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Education

a) Academic Credentials

- 2004 Ph. D. Department of Sociology, University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Joane Martel
Dissertation Title:
Courting Colonialism? The Juridical Construction and Political Aftermath of Métis Rights in R. v. Powley (defended: October 29th, 2004).
Areas: Sociology of Law, Critical Race Theory, Aboriginal Issues
External: James Tully, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Law, Indigenous Governance and Philosophy, University of Victoria
- 1996 M.A. Department of Sociology, Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Vincent Sacco
Thesis Title: *'Le Belle Province' and the Wild West: Investigating the Effect of Regional Location on Victimization Risk*
Areas: Criminology , Logistic Regression Analysis, Victimology
- 1994 B.A. Department of Sociology, Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Supervisor: Dr. Vincent Sacco
Thesis Title: *Things that Go Bump in the Night: The Role of the Doorman in Maintaining Order in the Bar.*
Focus: Situational Crime Prevention, Ethnomethodology

b) Professional Development Courses

Web CT Courses

Academic Experiences

a) Positions

- 2004 Hudson's Bay Company Chair in Métis Studies
School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University
(4 month visiting chair), \$15,000 Grant.
- 2000-present Assistant Professor, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta
Jan-Apr. 2000 Instructor, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta

b) Teaching

i) School of Native Studies, University of Alberta

- NS 520 Honours Seminar
NS 503 Special Topics (Identity and Post-Structuralism)
NS 490 Community Research
NS 485 Urban Aboriginal Issues and Identities
NS 470 Métis Politics
NS 442 The Criminal Justice System and Aboriginal People
NS 404 Urban Aboriginal Issues
NS 403 Aboriginal People and the Criminal Justice System
NS 403 Aboriginal People and the Criminal Justice System
NS 372 Métis Politics
NS 240 Introduction to Aboriginal Legal Issues
NS 211 Issues and Insights II
NS 210 Issues and Insights I
NS 100 Introduction to Native Studies

ii) Department of Canadian Studies, Carleton University

Canadian Studies 4101 – Métis Politics

c) Academic Supervision

i) Ph. D Committees

- 2005 Caine, Ken. *The construction of community-based natural resource management: Social perception and cognition in the development of new resource management institutions in Delane, Northwest Territories*. Department of Rural Sociology, University of Alberta. (Candidacy Defense: External to the Department Member)

ii) M. A. Committees

- 2004 Scott, Tracie Lee. *The Indian, the Law and the Land: An Analysis of the Chippewas of Sarnia case using P.W. Kahn's Cultural Approach to the Rule of Law*. Faculty of Law, University of Alberta. Successfully defended August 19, 2004 (M.A. Defense: External to the Department Member).
- 2001 Chafe, Paul. *Native Dispositions: A Case Study into the Liberation of the Native Subject*. Department of English, University of Alberta. Successfully defended November 21st, 2001. (M.A. Defense: External to the Department Member).

iii) Undergraduate Honours Supervision

- 2004-05 Supervision of 3 School of Native Studies Honours Students

d) University Administration

- 2004-2005
- School of Native Studies Graduate School Program Proposal Committee (Chair)
 - School of Native Studies Space Committee
 - School of Native Studies Council
 - School of Native Studies Recruitment Committee
 - School of Native Studies Executive Committee
 - School of Native Studies Academic Affairs Committee
 - School of Native Studies Library Committee
 - School of Native Studies Methods/Theory Committee
 - School of Native Studies Student Award Committee
 - School of Native Studies Curriculum sub-Committee
- 2003-2004
- School of Native Studies School Council
 - School of Native Studies Executive Committee
 - School of Native Studies Curriculum Review Committee
 - School of Native Studies Community Representation Committee
 - School of Native Studies Ethics Committee (1 term)
- 2002-2003
- School of Native Studies School Council
 - School of Native Studies Director Selection Committee
 - School of Native Studies Executive Committee
 - School of Native Studies Curriculum Review Committee
 - School of Native Studies Community Representation Committee
- 2001-2002

University of Alberta Coordinated Aboriginal Strategy and Protocol
Committee
University of Alberta Aboriginal Advisory Council
University of Alberta Faculty Association Representative
School of Native Studies School Council
School of Native Studies Executive Committee
School of Native Studies Curriculum Review Committee
School of Native Studies Community Representation Committee

