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ACADEMIC DEGREES

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Fall 2009 MacCormick Fellow, University of Edinburgh Law School

Research Fellow, Scottish Centre for Criminal Justice Research,
Edinburgh University
- 2008- Associate Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- 2001-2008 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- 2000-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utah
- 1998-2000 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bucknell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

Rekha Mirchandani (Principal Investigator) “A Process Analysis of Offender Success in Domestic Violence Courts.” Faculty Research Incentive Grant, Bowling Green State University, May 2009, \$10,000.

Rekha Mirchandani (Principal Investigator) “A Process Analysis of Offender Success in Domestic Violence Courts.” Submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 2008, \$200,000 (not funded).

Rekha Mirchandani (Principal Investigator) “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 awarded.

Albert W. Dzur and Rekha Mirchandani (Co-Principal Investigators) “Reflective Public Dialogues on Democracy and Higher Education.” Dialogues in Democracy grant competition, By the People, MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, \$20,000 awarded, February 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

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

Dzur, Albert W. and Rekha Mirchandani. “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. “Domestic Violence Courts: From the Battered Women’s Movement to Judge-Led Social Change.” *The Good Society* 13 (Summer 2004): 32-37.

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

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

(with Wolf Heydebrand) "How Do Problem Solving Courts Solve Problems? A Deliberative Democratic View." R & R at *Law and Society Review*.

(with Albert W. Dzur) "Democracy in the Court: Communicative Reason and Public Accountability for Punishment." Under review.

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

(with Albert W. Dzur) "Media-Sponsored Deliberative Democratic Forums: Building and Using Social Capital." Paper in progress

REPORTS

Dzur, Albert W. and Rekha Mirchandani. "Evaluation Report: Dialogues on Democracy 2007," submitted to MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, April 2008.

BOOK REVIEWS

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2010. Review of Jeffrey Reitz et al. Multiculturalism and Social Cohesion *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 39: 476-477.

Mirchandani, Rekha. 2010. Review of James Nolan, Legal Accents, Legal Borrowing: The International Problem-Solving Court Movement. *Law and Society Review*. Vol. 44: 403-405.

Mirchandani, Rekha. Forthcoming. Review of Michael Hviid Jacobsen and Poul Poder, The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman. *International Review of Modern 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.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Invited Papers

- Mirchandani, Rekha. 2009. Research Talk for the Centre for Law and Society, University of Edinburgh Law School, Edinburgh, UK.
- 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.

Professional Meetings

- Mirchandani, Rekha and Aprilfaye Manalang. 2010. “Religion as a Cultural System.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mirchandani, Rekha and Wolf Heydebrand. 2009. “Problem Solving Justice and the New Governance.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Law and Society Association, Denver, Colorado.
- Dzur, Albert W. and Rekha Mirchandani. 2008. “Democracy in the Court: Communicative Reason and Public Accountability for Punishment.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Criminological Society, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Mirchandani, Rekha. 2007. “Beyond Therapy: Problem-Solving Courts and the Deliberative Democratic State.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York.
- Dzur, Albert W. and Rekha Mirchandani. 2004. “Punishment and Democracy.” 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.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Sociological Theory, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Gender, Criminology, Principles of Sociology, Values and the Principles of Sociology, Gender and Law: New Issues/New Roles, Media and Occupations.

Graduate Courses

Seminar in Sociology of Law and Punishment, Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory, Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory

Thesis and Dissertation Students (Major Advisor/Chair)

Kendel Kissinger, MA in American Culture Studies, 2005; J. Scott Lewis, PhD in Sociology, 2006, Amy Dietrickson, MA in American Culture Studies, 2007; Christian Pralea, PhD in American Culture Studies, 2010; Bill Lally, PhD in Sociology, current; Jason Lamb, MA in Sociology, current, Aprilfaye Manalang, PhD in American Culture Studies, current.

Membership on Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Luther Koch, PhD in Sociology, current; Perry Miller, MA in American Culture Studies, 2007, Qiang Xu, PhD in Sociology, 2006; Ross Singer, PhD in Communications Studies 2008; Joelle Ryan, PhD in American Culture Studies, current; Daphne Lofquist, MA in Sociology, 2004; Alyssa Powers, MA in Sociology, 2004;

SERVICE

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-

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Family and Demographic Research, 2001-

Judge for the Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence, 2004-05

Organizer and Conference Moderator, "Same-Sex Marriage: On the Frontiers of Social and Legal Change" conference held on 15 April 2005.

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, WW Norton, European Science Foundation

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Theory*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Law and Society Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Punishment and Society*, *Violence Against Women*, *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*

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

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.