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*Curriculum vitae*  
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## Education

- 2014     **Ph. D.** in Sociology, *Stony Brook University*  
*Advisors:* Arnout van de Rijt, Michael Schwartz, Ian Roxborough, Patrick Grim  
*Thesis:* “Why Wiki Works: Peer Production and Making Knowledge the Wiki Way”
- 2008     **M.A.** in Sociology, *Stony Brook University*
- 2004     **M.A.** in Sociology, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*  
*Advisors:* David Dickens, Andrea Fontana, Donald Carns  
*Thesis:* “Balanced Biosocial Theory for the Social Sciences”
- 2001     **B.A.** in Sociology and Arts & Humanities, *Magna Cum Laude*, *Florida Atlantic University*

## Appointments and employment

- 2014-16   **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, *SUNY Geneseo*  
*Courses:* Statistics for Social Research (2014-16), Sociological Research (2014-16), Applied Multivariate Statistics (2016)
- 2008-14   **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, *Stony Brook University*  
*Courses:* Media and Society (2012-13), Sociology of Technology (2010-11), Research Methods (2010), Statistical Methods (2009), Introduction to Sociology (2008-09)
- 2009-13   **Teaching Fellow**, School of Journalism, *Stony Brook University*
- 2012-13   **Study Coordinator**, Innovative Instruction Technology Grant, *Stony Brook University*  
*Principal Investigators:* Arnout van de Rijt and Lori Scarlatos  
*Topic:* “Enviropedia” Collaborative Online Learning Environment
- 2006-07   **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, *Stony Brook University*  
*Supervisor:* John Shandra, *Topic:* Environmental Non-governmental Organizations
- 2005-07   **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, *Stony Brook University*  
*Courses:* Contemporary Theory (*graduate*), Multivariate Statistics (*graduate*), War and the Military, Gender and Work

## Research and teaching

Topics	Inequalities in health, technology, and environment; global political economy; technology and media; research methods; quantitative methodology and statistics
Courses	Media & Society; Sociology of Technology; Statistics for Social Science; Sociological Research Methods; Multivariate Statistics; Introduction to Sociology; News Literacy
Training	Multivariate Regression, Social Network Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis ( <i>Stony Brook University</i> ); Event History Analysis, Longitudinal Analysis ( <i>Statistical Horizons</i> ); Stata, R, UCINET, SPSS ( <i>Software</i> )

## Publications

- 2016\* Carolyn Coburn, Holly Reed, **Michael Restivo**, and John M. Shandra. "The World Bank, Organized Hypocrisy, and Women's Health: A Cross-National Analysis of Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Sociological Forum*. doi:10.1111/socf.12320
- 2016\* Gary Maynard, **Michael Restivo**, and Eric J. Shircliff. "Health International Non-governmental Organizations, Democracy, and Tuberculosis Mortality in Developing Nations: A Longitudinal Analysis." *Sociological Spectrum* 36(5):303-320.
- 2015\* Jamie M. Sommer, John M. Shandra, **Michael Restivo**, and Carolyn Coburn. "Water, Sanitation, and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cross-National Analysis of Maternal and Neo-Natal Mortality." *Human Ecology Review* 22(1):129-52.
- 2015\* Carolyn Coburn, **Michael Restivo**, and John M. Shandra. "The African Development Bank and Infant Mortality: A Cross-National Analysis of Structural Adjustment and Investment Lending from 1990 to 2006." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 56(3-4):275-96.
- 2015\* Carolyn Coburn, **Michael Restivo**, and John M. Shandra. "The World Bank and Child Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cross-National Analysis of Structural Adjustment and Health Lending." *Sociology of Development* 1(3):348-373. doi: 10.1525/sod.2015.1.3.348
- 2015\* Hyang-Gi Song, **Michael Restivo**, Arnout van de Rijt, Lori Scarlatos, David Tonjes, and Alexander Orlov. "The Hidden Gender Effect in Online Group Work: An Experimental Study of Team Performance under Anonymity." *Computers in Human Behavior* 50:274-282.
- 2015\* Carolyn Coburn, **Michael Restivo**, and John M. Shandra. "The African Development Bank and Women's Health: A Cross-National Analysis of Structural Adjustment and Maternal Mortality." *Social Science Research* 51:307-21
- 2014 Arnout van de Rijt, Soong Moon Kang, **Michael Restivo**, and Akshay Patil. "Field Experiments of Success-Breeds-Success Dynamics." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* 111(19):6934-6939. doi:10.1073/pnas.1316836111
- 2014 **Michael Restivo** and Arnout van de Rijt. "No Praise without Effort: Experimental Evidence on Peer-to-Peer Rewards in Wikipedia." *Information, Communication & Society* 17(4):451-462
- 2012 **Michael Restivo** and Arnout van de Rijt. "Experimental Study of Informal Rewards in Peer Production." *PLoS ONE* 7(3): e34358. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0034358

