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DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE: Sociology/College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

PRESENT RANK & DATE OF RANK:

Associate Professor of Sociology, August 2023 – present

WSU APPOINTMENT HISTORY:

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2014 – July 2016

Assistant Professor, August 2016 – July 2023

EDUCATION:

Baccalaureate: University of Akron; Akron, OH; 2002

Graduate: Kent State University; Kent, OH; 2007 (M.A.) and 2012 (Ph.D.)

Certification: Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Training Institute (2011)

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS:

Assistant Professor, State University of New York (SUNY) College at Plattsburgh, 2012 – 2015

**granted leave for the 2014 – 2015 academic year*

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

Alpha Kappa Delta & Pi Gamma Mu

American Sociological Association

North Central Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Sociologists for Women in Society

Signature: Michelle R. Jacobs

2/04/2025

HONORS & AWARDS:

WSU Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2024
Scholarly Achievement Award-Book, North Central Sociological Society (NCSA), 2024
Scholarly Achievement Award-Article, North Central Sociological Society (NCSA), 2022
President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wayne State University, 2020
CLAS Teaching Award, WSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2019
Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Professional Development Award, 2013
Outstanding Ph.D. Student, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, 2010

I. TEACHING

A. Years at Wayne State University: 10

B. Years at Other Colleges/Universities: 2

SUNY Plattsburgh: 2 years

C. Courses Taught at Wayne State University

Undergraduate:

SOC 1010: Understanding Human Societies, incl. Honors, Service-Learning

SOC 2200: Sociology as a Vocation I

SOC 3300/2300: Social Inequalities, incl. Honors option (the course number changed)

SOC 2300 *honors*: Urban Explorations: Social (In)justice in Detroit

SOC 4010: Sociology as a Vocation II

SOC 4201: Seminar in Race and Ethnicity

Graduate:

SOC 7260: Qualitative Research Methods

SOC 8710: Advanced Seminar: Race/Ethnicity

D. Essays/Theses/Dissertations

Ph.D. Dissertation Directing – in progress:

1. Kearabetswe Mokoene
2. Gabriel Lotarski

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member – completed:

1. Heather Mooney
2. Branden McEuen (History)
3. Brigit Dyer
4. Whitney Hunt
5. Erin Perry (Communication)
6. Salam Alboulhassan

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member – in progress:

1. Amanda Horn
2. Kyle Dunn
3. Megan St. George
4. Allen Heffner
5. Karen Harry

6. Trejha Whitfield (Communication)
7. Anna Morrocco (Nursing)
8. Jason Smith
9. Christina Carney
10. Meghna Dutta

M.A. Essay or Thesis Directing – completed:

1. Madeleine Cossin *thesis
2. Harmandeep Kaur *thesis
3. Marissa Morey *thesis

M.A. Thesis Committee Member – completed:

1. Whitney Hunt
2. Allen Heffner
1. Jason Smith

Undergraduate Research – completed:

1. Claudia Staruch, Fall 2024 (I was Claudia’s HON 4998 thesis mentor.)
2. Abisola Fasakin, Fall 2023 (I was Abisola’s sociology capstone project mentor.)
3. Evelyn Odunayo-Ojo, Winter 2023 (I was Evelyn’s HON 4998 thesis mentor.)
4. Blair Carter, 2017 (Co-presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting.)
5. Hussain Atieh, 2016 (I was Hussain’s faculty mentor for research supported by the Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects Award.)

E. Course & Curriculum Development:

Winter 2022: organized/taught SOC 2200 and SOC 4010 (Sociology as a Vocation I and II)

Winter 2021: re-organized SOC 2300 honors and SOC 8710 for remote instruction

Winter 2020: organized/taught Urban Explorations: Social (In)justice in Detroit for the first time

Fall 2019: organized/taught Qualitative Research Methods (graduate) for the first time

Fall 2018: organized/taught Seminar in Race and Ethnicity (undergraduate) for the first time

Winter 2017: organized/taught Advanced Seminar: Race/Ethnicity (graduate) for the first time

Winter 2015: organized/taught Social Inequalities (undergraduate) for the first time

Fall 2014: organized/taught Understanding Human Society (undergraduate) for the first time

II. RESEARCH

A. Research in Progress:

Grant applications submitted:

Internal funding applications:

Social Sciences Research Support. 2023-2025. \$10,000. “The Detroit Reentry Photovoice Project.”
Funding secured.

WSU Humanities Center Faculty Fellow. 2023-2024. \$6,000. “The Detroit Reentry Photovoice Project.”
Funding secured.

