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Academic Position

Jan 2010 – Present **Assistant Professor**, University of Hong Kong

Current Courses

Sep – Dec 2010 **Criminology**, SOCI0071
Jan – Apr 2011 **Theoretical Criminology**, SOC17004
Jan – Apr 2011 **Cyber Societies: Understanding Technology as Social Change**, CCGL9008

Courses Previously Taught

May – Aug 2008 **Sessional Lecturer**, 2C06 – Deviant Behaviour, McMaster University

Education

Sep 2005 – Sep 2009 McMaster University, Ph.D., Department of Sociology

Dissertation: *Discord and Ambiguity within Youth Crime and Justice Debates*

- Recipient: Alfred A. Hunter Memorial Graduate Award in recognition of academic excellence
- Nominated for the Governor Generals Gold Award

Committee: Dorothy Pawluch (chair), Charlene Miall and William Shaffir

Ph.D. Exams: Individual and Society (with distinction); Deviance

Sep 2000 – Nov 2001 University of Toronto, M.A., Criminology

Sep 1996 – Apr 2000 Wilfrid Laurier University, Hon. B.A., Sociology

Areas of Specialization

Youth crime and youth justice policy debates and systems; volatile and contradictory punishment paradigms; criminological theory; interpretive criminology; social constructionism; symbolic interactionism; qualitative methods

Publications

Summer 2008. **Adorjan, Michael** and Benjamin Kelly. "Pragmatism and 'Engaged' Buddhism: Working Toward Peace and a Philosophy of Action." *Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge* VI, 3:37-50. [authors contributed equally]

Fall 2006. Puddephatt, Antony, Benjamin Kelly and **Michael Adorjan**. "Unveiling the Cloak of Competence: Cultivating Authenticity in Graduate Sociology." *The American Sociologist* 37, 3: 84-98.

Accepted and Forthcoming Refereed Journal Articles

Adorjan, Michael, "Emotions Contests and Reflexivity in the News: Examining Discourse on Youth Crime in Canada," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* [Impact Factor 1.060, Journal Citation Reports]

Adorjan, Michael, "Igniting Constructionist Imaginations: Social constructionism's absence and potential contribution to public sociology," *The American Sociologist*

Adorjan, Michael, "Emotions Contests and Reflexivity in the News: Examining Discourse on Youth Crime in Canada," edited chapter in *Reading Sociology* (2nd Ed.), Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

2010. **Adorjan, Michael**. "Francis Pakes, *Comparative Criminal Justice*, 2nd Ed.," *Asian Journal of Criminology*

2010. **Adorjan, Michael**. "Scott Kenney, *Canadian Victims of Crime*," *Canadian Review of Sociology*

2009. **Adorjan, Michael**. "John Pitts, *Reluctant Gangsters*," *Canadian Review of Sociology*

2008. **Adorjan, Michael**. "Joel Best, *Social Problems*," *Society for the Study of Social Problems Newsletter*

Book Proposal Reviews

2010. **Adorjan, Michael**. "Sue Titus Reid, *Criminal Justice*, 9th Ed.," *Wiley Blackwell publishers*

Submitted Publications Under Review:

Adorjan, Michael. "The Lens of Victim Contests and Youth Crime Stat Wars," *Symbolic Interaction* (Revise and Resubmit) [Impact Factor 0.438, Journal Citation Reports]

Tony Christensen, Benjamin Kelly, **Adorjan, Michael** and Dorothy Pawluch. "Stockholm syndrome: A Definitional History," *The Chicago School Diaspora: Epistemology and Substance* [tentative title]. Eds. Jacqueline Low and Gary Bowden, McGill-Queens University Press. (Revise and Resubmit)

Adorjan, Michael, Tony Christensen, Benjamin Kelly and Dorothy Pawluch. "Stockholm syndrome: Medicalizing the senseless through social problems discourse," *Social Problems* (Revise and Resubmit) [Impact Factor 2.059, Journal Citation Reports]

Conference Presentations

Refereed Conference Presentations

R: 2010, August 13-15. “Tethering Rehabilitation and Punishment: The Salience and Ambiguity of Rehabilitative Rhetoric within Canadian Youth Justice Debates”, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Winning Award Paper session, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Atlanta, Georgia.

R: 2010, August 13-15. “The Potential Contribution and Curious Absence of Social Constructionism from Debates over Public Sociology”, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Atlanta, Georgia.

R: 2010, May 31-June 4. “Emotions Contests and Reflexivity in the News: Examining Discourse on Youth Crime in Canada”, Canadian Sociological Association, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.

