

Curriculum Vitae
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Education and Professional Development

Ph.D. Sociology – York University – Toronto, ON – 2009 – Present

Dissertation (in progress): *Learning, imagining and practicing processes of decolonization within non-indigenous radical movements in settler colonial states.*

Supervisor: Dr. Lesley Wood Committee: Dr. Hyun Ok Park and Dr. Hira Singh

Areas of Research: Colonization/Decolonization; Social Movements; Indigenous Theory; Qualitative Methods; Anti-State Movements; Historical and Archival Methods; Baseball History.

Masters' of Social Work (MSW) – University of Toronto – Toronto, ON – 2003-2005

Thesis: *“Regent Park is Our Fallujah”: Constructing an Activist Praxis Within Local Contestations of War & Globalization in Toronto.*

Supervisor: Dr. David Hulchanski Committee: Dr. Julia Sudbury and Dr. Janet Conway

B.A. Accounting, Hons. Co-op – University of Waterloo – Waterloo, ON – 1998-2002

Specialization: Management Accounting with a focus on International Economics

Graduate with distinction on Dean's Honour List

Selected Awards, Grants, and Distinctions

Academic Awards

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2011-2015 (\$15,000 each award)

Abella Scholarship for Studies in Equity, York University, 2014 (\$5,000)

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Field Work Fellowship, York University, 2013-2014 (\$3,750)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-13 (\$20,000)

York University Graduate Entrance Scholarship, York University, 2009 (\$5,000)

Tzu Chi Buddhist Award for Students Committed to Social Justice, 2005 (\$2,500)

Dr. Ann Goldberg Bergman Academic Excellence and Leadership Award, 2004 (\$1,500)

University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Academic Excellence Award 2004 (\$1,000)

University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Academic Excellence Award 2003 (\$1,000)

J.R. Coutts Students Without Borders International Volunteer Award, 2002 (\$2,500)

Kerr-Ostrander Leadership in the Public Interest Award, 2002 (\$2,500)

Academic Distinctions and Teaching Awards

Ian Greene Teaching Award, SCOLAPS, York University, 2012

Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, University of Toronto, 2005

Academic Employment

- 2013 – Present** **Course Director - York University, Department of Sociology**
Toronto, ON. Courses:
Sociology (SOC) 2040: “Sociological Theory”
Sociology (SOC) 4220: “Social Movements: Theory and Practice”
- Research Assistant, Brock University, Department of Sociology**
St. Catharines, ON. Duties: Assisted the research of
Professor Janet Conway (Canada Research Chair) in the area of
modernity, transnational feminism, and social movement theory.
- 2009 – 2014** **Teaching Assistant - York University, Department of Sociology**
Toronto, ON. Courses:
Sociology (SOC) 1010: “Introduction to Sociology”
Sociology (SOC) 2040: “Sociological Theory”
Sociology (SOC) 2060: “Social Interaction and Community”
Social Sciences (SOSC) 3065: “Regulation & Punishment I”
Social Sciences (SOSC) 3066: “Regulation & Punishment II”
- *Awarded the Ian Greene Teaching Award in (2012) by the Student
Council of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies at York University
- 2009 – 2012** **Research Assistant, York University, Department of Sociology**
Toronto, ON. Duties: Assisted the research of
Professor Lesley Wood in the area of protest policing, historical research,
content analysis and social movement theory.
- 2008 – 2009** **Contract Faculty, Sheridan College, Dept. of Liberal Studies**
Brampton, ON. Courses:
Sociology (SOC) 17461: Diversity Issues in Policing
- 2005 – 2006** **Research Assistant, Ryerson University, Department of Politics**
Toronto, ON. Duties: Assisted the research of Professor Janet Conway in
the area of the World Social Forum, World Women’s March, and
transnational feminist theory.
- 2002– 2003** **Research Assistant, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario**
Duties: Assisted the research of Professor Robert Kerton in the area of
consumer impacts of the North American Free Trade Agreement over its
first decade.

Publications and Conference Presentations

Refereed Publications

Book Chapters

Fortier, Craig (2013) “Decolonizing Borders: No One Is Illegal movements in Canada and the negotiation of counter-national and anti-colonial struggles from within the nation-state”. in Landolt, Patrica and Luin Goldring (2013) *Producing and Negotiating Non-Citizenship: Precarious Legal Status in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Other Publications

Book Reviews

Fortier, Craig (2011). "Book Review: Fair Trade and Social Justice: Global Ethnographies, Mark Moberg and Sarah Lyon's (eds.)" *Mobilization*, Vol 16:1, March 2011.

Research Publications

Fortier, Craig and Alpha Abebe (2008). *Rooted in Action: A Youth-Led Report on Demands and Plans to Address the Root Causes of Violence in Our Communities*. Published by the Grassroots Youth Collaborative and the Ontario Roots of Youth Violence Secretariat. November 2008.

Fortier, Craig (2006). *From the Roots Up! A Youth-Led Report on Building Safe and Healthy Communities*. Published by *the Grassroots Youth Collaborative*: Phoenix Print Publications. November 2006.

