

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **I. ACADEMIC DEGREES**

- Ph.D. 1998      University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
(Sociology)
- M.A. 1990      University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
(Sociology)
- B.A. 1985      University of Vermont  
(Sociology and English, With Distinction in Sociology)

## **II. ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

### A. Teaching Positions

- Fall 2008-      Associate Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2001-2008      Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2000-2001      Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utah
- Fall 1998-2000      Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bucknell University
- Fall 1994-1998      Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

### B. Administrative Positions

- Fall 1997-1998      Academic Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of  
North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Fall 1992-1994      Managing Editor, American Sociological Association's Rose  
Monograph Series

## IV. TEACHING EXPERIENCES

### 1. *Undergraduate Courses with enrollment numbers*

Soci 101: Principles of Sociology, Fall 2003 (30), Fall 2004 (27)  
Soci 101V: Values and the Principles of Sociology, Fall 2006 (27), Fall 2007 (25)  
Soci 302: Introduction to Sociological Theory, Spring 2003 (19), Spring 2004 (28),  
Spring 2006 (36), Spring 2007 (35)  
Soci 460: Sociology of Gender, Fall 2002 (33)

### 2. *Graduate Courses with enrollment numbers*

Soci 601: Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory, Fall 2001 (17), Fall 2002 (13),  
Fall 2003 (14), Fall 2004 (14), Fall 2006 (11), Fall 2007 (16)  
Soci 602: Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory, Spring 2002 (9), Spring  
2003 (11), Spring 2004 (10), Spring 2006 (15), Spring 2007 (13)

### 3. *Other Teaching*

Supervision of Jeffrey Holt, Instructor for Sociology 101, Fall 2005, Spring 2006  
Supervision of J. Scott Lewis, Instructor for Sociology 301, Fall 2005, Spring 2006  
Independent Studies Course, Theoretical Readings, Luther Koch, Fall 2007

### 4. *Thesis and Dissertation Students (Major Advisor/Chair)*

Kendel Kissinger, MA in American Culture Studies, 2005, Bowling Green State  
University  
J. Scott Lewis, PhD in Sociology, 2006, Bowling Green State University  
Amy Dietrickson, MA in American Culture Studies, 2007, Bowling Green State  
University  
Jason Lamb, MA in Sociology, current, Bowling Green State University  
Ben Miller, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in Sociology, 2007, Bowling Green State  
University

### 5. *Membership on Dissertation Committees*

Qiang Xu, PhD in Sociology, 2006, Bowling Green State University  
Ross Singer, PhD 2008, Bowling Green State University  
Joelle Ryan, PhD expected in American Culture Studies, 2008, Bowling Green State  
University

### 6. *Membership on Thesis Committees*

Daphne Lofquist, MA in Sociology, 2004, Bowling Green State University

Alyssa Powers, MA in Sociology, 2004, Bowling Green State University  
Perry Miller, MA in American Culture Studies, 2007, Bowling Green State University

## **VI. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

BGeX Faculty Development Workshop, Summer 2006.  
Participant, Faculty Workshops, BGeX Small Course Initiative, May 2003

## **VIII. RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Sociological Theory, Sociology of Law, Sex and Gender in Society, Media and Democracy, Civil Society and Political Participation, Cultural Studies, Criminology, Critical Social Theory, Sociology of Knowledge, Social Change and Social Movements, South Asia

## **IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

“A Process Analysis of Offender Success in Domestic Violence Courts.” Submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 2008.

“A Process Analysis of Reduced Recidivism in Domestic Violence Courts.” Faculty Development Award, Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University, March 2007, \$9,845 (funded).

“Making Publics by Making Democratic Television: The Impact of Citizen-Led Forums on Civic and Media Practice.” Resubmitted to Social Science Research Council with Albert W. Dzur, co-PI, July 2007, \$30,000 (not funded).

## **X. PUBLICATIONS**

### A. Publications

#### *2. Journal Articles*

##### *(a) Refereed Articles*

Mirchandani, Rekha. "Beyond Therapy: Problem-Solving Courts and the Deliberative Democratic State." *Law and Social Inquiry* 33 (Fall 2008): 853-893.

Mirchandani, Rekha [with Albert W. Dzur]. "Punishment and Democracy: The Role of Public Deliberation." *Punishment and Society* 9 (April 2007): 151-175.

Mirchandani, Rekha. "Hitting is Not Manly": Domestic Violence Courts and the Re-Imagination of the Patriarchal State." *Gender and Society* 20 (December 2006): 781-804.

Mirchandani, Rekha, "Reconstructing Zygmunt Bauman's Postmodern Sociology of Morality," *Current Perspectives in Social Theory* 23 (2005): 303-338.

Mirchandani, Rekha, "What's So Special about Specialized Courts? The State and Social Change in Salt Lake City's Domestic Violence Court," *Law and Society Review* 39 (June 2005): 379-418.

Mirchandani, Rekha, "Postmodernism and Sociology: From the Epistemological to the Empirical," *Sociological Theory* 23 (March 2005): 86-115.

Mirchandani, Rekha, "Habermas, Discourse Ethics and Assuring the Moral Point of View," *Current Perspectives in Social Theory* 10 (1992): 231-249.

*(b) Non-refereed articles*

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2004. "Domestic Violence Courts: From the Battered Women's Movement to Judge-Led Social Change." *The Good Society* 13 (Summer 2004): 32-37.

