

Nicola Beisel
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1990 Ph. D. University of Michigan, Sociology.
Dissertation: "Upper Class Formation and the Politics of Censorship in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, 1872-1892." Ph.D. Thesis Advisor: William Sewell, Jr.

1983 M.A. University of Michigan, Sociology.

1980 A.B. Bowdoin College, Sociology. Degree conferred magna cum laude.

Employment

September 1990 to present. Assistant to Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

September 2005 to present Associate Professor of Gender Studies, Northwestern University.

September 1997 – Sept. 1998 and Sept. 2001—June 2004
Director, Program in American Studies.

Publications: Books and Articles

2010 Preface to issue on "Reinventing Mothers," *Feminist Studies* 36,2 (Summer 2010): 255-59 (co-authored with Judith Gardner)

2005. Francis Doodoo and Nicola Beisel. "African in American Sociology: Invisibility, Opportunity, and Obligation" *Social Forces* 84 (Sept.): 595-600

2004 Nicola Beisel and Tamara Kay. "Abortion, Race and Gender in Nineteenth Century America." *American Sociological Review* 69 (August): 498-518

1997. *Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America*. Princeton University Press.

1993 "Morals Versus Art: Censorship, the Politics of Interpretation, and the Victorian Nude." *American Sociological Review* 58 (April):145-62.

1992 "Constructing a Shifting Moral Boundary: Literature and Obscenity in Nineteenth Century New York." Pp. 104-28 in *Cultivating Differences*, edited by Michele Lamont and Michael Fournier. University of Chicago Press.

1990 "Class, Culture, and Campaigns Against Vice in Three American Cities, 1872-1892." *American Sociological Review* 55(February): 44-62.

Publications: Reviews and Comments

2006. Review of *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America* by Alexandra Minna Stern. *American Journal of Sociology* v. 112 (Sept.): 616-17

2006. "The Accidental Historian." Published in the Newsletter of the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section. Fall.

1998. "A Half-Hearted Manifesto for a Cultural Sociology of Pornography: Notes from the Chair." Published in the Sociology of Culture Newsletter, Spring.

1998. "Response to Goode and Ben-Yehuda" (with Brian Donovan). Published in the Sociology of Culture Newsletter, Spring.

1998. "The Problem with Moral Panics: Notes from the Chair" (with Brian Donovan). Published in the Sociology of Culture Newsletter, Winter.

1997. "Whither Culture? Notes from the Chair." Published in the Sociology of Culture Newsletter, Fall.

1993 "Feminist Theory and Historical Research: A Response to Seidman." *Contemporary Sociology*, January.

1992 Review of Steven Seidman's *Romantic Longings: Love in America, 1830-1960*. *Contemporary Sociology*, July.

1992 "An Interview with Nicola Beisel" published in the Section on the Sociology of Culture Newsletter, Spring 1992.

Works in Progress

Aborting Race: The Racial Terrain of American Abortion Politics. Book project,

"Letters to Leontyne: Black Women's Questions about Family Planning, 1965-1970" (with Bonnie Bright). This paper analyzes letters written to the *Chicago Defender's* Planned Parenthood Column. To be presented at the Black Sexual Economies Conference, September 2013.

"Discrimination or Genocide: Black Sexual Politics in the 1972 Michigan Abortion Referendum." Paper being revised for submission to the *American Journal of Sociology*, also a chapter of *Aborting Race*.

“Appropriating Aushwitz: Identity, Agency and Moral Atrocity in Pro-Life Politics” (with Sarah Lipton-Lubet). Paper to be submitted to the American Sociological Review, also a chapter of *Aborting Race*.

“Framing the Right to Die: Moral Politics in the Media, 1974-2005” (with Jeffrey Krimmel). This paper analyzes 270 newspaper and newsmagazine opinion pieces covering the Quinlan, Cruzan, and Schaivo cases.