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\* Published while employed at SUNY Geneseo

- 2012 Afife-Idil Akin, Carlos Encina, **Michael Restivo**, Michael Schwartz, and Juhi Tyagi (equal authorship). "Old Wine in a New Cask? Protest Cycles in the Age of the New Social Media." *The Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* XII(1):89-103
- 2012 Gary M. Maynard, Eric J. Shircliff, and **Michael Restivo**. "IMF Structural Adjustment, Public Health Spending, and Tuberculosis: A Longitudinal Analysis of Prevalence Rates in Developing Nations." *International Journal of Sociology* 42(2):5-27. doi:10.2753/IJS0020-7659420201
- 2011 John M. Shandra, **Michael Restivo**, Eric J. Shircliff, and Bruce London. "Do Commercial Debt-for-Nature Swaps Matter for Forests? A Cross-National Test of World Polity Theory." *Sociological Forum* 26(2):381-410
- 2010 John M. Shandra, Thomas K. Rudel, **Michael Restivo**, and Bruce London. "Nongovernmental Organizations and Protected Land Area: A Cross-National Analysis." *International Journal of Sociology* 40(2):85-99
- 2008 John M. Shandra, **Michael Restivo**, and Bruce London. "Non-Governmental Organizations and Deforestation: Reconsidering the Cross-National Evidence." *International Review of Modern Sociology* 34(1):109-132

## Grants, fellowships, and awards

- 2016\* Geneseo Presidential Summer Faculty Fellowship, *SUNY Geneseo*, \$3,500  
*Title and topic:* "Relating community-level gender and racial inequalities to risk of HIV acquisition in the U.S."
- 2015\* Faculty sponsor to Katherine Zaslavsky, Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Summer Fellowship, *SUNY Geneseo*, \$500
- 2015\* CITASA Paper Award: "Stellar Seven 2015"  
*Paper:* "Field Experiments of Success-Breeds-Success Dynamics" (With Arnout van de Rijt, Soong Moon Kang, and Akshay Patil.)
- 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Michael Schwartz Award for Excellence in Sociology, Department of Sociology, *Stony Brook University*
- 2013 Dissertation Improvement Grant, *National Science Foundation*, \$5,781  
*Title:* "Group Diversity and Knowledge Production"
- 2013 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Graduate Student), *Stony Brook University*
- 2012 Judith Tanur Dissertation Fellowship, *Stony Brook University*, \$3,000
- 2011 Hanan Selvin Award for Best Quantitative Paper, *Stony Brook University*  
*Title:* "Does Bureaucracy Pose an Obstacle to Online Volunteering?"
- 2009-13 News Literacy Fellowship, Center for News Literacy, *School of Journalism, Stony Brook University*, \$15,000/year

## Non-refereed publications

Josh Murray, **Michael Restivo**, and Arnout van de Rijt. (2011) "Structural Holes." George Barnett (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Networking* (2):827-829, Sage.

John M. Shandra and **Michael Restivo**. (2010) "Environmental Change in a Global Perspective: A Collection of Cross-National Analyses." *International Journal of Sociology* 40(2):3-6.

## Presentations and invited talks

"The World Bank, Reproductive Health Lending, and Organized Hypocrisy: A Cross National Analysis of Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa." (With Carolyn Coburn, Holly Reed, and John Shandra.) Presented at "Development in Question," 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Conference of the Development Section of the American Sociological Association*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2016.

"There's a Stat for That: Reflections on Teaching Advanced Statistics across the Curriculum." (With Yusuf Bilgic and Christine Merrilees.) Presented at *SUNY Geneseo ASSESStivus*, 2016.

"The World Bank, Reproductive Health, and Maternal Mortality: A Cross-National Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa." (With Carolyn Coburn and John Shandra.) Presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, 2015.

"The African Development Bank and Infant Mortality: A Cross-National Analysis of Structural Adjustment and Health Lending." (With Carolyn Coburn and John Shandra.) Presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*, New York, NY, 2015.

"The African Development Bank and Women's Health: A Cross-National Analysis of Maternal Mortality." (With Carolyn Coburn and John Shandra.) Presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA, 2014.

"Success Breeds Success: Evidence from Field Experiments." (With Arnout van de Rijt, Soong Moon Kang, and Akshay Patil.) Presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA, 2014.

"Why Contribute to Public Goods? Experimental Evidence from Wikipedia." Invited lecture to *Provost's Graduate Student Lecture Series*, Stony Brook University, December 10, 2013.

"No Praise without Effort: Experimental Evidence on the Matthew Effect in Wikipedia." (With Arnout van de Rijt.) Presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, 2013.

"Wikipedia's Gender Gap and Its Effects on Peer Produced Knowledge." Presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> *Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA, 2013.

