

Curriculum Vitae  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2006 Ph.D. School of Justice and Social Inquiry  
*Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.*  
 Dissertation: "Covering the Border War: How the News Media Create Race, Crime, Nation and the USA-Mexico Divide" (Professor Cecilia Menjivar, Chair)
- 1998 M.A. Religious Studies, *Arizona State University*  
 Thesis: "Death Penalty, Civil Religion, and the Diseased Body Politic" (Professor Tracy Fessenden, Chair).
- 1995 B.A. English and Religious Studies, *James Madison University*

**Research and Teaching Interests:**

Critical Theories on Race and Racism  
 Immigration and Crime  
 Militarization and the USA-Mexico Border  
 Media and Discourse Analysis  
 Scholar Activism and Social Justice  
 Immigrant Health Capital

**PUBLICATIONS**

**External Grants under review:**

National Institute of Health. "Immigrant Health Capital: Exploring Health Seeking Practices and Knowledge Among Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley." *NIH Small Research Grant Program* (Parent R03) [50K/year for 2 years]. Submitted 2/16/12.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

"A Diseased Body Politic: Nativist Discourse and the Imagined Whiteness of the USA," revisions submitted at *Communication Theory*. *Communication Theory* is the 4th highest ranked journal within the communications field by the ISI citation reports with an impact factor of 1.37 and article influence score of 1.03. This journal is ranked in the top 10% of all social science journals in the USA and worldwide by the SJR [SCImago Journal Rank].

"Fearing 'Yellow,' Imagining 'White'; Media Analysis of the Chinese Exclusion Act, 1882," accepted with minor revisions at *Social Identities*.

Adelman, Madelaine and Sang Hea Kil. (2007). "Dating Conflicts: Rethinking Dating Violence & Youth Conflict," *Violence Against Women* 13 (12); 1296-1318.

Menjívar, Cecilia and Sang Hea Kil. (2002). "'For Your Own Good': Benevolent Rhetoric and Exclusionary Language in Public Officials' Discourse on Immigrant-Related Issues," *Social Justice* 29 (1-2); 160-176.

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:**

Kil, Sang Hea, Jennifer Allen, and Zoe Hammer. (2011). "Border Action Network and the Militarization of the USA-Mexico Border." *In Our Own Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance in the US* (Eds. Armaline, William T., D.S. Glasberg, and B. Purkayastha.). Philadelphia, PA: UPenn. Press.

Kil, Sang. (2011). "Immigration and 'Operations;' the Militarization (and Medicalization) of the USA-Mexico Border," *Traversing Transnationalism: The Horizons of Literary and Cultural Studies*, Eds. Ronit Frenkel, Pier Paolo Frassinelli, and David Watson. Rodopi Press (Netherlands).

Kil, Sang Hea, Cecilia Menjívar, and Roxanne Lynne Doty. (2009). "The Border Spectacle: Patriotism, Vigilantes and Brutalization of the US American Public," *Immigration, Crime and Justice*. Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance series. Ed. William McDonald. Emerald Group Publishing Ltd (United Kingdom).

Kil, Sang Hea and Cecilia Menjívar. (2006). "The 'War on the border': The Criminalization of Immigrants and Militarization of the USA- Mexico border," *Immigration and Crime: Race, Ethnicity, and Violence*, Eds. Ramiro Martinez Jr. and Abel Valenzuela Jr. New York: New York University Press.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Entries**

Kil, Sang Hea. (Forthcoming 2012). "Race, Nationality, and Migration (2500 word essay)," *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*, Ed. Immanuel Ness. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

#### **Book Reviews:**

Kil, Sang Hea (2010). "Whiteness: An Introduction [by Steve Garner]," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 36:(3); 538-539.

Kil, Sang Hea (2004) "Ethnic Minorities and the Media: Changing Cultural Boundaries [ed. by Simon Cottle]," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 30 (4); 849-850.

#### **Work in Progress:**

"Unbearable Whiteness of Seeing: How the media advances whiteness." Article Manuscript in progress to be presented at *Law and Society Association* in June 2012.

"Covering the Border War: How the News Media Create Race, Crime, Nation and the USA-Mexico Divide," Book Manuscript ready for review April 2012.

"Immigrant Health Capital: Exploring Health Seeking Practices and Knowledge Among Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley." Field research stage.

"Social justice Strategies for Handling 'Spirit Injuries': Ruminations on Everyday Activism." Article Manuscript. Part of this paper will be presented in a workshop format at the 5th Annual Queer & Asian Conference at UC Berkeley on April 27-29th, 2012.

#### **Research and Professional Activities support:**

*Spivak Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy of the American Sociological Association.* (\$3,000). 2012-2013. "Immigrant Health Capital: Exploring Health Seeking Practices and Knowledge Among Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley (with co-researchers Dr. Natalie Boero and Dr. Carlos Garcia).

