**Rachael S. Neal**

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EDUCATION

*The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*

Ph.D., Sociology 2008

Dissertation: "Working Together: Non- and For-Profit Government Contractors

Building Democracy Abroad”

Chair: Dr. Joseph Galaskiewicz

Certificate in College Teaching, University Teaching Center 2006

Supervisor: Kyla Macario

M.A., Sociology 2003

Thesis: “Social Spending Patterns in Latin America: 1970-1999.”

Chair: Kathleen Schwartzman

*Beloit College, Beloit, WI*

B.A., Sociology 2000

PRIMARY RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

My teaching interests include race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality, while my research examines higher education environments and is situated primarily in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

* St. Edward’s University Innovation Fellowship, $1200 2015
* St. Edward’s University Technology for Innovative Learning & Teaching Pilot Grant, $5000 2015
* St. Edward’s University Presidential Excellence Grant, $5000 2015
* St. Edward’s University Presidential Excellence Grant, $5000 2014
* Coe College Ella Pochobradsky Endowment for Faculty/Student Research, $4000 2012

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* Coe College Ella Pochobradsky Endowment for Faculty/Student Research, $4000 2010
* Coe College Ella Pochobradsky Endowment for Faculty/Student Research, $4000 2009
* Visiting Dissertation Scholar-in-Residence, Northeast 2007-2008

Consortium for Faculty Diversity, Middlebury College

* American Sociological Association – Section on Teaching and Learning, 2007

Sage/Pine Forge Travel Award, $500

* University of San Diego and the (USD) Center for Applied Nonprofit Research, 2007

Travel Grant, $200

* Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary 2006

Action/Aspen Institute Nonprofit Research Doctoral Student

Fellowship and Seminar Program $1,000

* Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary 2006

Action Emerging Scholars Award, $700

* American Women in Science Education Foundation Pre-doctoral 2005

Dissertation Grant, $1,000

* American Sociological Association Section for Animals and Society Award for 2005

Distinguished Graduate Student Scholarship. “Pathways to Meat Avoidance:

Doing Vegetarianism and Counter-Hegemonic Politics.” (with Samantha Kwan)

* Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute at the University of Arizona 2004

Dissertation Research Grant, $600

* Tinker Foundation Grant, University of Arizona, $750 2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX*

Assistant Professor 2013-present

* Self and Society
* Social Statistics
* Special Topics: Beauty, Bodies, and Sexuality
* Special Topics: Childhood and Inequality
* Race, Class, and Gender

*Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Assistant Professor 2008-2013

* Introduction to Sociology
* Special Topics: Race and Ethnicity
* Senior Seminar: The Sociology of Gender
* Senior Seminar: The Sociology of Education
* Special Topics: The Sociology of Sexuality
* First Year Seminar (with Dr. Julie Fairbanks) (2011)
* First Year Seminar for Transitional Students (shadowing Dr. Robert Marrs) (2009)
* Group Independent Study: Promoting Diversity on College Campuses (five students)(2009)

*Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT*

Dissertation Scholar-in-Residence 2007-2008

* Race and Ethnicity in American Politics

*The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*

Instructor 2003-2006

* Political Sociology (seven classes)
* Ethnic Relations in the United States

Teaching Assistant 2001-2003

* Gender and Contemporary Society (taught by Dr. Louise Roth)
* Social Inequality (taught by Dr. Theodore Gerber)
* Social Statistics (taught by Dr. James Shockey)

PUBLICATION

Neal, Rachael. 2008. “The Importance of the State: Political Dimensions of a Non-Profit Network in

Oaxaca, Mexico.” Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly 38: 492-511.

PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS

* **Neal, Rachael. “**Neal, Rachael. “Teaching about Diversity: Student and Faculty Expectations.” Presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA April 2015.
* Neal, Rachael. Panelist: KLRU Screening of *America By The Numbers – The New Mad Men, Episode 8* with Maria Hinojosa. Austin TX, November 21st, 2014.
* Neal, Rachael. Interviewed by Maria Hinojosa (Executive Producers). 2014. In *America by the Numbers: The New Mad Men, Episode 8.* [Television series]. New York: Futuro Media Group and Public Broadcasting Service.
* Neal, Rachael. “Teaching about Diversity and Inequality: Researching Student and Faculty Expectations.” Presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 64th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA August 2014.
* Neal, Rachael. “Defining Normal: Social Hierarchies Among College Students on a Small, Residential Campus” Critical Dialogue Session at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 64th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA August 2014.
* Neal, Rachael and Miriam Taour. “Not Straight, Not an Athlete: The Attachments and Identities of College Students on the Periphery” at the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, March 2012.
* Neal, Rachael. “Integrating Service Learning and Academics: Achieving Learning Objectives in a Capstone Course” at the Conference for Applied Learning in Higher Education Meeting in St. Joseph, MO, March 2011.
* Neal, Rachael and Ryan Sheppard. “The Impact of Students’ Social Networks on Classroom Participation, Student Learning, and Student Satisfaction.” Presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 60th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, August 2010.
* Neal, Rachael and Ryan Sheppard. “Classmate Connections: How Students’ Relationships in the Classroom Impact Learning.” Workshop at the American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Pre-Conference in Atlanta, GA, August 2010.
* Neal, Rachael. “The Effect of Board Members' Political Connections on Nonprofits' Access to Government Contracts.” Panel at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
* Neal, Rachael. “Surviving the First Years.” Panel at the American Sociological Association’s Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology Pre-conference “Teachers are Made, Not Born” in San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
* Neal, Rachael. “Reflections on the First Year of Teaching: Lessons Learned.” Panel at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 59th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
* Neal, Rachael. “Lessons Learned from the CFD Fellowship.” Panel at the Consortium for Faculty Diversity Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA, October 2008.
* Neal, Rachael. “Intersectoral Ties: The Role of Political Affiliations in Nonprofit- Government Contracting.” Presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference in Atlanta, GA, November 2007.
* Neal, Rachael. “Intersectoral Interactions: The Role of Political Connections in Government Contracting.” Presented at the Cafecito Lecture Series, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, November 2007.
* Neal, Rachael. “The Importance of the State: The Political Dimensions of Non-Governmental Organizations’ Network Connections in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Presented at the Cafecito Lecture Series, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, October 2007.
* Neal, Rachael. “Building Democracy Abroad: the Privatization of Government- Funded Foreign Aid.” Presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York, NY, August 2007.
* Neal, Rachael. “Intersectoral Ties: Political Connections and Government Contracting.” Presented at the West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference in San Diego, CA, April 2007.
* Neal, Rachael. “Restricted Alliances: Non-Governmental Organizations' Network Connections in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference in Chicago, IL, November 2006.
* Neal, Rachael. “Promoting Democracy: For- and Non-Profit Teams Building Democracy Abroad.” Presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference in Chicago, IL, November 2006.
* Neal, Rachael. “The Importance of the State: Political Dimensions of a Non-Profit Network in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Presented at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Montréal, QC, August 2006.
* Neal, Rachael and Samantha Kwan. “Pathways to Women's Appearance Satisfaction: A Combinatory Explanation.” Presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.
* Kwan, Samantha and Rachael Neal. “Doing Vegetarianism: Counter-Hegemonic Discourses and Pathways to Meat Avoidance.” Presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.
* Roth, Louise M. and Rachael Neal. “Multicultural Mosaic or Melting Pot? : Race and Beauty in the United States.” Presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA, August 2004.
* Neal, Rachael. “A Fuzzy Set Examination of Infant Mortality in Latin America.” Presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA, August 2004.
* Roth, Louise M., Rachael Neal, Rebecca Sager, and Mary Nell Trautner. “Beauty Work as Identity Work: Some Preliminary Findings from the Field.” Presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
* Auf der Heide, Laura, Keith Bentele, Jeremiah Coldsmith and Rachael Neal. “The Emotional Significance of Race: Affective Responses to Racial Difference.” Presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
* Neal, Rachael. "Racial and Ethnic Identity Formation: Pressures from the Outside In." Presented at Gathering at the River: Women of Color in the Arizona Academy in Tempe, AZ, February 2003.
* Auf der Heide, Laura, Keith Bentele, Jeremiah Coldsmith and Rachael Neal. “The Emotional Significance of Race: Affective Responses to Racial Difference.” Presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, GA, August 2003.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

* The Coe College ‘13 Things’ (technology teaching resources) Summer Learning Workshop, Cedar Rapids, IA, May-August 2010.
* The University of Kentucky LINKS Center Summer Workshop on Social Network Analysis, Lexington, KY, June 2009.
* Preparing Competitive Grant Proposals, Middlebury College, VT, September 2007 Middlebury College Faculty Writing Retreat, Middlebury College, VT, August 2007.
* Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods Fourth Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Tempe, AZ, January 2005.

SERVICE

* St. Edward’s University Teaching, Learning, and Technology Round Table 2014 - present
* St. Edward’s University Student Affairs Strategic Planning Co-Leader 2014 - present
* St. Edward’s University Diversity Committee 2013 - present
* Advisor, Associated Colleges of the Midwest Chicago Program 2011 - 2013
* Member of the American Sociological Association’s 2011 - 2013

Section on Teaching and Learning Council

* Member of the Coe College Judicial Board 2011 - 2013
* Member of the Coe College Computer Policies Committee 2010 - 2011
* Member of the Coe College Committee on Sexual Harassment 2010 - 2011
* Member of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Committee 2009 - present

on Minority Concerns

* Faculty Advisor to Peers Advocating Informed and Responsible Sexuality 2009 - present
* Faculty Advisor to Diversity Leadership Scholars 2009 - 2010
* Member of the Coe College Committee on Diversity 2008 - 2010
* Faculty Advisor to the Minority Support Group, Coe College 2008 - 2009
* Member of the Carla Howery Award Committee for the American Sociological 2008 - 2009

Association’ Section on Teaching and Learning

* Member of the Planning Committee for the Consortium for Faculty Diversity’s 2008

Annual Conference, Coe College

* Graduate Representative for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in 2002-2005

the Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona

PROFESSIONAL A FFILIATIONS

* American Sociological Association
* Pacific Sociological Association
* Society for the Study of Social Problems