"Reducing Tuberculosis Mortality: A Cross-National Examination of International Nongovernmental Organizations in Poor Nations." (With Eric J. Shircliff and Gary Maynard). Presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> *Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA, 2013.

"Why Contribute to Public Goods? Experimental Evidence from Wikipedia." Invited talk to *Department of Sociology*, State University of New York at Fredonia, December 14, 2012.

"Experimental Study of Informal Rewards in Peer Production." (With Arnout van de Rijt.) Presented at the *Workshop on Information in Networks*, New York University Stern School of Business, New York, NY, 2012.

"Limits to Cumulative Advantage: Experimental Evidence from Wikipedia." (With Arnout van de Rijt.) Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> *Japan-North America Mathematical Sociology Conference*, Denver, CO, 2012.

"Experimental Study of Informal Rewards in Peer Production." (With Arnout van de Rijt.) Presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO, 2012.

"Prospects and Opportunities for Open (-Sourcing) Public Universities." Presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*, New York, NY, 2012.

“Debt, Structural Adjustment, and Global Health Co-epidemics in Developing Nations.” (With Gary Maynard and Eric J. Shircliff.) Presented at 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, 2012.

“Does Bureaucracy Pose an Obstacle to Volunteering for Online Organizations?” Presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, 2011.

“Prospects and Opportunities for Open (-Sourcing) Public Universities.” (With Jay Emerson.) Presented at the Defining the Future of Higher Education Conference, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, 2011.

“Why They Stop: A Quantitative Analysis of Discontinuation Trends Among Wiki Contributors.” Presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, 2011.

“Group Diversity and Task Performance in Peer Production.” Presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, 2011.

“A Quantitative Approach To Identifying Propaganda in Peer-Produced Knowledge.” Presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, 2010.

“Debt-For-Nature Swaps and Deforestation: Do They Matter?” (With John M. Shandra.) Presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, 2010.

“Distributed Cognition and the Emerging Peer-Production Model.” Presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 2009.

“Knowledge, Experts, and Wikipedia: An Analysis of the Social Structure of an Encyclopedia with 50,000 Authors.” Presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, 2008.

## **Professional service and memberships**

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*; *Social Problems*; *Teaching Sociology*; *International Journal of Sociology*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Information, Communication & Society (iCS)*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Spectrum*

Member of American Sociological Association, 2005-present

*Section memberships:* Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS); Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT); Environment and Technology; Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)

Member of Eastern Sociological Society, 2005-13, 2014-present

### **SUNY Geneseo**

Program Review Committee, Department of Sociology, 2016-17

Graduate Affairs Committee, College Senate, 2016-17

College Senate, 2016-17

Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, 2015-17

Statistical Analysis Learning Community, 2014-17

Mathematics Core Committee, 2014-16

### **Stony Brook University**

Grant Workshop, Department of Sociology, 2013

Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2013, 2010

Organizer, Paper Workshop, Department of Sociology, 2011-12

President, Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, 2011-12

Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, 2009-11

University Senator, Graduate Student Organization, 2008-10

Library Committee, Department of Sociology, 2008-09

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2005-07

Graduate Student Organization, 2005-14  
Graduate Student Forum, 2006-14

### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of Sociology, 2004  
Organizer, Graduate Student Conference, "Issues in Pedagogy and Epistemology," 2003

## **Students**

- 2016 Jonathan Campbell, Ian Thomas, and Gabrielle Juers  
*Title: Humans and Air Pollution: An Evaluation of Three Sociological Theories, Using the STIRPAT Model (Presented at Great Day 2016)*
- 2016 Tashira Hargrove, Audrey Howard, Beth Ohman, Susanna Rohe, and Katherine Zaslavsky  
*Title: A Contemporary Critique of Past Statistical Methodology of Reproductive Health Issues in the Developing World (Presented at Great Day 2016)*
- 2016 Ellie Mertens, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2017*  
*Internship and directed study topic: "Worker Justice Center"*
- 2015 Sarah Yo, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2017*  
*Internship and directed study topic: "Volunteer retention among post-collegiate students"*
- 2015 Audrey Howard, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2016*  
*Directed study topic: "Unintended Consequences: An Analysis of the School-to-Prison Pipeline" (Presented at Great Day 2015)*  
Accepted offer to M.S. program in Urban Childhood Education at Canisius College
- 2015 Katherine Zaslavsky, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2017*  
*Directed study topic: "The Terrorist Narrative: How American Media Report the Arab-Israeli Conflict"*  
Winner of the 2015 Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Summer Fellowship (\$3,000)  
Winner of the 2016 Frank Vafier Ambassador in Leadership (\$5,000)
- 2015 Jessica Kim, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2015*  
Accepted offer to Ph. D. program in Sociology at Stony Brook University
- 2015 Nika Norvila, *SUNY Geneseo, Class of 2015*  
Accepted offer to M. Sc. program in Sociology at University of Amsterdam