*COSS SJSU Research Foundation Grants.* (\$1,300). 2011-2012. Research Grant [Submitted by co-researcher Carlos Garcia]. "Health Capital among Mexican Immigrants."

*Silicon Valley Center for Global Innovation and Immigration* (20% release time). 2011-2012. Research Associate.

*California State University* (\$5,000). 2009-2010. Research Grant. "Documenting Health Capital, Understanding Health Literacy: Exploring Health Seeking Practices among Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley."

*University Planning Council, SJSU* (.20 course release). Spring 2010. Faculty Initiatives to Support Student Success. "Social Justice, Scholar Activism, and Civic Engagement: SJSU's Student Activist Retreat."

*California State University* (\$7,500). 2008-2009. Pair Grant. "Border Action Network and the Militarization of the USA-Mexico Border."

*University Planning Council, SJSU* (.20 course release). Spring 2009. Faculty Initiatives to Support Student Success. "Social Justice, Scholar Activism, and Civic Engagement: SJSU's Student Activist Summit."

*Global Studies Initiative, SJSU* (\$4,000). 2008-2009.

*Office of Faculty Affairs, SJSU* (.20 release time and \$1000). 2008-2009. Junior Faculty Career Development Grant. Book manuscript support.

*College of Arts and Sciences, SJSU* (\$10,000). 2007-2009. Compact to develop a bridge between Future of Minority Studies and SJSU.

*California State University* (\$7,500). 2007-2008. Pair Grant. "The Border Spectacle: Patriotism, Vigilantes and Brutalization of the US American Public."

*Office of Faculty Affairs, SJSU* (\$11,071.00). 2008. Learning Productivity Program, Co-researcher, Dr. Soma Sen and Dr. Meekyung Han. "Identity in the Classroom: Threat or Safety in SJSU Area S and V Courses."

*Graduate Student Association Graduate Research Support Grant, ASU* (\$1300). 2002-2003. Dissertation support.

*ASASU Graduate Research Support Grant, ASU* (\$750). 2000-2001. Independent research support.

*Center for Urban Inquiry, ASU* (\$6,000). 1999-2000. Co-researcher, Randall Amster. "Legal Technologies and Urban Geographies: Anti-Homeless Legislation and the Sanitizing of Public Space."

## **HONORS, AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS**

Global Studies Fellow, SJSU: 2009.

Semifinalist. Best Dissertation Award for the Race, Politics, and Ethnicity Section of the *American Political Science Association*: 2007-2008.

Future of Minority Studies Mellon Fellow: 2005-2006.

The Young Women's Collaborative: Southwest Regional Leadership Training for Reproductive Justice: 2005.

Best PhD Student Paper Award 2005 for "Fearing Yellow, Imagining White," School of Justice and Social Inquiry, ASU.

The Earl A. and Lenore H. Tripke Professional Workshop Travel Awards 2003-2004.

Graduate Student Workshop Participant, *Law and Society Association*, Chicago; May 25-26, 2004.

Davis-Putter Scholar-Activist Fellow: 2003-2004.

ASU Faculty Women's Association's Distinguished Achievement Award: 2002-2003.

Ethnic Minority Fellow for the *American Society of Criminology*: 2001-2002.

PFF (Preparing Future Faculty) Fellow: 2000-2002.

Graduate Student Workshop Participant, *Law and Society Association*, Miami; May 24-25, 2000.

Graduate Tuition Scholarship (4 awards):1999-2002.

*Theta Alpha Kappa*, Religious Studies National Honor Society.

## **DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Justice Studies Department, San José State University:**

Justice Studies Internship Coordinator [.2 assigned time]. Fall 2010-Spring 2012.

Department representative. California Faculty Association. 2008-present.

Member. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Justice Studies Department. 2007-Present

College representative. California Faculty Association. 2009-2011.

Organizer. *Social Justice, Scholar Activism, and Civic Engagement: SJSU's Student Activist Retreat*. San José State University, San José: March 12-13, 2010.

Organizer. *Social Justice, Scholar Activism, and Civic Engagement: SJSU's Student Activist Summit*. San José State University, San José: February 13, 2009.

Organizer. *Local to Global Justice: Challenging the Criminalization of People of Color* conference, San José State University, San José: April 25, 2008.

Member. Faculty Hire Search Committee. Justice Studies Department. 2007-2008.

Developed New Internship Opportunities with SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network) and YMCA's Project Inspire After-School Program with the placement of new interns. 2009-2010.

Developed New Internship Opportunities with Billy Defrank LGBT Community Center and San José Peace and Justice Center with the placement of new interns. 2008-2009.

Developed New Internship Opportunities with De-Bug and Unite Here! with the placement of new interns. 2007-2008.

### **San José State University:**

Keynote speaker. "Asian American/Pacific Islander New Student Welcome Reception." MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center. San José State University: August 31, 2011.

Presenter and Co-Organizer. "Health Capital among Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley: A Community Conversation." San José State University: May 16, 2011.

