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EMPLOYMENT

Merrimack College
Chair, Department of Sociology, 2011-Present
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 2011-Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2007-11

California State University, Northridge
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2004-07
Teachers for a New Era Faculty Fellow, 2004-07

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts
Ph.D., Sociology, 2004

Southern Connecticut State University
M.S., Sociology, 1999

University of Connecticut
B.A., Sociology, 1997
Certificate in Criminal Justice, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Zake, Ieva and Michael DeCesare (eds.). 2011. *New Directions in Sociology: Essays on Theory and Methodology in the 21st Century*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

DeCesare, Michael. 2007. *A Discipline Divided: Sociology in American High Schools*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Chapters

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SESSIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

DeCesare, Michael. 2013. "Employing Everyday Tactics in the Fight Against Corporatization." *Annual Conference of the American Association of University Professors*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2011. AAUP Shared Governance Conference and Workshops. *American Association of University Professors*.

Zake, Ieva and Michael DeCesare. 2011. "New Voices in Sociological Theory." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*. (Co-Organizer)

DeCesare, Michael and Ieva Zake. 2011. "New Voices in Sociological Methodology." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*. (Co-Organizer)

DeCesare, Michael. 2010. "'Shut Up in Measureless Content': Toward Improving Measurement in Sociology." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2009. "Jack Kevorkian as a 'Marginal Movement Leader': Reconceptualizing Social Movement Leadership." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

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DeCesare, Michael. 2007. "The Structure of High School Sociology Courses: Concerns, Causes, and Consequences." *Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2006. "A New Approach to Diagnosing and Treating 'Statistics Anxiety.'" *Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2005. "95 Years of Teaching High School Sociology." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

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DeCesare, Michael. 2004. "'A Jack of All Trades and Master of None': The High School Sociology Teacher." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael and Jeffrey Lashbrook. 2003. Workshop on "Teaching Sociology in High School." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*. (Co-Leader)

DeCesare, Michael. 2003. Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy. *Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association*. (Invited Participant)

DeCesare, Michael. 2003. "The Impact of Sociological Orientation on Pedagogy: A Reconsideration of Teacher Training in Sociology Graduate Departments." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2003. "Should We Train Sociology Graduate Students to Teach?" *University of Massachusetts, Sociology Graduate Student Colloquium*.

Emmelman, Debra S. and Michael DeCesare. 2002. "College Course and Instructor Evaluations: Some Results from a Survey of Students Enrolled in Lower-Level Sociology Courses." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2001. "Changes in Attitudes Toward the Voluntary Termination of Life as a Reflection of Public Confidence in Medicine and Belief in Individual Autonomy." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

DeCesare, Michael. 2000. "Correlates of Attitudes Toward Euthanasia, 1977 to 1996." *Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*.

DeCesare, Michael. 1999. "Behavior at Stop Signs: A Matter of Convenience and Threat of Danger." *Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

American Sociological Association
SAGE/Pine Forge Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, 2009
Teaching Enhancement Fund Grant, 2005-06
History of Sociology Section's Graduate Student Paper Award, 2004

Merrimack College
Faculty Development Grant, 2010
Faculty Development Grant, 2008-09

California State University, Northridge
Faculty Summer Research Support Grant, 2006
Faculty Research Grant, 2005-06
Faculty Summer Research Support Grant, 2005
New Faculty Research Grant, 2004-05

University of Massachusetts
Graduate School Fellowship, 2003-04
Andy B. Anderson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor in Sociology, 2002
Division of Continuing Education Certificate of Appreciation for Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association
High School Planning Program Advisory Panel, 2012-Present
High School Affiliates Program Advisory Committee, 2011-Present
Editorial Board, *Teaching Sociology*, 2009-12
Publications Committee, Section on Teaching and Learning, 2009-11
Webmaster, Section on Teaching and Learning, 2009-11
Webmaster, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 2009-11
Massachusetts Representative for High School Sociology, 2007-Present
California Representative for High School Sociology, 2005-07

Pacific Sociological Association
Committee on Membership, 2007-08
Committee on Teaching, 2007-08

Merrimack College
AAUP Chapter President, 2012-Present
Appointment, Rank, and Tenure Committee (Alternate, 2013-14)
Faculty Development Committee, 2011-13 (Chair, 2011-12)
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2009-11 (Treasurer, 2009-10; At-Large, 2010-11)
Library Advisory Committee, 2009-11

Calendar Advisory Committee, 2008-09
College Wide Council, 2007-09
Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter Adviser, Department of Sociology, 2008-Present
Student Association of Sociology Adviser, Department of Sociology, 2007-08, 2013-14
Webmaster, Department of Sociology, 2007-Present

California State University, Northridge
Teachers for a New Era Faculty Fellow, 2004-07
University Assessment Department Liaison, 2005-06
Teacher Education Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS), 2005-07
Social Science Subject Matter Course Development Committee, CSBS, 2005-07
Social Science Subject Matter Program Committee, CSBS, 2004-07
Committee on Program Review and Assessment, Department of Sociology, 2004-07
Faculty Retreat Committee, Department of Sociology, 2004-07
Career Fair Committee, Department of Sociology, 2004-07
Professional Sociology Student Association Faculty Adviser, 2004-07

University of Massachusetts (Graduate Student Representative)
Committee for Intellectual Activities, Department of Sociology, 2003-04
Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2003
Undergraduate Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, 2002-03

COURSES TAUGHT

Community Gang Prevention
Culture and Personality
Introduction to Sociology
Research Methodology
Social Movements
Social Problems
Sociology of Education
Statistical Analysis

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of University Professors
American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Sociological Thought
Research Methods
Social Movements
Sociology of Education
Statistics
Teaching and Learning

REFERENCES

Available upon request