Social Justice Research Fund. 2023. \$10,000. 2023-2025. “Wrongful Conviction in Wayne County, MI.”
Funding secured.

External funding applications:

Potoff, Jeffrey (PI), Mohsen Ayoobi (co-PI), *Michelle Jacobs* (co-PI), Marcis Jansons (co-PI). 2018-2023. \$998,732.00. *ACCESS: Achieving Commuter Engagement and Success*. Award #1742486 NSF Division of Undergraduate Education. *Funding secured*.

III. PUBLICATIONS

-Impact factor scores obtained from publisher's websites. 5-year impact factors reported when available.

A. Scholarly Books Published

1. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2023. *Indigenous Memory, Urban Reality: Stories of American Indian Relocation and Reclamation*. New York University Press.

**Scholarly Achievement Award winner, North Central Sociological Society (NCSA), 2024*

B. Refereed Journal Articles Published

1. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2022. "The Role of Living Traditions in Decolonizing Indigenous Gender in an Urban Environment." *Sociological Forum* 37(1): 177-199.

(5-year impact factor: 2.622)

2. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2022. "'You Should Be Proud!' Native-Themed Mascots and the Cultural Reproduction of White Settler Space." *Sociological Inquiry* 92(2): 417-441.

(5-year impact factor: 1.832)

3. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2019. "Resisting and Reifying Racialization among Urban American Indians." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(4): 570-588.

(5-year impact factor: 3.014)

**Scholarly Achievement Award winner, North Central Sociological Society (NCSA), 2022*

4. Jacobs, Michelle R. and David M. Merolla. 2017. "Being Authentically American Indian: Symbolic Identity Construction and Social Structure among Urban American Indians." *Symbolic Interaction* 4(1): 63-82.

(impact factor: 2.137)

5. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2015. "Urban American Indian Identity: Negotiating Indianness in Northeast Ohio." *Qualitative Sociology* 38 (1): 79 – 98.

(5-year impact factor: 2.000)

6. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2014. "Race, Place, & Biography at Play: American Indian Perspectives on Indian Mascots." *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* 38 (4): 322 – 345.

(5-year impact factor: 3.000)

7. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2014. "Gender and Power in an Urban Indian Community." *Race, Gender & Class* 21 (1-2): 133 – 150.

8. Jacobs, Michelle R. and Tiffany Taylor. 2012. "Challenges of Multiracial Antiracist Activism: Racial Consciousness and Chief Wahoo." *Critical Sociology* 38 (5): 687 – 706.

(5-year impact factor: 2.682)

B. Creative Exhibits – Public Sociology

1. Detroit Reentry Photovoice Project. 2024. "Real Photos of Reentry" Photo Exhibit with Opening Night Reception. Oloman Café (Hamtramck, MI), Nov. 22 – Dec. 3, 2024.

C. Papers Presented at Professional Conferences

1. Jacobs, Michelle, and David Merolla. 2023. "Sociology as Vocation: Providing Guidelines for Sociology Students" at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association in Grand Rapids, MI.
2. Jacobs, Michelle, *Megan St. George**, and *Laura Lynch**. 2022. "Easy Breezy Conference Positivity: (Helping) Students Love Conferences!" at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association in Indianapolis, IN. **Denotes student co-presenters*
3. *Carter, Blair** and Michelle R. Jacobs. 2018. "Do #NativeLivesMatter? Police Use of Lethal Force Against American Indians," at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association in Pittsburgh, PA (March). **Denotes student co-presenter*
4. Jacobs, Michelle R. (*with Elizabeth Bradshaw, Justin Smith, Carl Huber, and Ryan Emery*). 2017. "The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program in Michigan," at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Sociological Association in Grand Rapids, MI (October).
5. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2017. "Ethnography Intersected: Gendered Race and Racialized Gender in Two Urban American Indian Communities," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Montreal, QC (August).
6. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2016. "Relocated (American) Indians' Experiences of Discrimination in Rural and Urban Contexts," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Seattle (August).
7. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2016. "Internalized Racialization and Urban American Indians," Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Boston, MA (March).
8. Jacobs, Michelle R. and David M. Merolla. 2015. "Being Authentically Native American: Identity Non-Verification, Identity Change, and Social Structure among New Indians," at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago, IL (August).
9. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2015. "Racial/Ethnic Socialization and Urban American Indian Children" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans, LA (March).
10. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2014. "Racial Formations, Internalized Oppression, and Urban American Indian Identity," at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Charlotte, NC (April).
11. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2013. "Race, Place, & Biography at Play: American Indian Perspectives on Indian Mascots," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in New York (August).
12. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2013. "The Intersections of Ethnicity, Gender, and Power in Two Urban American Indian Communities," at the Race, Gender, Class Conference in New Orleans, LA (March).
13. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2011. "Urban American Indian Identity: Negotiating Indianness in Northeast Ohio," at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Las Vegas, NV (August).

14. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2011. "Experiences of Urban American Indian Identity," at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Seattle, WA (March).
15. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2009. "Indian Mascots & Meaning Making in 'Indians' Country" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in San Francisco, CA (August).
16. Jacobs, Michelle R., Daniela Jauk, Jodi Ross, and Tiffany Taylor. 2009. "A Work In Progress (or, reflections on the making and re-making of a local SWS chapter)" at the Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society in Savannah, GA (February).
17. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2008. "A 'Fascinating Play of Double-Speak': A Study of Frames Utilized by Proponents of Indian Mascots" at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Boston, MA (August).
18. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2008. "Resisting Colonization in Organizations and Organizational Research: A Case Study" at the Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Champaign Urbana, IL (May).
19. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2008. "Feminism and Antiracism: Why We Can't All Just Get Along (Without Critical Reflection of Our Differences)" at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association in Cincinnati, OH (March).
20. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2007. "'He is not a Chief. Team is not a Tribe. You are not an Indian!': A Case Study of Indian Mascot Protest" at the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society Joint Meeting in Chicago, IL (March).

C. Invited Lectures

1. Keynote speaker at Bowling Green State University Department of Sociology Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Induction Ceremony, May 1, 2019

D. Other Scholarly Work

1. Jacobs, Michelle R. 2014. "100 Years of Insult: Ban the Cleveland Indians Name and Logo." *Indian Country Today Media Network*, March 30 (<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/03/30/100-years-insult-ban-cleveland-indians-name-and-logo>). *Reprinted in Akron Beacon Journal/ohio.com

IV. SERVICE

A. Service to the Profession or Discipline

1. *Editorial board of Contemporary Sociology*
2. *Program Chair* for the North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) for the 2024 Annual Meeting (March).
3. *Vice President* of North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) for 2023-2024.
4. *Vice President-elect* of North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) for 2022-2023.
5. *Member* of the SSSP Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award Committee for 2023.
6. *Member* of the NCSA Scholarly Achievement Award Committee for 2022-2023.
7. *Chair* of the Lee Scholar Support Award Committee (SSSP) for 2022-2023.
8. *Chair-elect* of the Lee Scholar Support Award Committee (SSSP) for 2021-2022.

9. *Panelist* for Ford Foundation Fellowship Program; predoctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral grant proposals, March 2020
10. *Committee member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Lee Student Support Fund Committee, Summer 2020
11. *Panelist* for National Science Foundation S-STEM Track 2 grant proposals, May 2019
12. *Reviewer* of manuscript submissions for *Demography*, *Du Bois Review*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.
13. *Member*, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) National, Ad Hoc Accessibility Committee & Social Action Committee, 2017-2019
14. *Co-Chair*, Division on Racial & Ethnic Minorities (DREM), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), 2014-2016
15. *Chair*, Kimberlè Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award Committee (SSSP), 2015
16. *Member*, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) National, Membership & Welcoming Committees, 2010-2014

B. Service to the University or Department

University:

1. *Program director*, Wayne State University Prison Education Program at Macomb Correctional Facility (preparing for classes to begin Fall 2025 semester)
2. *Chair*, WSU Graduate College Inclusive Excellence Committee, 2024-2025
3. *Member*, UROP Coordinating Council, 2024-2025
4. *Member*, WSU Graduate College Inclusive Excellence Committee, 2022-2024
5. *Faculty Accessibility Fellow*, Winter 2022
6. *Member*, WSU Indigenous Studies Committee and Task Force, 2018-2019

Department:

1. Selective salary committee, Department of Sociology, 2024
2. Undergraduate committee, Department of Sociology, 2017-current
3. Faculty adviser, Sociology Club, 2016-current
4. Member, Sociology of Development Conference Planning Committee, 2016

C. Other Professionally Related Service

1. *Board member and Vice President*, Proving Innocence (PI), Detroit, MI, 2011-2014; 2016-2018
2. *“Outside” (non-incarcerated) Member*, Theory Group (composed of alumni of the Inside Out Prison Exchange), Ryan Correctional Facility, Detroit, MI, 2011-2012 and 2014-2018.
3. *Trainer*, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Training Institute, Ryan Correctional Facility, Detroit, MI, 2012
4. *Adviser*, Proving Innocence (PI), Detroit, MI, 2010-2011