2000-2001

University of Alberta Aboriginal Advisory Council
School of Native Studies School Council
School of Native Studies Executive Committee
School of Native Studies Curriculum Review Committee

Other Professional Experiences

a) Conference/Session Development

- 2002 “Residual Tensions of Empire: Métis Nationalism and the Canadian Courts”. American Society of Criminology. Chicago. November.
- 2002 “Law’s Artful Hierarchies: the Judicial Construction of Métis as Diluted Indians.” Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association. Vancouver. May/June.
- 2000 *Attended:* Saskatchewan Indian Federated Nations. “Urban Symposium”. Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, SK. June.
- 2000 “‘Making Tradition ‘Stick’: legitimizing tradition in an urban context”. Canadian Indigenous/Native Studies Association. Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. May/June.
- 2000 (with Roger Maaka) “A Tale of Two Cities: Urban Self-Governance in Edmonton, Canada and Christchurch, New Zealand”. Canadian Indigenous/Native Studies Association. Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. May/June.
- 2000 “Into the Eye of the Storm: Law and Tradition in an Urban Context”. Indigenous Scholar’s Conference. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON. November.
- 2000 “The Formalization of Métis Identities in Law”, Meetings for the Social Sciences and Humanities, Edmonton, AB. June.
- 2000 Formalization of Métis Identities in Law”. American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings, Toronto, ON. November.
- 1999 *Attended:* Quaker Workshop on Restorative Justice. Edmonton, AB. January.

- 1998 “The Illusion of Community: Restorative Justice in Canada and New Zealand”. American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C. November.
- 1998 “The Illusion of Community: Restorative Justice in Canada and New Zealand”. Annual Research Day. Department of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB. November.
- 1998 “The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples as a State Legitimation Strategy” Annual Meetings of the Social Sciences and Humanities. Ottawa, ON. June.
- 1998 *Attended:* Bricks and Stones, Prisons and Homes - A Community Education Forum. Edmonton, AB. March.
- 1998 “The Formalization of Métis Identity in Law” Métis Origins, Identity, and Contemporary Rights. A Symposium hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Aboriginal History Circle, Trent University. Peterborough, ON. January.
- 1997 “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: The Oka Standoff as a Claims-Making Event”. American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA. November.
- 1997 “Defining Ourselves Out of Existence: The Evolution and Current ‘State’ of Metis Identity in Canada” Discussion Paper, Brown-Bag Seminar, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB. October.

b) Other Related Professional Experiences

- 2001 – 2002 Edmonton Social Planning Council
Steering Committee for ‘Centre of Excellence on Youth’
- 2000– 2004 Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee
Aboriginal group meets monthly to discuss urban Aboriginal issues and make non-binding recommendations to the Edmonton City Council.
- 1998 – 1999 Aboriginal Community Discussion Group
Consists of graduate students from various departments. We meet every two weeks, discussing topics relating to notions of Aboriginal community.

Research, Publications and Creative Activities

a) Current Research

- 2005-present *‘Aboriginal’: The Strange Career of a Census Category*
My current research project. It denaturalizes Census categories and explores how a central element of modernity-racialization-has contributed

to the historical and contemporary construction of Aboriginal category in the Canadian Census. I am currently applying for SSHRC funding to pursue this research project in more depth.

2003-present Municipal Governance and Urban Aboriginals
Part of an Municipal Collaborative Research Initiative SSHRC headed by Robert Young, University of Western Ontario. The research examines 'best practices' approaches to local government-my part is to examine these best practices in the context of municipal Aboriginal governance.

1996-present *The Racialization of the Canadian Courts*
Research project was the subject of my dissertation. The project examines the construction of indigenous identities in the Canadian courts. It uses this empirical example to critique the current field of critical theory for its lack of examination of the actual effects of court decisions, and the gap between decisions and eventual policy implementation.

b) Publications

i) Book Chapters (refereed)

2005 Andersen, Chris. 'Residual Tensions of Empire: Contemporary Métis Communities and the Canadian Judicial Imagination', in M. Murphy, (ed.), *Reconfiguring Aboriginal-State Relations. Canada. The State of the Federation, 2003*, Montreal and Kingston, McGill-Queen's University Press.

