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**EMPLOYMENT**

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**Clemson University**, July 2007 –

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

**EDUCATION**

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**University of Arizona**

Ph.D., Sociology, August 2007

*Dissertation:* Offender Crime Perspectives: A Study in Affect Control Theory.

*Committee:* Lynn Smith-Lovin, Miller McPherson (co-chair), Linda Molm (co-chair), and Kraig Beyerlein.

*Comprehensive examinations:* Social Psychology; Law, Crime and Deviance.

M.A., December 2002

*Master's Thesis:* Too Bizarre to be True: Concept Redefinition Behavior as an Extension of Affect Control Theory.

*Committee:* Lynn Smith-Lovin, Miller McPherson, and Linda Molm

**The Ohio State University College of Law**

J.D., May, 1995

**University of Chicago**

B.A., June, 1991, with honors (Concentration in Developmental Psychology)

**PUBLICATIONS**

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2006 Nelson, Steven M. "Redefining a Bizarre Situation: Relative Concept Stability in Affect Control Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 69:215-234.

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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- 2006 American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section Student Paper Award (\$600) for "Redefining a Bizarre Situation: Relative Concept Stability in Affect Control Theory"
- 2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$7,500) BSC #05-25 "Inmate Crime Perspectives."

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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- Nelson, Steven M. "Disturbing Events: A Simulation Study Using Affect Control Theory."
- Nelson, Steven M., Jeff A. Larson, Christine Soriea Sheikh and Rachel Rose Starks. "The Effects of Gender and Status on Rule-oriented and Relationally-oriented Language in Interactional Context."
- Nelson, Steven M. "The Shape of Deviance: A Model Of Deviant Identities And Behaviors."
- Hewlett, Brian N. and Steven M. Nelson "Constructing The Deviant Other: A Symbolic Interaction Look At The Causes Of Stigmatization."

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2008 "Situated Crime: Affect Control Theory and the Insufficiency of Identities" (Steven M. Nelson) American Sociological Association.
- 2006 "The Effects of Gender and Status in Interactional Context" (Steven M. Nelson, Jeff A. Larson, Christine Soriea Sheikh, and Rachel Rose Starks) American Sociological Association.
- 2005 "Measurable Meanings: Affect Control Theory's Potential Contribution to Criminology" (Steven M. Nelson) American Society of Criminology.
- 2005 "Deviance as Affect Control" (Steven M. Nelson) Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Portland, OR.
- 2003 "Too Bizarre to be True: Redefinition Behavior As An Extension Of Affect Control" (Steven M. Nelson) American Sociological Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2003 "What's in a label?: Can Redefinition Choices Be Predicted By Affect Control Theory Principles?" (Steven M. Nelson) Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- 2002 "What do we redefine? Some Hypotheses Developed from Simulation Studies on Deflection" (Steven M. Nelson). Research Agendas In Affect Control Theory. Highland Beach, FL.
- 2001 "The Politics of Benevolence: Building & Borrowing State Capacity, 1890-1920" (Elisabeth Clemens, Martin Hughes, Steve Nelson, and Wade Roberts). Session on States and Societies, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.

## **TEACHING**

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Courses designed and taught as a sole Instructor:

- Criminology
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Gender Identities, Interactions, and Relationships
- Deviance

Correspondence courses designed and graded

- Criminology
- Group Processes

Courses Assisted

- Sociology of Gender

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2003 Research assistant for Lynn Smith-Lovin. Collaborated on methodological issues in projects concerning affect control predictions of emotions and stress. Attended week-long workshops on assessing hormone levels in saliva and measuring emotions at the Institution for Social Research.

2002 Research assistant for Elisabeth Clemens. Examined state legislative records between the years 1900 and 1940 in for all 50 states. Identified and coded all legal actions with respect to voluntary associations.

## **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

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- Criminology
- Social Psychology
- Law & Society
- Deviance
- Gender & Sexuality

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Society

American Society of Criminology