R: 2009, May 26-May 29. “The Lens of Victim Contests and Youth Crime Stat Wars”, Canadian Sociological Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario.

R: 2009, April 30-May 3. “Appropriating Rehabilitative Youth Justice Discourse”, Qualitative Analysis Conference, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

R: 2008, August 1-3. (with Benjamin Kelly). “Toward a Buddhist Inspired Sociological Social Psychology”, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Boston, Massachusetts.

R: 2008, May 21-24. (with Peter Archibald and Benjamin Kelly). “From Total Institution to ‘Status Bloodbath’: Goffman as a Comparative Methodologist and Grounded Theorist”, Qualitative Analysis Conference, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

R: 2008, May 21-24. “Towards a Meso Constructionism: Sensitizing Temporality and Form in the Study of Inequalities”, Qualitative Analysis Conference, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

R: 2007, August 10-12. (with Tony Christensen, Benjamin Kelly and Dorothy Pawluch). “Selling Stockholm Syndrome: Medicalizing the ‘Senseless’”, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, New York.

R: 2007, August 10-12. “Representations of Youth Deviance in Canada – Moral Panics and Mass Print Media”, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, New York.

R: 2006, May 16-18. “Authenticity and the Importance of the counseling role in probationary work”, Qualitative Analysis Conference, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Conference Presentations (Other)

2009, January 30. “The Utility of Being 'On the Side': Social Constructionism, Public Sociology and Youth Crime Debates”, McMaster University Sociology Conference.

2008, November 6. “The Experiences of ‘Radical’ Youth Justice ‘Entrepreneurs’ During the Transition From the Juvenile Delinquents Act to the Young Offenders Act”, Conference on Crime, Law and the Disciplines, Criminology Graduate Students Association, Center of Criminology, University of Toronto.

2007, February 1. “The Young Offenders Act: Claims, Frames and Delinquency Policy”, McMaster University Sociology Conference.

2006, January 30. “The Consequences of Compassion: Working Experiences of Probation Officers”, McMaster University Sociology Conference.

Additional Teaching Experience

Sep 9, 2009 **Graduate Student Day Workshop Instructor**, Stimulating Classroom Discussion (2 sessions)

Jan 13, 2009 **Guest Lecturer**, McMaster University, 2C06 – Deviant Behaviour: “Islamophobia in the West: Competing Definitions of the Situation”

Sep 5, 2008 **TA Day Workshop Instructor**, Stimulating Classroom Discussion (2 sessions)

Mar 12, 2008 **Guest Lecturer**, McMaster University, 2C06 – Deviant Behavior: “Perceptions of Youth Deviance in Canada”

Sep 2007 – Apr 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, McMaster University, The Human Group

Dec 2005 **Exam Invigilator**
McMaster University

Nov – Dec 2005 **Marker**
Wilfrid Laurier University, 2nd year Sociological Theory

Sep 2005 – Apr 2007 **Teaching Assistant**, McMaster University, Introduction to Sociological Theory

Sep 2003 – Jun 2005 **Royal School of Ontario**, Teacher
Taught grade 9 academic English, grade 10 career studies, English and Social studies to primary school class, grade 12 Challenge and Change, grade 12 Philosophy. Also assisted with web site support and revision.

Feb 2002 – Jul 2005 **Clarity Enhanced Tutoring Services**, Director
Established private tutoring small business. Private students ranged from grade 1 through University; hired tutors who assisted with various subjects.

Scholarships, Research Grants and Awards

April 2010 Winner, Graduate Student Paper Competition, “Tethering Rehabilitation and Punishment: The Salience and Ambiguity of Rehabilitative Rhetoric within Canadian Youth Justice Debates,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division [see attached newsletter]

March 11, 2010 Seed Funding Programme for Basic Research, “Volatile and Contradictory Youth Justice in Hong Kong? Exploring and Advancing the Theory of Rehabilitative ‘Braiding’ Outside of Occidental Contexts,” HK\$119800

October 2009 Alfred A. Hunter Memorial Graduate Award \$1500

Sep 2009 Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15000*

2007 – Aug 2009 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada \$20000

2005 – 2006 Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15000

2000 – 2001 University of Toronto Graduate Scholarship \$5000

1999 – 2000 Wilfrid Laurier University, Incentive Scholarship, \$750

1998 – 1999 Wilfrid Laurier University, Incentive Scholarship, \$1000

* Award rejected due to completion of doctoral programme.