3. *Book Reviews*

*(b) Book Reviews*

Mirchandani, Rekha. Forthcoming. Review of Krishna Sen and Maila Stevens eds. Gender and Power in Affluent Asia. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 1991. Review of Gert Mueller's Sociology and Ontology: The Analytical Foundations of Sociological Theory. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 20: 150-151.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 1991. Exchange with Gert Mueller. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 20 (1991): 657-658.

C. Manuscripts in Progress

Albert W. Dzur and Rekha Mirchandani. "The Moral Dimensions of Popular Sovereignty: The Jury and Civic Responsibility." Ms in final stages; to be submitted to *Ratio Juris* in October 2007.

*Debating the Democratic State: Domestic Violence Courts and Their Challenges to Popular Theories of Justice*. Book manuscript in progress

"Power v. Participation: Building a More Constructive View of the State." Work in progress.

“Media-Sponsored Deliberative Democratic Forums: Building and Using Social Capital.”  
Work in progress.

## **XI. PAPERS READ TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

### *A. Invited Papers*

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2008. “‘Becoming a More Peaceful Man’: Theorizing Mechanisms of Change in Domestic Violence Offenders.” Research talk given for the Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University, Fall.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2005. “‘Hitting is Not Manly’: Domestic Violence Court and the Re-Imagination of the Patriarchal State.” Research Talk given for the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, Bowling Green State University, Fall.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2000. “From Theory to Practice: Using Classical and Contemporary Thinkers to Understand Legal Institutions” Research talk given for the Department of Sociology, Indiana State University, Fall.

### *B. Refereed Papers*

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2008. "Democracy in the court: Communicative reason and public accountability for punishment" Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the American Criminological Society, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2008.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2007. "Beyond Therapy: Problem-Solving Courts and the Deliberative Democratic State." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association meetings, New York, New York, August 2007.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2004. “Punishment and Democracy.” (With Albert W. Dzur) 2004. Paper presented to the Midwestern Political Science Association meetings, Chicago, IL.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2002. “What’s So Special about Special Courts? Social Change and the State in Salt Lake City’s Domestic Violence Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2002. “What’s So Special about Special Courts? Social Change and the State in Salt Lake City’s Domestic Violence Court.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of Law and Society Association, Vancouver, British Columbia.

- Mirchandani, Rekha. 2000. "Habermas, Legal Institutions and the Public Sphere: The Case of Domestic Violence Courts." Paper presented at the Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 2000. "Zygmunt Bauman's Postmodern Sociology." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association meetings, Washington, DC.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 2000. "Zygmunt Bauman's Postmodern Sociology: Reconstructing the Epistemological and Empirical." Paper presented at Social Theory 2000: Inaugural Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1998. "Postmodernism and Sociology: From the Epistemological to the Empirical." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- Mirchandani, Rekha and Albert W. Dzur. 1998. "Research Methods on the Theoretical Frontier: Tensions in Conceptual Innovation and Application." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1997. "Applying Habermas' Discourse Ethics to Law: Pornography and Freedom of Religion." Paper presented to the American Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Canada.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1996. "Forming Norms: Habermas, Social Theory and the Law." Paper presented to the American Sociological Association meetings, New York, NY.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1994. "The Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster and the Indian Courts: Beyond Abstract Individualism?" Paper presented at the meetings on "Law, State and Society," Triangle South Asia Consortium, North Carolina State University.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1994. "American Courts and the Social Effects of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Los Angeles, CA.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1994. "American Courts and the Public Effects of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster." Paper presented at the Law and Society Association meetings, Phoenix, AZ.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 1991. "A New Turn in Habermas: Against Evolution and Toward Institutions." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Washington, D.C.

Mirchandani, Rekha 1990. "The Battered Women's Movement: Therapy or Transformation?" Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, CA.

## **XII. SERVICE**

### A. Department

Elected to Publications Committee, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2006-2007, 2007-2008  
Elected to Graduate Committee, 2005-2006  
Elected to Undergraduate Committee, 2004-2005  
Research Affiliate, Center for Family and Demographic Research, 2001-present  
Departmental Representative, American Culture Studies Advisory Committee, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8

### B/C. College and University

Elected to Faculty Senate, 2006-2009  
Elected to Senate Standing Committee on Faculty Welfare, 2007-2010  
Elected to Undergraduate Council, 2006-2009  
Appointed by the Vice Provost to the Peoplesoft Policy Group, Fall 2007  
Faculty Affiliate, American Culture Studies, 2004-  
Faculty Affiliate, Women's Studies, 2005-  
Judge for the Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence, 2004-05  
Member of Organizing Committee and Conference Moderator, "Same-Sex Marriage: On the Frontiers of Social and Legal Change" conference held on 15 April 2005.  
Participant, Faculty Workshops, Small Course Initiative, May 2003  
Participant, Faculty Training Workshops, BGeX, August 2006

### D. Professional

Student Paper Prize Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Law, 2007-8  
Session chair, "Crime and Sentencing". Law and Society Association, 2002.  
Presider and Discussant, "Revisiting Older Theoretical Formulations." Eastern Sociological Society, 1999.  
Research Reviewer: Greenwood Publishing Group  
Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Theory*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Law and Society Review*, *Punishment and Society*

## **XIV. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Sociological Association: Theory Section, Law and Society Section  
Law and Society Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
International Social Theory Consortium

Critical Theory Roundtable

**XV. HONORS AND AWARDS**

Scholar in Residence, Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, Bowling Green State University, Fall 2005.

Visiting Minority Scholar, Indiana State University, November 2000.