“Feminism, Cosmo, and the Sexual Revolution, 1970-2010” (with Katherine Weisshaar). This paper analyzes four decades of coverage of sexual issues in two leading feminist publications, *MS.* and *Off Our Backs*, as well as 3 full years in each of four decades of *Cosmo* and *Glamour*.

“Revisiting Respectability: Abortion in America’s Black Newspapers, 1965-1973” (with Dana Behnke). This paper analyzes the extensive discussion of abortion that took place in the black press in the years before *Roe v. Wade*, during which the sexual revolution transformed American attitudes about sexuality outside of marriage.

Postdoctoral Honors, Grants, Fellowships

2005 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Best Article Award, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association for “Abortion, Race and Gender in Nineteenth Century America.”

2005 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Best Article Award. Race, Class and Gender Section, American Sociological Association for “Abortion, Race and Gender in Nineteenth Century America.”

2001. Academic Writing Residency, Bellagio Center, Rockefeller Foundation (April).

2000 Honorable Mention, Best Book Prize, Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association for *Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America*

1999 Distinguished Book Award. Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender, American Sociological Association for *Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America*

1998. Distinguished Scholarship Award. Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements of the American Sociological Association for *Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America*.

1998. John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

1998. National Humanities Center Fellowship, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

1994. Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociology Association. Outstanding Article Award for "Morals versus Art: Censorship, the Politics of Interpretation, and the Victorian Nude."

1993-1995. Faculty Fellow, Center for Urban Affairs, Northwestern University.

1991. Distinguished Dissertation Award, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.

1991. Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association. Honorable mention for Best Recent Article, for "Class, Culture, and Campaigns Against Vice in Three American Cities."

Teaching Awards and Honors

2000 – 2003 Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University

1994. College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University. CAS award for Distinguished Teaching.

1992 and 1993. Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern University.

1992. Organization of Women Faculty, Certificate in Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to Women at Northwestern University.

Predoctoral Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

1989-1990. Hunting Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan.

1988. Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender, American Sociological Association. Runner- up in contest for best student paper.

1988. Summer Research Fellowship, Historical Society of Pennsylvania and Library Company of Philadelphia.

1988. Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Social Transformations, University of Michigan.

1987. Summer Research Fellowship, Committee on Gender Studies, University of Michigan.

1986-87 and 1980-82. Trainee, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan. National Institute for Child Health and Development fellowship for training in demography and research methodology.

1986. Rackham Dissertation Grant, University of Michigan.

Research Support: Postdoctoral

2009. Northwestern University Faculty Research Grant for "Aborting Race: Racial Invisibility in American Abortion Politics."

1998. Northwestern University Faculty Research Grant. Grant for "Race and the Politics of Abortion in America," \$4700.

1993. ASA/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline. Grant for "Making Abortion Illegal: The Law, the Press, and the Campaign Against Abortion, 1850-1900." \$4400.

1993. Northwestern University Faculty Research Grant. Grant for "Making Abortion Illegal," \$5000.

Professional Service

Deputy Editor, *American Sociological Review*, September 2010 to present.

Member of the Editorial Collective, *Feminist Studies*, June 2010 to present.

Member of the Best Recent Paper Prize Committee, Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2006

Member of the Nominations Committee of the Comparative and Historical Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 1998.

Chair-elect and Chair of the section on the Sociology of Culture of the American Sociological Association, August 1996 – August 1998.

Chair of the Student Paper prize committee, section on the Sociology of Culture of the American Sociological Association, 1995.

Member of the Council of the Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association, 1993-1995.

Member of Graduate Student Paper prize committee, section on Comparative and Historical Sociology of the American Sociological Association, 1994.

Organizer of Roundtable Sessions for the Comparative Historical Sociology section at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Miami, August 1993.

Chair of the Cultural Studies section of the Social Science History Association, and member of the SSHA Program Committee, November 1991-October 1992, and November 1995—October 1996.

Member of the Nominating Committee of the Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association, 1991-92.