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### **Professional Preparation**

University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology, PH.D. 1999  
University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology, M.A. 1992  
Western Washington University, Sociology, B.A. 1989  
Western Washington University, Psychology/Social Psychology, Minor 1989

### **Appointments**

Jul 2015 - Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis  
Jul 2006/2015 - Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis  
Jul 2003/2006 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis  
Aug 2001/2002 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens  
Jul 1999/2001 - Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute of Governmental Affairs & Graduate School of Management,  
University of California, Davis

### **Areas of Expertise**

Risks, Hazards, & Environment; Civic Politics & Movements; Institutions, Organizations, & Economy; Science, Technology, & Innovation Studies

### **Publications**

“Risk, Crisis, and Organizational Failure: Toward a Post-Rationalist View.” Robert P. Gephart, Chet Miller and Karin Svedberg Helgesson (eds.). Routledge Companion to Risk, Crisis and Emergency Management. Submitted (forthcoming 2018)

“Capital and Carbon: The Shifting Common Good Justification of Energy Regimes.” (w/ Nicole W. Biggart) In special issue: Justification, Evaluation and Critique in the Study of Organizations: Contributions from French Pragmatist Sociology. *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*, (2017) Volume 52, pp. 173-205.

“Climate Change and Legitimate Governance: Land Use and Transportation Law and Policy In California.” (w/ Ryken Grattet & Deb Niemeier.) *The Brooklyn Law Review*. (2017) Vol. 82, No. 2.

**(Book)** Community at Risk? Biodefense and the Collective Search for Security. (2015) Stanford University Press: Palo Alto, California.

“Blueprinting for Climate Change? When Promise of Regional Transportation and Land Use Planning Outruns Performance Outcomes.” (w/ Deb Niemeier and Ryken Grattet) *Environment & Planning C: Government & Policy*. (2015) Volume 33, pp. 1600-1617.

“Institutionalization: Social Heuristics, Economic Decisions, and Innovation Adoption.” (w/ Nicole W. Biggart). In *Institutions and Ideals: Phillip Selznick’s Lasting Legacy for Organizational Scholarship*. Matthew S. Kraatz (ed.). *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*. (2014) Vol. 44, Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

“The Role of Social Heuristics in Project Centered Production Networks: Insights from the Commercial Construction Industry.” (w/ Nicole W. Biggart) *Engineering Project Organization Journal*. (2012) Vol.1, No.4.

“Alliance-Building Across Social Movements: Bridging Difference in a Peace and Justice Coalition.” (w/ Amy J. Luebbers) *Social Problems*. (2009) November, Vol. 56, No. 4.

**(Book)** Silent Spill: The Organization of an Industrial Crisis. (2002) Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

## **Grants & Awards**

- 2015 Dean's Innovation Award for exceptional innovation in research and scholarship, College of Letters and Science, Division of Social Sciences, University of California, Davis.
- 2014 Mentoring Award, Mentorships for Undergraduate Research in Agriculture, Letters, and Science (MURALS). Office of Student Affairs, College of Letters and Science, University of California, Davis.
- 2012/2013 Environmental Governance and Climate Change. (Co-organizer w/ Debbie A. Niemeier and Ryken Grattet) National Science Foundation, Grant Number #1244252, Law and Social Sciences Directorate, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA.
- 2012 Grant recipient, California Cultures Initiative, Summer Research Support, "Making the Invisible, Visible: Comparing California and EU Response to Crescive Environmental and Health Risks." Davis Humanities Institute, University of California, Davis. Summer/Fall.
- 2009 Collaboration Award, Co-Chair, Project Team, implementation of UC Davis' Wide Area Rapid Notification System (WARN), Office of Administration, University of California, Davis.
- 2005-2009 Grant recipient, "Biosafety or Biohazard: Organizational Pursuit and Community Response to a Safety and Preparedness Initiative." National Science Foundation. Grant Number #0509812, Division of Civic, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Innovation, Subsection Infrastructural Systems Management and Hazard Response, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA.

## **Published Book Length Reports**

- The New Commercial Buildings Industry. Report for the California Institute for Energy Efficiency. (Lutzenhiser, Loren, Nicole W. Biggart, Rick Kunkle, Thomas D. Beamish and Thomas Burr)  
[http://ciee.ucop.edu/docs/market\\_struc.pdf](http://ciee.ucop.edu/docs/market_struc.pdf) (2001)
- Petroleum Extraction in San Luis Obispo County: An Industrial History. (Thomas D. Beamish, Harvey Molotch, Perry Shapiro, and Randolph Bergstrom) Final Report, Project 14-35-0001-30796, Department of Interior, Minerals Management Service, Pacific OCS Region. Camarillo, CA: Ocean Coastal Policy Center, Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara. (December 1998) (See <http://www.mms.gov> using "Beamish" as the search term.)
- UCSB Employees Grade Their Medical Plans. (Bruce C. Straits, Steven Velasco, Timothy Wun, Jeremy Teitelbaum, Elizabeth Jackson, Mathew Mutchler, Thomas D. Beamish and Sherre Neal). A Report to the Academic Senate's Welfare Committee and the Administrative Services' Benefits Office, University of California, Santa Barbara. (October 1997)

## **Committees & Professional Service**

- Committee Member, Deans Advisory Committee. Division of Social Sciences, University of California, Davis. 2012-2017
- Board Member, Mellon Research Initiative in Environments & Societies, Davis Humanities Center, University of California, Davis
- Committee Member, Science and Technology Studies Program Committee. University of California, Davis. 2012-2017
- Editorial Board, Qualitative Sociology, Current Editor David Smilde, Department of Sociology, Tulane University. 2012-2018
- Convener. "Environmental Governance and Climate Change." Co-organizer w/ Debbie A. Niemeier and Ryken Grattet, National Science Foundation, Grant Number #1244252, Law and Social Sciences Directorate, National Science Foundation, Tahoe Research Center, University of California, Davis. June 2013.
- Convener. "Managing Organizational Risks." Workshop for Senior Managers and Engineers, Genentech Corporation held at the UC Davis Conference Center. Co-organizer w/ Executive Education, Graduate School of Management, UC Davis. February 2012.