Community kitchens: key elements of success (Research Brief #54). *Data gathered for UW-Madison's Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems*.

<http://www.cias.wisc.edu/economics/community-kitchens-key-elements-of-success/>

Jackson-Smith, Douglas (co-director), Kaelyn Stiles, Jill Bukovac, and Marjorie Ward (research assistants). 2000. Wisconsin Town Land Use Databook: Expanded Data Dictionary. A compilation of town-level farmland and land use trends for 1990 to 1998. <http://www.pats.wisc.edu/landuse/tables.htm>

Conference Presentations

"The politics of contemplative practice in the United States: Exploring inner capital." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2008.

"Mindfulness and Morality: The intersection of science and spirituality in the United States." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2007.

"Meditating as medicine: what happens to spirituality in the transition from "alternative" to 'integrative' medicine?" Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. 2007.

"The Politics of Contemplative Practice and the Rise of Mindfulness Meditation in the U.S." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and also at the Annual Meetings for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. 2006.

"Sustainability and Spirituality: Investigating Anishinaabe claims to wild rice." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. 2004.

"Does a Place Have a Taste?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. 2003.

"Honoring the Third Fire: Spirituality's role in sustainable agriculture." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society. 2003.

"Is Silence Sustainable: Sustainable Agriculture's treatment of issues of race and ethnicity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society. 2001.

"The Peri-Urban Fringe: Influences of Urbanization on Agricultural Land Investment Patterns and Soil Conservation Practices in the Lake Mendota Watershed." Presented at the annual International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. 2001.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Award

Teaching Assistant Fellow - 2004 - Campus-wide award by the UW-Madison Writing Center. As part of the award, I conducted a two day long TA-training for writing-intensive courses.

Lecturer

American Racial and Ethnic Minorities - Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Spring 2007, Spring 2006, Spring 2005 - 100 students

Methods of Sociological Inquiry - Fall 2008, Spring 2008, Fall 2007 - 2 sections of 20 students

American Racial and Ethnic Minorities - Summer 2006 - 30 students (Taught an intensive program designed to help minority students make a successful transition from high school to college.)

Teaching Assistant

Ethnic Social Movements - Fall 2006

Introduction to Statistics for Sociologists - Fall 2004, Spring 2004

Survey of Sociology - Fall 2003

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow Summer 2006, Summer 2007

Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. An annual conference designed to bring together neuroscientists, clinicians, and contemplative scholars to explore the influence of contemplative practice on the mind, behavior and brain function.

Project Assistant Fall 2005

Researched international patterns in horizontal education stratification with Dr. Ted Gerber and Dr. Sin Yi Cheung. Developed skills in quantitative analysis.

Project Assistant Summer 2004

Researched sustainable grazing operations with Dr. Michael Bell, and also I revised a teacher's guide for his book, *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*.

Igert Traineeship 1999-2003

Intensive four year NSF traineeship designed to foster interdisciplinary work on the intersection of social and aquatic ecosystems. The IGERT seminar met once a week during the academic year. The goal was to learn to develop testable interdisciplinary research questions, research design, and tangible end products.

Research Assistant 1999-2001

Worked with Dr. Jack Kloppenburg to implement and conduct research with two primary organizations: the Healthy Food Choices Initiative and the Wisconsin Foodshed Research Group.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership

American Sociological Association, 2005-present
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2006-present
Society for Social Studies of Science, 2007-present
Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2005-present
Rural Sociological Society, 1999-2004
Agriculture, Food and Human Values, 2001-2003

Service

Graduate Student Mentor (for incoming graduate student), 2007-2008
Panel participant (to give advice to incoming graduate students), 2006
Graduate Student Representative to Department Meetings, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, 2005
Graduate Student Representative, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Rural Sociology, Havens Memorial Scholarship Committee, 2003-2005
Graduate Student Representative, Subcommittee to form a student organization within the Rural Sociological Society, 2004

REFERENCES

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