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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1999: Ph.D. (Sociology, with Distinction), Columbia University

1995: M.Phil. (Sociology) Columbia University

1994: M.A. (Sociology) Columbia University

1991: B.A., Eastern University (formerly Eastern College) (magna cum laude)

Positions

2013-present: Associate Professor, University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology
Faculty Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

2012-2013: Lecturer, Princeton University, Department of Sociology

2005-2012: Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology

2001-2005: Assistant Professor, Harvard University, Department of Sociology

1999-2001: Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy,
Columbia University

Areas of interest

Social interaction, decision making, social networks, computational modeling, theory,
organizations, secrecy & deception, science, morality.

Book

Gibson, David. 2012. *Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision During the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Princeton University Press.

Recipient of 2013 Melvin Pollner Prize, Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
section of the American Sociological Association.

Peer-reviewed articles

Gibson, David R. 2022. "Minutes of History: Talk and Its Written Incarnations." *Social Science History* 46 (3): 643-669. <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/ssh.2022.4>

Gibson, David R. and Matthew P. Fox. 2021. "Facts into Faults: The Grammar of Guilt in Jury Deliberations." *Discourse Studies* 23(4):474-96.

Gibson, David R. 2021. "Repetition Acknowledgement Prefaces." *Symbolic Interaction* 44(4):819-42.

Gibson, David R. 2016. "Ignorance at Risk: Interaction at the Epistemic Boundary of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi Scheme." *Qualitative Sociology* 39(3):221-46 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2016. "The Habits of Normal, Innocent People (NIPs), as Construed by the North American Juror." *Symbolic Interaction* 39(3): 397-420.

Gibson, David R. 2014. "Enduring Illusions: The Social Organization of Secrecy and Deception." *Sociological Theory* 32(4): 283-306. Spanish translation published in *Apuntes de Investigación del CECYP* (No. 29, 2017).

Gibson, David R. 2012. "Turn-taking and Geopolitics in the Making of Decisions." *Research in the Sociology of Organizations* 36: 33-64.

Gibson, David R. 2011. "Avoiding Catastrophe: The Interactional Production of Possibility during the Cuban Missile Crisis." *American Journal of Sociology* 117(2): 361-419 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2011. "Speaking of the Future: Contentious Narration During the Cuban Missile Crisis." *Qualitative Sociology* 34(4): 503-22 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2011. "All the News That Fits to Print: Desk Competition for Front Page Space at the *New York Times*." *Sociological Forum* 26(2): 287-305.

Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom and David R. Gibson. 2010. "More Than a Game: Sociological Theory from the Theories of Games." *Sociological Theory* 28(3): 247-71 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2010. "Marking the Turn: Obligation, Engagement, and Alienation in Group Discussions." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 73(2):132-51.

Gibson, David R. 2008. "How the Outside Gets In: Modeling Conversational Permeation." *Annual Review of Sociology* 34:359-84.

Gibson, David R. 2008. "Doing Time in Space: Line Formation Rules and Resultant Morphologies." *Sociological Forum* 23(2):207-33 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2005. "Taking Turns and Talking Ties: Network Structure and Conversational Sequences." *American Journal of Sociology* 110(6):1561-97 (lead article).

Gibson, David R. 2005. "Concurrency and Commitment: Network Scheduling and its Consequences for Diffusion." *Journal of Mathematical Sociology* 29:295-323.

Gibson, David R. 2005. "Opportunistic Interruptions: Interactional Vulnerabilities Deriving from Linearization." *Social Psychological Quarterly* 68(4):316-37.

Gibson, David R. 2003. "Participation Shifts: Order and Differentiation in Group Conversation." *Social Forces* 81(4):1335-81.

Gibson, David R. 2000. "Seizing the Moment: The Problem of Conversational Agency." *Sociological Theory* 18(3):369-82.

Other publications

Gibson, David R. 2018. "The Microfoundations of Macroviolence." In *Ritual, Emotion, Violence: Studies in the Micro-Sociology of Randall Collins*, edited by Elliot Weinger, Annette Lareau, and Omar Lizardo. Routledge.

Gibson, David R. 2012. "Decisions at the Brink." *Nature* 487:27-29.

Gibson, David R. "Telling, But Perhaps Not Believing." *Penn Arts & Sciences Magazine* (Spring/Summer): 14-15.

Rawls, Anne and David R. Gibson. 2020. "Social Interaction and Presentation of Self in a Masked World." *Footnotes* (May/June, on COVID-19): 22.

Under review

"Hyping the Hypothetical: The Conversational Machinery of Legal Argument at the U.S. Supreme Court"

Working papers

"May it Tease the Court," on humor in Supreme Court oral arguments, with Robert Mowry (in progress)

Book reviews

Review of Ira Cohen, *Solitary Action: Acting on Our Own in Everyday Life*, for *Symbolic Interaction*, 40:4 (2017): 596-98.

Review of Emanuel Schegloff, *Sequence Organization in Interaction*, for *Contemporary Sociology* 37:1 (2008): 73-74.

Review of Jonathan Turner, *Face to Face: Toward a Sociological Theory of Interpersonal Behavior*, for *Social Forces*, 82:1 (2003): 404-6.

