

CHET MEEKS

Curriculum Vitae (January 2007)

Contact Information

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Education

2003 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Albany

1995 B.S. (Summa Cum Laude), Departments of Sociology and Psychology, University of Wyoming

Current Position

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University

Research/Teaching Interests

Classical and Contemporary Social Theory
Sociology of Culture
Sociology of Democracy/Civil Society

Sociology of Sexualities
Social Movements
Sociology of Law

Books

2006 Seidman, Steven, N. Fischer & C. Meeks. *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays and Interviews*. Routledge (London: UK).

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

_____ Seidman, Steven, C. Meeks. "The Closet in Post-War Discourse: From Liberation to Regulation," Under Review.

2001 Meeks, Chet. "Civil Society and the Sexual Politics of Difference." *Sociological Theory*. 19(3): 325-343.

1999 Seidman, Steven, Chet Meeks, & Frances Traschen. "Beyond the Closet? The Changing Social Meaning of Homosexuality in the United States." *Sexualities*. 2(1): 9-34.

Reprinted in C. Williams and A. Stein, *Sexuality: A Reader* (2002: Blackwell).

Reprinted in M. Kimmel & R. Plante, *Sexualities: Identities, Behaviors, and Society* (2004: Oxford).

Book Chapters

- 2006 Meeks, Chet w/ A. Stein. "Refiguring the Family: Toward a Post-Queer Politics of Marriage," in Diane Richardson, J. McLaughlin & M. Casey (eds.), *Feminist and Queer Intersections: Sexualities, Cultures, and Identities*. Palgrave Press (London: 2006).
- 2006 Meeks, Chet. "Gay and Straight Rites of Passage," in Steven Seidman, Nancy Fischer, and Chet Meeks (eds.), *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies*. Routledge (London: 2006).
- 2004 Meeks, Chet. "Civil Society and the Struggle for Sexual Justice," in Cirus Rinaldi & Claudio Cappotto (eds.), *Fuori Dalla Citta Invisible: Omosessualita, Identita, e Mutamento Sociale*. Ila Palma (Palermo: January/February 2004).

Other Publications

- 2007 Meeks, Chet. "LGBTQ Politics in America: An Abbreviated History," in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader* (2nd ed.), edited by Mindy Stompler, D. Baunach, E. Burgess, D. Donnelly & W. Simonds. Pearson (New York, NY).
- 2006 Meeks, Chet. "Queer Theory: A Definition for Sociologists," in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Oxford Press (Cambridge, MA).
- 2006 Meeks, Chet. "The Closet and Coming Out," in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Oxford Press (Cambridge, MA: Forthcoming in 2006).

Works in Progress

"Desire and Citizenship: Making Meaning in Gay Politics" (Book Manuscript)

"GLAAD and the Construction of Gay Citizenship"

"The (Mis)Uses of Liberation: Toward a Post-Queer Theory of Sexual Politics"

"Defending Heterosexuality: Shifts in the Logic of the Anti-Gay Rights Legal Position"

Conference Attendance and Participation

- 2005 Discussant, session title: "21st Century Sexualities: New Boundaries, New Communities." Annual Meeting for the Midwestern Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN (March).
- 2004 Meeks, Chet. "Gay Liberation Front and Gay Activist Alliance: Historical Division and the Role of Culture in Social Movements." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, CA (August).
- 2003 Organizer, session title: "The Family and National Identity." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Atlanta, GA (August).
- 2002 Meeks, Chet. "Sexual Citizenship and the Family: Intracommunity Tensions over Same-Sex Marriage." Presented, session title: "Brave New Family Politics." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, IL (August).

- 2002 Discussant, session title: "Sexualities." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL (August).
- 2001 Meeks, Chet. "Recognition and Normalization: Reconciling Gay Visibility with 'Queer' Difference." Presented and Presided, session title: "The New Gay Visibility." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (August).
- 2000 Organizer/Volunteer, "Book/Ends," with Jacques Derrida. State University of New York at Albany (October).
- 1999 Organizer/Volunteer, "The Future of the Profession, or the Unconditional University," with Jacques Derrida. State University of New York at Albany (October).
- 1999 Meeks, Chet. "Civil Society and Anti-Normalizing Politics: Pushing the Envelope of Difference." Roundtable session title: "Civil Society and the Public Sphere." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA (March).
- 1997 Presider/Discussant, session title: "Sexualities." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Toronto, Ontario (August).
- 1997 Participant, Union College's Seminar on "The Short Twentieth Century," with Jurgen Habermas. Schenectady, New York (October).

Invited Lectures/Presentations

- 2003 Northern Illinois University, "Getting Real." Title of Talk: "Integrating LGBT Studies into the Curriculum," DeKalb, IL (October).
- 2002 University of Connecticut, Rainbow Coalition. Title of Talk: "Family Politics: The LGBT Community at the End of the 20th Century." Storrs, CT (October).
- 2002 University of Chicago, Harper-Schmidt Fellows Program. Title of Talk: "Eros and Civil Society." Chicago, IL (May).
- 2001 Macalester College, Department of Women's Studies. Title of Talk: "Eros and Civil Society." St. Paul, MN (November).
- 1999 WRPI Radio, invited speaker. "Technology and Community." Troy, NY (February)
- 1998 WRPI Radio, invited speaker. "Sex and Society." Troy, NY (April).
- 1997 State University of New York at Albany, Graduate Student Organization Multicultural Committee. Title of Talk: "Sexuality and Pedagogy." Albany, NY (September).

Teaching Experience

Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, 2006-present
 Assistant Professor: Sociological Theory (1 Semester)
 Graduate Classical Theory (1 Semester)

Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, 2003-2006
Assistant Professor: Sociological Theory (7 Semesters)
Sociology of Law (3 Semester)
Graduate Classical Theory (2 Semester)
Sociology of Sexualities (2 Semester)

Department of Sociology, State University of New York, 1998 ¥ 2003
Lecturer: Sociological Theory (4 Semesters)
Sociology of Sexuality (3 Semesters)
Sociology of Culture (3 Semesters)
Political Sociology (1 Semester)
Sociology of Law (6 Semesters)

Awards, Grants, Honors

2005 Phil Zwickler Memorial Research Grant, Cornell University (\$750)

2000 Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate Student Organization, State University of New York at Albany (\$500)

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer:

Sociological Theory

Sexualities

Member:

American Sociological Association (Theory, Culture, and Sexuality Sections)

Society for the Study of Social Problems

University and Departmental Service

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology. Georgia State University.

Teaching Committee, Department of Sociology. Georgia State University.