Conference Presentations

Fortier, Craig (2014). "Stealing Home: decolonizing baseball's origin stories and their relations to settler colonialism". International Sociology of Sports Conference. Beijing, China. July 10, 2014.

Fortier, Craig (2014). "Questions we ask while walking: reflecting on methodologies to study processes of decolonization among non-indigenous radicals". Strategies of Critique – Decolonizing Anti-Racism Conference. Toronto: York University, April 16, 2014.

Fortier, Craig (2013). "Decolonization & Resurgence: Anti-Authoritarianism, Migrant Justice and Indigenous Solidarity". North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference. New Orleans: Zeitgeist Multicultural Center. Thursday, January 6, 2013.

Fortier, Craig (2012). "Whither Gramsci? Non-Hegemonic Struggles and Contemporary Social Movements". Canadian Sociological Association Conference, Social Movement Theory Section. Waterloo: University of Waterloo. Friday, June 1, 2012.

Fortier, Craig (2012). "Undoing Borders, Building Solidarities: The Rise of Anti-State Migrant Justice Struggles and their Relation to Indigenous Sovereignty". Political Studies Association Annual International Conference. Belfast: Europa Hotel. April 4, 2012.

Fortier, Craig (2011). "No One Is Illegal and the Decolonization of Indigenous Solidarity". American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. Las Vegas: University of Nevada Las Vegas. August 19, 2011.

Fortier, Craig and Lesley Wood (2011). "Context and Contradictions in Policing Toronto's G20 Protests." American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. Las Vegas: University of Nevada Las Vegas. August 19, 2011.

Fortier, Craig (2010). "The Borders Crossed Us: A Comparative Analysis of Race, Class and Immigration Status in the Immigration Reform and No-Borders Movement in Canada and the United States." Latin American Studies Association Conference. Toronto: Sheraton Hotel, October 9, 2010.

Fortier, Craig (2010). "Decolonizing Borders: No One Is Illegal movements in Canada and the negotiation of counter-national and anti-colonial struggles from within the nation-state". Producing and Negotiating Precarious Migratory Status Workshop. Toronto: York University, September 16, 2010.

Fortier, Craig (2010). "Constructing History, Creating Resistance: The impacts of history-making, framing and storytelling in the strategy of social movements." York Sociology Graduate Conference. Toronto: York University, March 11, 2010.

Fortier, Craig (2007). "Youth-Led Organizations and their Impact on Community Development", Safe Cities Conference. Fishbowl Panel Discussion & Presentation, organized by the City of Toronto Community Safety Secretariat, Toronto. Monday, March 12 2007.

Fortier, Craig (2007). "Funding Youth-Led Grassroots Organizations." Youth Engagement Conference: Ontario Trillium Foundation Annual General Meeting. Toronto, Ontario. November 2, 2007.

Invited Lectures

University Conferences

"Migrant Justice in the Age of Austerity", Niagara Social Justice Forum, Brock University, April 9, 2011.

"Bringing together Migrant Justice and Food Justice Organizing in Southern Ontario", Our Food, Our Bodies Conference, University of Waterloo, March 19, 2011.

University Lectures

"Racism, Colonization and Resistance," SOCI 1010-Introduction to Sociology –for Professor Karen Anderson, Sociology Department, York University. Thursday, March 15, 2012.

"Karl Marx and the Origins of Capitalist Social Inequality," SOCI 1010-Introduction to Sociology –for Professor Karen Anderson, Sociology Department, York University. Thursday, January 19, 2012.

"Post-Colonialism & Queer Theory," SOCI 2040-Sociological Theory – for Professor Steven Pinter, Sociology Department, York University. Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

"Immigration, Displacement and Colonization," SOCI 1010-Introduction to Sociology – for Professor Karen Anderson, Sociology Department, York University. Monday, February 7, 2011.

"Youth Led Social Service Organizations and Political Action Groups: A Comparative Analysis", Community Development & Organizing – for Professor Ellie Perkins, Environmental Studies Department, School of Graduate Studies, York University. November 8, 2007.

"Undocumented Migrants & Social Movements in Toronto", Global Politics – for Professor Grace-Edward Galabuzzi, Department of Political Sciences, Ryerson University. March 20, 2007.

"Social Work and Community Organizing: Access Without Fear as a Model of Tangible Social Change", Globalization, Social Justice & Social Work – for Professor Izumi Sakamoto, Faculty of Social Work, School of Graduate Studies University of Toronto. March 19, 2007.

“The Role of Social Service Workers in Community Organizing”, Policy & Community Work – for Professor Abigail Salole, Social Services Department, Sheridan College: Brampton Campus. January 30, 2007.

“Social Movements in the City of Toronto, the Access Without Fear Campaign and community Social Work”, Globalization, Social Justice & Social Work – for Professor Izumi Sakamoto, Faculty of Social Work, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto. November 6, 2006.

“History of Migrant Struggles and Social Movements in a Canadian Contemporary Context”, Sociology 220: Social Inequality in Canada, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. September 27, 2006.

