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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

PhD (2005) University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology  
Dissertation Title: Driven to Compete: Workers, Unions, and General Motors'  
Global Manufacturing System in Mexico and Wisconsin

MS (1997) University of Wisconsin-Madison, Industrial Relations Research Institute  
Thesis Topic: Cross-Border Union Collaborations and NAFTA.

BS (1990) University of London: London School of Economics and Political Science,  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Senior Thesis: The Causes of Union Membership Decline in the United States

**Employment:**

Grand Valley State University  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Fall 2007-present

Padagogische Hochschule, Schwabisch-Gmund, Germany  
Visiting Lecturer as part of GVSU exchange, Spring-Summer, 2009

United Auto Workers-General Motors National Paid Educational Leave Program  
Instructor (3 hour session on "lean production;" 4 times per annum), 2006-8

Brown University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-07

Wayne State University, Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues  
Research Fellow, 2005-06

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Lecturer, *Social Problems* (Sociology 130), Fall 2004  
Lecturer, *Industrial Relations in Developing Countries* (Industrial Relations/Economics  
552), Spring 2001

**Peer Reviewed Publications:**

"Even Good Jobs Get Worse: U.S. and Mexican Autoworkers in the Global Economy,"  
forthcoming in *New Labor Forum*

"Lean Times: The UAW Contract and the Crisis of Industrial Unionism in the Auto Industry,"  
*New Labor Forum* 17,2 (Summer 2008): 61-69.

“Selective Participation: Controlling Workers’ Input at General Motors,” *Research in the Sociology of Work* 16, (2006): 151-175.

“The Uncertain Future of the American Auto Industry,” *New Labor Forum* 15,2 (Summer 2006): 65-73.

“Economic Development Policymaking Down the Global Commodity Chain: Attracting an Auto Industry to Silao, Mexico,” *Social Forces* 84, 1 (September 2005): 49-69.

“Creating Lean Industrial Relations: General Motors in Silao, Mexico,” *Competition & Change* 8, 3 (September 2004): 203-221.

(with David Trubek and Jim Mosher) “Transnationalism in the Regulation of Labor Relations: International Regimes & Transnational Advocacy Networks,” *Law & Social Inquiry*: 25, 4 (Fall, 2000): 1187-1211.

Republished in: Guilherme Jose Purvin de Figueiredo, ed., Temas Atuans de Direito do Trabalho e Direito Processual do Trabalho, Sao Paulo, Instituto Brasileiro de Advocacia Publica, 2001.

### **Other Articles and Book Chapters**

(with David Trubek) “Transnational Regimes and Advocacy in Industrial Relations: A “Cure” for Globalization?” in: Vincenzo Ferrari, Paola Ronfani, and Silvia Stabile, eds., Conflitti e Diritti Nella Societa Transnazionale, Milan, Franco Angeli (2001).

“The European Works Councils Directive: A First Step or the Final Word?” published in the Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Industrial Relations Research Association, January 4-6, 1997.

### **Book & Movie Reviews:**

*Let’s Make Money*, a film by Erwin Wagenhofer. Forthcoming in *Teaching Sociology*.

Clawson, Dan: The Next Upsurge: Labor and the New Social Movements. *Contemporary Sociology* 35,3 (2006): 290-292.

Hathaway, Dale: Allies Across the Border. *Industrial & Labor Relations Review* 55, 3 (2002).

### **Work In Progress**

“Contextualizing the Organization of Work: the Influence of Workplace History and Perceptions of the Future on Lean Production at Three GM Plants,” under review at *Work and Occupations*.

“When Good Jobs Go Bad: the Declining Quality of Auto Work in the Global Economy,” presented at the International Labour Process Conference in March, 2010 and under review for the conference’s edited volume.

*When Good Jobs Go Bad: Neo-Liberal Globalization and the Devaluation of Autowork*, book manuscript based on dissertation and additional fieldwork.

**Conference Papers & Presentations:**

“When Good Jobs Go Bad: the Declining Quality of Auto Work in the Global Economy,” presented at the International Labour Process Conference in March, 2010

“Even Good Jobs Get Worse: U.S. and Mexican Autoworkers in the Global Economy.” Presented at the conference on *Work and Inequality in the Global Economy: China, Mexico, and the US*, October 2009, University of California, Los Angeles.

“Globalization, De-unionization, and Declining Labor Standards in the U.S. and Mexican Auto Industries.” Presented at the American Sociological Association meetings panel on: *Exit and Voice in an Era of Globalization*, August 2008, Boston.

“In Need of Common Cause: Obstacles to Cross-Border Union Collaboration.” Presented at the international conference on *Global Companies – Global Unions, Global Research – Global Campaigns*, February 2006, New York.

“Opportunity or Threat?: Autoworker Union Approaches to Globalization in Mexico and the Midwest.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Mini-Conference on Global Labor, August 2005, Philadelphia.

“Globalization and the Politics of Production: General Motors’ ‘Global Manufacturing System’ in Mexico and Wisconsin.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work Refereed Roundtables, August 2004, San Francisco.

“Inter-firm Lean Production in Mexico: Coordinated Industrial Relations in General Motors’ Silao Supply Chain.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Political Economy of the World System Refereed Roundtables, August 2003, Atlanta.

“Economic Development in an Assembler Driven Commodity Chain: Industrial Relations in General Motors’ Silao Supply Chain.” Presented at the Conference on Supply Chain Governance in the Global Economy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2002.

“Globalizing Away the Producer Driven Chain: General Motors’ Newest Mexican Supply Chain and its Implications for Commodity Chain Theory.” Presented at the annual fellows conference of the Social Science Research Council’s program on the Corporation as a Social Institution, June 2002, Berkeley, CA.

**Other Presentations:**

“Labor Relations and the Organization of Work: The GMS in Comparison.” Presented to the staff of the General Motors – UAW Human Resource Center, May 2007, Detroit.

**Fellowships and other honors:**

Grand Valley State University Summer Research Stipend, 2008.

Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy Research Assistantship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004-2005.

Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) – Global Research/Curriculum Development Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003.

Social Science Research Council - Program on the Corporation as a Social Institution, 2001.

Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies Program Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001.

Social Science Research Council International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Program, 1998.

MacArthur Foundation Global Studies Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998.

**Membership in Professional Associations and Professional Service:**

American Sociological Association; sections on Political Economy of the World System (PEWS), Organization, Occupations & Work (OOW), and Labor & Labor Movements

Labor and Employment Relations Association

Journal Reviewing for: *American Journal of Sociology*; *Social Forces*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *Journal of World System Studies*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*; *Review of International Political Economy*