2000 'The Formalization of Métis Identities in Canadian Provincial Courts'. in R. Laliberte *et al.* (eds.) *Expressions in Canadian Native Studies*, Saskatoon: University Extension Press. 95-115.

ii) Journal Articles (refereed)

2003 Andersen, Chris and Claude Denis. 'Urban Native Communities and the Nation: Before and After the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples' *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*. 40(4): 373-390.

1999 Andersen, Chris. 'Governing aboriginal justice in Canada: Constructing responsible individuals and communities through tradition'. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 31: 303-326.

iii) Book Reviews

2004 Review of *Aboriginal Conditions: Research as a Foundation of Public Policy*. White, J., P. Maxim & D. Beavon (eds.) Vancouver, BC: UBC Press. (accepted by American Review of Canada Studies). Winter, 2005.

- 2003 Review of *Minding the Law*. Amsterdam, A. & J. Bruner (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), 2000. in *Criminal Justice Review*. 28(2): 434-435.
- 2001 “Civic Election Coverage.” *Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee Newsletter* Fall
- 2000 Review of *The Dynamics of Western Native Organizations*. in *Great Plains Research*. 10(1): 222-3.

iv) Non Refereed Publications

- 2004 ‘Courting Colonialism? The Juridical Construction and Political Aftermath of Métis Rights in R. v. Powley’ PhD Dissertation. University of Alberta, Department of Sociology.
- 2003 Métis Parent Education Survey. Prepared for Métis Nation of Alberta.
- 2001 “Civic Election Coverage.” EAUAC Newsletter (Fall)

v) Forthcoming Publications

Book project on the racialization of the Canadian Courts. I am currently in the process of submitting a manuscript to the University of British Columbia Press (in discussion with Randy Schmidt, one of the law and society editors).

Article titled ‘Expert Witnesses, Constitutional Courts and the symbolic Power of Race: How the Powleys Became Métis. To be submitted to Social and Legal Studies in November.

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards and Grants

a) Scholarships

1999	Social Science and Humanities Research Foundation Scholarship: \$15,000 + tuition	
1998	School of Graduate Studies Scholarship:	\$1300
1997-98	University of Alberta Ph. D Scholarship:	\$13 000 + tuition
1996-97	University of Alberta Ph. D Scholarship:	\$13 000 + tuition

b) Fellowships

1995-96	Queen's Minority Fellowship:	\$7 000
1994-95	Queen's Minority Fellowship:	\$7 000

c) Awards

2005	Short listed for a Queen's University National Scholar Position	no monetary value
2005	Nominated for the Governor-General's Gold Medal for Outstanding Dissertation in the Social Sciences, University of Alberta	no monetary value
2003	National Métis Youth Role Model Award – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Achievement.• Awarded by the Métis National Council	no monetary value
1998	National Aboriginal Achievement Award:	\$2600
1994	John R. Houston Memorial Bookprize:	\$375

d) Grants

2005	(headed by Robert Young, University of Western Ontario) MCRI SSHRC project	\$20,000
2004	Hudson's Bay Company Chair in Métis Studies -School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University (4 month visiting Chair)	\$15,000

2003	Analysis of Alberta Learning Parent/Child Education Survey	\$1,800
2002	“Urban Aboriginal Migration Project” (with Dr. Evelyn Peters, Canada Research Chair, Department of Geography, University of Saskatchewan)	\$24,000
2001	(with Frank Tough) “Deregulation of a Crown Asset” Social Sciences Research Grant – University of Alberta	\$6,000
2000	“Establishing the Long Arm of the Law: Effective Sovereignty and the Métis in Canada’s Northwest”. Small Faculties Grant, University of Alberta.	\$4,900
2000	New Faculty Grant	\$1,500

Professional Associations/Affiliations

2002-03	Canadian Law and Society Association
2000-02	Canadian Indigenous Native Studies Association
1998-99	Canadian Studies Association
1996-2002	American Society of Criminology
1996-98	Canadian Society of Anthropology and Sociology