Selected Non-Academic Employment Experience

- 2008 – 2009 Program Manager – Ontario Trillium Foundation, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Review grants and assist prospective applicants in developing grant proposals for Canada’s largest granting organizing and recommended policy direction to Grant Review committees.
- 2005 – 2008 Coordinator, Grassroots Youth Collaborative, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Coordinated a network of over 12 grassroots youth-led organizations in Toronto and applied for/managed grants of over a combined \$400,000 per year.
- 2004 – 2005 Tenant Support Worker, St. Clare’s Housing Society, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Worked in support and advocacy capacity with individuals transitioning from the shelter system to social housing in the Kensington Market neighbourhood of Toronto.
- Managing Editor, Canadian Review of Social Policy, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Managed the peer review process for academic journal based out of York University. Successfully secured SSHRC funding for the journal.
- Research Assistant, Family Services Association, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Conducted social, statistical, and other quantitative research concerning the incidence of poverty among young families in Toronto.
- 2003 – 2004 Research Associate, Community Development Halton, Burlington, ON**
Duties: Organized a field research study on the experiences of social inclusion/exclusion experienced by suburban youth in the community of Burlington, Ontario as part of the Inclusive Cities Project.
- 2000 – 2002 Staff Accountant, Ernst & Young LLP, Toronto, ON**
Duties: Prepared expatriate tax returns for Canadian and United States citizens and conducted financial audits for multi-million dollar companies in the insurance, energy, and tech sectors.

Selected Academic & Community Involvement

Academic

- 2013 – 2014 Sociology Graduate Curriculum Committee, York University**
Duties: Evaluated and helped to revise major fields of study for the department.

- 2012 – 2013 Sociology Graduate Recruitment Committee, York University**
Duties: Helped to organize, plan, and initiate recruitment videos for incoming 2013 York Sociology applicants.
- 2010 – 2011 Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, York University**
Duties: Evaluated and helped to select admissions files and recruit applicants for MA and PhD graduate cohort in Sociology for 2011-2012.
- 2004 – 2005 Faculty Council Student Delegate, University of Toronto**
Duties: Represented students in the Department of Social Work on the Faculty Council. Responsible for revising student aid program.

Community

- 2012 – 2014 Freedonia Foundation Board of Directors**
Duties: Director of Investment Strategy
- Canadian Union of Public Employee, Local 3903**
Duties: Professional Development Fund Coordinator
- 2004 – 2014 No One Is Illegal-Toronto**
Duties: Organized as a member of a community based, grassroots, migrant justice organization.
- 2009 – 2011 CKLN 88.1FM Community Radio, Ryerson University**
Duties: Co-host of a weekly news program “Word of Mouth News” on Ryerson University Community radio station. The program engaged with issues of migrant justice, Indigenous sovereignty, poverty, and social justice.
- 2007 – 2009 Central Neighbourhood House, Board of Directors**
Duties: Treasurer of the Board of Directors, responsible for the financial well-being of a \$4.5 million community agency that runs women’s programs, daycares, youth programs, home care and other vital services to Toronto’s downtown east side.
- 2007 – 2008 Toronto Youth Strategy Panel**
Duties: Nominated by the Mayor of Toronto to be a youth organizational representative on a panel that helped to develop an implementation plan for Youth Strategy legislation passed in 2005.
- Ontario Commission on the Roots of Youth Violence**
Duties: Organized a series of roundtable focus groups in Toronto to discuss the root causes of violence that impact youth in their communities. Presented a report and video to the Commission Co-Chairs (former Chief Justice of Ontario Roy McMurtry and former speaker of the Ontario Legislature, Alvin Curling) and to the Office of the Premier of Ontario.

Non-Academic Grants Obtained

Canadian Heritage: Youth Engagement & Leadership Grant, 2007 (\$250,000)

Term, Organization, Purpose: 3 years for the Grassroots Youth Collaborative to develop a series of educational workshops, research roundtables, a major forum and video production to support racialized and marginalized youth’s ability to influence and develop policy that impacts their day-to-day lives.

Lawson Foundation: Community Leadership and Capacity Building, 2007 (\$339,000)

Term, Organization, Purpose: 3 years for the Grassroots Youth Collaborative to support training and cross-city consultations with similar groups in NYC and Vancouver, build membership base of youth-led network in Toronto, Ontario.

Ontario Roots of Youth Violence Secretariat – Research Grant, 2007 (\$45,565)

Term, Organization, Purpose: 1 year for the Grassroots Youth Collaborative to conduct research to develop policy solutions to the root causes of youth violence in Ontario.

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Community Engagement Grant, 2006 (\$225,000)

Term, Organization, Purpose: 3 years for the Grassroots Youth Collaborative to ensure core staff funding for youth-led network of grassroots organizations in the city of Toronto.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2004 (\$91,670)

Term, Organization, Purpose: 1 year for the Canadian Review of Social Policy to maintain staff and expand publication capacity (including online publication) of the Canadian Review of Social Policy academic journal.

Languages

English (Fluent Oral and Written)

French (Fluent Oral and Written)