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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D., Sociology, Oklahoma State University
Dissertation Title: "The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921: Determining its Causes and Framing."
2005 M.A., Sociology, Oklahoma State University
Thesis Title: "The Professionalization of Profilers."
2003 B.S., Sociology, Oklahoma State University

POSITIONS HELD

Professor, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2019-present
Associate Professor, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2013-present
Assistant Professor, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2008-2013
Graduate Teaching Associate, Oklahoma State University, 2005-2008
Adjunct Professor, University of Central Oklahoma, 2007-2008
Graduate Research Assistant, Oklahoma State University, 2004-2006
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oklahoma State University, 2003-2004

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminology	Social Movements
Organizational Deviance	Historical Sociology
White Collar Crime	Collective Behavior
Deviance Studies	Race & Ethnicity

AWARDS AND HONORS

University Award for Faculty Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activity, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2011
Faculty Development Grant, Awarded \$1,000, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2009, 2010, 2011

Robberson Research Dissertation Fellowship, Awarded \$2,000, Oklahoma State University, 2007

Richard Dodder Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Student Research in Sociology, Oklahoma State University, 2007, 2008

O.D. Duncan Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology, Oklahoma State University, 2005, 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Criminology, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Social & Cultural Theory, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Crime & Deviance, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Law & Society, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Structural and Elite Crime, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Violence & Rioting, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Social Stratification, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Gangs in Contemporary America, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Terrorism and Mass Murder, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Sport and Deviance, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Collective Behavior & Social Movements, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Organized Crime, Taught at Colorado State University-Pueblo

Juvenile Delinquency, Taught at Oklahoma State University

Social Problems, Taught at Oklahoma State University

Introduction to Sociology, Taught at Oklahoma State University

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2014 Beamon, Krystal and **Chris M. Messer**. *The Enduring Color Line in U.S. Athletics*. Routledge.

Articles and Book Chapters

2020 **Messer, Chris M.** and Thomas E. Shriver. "Manufacturing American Identity among Immigrant Workers: Colorado Fuel & Iron Company at the Turn of the 20th Century." *Journal of Historical Sociology*, early view available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/johs.12271>.

2020 Adams, Alison E., Thomas E. Shriver, Laura A. Bray, **Chris M. Messer**. "Petrochemical Pollution and the Suppression of Environmental Protest." *Sociological Inquiry* 90(3): 646-668.

2019 Shriver, Thomas E., **Chris M. Messer**, Jared Whittington, and Alison E. Adams. "Industrial Pollution and Acquiescence: Living with Chronic Remediation."

- Environmental Politics*, early view available at:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2019.1654239>.
- 2019 **Messer, Chris M.**, Alison E. Adams, and Thomas E. Shriver. "Living with Chronic Contamination: A Comparative Analysis of Divergent Psychosocial Impacts." *Natural Hazards* 99(2): 895-911.
- 2018 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver and Alison E. Adams. "The Destruction of Black Wall Street: Tulsa's 1921 Race Riot and the Eradication of Accumulated Wealth." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 77(3/4): 789-817.
- 2018 Vermillion, Mark, **Chris M. Messer** and Krista D. Bridgmon. "Crime, Deviance, and Violence in Intercollegiate Athletics," pp. 223-255 in *Sports in Higher Education: Issues and Controversies* (2nd edition), edited by Gary A. Sailes. San Diego, CA: Cognella.
- 2018 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver and Krystal Beamon. "Official Frames and the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921: The Struggle for Reparations." *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 4(3): 386-399.
- 2017 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. "The Legacy of Lead Pollution: (Dis)Trust in Science and the Debate over Superfund." *Environmental Politics* 26(6): 1132-1151.
- 2015 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. "Collective Identity and Memory: A Comparative Analysis of Community Response to Environmental Hazards." *Rural Sociology* 80(3): 314-339.
- 2015 Shriver, Thomas E., Alison E. Adams, and **Chris M. Messer**. "Movement-Counter-movement Dynamics in a Land Use Controversy." *Human Ecology Review* 20(1): 3-21.
- 2014 Shriver, Thomas E., Alison E. Adams, and **Chris M. Messer**. "Power, Quiescence and Legacy Pollutants: The Suppression of Environmental Grievances." *Social Currents* 1(3): 275-292.
- 2014 Beamon, Krystal and **Chris M. Messer**. "Professional Sports Experiences as Contested Racial Terrain." *Journal of African American Studies* 18(2): 181-191.
- 2013 Vermillion, Mark, **Chris M. Messer** and Krista D. Bridgmon. "Crime, Deviance, and Violence in Intercollegiate Athletics," Pp. 197- 225 in *Sports in Higher Education: Issues and Controversies*, edited by Gary A. Sailes. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

