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Education

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Notre Dame (anticipated December 2020)
Dissertation: Non-Agentic Events and Policymaking: Toward Earthquake Mitigation in Twentieth-Century Japan and the United States.
Committee: Lyn Spillman (chair), Terence McDonnell, Omar Lizardo, J. Samuel Valenzuela, Kiyoteru Tsutsui (University of Michigan).
Comprehensive Exams: Culture (2016) and Social Movements and Collective Behavior (2015).
- 2016 M.A., Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2012 M.A., Advanced Japanese Studies, University of Sheffield
- 1993 B.A., Greek and Latin Classics, Earlham College
College and Departmental Honors
Arthur M. Charles Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Study

Research and Teaching Interests

Risk and Disaster, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Social Movements, Culture

Publication

- 2016 Lizardo, Omar, **Robert Mowry**, Brandon Sepulvado, Dustin Stoltz, Marshall A. Taylor, Justin Van Ness, and Michael Wood. "What are Dual Process Models? Implications for Cultural Analysis in Social Theory." *Sociological Theory*.

Revise and Resubmit

- 2020 **Mowry, Robert**. "Gender, Protest, and the Puzzle of Empowerment." Revise and resubmit at *Social Currents*.

Manuscripts in Progress

- 2020 **Mowry, Robert**. "Theorizing the Political Accident: Explaining Deadly Viaduct Collapses in the 1989 Loma Prieta and 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquakes."
- 2020 Gibson, David, and **Robert Mowry**. "May it Tease the Court: Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments."

Grants and Awards

- 2018 University of Michigan Asia Library Travel Grant (\$700)
- 2017 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant (\$949)
- 2017 Kellogg Institute Conference Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2017 The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (Alternate)
- 2016 Nanovic Institute for European Studies Graduate Professional Development Grant (\$750)
- 2014 **National Science Foundation**, travel funds to attend the International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress in Yokohama, Japan (July 13-19, \$1,500)
- 2014 Kellogg Institute Conference Travel Grant (\$1,000)

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “The Wielding of Pro-growth Frames and Strategies in Anti-freeway Campaigns in San Francisco and Oakland.” Environmental Activism Session, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 7 (canceled, COVID-19)
- 2018 “Materiality and the Political Accident: Theorizing the 1989 Nimitz Expressway Collapse.” Roundtable Discussion, ASA Annual Meeting, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section, Philadelphia, August 14
- 2017 Non-Agentic Materiality and the Political Event: Contextualizing the Impact of Destructive Earthquakes on Policymaking in California, 1905-1989.” Regular Session, Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Culture Network, Montreal, November 2
- 2017 (Discussant) “Global Encounters: Life, Death, Criticism.” Regular Session, SSHA Annual Meeting, Culture Network, Montreal, November 3
- 2017 “The Jonestown Incident as Collective Action: How Exceptionally Difficult Collective Decisions are Accomplished.” Roundtable Discussion, ASA Annual Meeting, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Montreal, August 11
- 2017 “May it Tease the Court: Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments,” with David Gibson. Regular Session, ASA Annual Meeting, Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section, Montreal, August 15
- 2016 “Gender, Protest, and (Dis)empowerment,” Roundtable Discussion, ASA Annual Meeting, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Seattle, August 24
- 2015 “Cultural Power and the Politics of Trigger Warnings,” with Lyn Spillman. Regular Session, ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 24
- 2014 “Homogenous or Not? Content Analysis of Japanese Anti-Nuclear Editorials.” Roundtable Discussion, ISA World Congress, Yokohama, Japan, July 18

Research Experience

- 2016-18 Graduate Research Assistant to David Gibson, University of Notre Dame
- 2015-16 Graduate Research Assistant to Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame
- 2013-15 Graduate Research Assistant to Lyn Spillman, University of Notre Dame

Teaching Experience and Qualification

- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Studies, University of Notre Dame, Fall
2018 **Instructor of Record**, Introduction to Social Problems, University of Notre Dame,
Spring
2016-17 Facilitator, The Urban Plunge (one-credit experiential learning course for
undergraduates to study urban poverty), University of Notre Dame, Winter
2001-13 Instructor, English as a Foreign Language, South Korea and Japan
2001 Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)

Professional Service and Community Outreach

- 2018-19 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2016-19 Chair, GSN Film Club for graduate students and their partners, University of Notre
Dame
2016-17 Graduate Student Union representative. Department of Sociology, University of Notre
Dame
2016 Graduate Student Ambassador at orientation week for new graduate students,
University of Notre Dame
2015-16 Graduate student representative at faculty meetings, Department of Sociology,
University of Notre Dame

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association: Environmental Sociology, Comparative and Historical Sociology,
Collective Behavior and Social Movements (CBSM), Political Sociology, Sociology of Culture, and
Science, Knowledge, and Technology Sections
Social Science History Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems

Languages

Japanese (fluent reading and conversation), German (advanced reading and conversation), Classical
Greek (reading knowledge), Classical Latin (reading knowledge)