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EDUCATION

2010 **Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sociology (expected)**

Dissertation: “The Origins and Trajectories of Racial Violence Memory Movements.”

Dissertation Committee: Kenneth (Andy) Andrews (chair), Fitzhugh Brundage, Neal Caren, Charles Kurzman, Andrew Perrin.

2005 **M.A. University of Florida, Sociology**

M.A. Thesis: “What’s in a Name? Framing, Persuasion, and Attitudes toward Same Sex-Marriage.” Committee: Kendal Broad, Charles Peek.

2001 **B.A. New College, Political Science (Honors)**

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

In my dissertation, I examine why several dozen incidents of mass white-on-black violence from the 1877 to 1954 period (from the end of Reconstruction through the *Brown v. Board* decision) in the United States have recently become objects of social movement mobilization aimed at commemoration and redress, while hundreds of other incidents that seem quite similar have not. I use multivariate methods along with qualitative comparative analysis (QCA) and case study techniques to analyze the effects of incident characteristics, political opportunities, organizational factors, local racial dynamics, and activists’ characteristics on commemorative resurgence. The results speak to several intersecting debates in cultural sociology, social movement studies, and studies of racial redress.

PRINCIPAL RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

- Race, Class, and Gender
- Cultural Sociology
- Social Movements and Politics
- Racial Inequality
- Collective Memory
- Comparative-Historical Sociology

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Everett Wilson Award for most outstanding UNC Sociology Dept. graduate instructor, 2009
Center for the Study of the American South Summer Research Grant, 2009
Interdisciplinary Research Scholars Fellowship, UNC, 2008 (declined due to conflict)
Distinction, Social Movements comprehensive exam, UNC, 2006
Graduate Assistantship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2005-present
Alumni Fellowship, University of Florida, 2003-2005

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Ghoshal, Raj. 2009. "Argument Forms, Frames, and Value Conflict: Persuasion in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage." *Cultural Sociology* 3(1): 77-102.

Ghoshal, Raj. 2009. "Crossing Borders: States, Migration, and Transnational Civil Society." Review of Srilatha Batliwala and David Brown (eds.), *Transnational Civil Society*, and Ruud Koopmans et. al., *Contested Citizenship*. *Societies without Borders* 4(1):96-98.

REVISE & RESUBMIT MANUSCRIPTS

Caren, Neal, **Raj Ghoshal**, and Vanesa Ribas. "A Social Movement Generation: Trends in Protesting and Petition Signing, 1973-2006." Submitted January 2009 to *American Sociological Review*; revise & resubmit requested April 2009; resubmitted June 2009.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Ghoshal, Raj. "What does remembering racial violence do? Evidence from Greensboro and Wilmington's Commemorative Projects."

Kurzman, Charles, **Raj Ghoshal**, Kristin Gibson, Clinton Key, Andrew Payton, Micah Roos, and Amber Wells. "Powerblindness."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ghoshal, Raj. "Resurrecting Racial Violence: Collective Memory, Social Movements, and the Return of Traumatic Pasts." In progress.

Ghoshal, Raj. "Commemorating Segregation-Era Racial Violence in the United States: Why now? Why here?" In progress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ghoshal, Raj. 2009. "Despite Racial Leap, Disparities Linger." Op-ed piece in the *Raleigh News & Observer*, January 6.

Perrin, Andrew, and **Raj Ghoshal.** 2008. "Human Rights and North Carolina's International Worker Justice Campaign." Report to the Mertz-Gilmore Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

Instructor with full responsibility: *Sociological Perspectives* (Introduction to Sociology, 2007); *Race, Class, & Gender* (2008); *Race and Ethnicity* (2008); *Social Stratification* (2008). Twice nominated for a teaching award by more than half of my students.

Everett K. Wilson award for most outstanding Sociology Department graduate instructor, 2009. Awarded by a committee of department faculty based on their evaluations of candidates' teaching portfolios, demonstrated proficiency, and student evaluations.

Additional areas of teaching interest (in addition to courses already taught): Cultural Sociology, Social Movements, Social Theory, Statistics/Methods, Crime and Deviance, Gender, Service Learning.

Teaching Assistant: *Family and Society* (2005); *Human Societies* (2006); *Research Methods* (2006); *Sociological Perspectives* (2009); *Introduction to Women's Studies* (2009).

GMAT instructor (2004-05); Soros Foundation debate instructor (1998).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Co-president, UNC Sociology Graduate Students Association, 2007-08; Graduate student representative to faculty, University of Florida, 2004-05.

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Journal of Family Issues*; *Information, Communication, and Society*; *Social Forces*; *Southern Cultures*.

Co-organizer (with Scott Byrd and Jackie Smith) of Thematic Session "Is Another Political Culture Possible? Alternative Globalization Movements in Perspective." Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, 2007.

UNC LGBT Safezone ally, 2006-present.

Southeast Social Forum Coordinating Committee member, Durham, NC, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (Sections: Race, Culture, Social Movements)
Southern Sociological Society

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2009. "The Reception of Race Riot Memory Projects." Parts of this project were presented at the Southern Sociological Society (New Orleans, LA) and American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA) meetings.
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2008. "What Does Commemorating Racial Violence Do? Lessons from Greensboro and Wilmington's Commemorative Projects." Parts of this project were presented at the Southern Sociological Society (Richmond, VA) and the American Sociological Association (Boston, MA) meetings.
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2007. "Memory Movements in the Public Forum: Greensboro's Truth and Reconciliation Commission." Parts of this project were presented at the American Sociological Association (New York, NY) and Pacific Sociological Association (Oakland, CA) meetings.
- Perrin, Andrew, and **Raj Ghoshal.** 2006. "North Carolina's Campaign for Collective Bargaining." Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, PA).
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2006. "The McDonaldization of Competitive Debate." Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, PA).
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2005-06. "What's in a Name? Framing, Persuasion, and Attitudes toward Same Sex Marriage." Parts of this project were presented at the Southern Sociological Society (2005: Charlotte, NC), Pacific Sociological Association (2006: Hollywood Hills, CA), and American Sociological Association (2006: Montreal, Canada) meetings.
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2004. "Another World is Happening: Prefigurative Politics in Twin Oaks Community." Southern Sociological Society (Atlanta, GA).
- Ghoshal, Raj.** 2002. "Alternative Work Organization." North American Students of Cooperation (Ann Arbor, MI).

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