- 2013 **Messer, Chris M.**, Krystal Beamon, and Patricia A. Bell. "The Tulsa Riot of 1921: Collective Violence and Racial Frames." *The Western Journal of Black Studies* 37(1): 50-60.
- 2012 **Messer, Chris M.**, Alison E. Adams and Thomas E. Shriver. "Corporate Frame Failure and the Erosion of Elite Legitimacy." *The Sociological Quarterly* 53(3): 475-499.
- 2011 **Messer, Chris M.** "The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921: Toward an Integrative Theory of Collective Violence." *Journal of Social History* 44(4): 1217-1232.
- 2011 Vermillion, Mark and **Chris M. Messer**. "The NCAA: An Enforcement Agency Involved in the Production of Organizational Deviance." *Journal of Contemporary Athletics* 5(1): 55-75.
- 2010 **Messer, Chris M.**, and Thomas E. Shriver. "Resident Framing and the Public Sphere: Community Conflict over Radioactive Waste." *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review* 38: 77-100.
- 2010 **Messer, Chris M.** and Patricia A. Bell. "Mass Media and Governmental Framing of Riots: The Case of Tulsa, 1921." *Journal of Black Studies* 40(5): 851-870.
- 2010 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Dennis Kennedy. "Environmental Hazards and Community Dissension in Rural Oklahoma." *Sociological Spectrum* 30(2): 159-183.
- 2009 **Messer, Chris M.**, Thomas E. Shriver and Dennis Kennedy. "Official Frames and Corporate Environmental Pollution." *Humanity & Society* 33(4): 273-291.
- 2009 **Messer, Chris M.** and Thomas E. Shriver. "Corporate Responses to Environmental Misconduct: The Case of Phelps Dodge and Blackwell Oklahoma." *Deviant Behavior* 30: 647-668.
- 2009 Shriver, Thomas E. and **Chris M. Messer**. "Dissension and Factionalism in the Czech Environmental Movement." *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 47(2): 287-302.
- 2009 Stern, Michael J. and **Chris M. Messer**. "How Family Members Stay in Touch: A Quantitative Investigation of Core Family Networks." *Marriage & Family Review* 45(6-8): 654-676.
- 2009 Shriver, Thomas E., and **Chris M. Messer**. "Ideological Cleavages and Schism in the Czech Environmental Movement." *Human Ecology Review* 16(2): 161-171.

- 2008 **Messer, Chris M.** “The Professionalization of Criminal Profiling.” *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 36(2): 67-74.
- 2008 Shriver, Thomas E., Sherry Cable, and **Chris M. Messer.** “Environmental Protest in the Czech Republic: Social Control in a Democratizing Nation.” *International Journal of Sociological Research* 2: 1-22.
- 2007 Vermillion, Mark, **Chris M. Messer** and G. Clayton Stoldt. “An Analysis of Major and Minor League Sports: The Dual Labor Market Theory and its Contributions.” *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 35(1): 13-25.
- 2006 **Messer, Chris M.** “The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921: A Case in Historical Sociology.” Appendix in *Sociology: The Essentials, Oklahoma Edition*, by Margaret L. Anderson and Howard F. Taylor. Ohio: Thomson Wadsworth.

Work under Review or in Progress

Messer, Chris M. “The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.” Invited manuscript for *History of American Violence*, edited by Michael Pfeiffer. ABC-Clio.

Messer, Chris M. *The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: Crafting a Legacy*. Palgrave Macmillan. Under contract.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “The Framing of Science and Risk in the Debate over Superfund.” Messer, Chris M., Thomas E. Shriver, Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Charleston, SC, October 2016.
- 2015 “The Role of Collective Identity and Memory in Shaping Community Response to Environmental Hazards: A Cross Comparison Analysis.” Messer, Chris M., Thomas E. Shriver, Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2015.
- 2014 “The Changing Image of Sports Heroes.” Messer, Chris M. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2014.
- 2013 “Community Activism over Environmental Health Concerns: Examining Obstacles to Engagement.” Shriver, Thomas E., Chris M. Messer, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2013.
- 2012 “Political Transition and Social Movement Cohesion: Environmental Activism in Post-Communist Czech Republic.” Adams, Alison E., Thomas E. Shriver, Chris

- M. Messer. Presented at the Annual Meetings of American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 2012.
- 2012 “Environmental Health Hazards and Local Activism: Linking Quiescence to Social Control.” Shriver, Thomas E., Chris M. Messer, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2012.
- 2011 “Racial Frames in Media and In Minds: The Case of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.” Bell, Patricia and Chris Messer. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 “Clint Eastwood as Outlaw: A Rural to Urban Transformation.” Messer, Chris. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2011.
- 2010 “Resident Framing and the Public Sphere: Community Conflict over Environmental Controversies.” Messer, Chris and Tom Shriver. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
- 2010 “Savior Frames and the Changing Image of Heroes: The Tulsa Riot of 1921.” Messer, Chris. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2010.
- 2009 “Corporate Responses to Charges of Environmental Misconduct.” Messer, Chris and Tom Shriver. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April 2009.
- 2009 “Technological Impacts of Maintaining Core Family Ties.” Messer, Chris. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2009.
- 2008 “Indigenous Sport Imagery: Race and Gender in Predicting Students’ Perceptions.” Friedrich, Candace, Mark Vermillion and Chris Messer. Presented at the Annual Meetings of North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Denver, CO, November 2008.
- 2008 “Environmental Hazards and Community Activism around a Zinc Smelter Plant in Rural Oklahoma.” Messer, Chris, Tom Shriver, and Dennis Kennedy. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.
- 2008 “Recreational Sport Participation and Time Use: Gender Differences.” Vermillion, Mark, David Wright, and Chris Messer. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.