Review of Barry Barnes, *Understanding Agency: Social Theory and Responsible Action*, for *Contemporary Sociology*, 31:1 (2002): 101-2.

Review of Robert Freed Bales, *Social Interaction Systems*, for *Contemporary Sociology*, 29:5 (2000): 733-734.

Grants and fellowships

2017: International Conference Travel Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame (\$1249).

2013: College Seminar Course Development Grant, University of Notre Dame (\$3500).

2004: Clark-Cooke grant, Harvard University (\$1900).

2000, 2001 (summers): Australian Research Council International Researcher Exchange grant beneficiary, for travel to Australia to collaborate with Philippa Pattison and Garry Robins, University of Melbourne.

1999-2000: Post-doctoral Researcher on NSF grant (SBR-9820146), National Science Foundation (Harrison White, Principal Investigator). Title: "Dynamics From Social Settings: Representations of Interdependent Social Forms" (\$30,000).

1998-1999: Dissertation Improvement Grant (SBR-9811228), National Science Foundation (David Gibson and Harrison White, co-Principal Investigators). Title: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Conversational Turn-Taking in Network Context" (\$6470).

1997-1999: Research Associate on a grant from the Citicorp Behavioral Sciences Research Council (Harrison White and Kathryn Neckerman, Principal Investigators). Title: "Conflict and Cooperation in Work Groups" (\$35,000).

1995-1996: Social Science Fellowship, Paul F. Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences.

1991-1995: Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Columbia University.

Recent and upcoming presentations (since 2007)

"Hyping the Hypothetical: The Conversational Machinery of Legal Argumentation at the U.S. Supreme Court." Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, October 7, 2022.

"Hyping the Hypothetical: The Conversational Machinery of Legal Argumentation at the U.S. Supreme Court." American Sociological Association, August 8, 2022 (Los Angeles).

“Hyping the Hypothetical: The Conversational Machinery of Legal Argumentation at the U.S. Supreme Court.” Language, Interaction, and Social Organization Workshop, University of California at Santa Barbara. April 1, 2022.

“Minutes of History: Talk and Its Written Incarnations.” American Sociological Association, August 10, 2019 (remote).

Invited speaker at the Timing & Social Coordination seminar, Presidential Scholars in Society & Neuroscience program, Columbia University, March 11, 2019.

“Minutes of History: Talk and Its Written Incarnations.” Bentley University, Department of Sociology, October 24, 2018.

Discussant, “Perspectives on Interaction, Conflict, and Discourse” panel. American Sociological Association, August 14, 2018 (Philadelphia).

“May it Tease the Court: Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments.” American Sociological Association, August 15, 2017 (Montreal).

“May it Tease the Court: Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments.” Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, February 3, 2017.

“May it Tease the Court: Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments.” Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, January 9, 2017.

“The Micro-foundations of Macro-violence.” Social Interaction and Theory: A Conference in Honor of Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania, April 7, 2016.

“The Habits of Normal, Innocent People (NIPs), as Construed by the North American Juror.” American Bar Foundation, May 13, 2015.

“Ignorance at Risk.” American Sociological Association, August 2014 (San Francisco).

“Necessary Decisions from Vicissitudinous Talk.” Invited plenary speaker at Collective Intelligence Conference at MIT, June 12-14, 2014.

“Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” Department of Sociology, Columbia University, January 30, 2013.

“Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” Department of Sociology, Yale University, Social Networks Workshop, January 25, 2013.

“Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” Woodrow Wilson School for Social Policy, Princeton University, October 24, 2012.

“Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” Annenberg School for Communications, University of Pennsylvania, March 23, 2012.

“Avoiding Catastrophe.” University of California at Los Angeles, Conversation Analysis workshop, January 19, 2012.

“Talk at the Brink: Deliberation and Decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” University of California at San Diego, Culture workshop, January 18, 2012.

“Conversational Syntax, Turn-taking, and the Fate of the World during the Cuban Missile Crisis.” Penn Lightbulb Café series (inaugural talk), October 26, 2011.

“Contending Futures: Opportunistic Narration During the Cuban Missile Crisis.” American Sociological Association, August 2011 (Las Vegas).

“Distilling Deliberation” (with Ann Mische). American Sociological Association, August 2011 (Las Vegas).

“Turn-taking and Geopolitics in the Making of Decisions.” Garbage Can Model 40th Anniversary Conference at Stanford University, June 24-25, 2011 (invited participant).

“Avoiding Catastrophe: The Interactional Production of Possibility During the Cuban Missile Crisis.” University of Chicago Booth School of Business, January 26, 2011.

“Avoiding Catastrophe: The Interactional Production of Possibility During the Cuban Missile Crisis.” American Sociological Association, August 16, 2010 (Atlanta).

“Speaking of the Future: The Interactional Production of Possibility During the Cuban Missile Crisis.” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology Colloquium, April 28, 2010.

“Speaking of the Future: The Interactional Production of Possibility During the Cuban Missile Crisis.” SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Sociology Colloquium, November 30, 2009.

“Marking the Turn.” American Sociological Association, August 2009 (San Francisco).