Training

May 10, 2010	Common Core Curriculum Forum University of Hong Kong
May 7, 2010	Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning University of Hong Kong, Training, “clicker” technology for classroom instruction
April 24, 2010	Seminar on Responsible Conduct in Research University of Hong Kong
March 18, 25, 2010	Computer Assisted Qualitative Analysis Workshop University of Hong Kong, Nvivo introduction and orientation
March 23, 2010	Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Workshop University of Hong Kong, Induction to Learning and Teaching at the University of Hong Kong “Fundamentals of Teaching”
March 4, 2010	Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Workshop University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Research Supervision
Jan – Feb 2008	Centre for Leadership and Learning Workshop McMaster University, Leading Effective Discussions
Sep 25, 2007	Centre for Leadership and Learning Workshop McMaster University, Teaching Large Classes: Communicating with Classroom Technology
Sep – Oct. 2006	Centre for Leadership and Learning Workshop McMaster University, Designing Instruction

Other Professional Activities

Jan 2010 – Present	Staff Publications Workshop , Contributor and collaborator
March 3, 2010	Faculty Retreat , Attended and participated
March 2010 – Present	Graduate Student Joint Seminars , Sociology and Law Depts., Participant and facilitator

Professional Service and Affiliations

August 2010 – Present	Reviewer , Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Sep 2010 – Oct 2011	Member , Board of Studies for Bachelor of Journalism
Sep 2010 – Aug 2011	Academic Advisor , Bachelor of Social Science students
Sep 2010 – Present	Chief Examiner , Bachelor of Criminal Justice
May 26, 2010	Interview assistance , Common Core Programme Teaching Assistants
May 20, 2010	Interview assistance , Bachelor of Criminal Justice Programme Students
May 18, 2010	Interview assistance , Bachelor of Criminal Justice Programme Students
May 17, 2010	Interview assistance , Bachelor of Criminal Justice Programme Students
March 26, 2010	Interview assistance , Bachelor of Criminal Justice Programme Students
Jun 2009 – Present	Assistant Conference Organizer , Qualitative Analysis Conference
Apr 2008 – Present	Reviewer , Symbolic Interaction

Mar 2008 – Sep 2009 **Teaching Assistant Network – Sociology**
Sociology TAN workshop coordinator; Implementer of online TA resource database
Feb 2008 **McMaster Annual Student Sociology Conference**
Assistant Coordinator

Member:

Society for the Study of Social Problems
Canadian Sociological Association

Related Volunteer Experience

April 2010 – Present Hong Kong Correctional Services Department Rehabilitation Volunteer Group
2009, Feb 21 John Howard Society – Restorative Justice Training Workshop
2008 – Aug 2009 Living Rock Ministries – Gang Prevention Program, Project Advisory Committee
2006 – Sep 2009 Hamilton John Howard Society – Youth Justice Committee Member (all volunteers
recognized in March 2009 with the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award
for Voluntarism in Ontario)
2005 Hamilton Youth Probation Office Volunteer – Program Steering Committee
2003-2005 Mississauga Probation and Parole – Volunteer Probation Officer

Announcement in the Summer 2010 Newsletter of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

2010 CJDD STUDENT PAPER AWARD WINNER: *Michael Adorjan*

Congratulations to Michael Adorjan, Department of Sociology, McMaster University, Winner of the 2010 CJDD Student Paper Competition for his paper entitled, "Tethering Rehabilitation and Punishment: The Salience and Ambiguity of Rehabilitative Rhetoric within Canadian Youth Justice Debates."

The award committee consisted of Robert Garot (Chair), Tim Berard and Karen Weiss. The committee had the following praise for the winning paper:

"While we had many excellent submissions, the paper by Michael Adorjan, 'Tethering Rehabilitation and Punishment: The Salience and Ambiguity of Rehabilitative Rhetoric within Canadian Youth Justice Debates,' is our choice for the 2010 SSSP Graduate Student Paper Award. The paper is commendable for offering a nuanced discussion of an interesting, complicated and very important phenomenon. One of the features we most admire is the way that the analytic issue of different models (as in Packer's two models of the criminal process) or types (as in Weberian ideal types) of juvenile justice are addressed in a manner which acknowledges the relevance of the two models without reifying them or placing more analytic weight upon them than is empirically justifiable. Furthermore, the paper addresses how actual practices and discourses can be best understood by applying two ostensibly antagonistic models simultaneously, theoretically belying conventional political wisdom, and empirically addressing how this is actually accomplished by social actors themselves, with illustrations from a wide variety of naturally occurring political speeches and testimonies. The theoretical insights, empirical data, and the references to different theoretical and empirical scholarship are interwoven throughout the article, providing a paper that is challenging and insightful both methodologically and theoretically."