- 2007 “The NCAA and Organizational Deviance.” Messer, Chris and Mark Vermillion. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- 2007 “How Family Members Stay in Touch: A Quantitative Investigation of Core Family Networks.” Stern, Michael and Chris Messer. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- 2006 “The Tulsa Race Riot: Alternative Theoretical Considerations.” Messer, Chris and Mark Vermillion. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-West Sociological Society, Omaha, NE, March 2006.
- 2006 “The NCAA: Scapegoating and Fantasy Documents in an Enforcement Agency.” Messer, Chris. Presented at the Sociology Graduate Student Association Research Symposium, Stillwater, OK, February 2006.
- 2005 “The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921: An Integrative Conflict Approach.” Messer, Chris. Presented at the Annual Meetings of Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, October 2005.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University/Departmental Committees

CHASS Personnel Committee, 2015-2016, 2019-present
 Scholarly Activities Board, 2014-2017, 2018-present.
 Faculty Disciplinary Action Board, 2018-present.
 Institutional Review Board, 2016-present.
 Departmental Search Committee, 2008-2009; 2012; 2014-2015-2016; 2019.
 Faculty Senate, 2010-2014, 2018-2019.
 Executive Committee, Faculty Senate, 2018-2019.
 Committee on Shared Governance, 2011-2017, 2018-2019.
 Co-Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology, 2017-2018.
 CHASS Curriculum Committee, 2015-2018.
 Outside Member, Tenure Committee, Dept. of History/Political Science, 2017.
 Criminology Major Development Committee, 2017
 Departmental Budget Committee, Dept. of Sociology, 2011-2017.
 Outside Member, Search Committee, Dept. of Psychology, 2016
 CHASS Personnel Committee, 2015.
 Outside Member, Tenure Progress Committee, Dept. of History/Political Science, 2015.
 Outside Member, Tenure/Promotion Committee, Dept. of History/Political Science, 2014.
 Sociology Club, Faculty Advisor, 2011.
 Ad-hoc Committee, Teaching Evaluation Pilot Implementation Team, 2012-2013.
 Advisory Committee, University Awards for Faculty Excellence, 2012; 2013; 2015.

Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology 2014-2015; 2015-2016.

Professional Conferences

Annual Meeting Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2010-2013.

Session Organizer, "Crime and Deviance in Organizational Contexts," Midwest Sociological Society, 2011.

Session Organizer, "Community Response to Environmental Conditions," Midwest Sociological Society, 2010.

Session Organizer, "Organizational Deviance," Midwest Sociological Society, 2009.

Journal and Other Professional Reviews

Reviewer for *Sociological Spectrum*

Reviewer for *Deviant Behavior*

Reviewer for *Humanity & Society*

Reviewer for *International Sociology*

Reviewer for *Sociological Perspectives*

Reviewer for *The Sociological Quarterly*

Reviewer for *Rural Sociology*

Reviewer for *Journal of Community Practice*

Reviewer for *Mobilization*

Reviewed textbooks for Taylor & Francis

Reviewed textbooks for Sage Publications

Reviewed grant proposals for National Science Foundation

Additional Service

Invited Interview, USA Today, 2020. Article available at:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/06/15/trump-tulsa-rally-juneteenth-black-wall-street-massacre-greenwood/3179886001/>

Invited Interview, The Times of Israel, 2020. Article available at:

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/using-blood-libel-tactics-white-mob-massacred-300-blacks-in-1921-tulsa-pogrom/>

Invited Interview, Be Conscious, Podcast hosted by Damien Barling, 2020. Podcast available at: <https://www.patreon.com/posts/38341773>

Invited Interview, Reclaiming History, Podcast hosted by Hudson Mohawk Magazine, 2019.

Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Justice and Health Working Group, North Carolina State University, 2019-present.

Faculty Mentor, CHASS, 2017, 2018.

Volunteer, Sociology Department representative, North Mesa Elementary School, 2018

Reviewer, Student applications for the Smithsonian Internship program, 2017, 2018.

Reviewer, Proposals for the Institute of Cannabis Research Conference, 2016, 2017.

Departmental Representative, Majors Fair, CSU-Pueblo, 2008-2016.

Faculty Mentor, Elie Wiesel Foundation “Prize in Ethics Contest,” 2014-2015.
Invited Lecturer, Honors 101, 2014.
Invited Lecturer, Honors 201, 2012.
Volunteer, Move-In Day, CSU-Pueblo, 2009-2012.
Volunteer, General Education Essay Scoring Event, 2010.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Judge, Colorado History Day, 2014; 2015
Facilitator, Created Equal/Civil Rights Series, Rawlings Public Library, 2013.
Research Director, Pueblo Gang Task Force, 2010-2012.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP (past and present)

American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Mid-South Sociological Association
Mid-West Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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