Chair, Social Interaction panel, National Academy of Sciences Frontiers of Science Symposium, November 20-22, 2008 (Roscoff, France).

“Marking the Turn.” University of Georgia, Department of Sociology, November 7, 2008.

Discussant, Complex Systems regular session, American Sociological Association, August 3, 2008 (Boston).

“All the News That’s Fit to Fix.” Department of Sociology, Duke University, February 22, 2008.

“All the News That’s Fit to Fix.” University of Chicago, School of Business, February 5, 2008.

“Events and Their Aftermath.” Is There a Physics of Society? Workshop, Santa Fe Institute, January 10-12, 2008 (invited participant).

“All the News That’s Fit to Fix.” Annenberg School of Communication, October 12, 2007.

“All the News That’s Fit to Fix.” American Sociological Association, August 2007.

“Line-Joining Rules and Resultant Morphologies: A Preliminary Study of 30th Street Station.” Eastern Sociological Society meetings, Philadelphia, March 16, 2007.

Teaching

Undergraduate:

Methods of Sociological Research (University of Notre Dame)

Comparative Moral Systems (Notre Dame)

Senior Thesis Research Practicum (previously, Doing Sociology) (Notre Dame)

The Sociology of Violence (Notre Dame)

The Social Organization of Secrecy and Deception (Princeton University, Notre Dame)

Ways of Knowing (Notre Dame)

Attitudes, Identities, and Social Interaction (Princeton University)

Introduction to Sociological Research (University of Pennsylvania)

Contemporary Theory (University of Pennsylvania)

Introduction to Small Groups (Harvard)

Paradigms of Social Inquiry (Harvard)

Comparative Micro-Interaction (Harvard)

Introduction to Historical Sociology (Columbia)

Evaluation of Evidence (Columbia University)

Graduate:

Social Interaction/Micro-sociology (University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Notre Dame)

Contemporary Theory (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, University of Notre Dame)

Dissertation Workshop (University of Pennsylvania)

Modeling Social Dynamics (Harvard)

Committees (Notre Dame)

Department:

Social Science Core Curriculum committee (2022-2025)

Chair, Computational Social Science hiring committee (2022)

Computational Social Science hiring committee (2021)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2013-14)

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee (2014-2015, 2016-2017)

Committee on Appointments and Promotions (2015-2017)

Graduate Program Committee (2019-present)

College Council (2016-2019, 2021-present)

Committee on Appointments and Promotions, Executive Committee (2018-present)

University:

COVID-19 Behavioral Change Working Group (summer 2020)

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Ethnomethodology/Conversation Analysis, Theory

Professional service

Editorial board: *Social Psychology Quarterly* (2007-2009), *Sociological Theory* (2011-2013, 2016-2018).

ASA service:

Mathematical Sociology Section Best Paper Award Committee (2001, 2009)

Culture Section Best Student Paper Award Committee (2004)

Organizer, Sociology of Culture section session (2009)

Organizer, “Studying Failure: When Interaction Goes Wrong” invited panel (2011)

Theory Section Membership Committee (2013)

Organizer, Conversation Analysis regular session (2016)

Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2016)

Chair, Melvin Pollner Prize in Ethnomethodology Committee, Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis section (2017)

Council Member, Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis section (2019-2022).

Chair, Best Paper Award, Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis section (2020).

Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis section (2021).

Journal reviewer: *Academy of Management Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Business Ethics*, *Cultural Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *Geoforum*, *Human Relations*, *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*, *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, *Journal of Social Structure*, *Management Science*, *PNAS*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Rationality & Society*, *Science*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Networks*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Methodology*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Theory*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Sociology of Education*, *Socius*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Theory & Society*.

Foundation reviewer: National Science Foundation, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Swiss National Science Foundation.

Book manuscript/proposal reviewer: Columbia University Press, W.W. Norton, Palgrave, Policy Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge.

External examiner, Swarthmore College Honors Program, May 2011.

Dissertation committees (completed degrees only)

Harvard University:

Freda Lynn (defended January 2006; Associate Professor, University of Iowa)

Alexandra Marin (defended April 2007; Research Associate, The Toronto Hospital for Sick Children)

University of Pennsylvania:

Stéphane Helleringer (defended May 2007; Professor of Social Research and Public Policy, NYU Abu Dhabi)

Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom (defended June 2013; visiting scholar, University of Pennsylvania)

Alexander Jerneck (defended April 2015; Lead Data Scientist, Comcast)

Bridget Nolan (defended April 2013; adjunct instructor, University of New Hampshire at Manchester)

University of Notre Dame:

Kelcie Vercel (defended March 2019; Assistant Professor, Augustana University)

Justin van Ness (defended February 2109; Senior User Experience Researcher, Facebook)

Kayla Pierce (defended April 2021; User Experience Researcher, Vanguard)

Michael Wood (defended March 2019; Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University)

Brandon Sepulvado (defended September 2019; Senior Data Scientist, NORC)

Recent media appearances

Consulted for, and quoted in, “It’s ‘People, People, People’ as Lines Stretch Across America.” The New York Times, 4/12/20.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/12/us/coronavirus-long-lines-america.html>