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EMPLOYMENT

Merrimack College

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology, 2007-

California State University, Northridge

Teachers for a New Era Faculty Fellow

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology, 2004-07

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2004

Southern Connecticut State University

M.S. in Sociology, 1999

University of Connecticut

B.A. in Sociology, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Book

DeCesare, Michael. 2007. *A Discipline Divided: Sociology in American High Schools*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Chapters

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Articles

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Reviews

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DeCesare, Michael A. 2002. "Locating the State of High School Sociology on the Academic Map." *ASA Footnotes* 30(2):9.

WORK IN PROGRESS

DeCesare, Michael. *Death on Demand: Jack Kevorkian and the Right-to-Die Movement in America*. Book manuscript.

DeCesare, Michael. "'They'll Be After Me for This': Jack Kevorkian as a 'Marginal Leader' in the U.S. Right-to-Die Movement." In preparation.

DeCesare, Michael. "'I Polished Off a Box of Cheerios This Morning': Media Representations of Jack Kevorkian's Role in the U.S. Right-to-Die Movement." In preparation.

DeCesare, Michael and Afshan Jafar. "'Super Mommy Saves the Day!': Representations of Gender and Parenthood in American Baby Magazines." In preparation.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

DeCesare, Michael. 2008. "Sociology in U.S. High Schools." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2007. "The Structure of High School Sociology Courses: Concerns, Causes, and Consequences." *Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2006. "A New Approach to Diagnosing and Treating 'Statistics Anxiety.'" *Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2005. "95 Years of Teaching High School Sociology." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2005. "What Determines Whether Sociology is Taught in High School?" *Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2004. "'A Jack of All Trades and Master of None': The High School Sociology Teacher." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael and Jeffrey Lashbrook (Co-leaders). 2003. Workshop on Teaching Sociology in High School. *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

- DeCesare, Michael. 2003. Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy. *Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association*. (Invited Participant)
- DeCesare, Michael. 2003. "The Impact of Sociological Orientation on Pedagogy: A Reconsideration of Teacher Training in Sociology Graduate Departments." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.
- DeCesare, Michael. 2003. "Should We Train Sociology Graduate Students to Teach?" *University of Massachusetts, Sociology Graduate Student Colloquium*.
- Emmelman, Debra S. and Michael DeCesare. 2002. "College Course and Instructor Evaluations: Some Results from a Survey of Students Enrolled in Lower-Level Sociology Courses." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.
- DeCesare, Michael. 2001. "Changes in Attitudes Toward the Voluntary Termination of Life as a Reflection of Public Confidence in Medicine and Belief in Individual Autonomy." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.
- DeCesare, Michael. 2000. "Correlates of Attitudes Toward Euthanasia, 1977 to 1996." *Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*.
- DeCesare, Michael. 1999. "Behavior at Stop Signs: A Matter of Convenience and Threat of Danger." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

American Sociological Association

Teaching Enhancement Fund Grant, 2005-06

History of Sociology Section's Graduate Student Paper Award, 2004

Merrimack College

Faculty Development Research Grant, 2008-09

California State University, Northridge

Faculty Summer Research Support Grant, 2006

Faculty Research Grant, 2005-06

Faculty Summer Research Support Grant, 2005

New Faculty Research Grant, 2004-05

University of Massachusetts

Graduate School Fellowship, 2003-04

Andy B. Anderson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor in Sociology, 2002

Division of Continuing Education Certificate of Appreciation for Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association

Editorial Board, *Teaching Sociology*, 2009-11

Massachusetts Representative for High School Sociology, 2007-

California Representative for High School Sociology, 2005-07

Pacific Sociological Association

Committee on Membership, 2007-08

Committee on Teaching, 2007-08

Merrimack College

Faculty Calendar Advisory Committee, 2008-

Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Advisor, 2008-

College Wide Council, 2007-

Department of Sociology Webmaster, 2007-

Student Association of Sociology Faculty Advisor, 2007-08

California State University, Northridge

Teachers for a New Era Faculty Fellow, 2004-07

University Assessment Department Liaison, 2005-06

Teacher Education Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS), 2005-07

Social Science Subject Matter Course Development Committee, CSBS, 2005-07

Social Science Subject Matter Program Committee, CSBS, 2004-07

Committee on Program Review and Assessment, Department of Sociology, 2004-07

Faculty Retreat Committee, Department of Sociology, 2004-07

Career Fair Committee, Department of Sociology, 2004-07

Professional Sociology Student Association Faculty Advisor, 2004-07

University of Massachusetts (Graduate Student Representative)

Committee for Intellectual Activities, Department of Sociology, 2003-04

Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2003

Undergraduate Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, 2002-03

COURSES TAUGHT

Culture and Personality

Introduction to Sociology

Research Methods

Social Movements

Social Problems

Sociology of Education

Statistics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

Referee

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Social Forces

Social Problems

Social Science and Medicine

Sociology of Education

Teaching Sociology

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of Education

Statistics

Social Movements

Research Methods

Teaching and Learning in Sociology

History of Sociological Thought

REFERENCES

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