Invited Workshop Moderator. "Scholar Activist Workshop for Student Activists." Sponsored by the *Sociology Student Club and the Sociology Department* at the University of Alaska, Anchorage: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Invited Guest Lecturer. "Brownness and the Border: An Analysis of the Media Coverage of the "War" on the USA-Mexico Border." *Dr. Zeynep Kilic's Race and Ethnicity Class* at the University of Alaska, Anchorage: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Graduation Speaker. Rainbow graduation, SJSU. May 2010.

Speaker. "Scholar-Activism: A personal narrative of the intersection of race, class, gender, and sexuality in the academy." Women's Resource Center's Brown Bag Lunch Series. November 11, 2009.

Speaker. "Career Exploration." Counselor Education Department, SJSU. October 23, 2008.

College Representative. California Faculty Association, SJSU. Fall 2009- present.

Department Representative. Committee to Enhance Equity and Diversity. 2008-present.

Member. Joint Council for Affirmative Action and Education Opportunity Program Advisory Council. 2008-present.

Representative. Future of Minority Studies and SJSU Collaboration. College of Arts and Sciences. 2007-2009.

Representative for Justice Studies. SJSU Faculty Grievance Panel. 2007-2008.

#### **Community Service/Activism:**

Acting President of the Board. Free Speech Radio News. October 2011-January 2012.

Delegate. South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council. Spring 2011. <http://www.atwork.org/>  
The South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council represents over a hundred unions in Santa Clara and San Benito counties and over 110,000 union members. The Labor Council is involved in many programs that are directly intended to improve the lives of working families in the Bay Area.

Vice-President of the Board. Free Speech Radio News. Fall 2010-present. <http://fsrn.org/>

Board Member. Free Speech Radio News. Fall 2008- present.  
FSRN is an independently produced half hour daily national and international radio news program focusing on peace and social justice issues in the US and around the world. Its workers and reporters collectively run FSRN from all corners of the globe. It is a non-profit organization, with funding from Pacifica Radio Network, as well as community radio stations across the US and grassroots listener/donors. The newscast is independently distributed by FSRN, as well as by the Pacifica radio network.

Volunteer and member. Silicon Valley De-Bug. Fall 2007- present. <http://www.siliconvalleydebug.org/>  
I volunteer with De-Bug and do many collaborative projects. I helped De-Bug with fundraising and workshop presentations to several academic and community events. I have taken SJSU students and De-Bug members to two Allied Media Conferences to do workshops on De-Bug campaigns.

Co-organizer. "Queer Qumbia." Spring 2010-present. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Queer-Qumbia/299606000979?v=info>  
I help to organize monthly grassroots fundraising events for local, bay area social justice organizations that promote queer awareness. To date, we have raised over ten thousands dollars for local groups using cumbia music as an organizing tool. We hold these events at Bollyhood Café in San Francisco every 3rd Friday of each month. We recently expanded Queer Qumbia in the East bay to the 1st Saturday of each month at Missouri Lounge. We celebrate our 2-year anniversary this March 2012. We have fiscally supported nearly 30 different social justice groups in the Bay Area.

Organizer. *United for Human Dignity: Boycott Arizona*. Tucson, AZ: May-August 2005.

The recent trend of hate in Arizona, with the passage of Prop 200, the presence of racist vigilante groups, and anti-immigrant legislation that has passed or is pending, calls for an economic boycott of Arizona to highlight the troubling pattern of nativism and racism in this state against immigrants and people of color.

Legal Observer. *American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona* for the Minuteman Project. Arizona-Sonora Border, April 2005- May 2005.

The Minuteman Project gained national attention as armed, white nationalist converged on the Arizona-Sonora border to “hunt” people who cross the border without documents. As a trained ACLU legal observer, I volunteered to watch their activities for any abuses of civil and human rights.

Board Member. *Border Action Network*. Tucson, AZ: November 2003-present. Volunteer and Member, June 2002-May 2006.

Border Action Network is a grassroots, membership based, non-profit organization in Tucson, Douglas, and Nogales, Arizona. BAN works to protect the human rights, civil rights and the environment of the bi-national border communities against the militarization of the USA-Mexico border.

Volunteer caseworker. *Mercy House, Inc.* Harrisonburg Va.: August 1995.

**Invited Community Lectures, Workshops and Consulting Work:**

Consultant. Corporate Accountability International. Fall 2010.

I provided consultation for CAI, a grassroots movement that demands direct corporate accountability to public interests, on their presentation “Unhappy Meal: How Fast Food Corporations Target Low-Income and People of Color Communities.” I provided feedback and analysis on racial and food justice issues.

2009 Consulted “Teachers of Color for Equity,” a group of teachers and psychologists at James Lick Middle School, San Francisco, on the role of whiteness and privilege in education.

2004 “The militarization of the border and environmental impacts.” International College, University of Arizona.

2004 “The militarization of the USA-Mexico border and social movements” Department of Sociology, University of Arizona.