



The President's Corner-Tim Kubal, CSU Fresno

History provides symbolic resources for constructing social identities. Origin stories of nations, such as the story behind Columbus Day, induce intense identity conflicts, in part because of the emotional power of origin stories. It seems that at least some of that same emotional resonance is created through retellings of professional origin stories, that is, the stories we tell about how we landed in our current profession.

I love to teach. Of course, the interaction with the students is primary, but I have come to realize that much of my enjoyment also comes from many of the “incidental” components of teaching, such as course preparation, chatting with students outside of class, watching students graduate and advance in their careers, etc. One recent example was something that has happened many times but also something that I have rarely acknowledged: I like telling my story about how I became a sociologist. I came to this realization recently when a student and I were talking after class and he asked me how I became a sociologist, and I told the story:

When I was five, my family moved from East Los Angeles to the Midwest. We lived in four different states and over twenty different places by the time I finished my undergraduate degree. Because I had moved so much when young, I learned to think like a sociologist. I learned to observe and listen, analyze and infiltrate new groups. As an undergraduate, I found that when assigned an ethnography it was like second nature. I also found that I could spend countless hours reading sociology and not even notice the time going by. For many reasons, I learned to love being a part of the university. I was excited about the idea of improving society through teaching, and about spending my life working for a nonprofit organization. I had some exceptional mentors in graduate school. With all of that, and with generations of college graduates in my family, and both parents as former teachers, a sociology professor seems almost obvious, at least in hindsight.

After I had explained my professional origin story to the student that day, I realized that I was still thinking about it later. So I asked my wife about her professional origin story, and I've since asked others. I find it interesting to hear other people's professional origin story. Everyone seems to agree that it feels good to tell his or her own story.

What is your professional origin story?

I would enjoy reading it and I would like to share it with others.

You can send your story in the body of an email message. Please make sure to include your name in the body of the message. The title of your story should be placed in the subject line of the email message.

Send the email message to the following address: tkubal2.2009.csa2017@blogger.com.

Your comments will appear publicly on the blogsite <https://prof-origin-stories.blogspot.com/>

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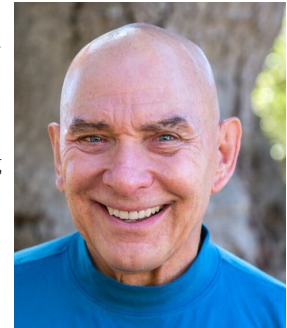
We have a legacy of many things in the United States, but not all of them are positive. The U.S. as we know it was built on a history of colonization and the lawful discrimination and oppression of people with few rights and little power. However, the U.S. is also a symbol of opportunity, liberty, and progress. At a time like today when science itself is under attack, our advancement is slow. However, we are still changing, developing, growing. We are reliving some pains of the past, but informing our path forward as well. During times of change, we sociologists ask ourselves: What does the U.S. look like today? What do people think, believe, and feel? How does it compare to generations before us? As sociologists, we have a history of offering critical perspectives for informed decisions that lead us toward meaningful action. We have to ask ourselves--What legacy are we leaving for future generations? A legacy can be material things--money, property, heirlooms—but it can also be values, such as integrity and empathy, equality and innovation. These are the values that inform our next conference. Join us at our 2017 CSA Conference to interact with a diverse group of students, scholars, and practitioners late November. I look forward to joining you in advancing the goals of the CSA: promoting the scientific study of society, promoting the dissemination of research, fostering professional development, and providing a forum for sociology.

**California Sociological Association
2017 Annual Meeting
November 17-18
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza
Sacramento (near Old Town)
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Keynote Speaker: G. William Domhoff, University of California, Santa Cruz

Building on the conference theme, “A Legacy of Sociology,” the keynote presentation by G. William Domhoff, “*Who Rules America?* and Power Structure Research: Legacies of the Sixties? Or Relics?” will discuss the flowering of power structure research amidst the activism of the 1960s and its aftermath. It will use the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of *Who Rules America?* (1967) to reflect on the future of power structure research.

G. William Domhoff is Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Research Professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he has taught since 1965 after three years at California State University, Los Angeles. In addition to *Who Rules America? The Triumph of the Corporate Rich*, Seventh Edition (McGraw-Hill 2014), he has most recently written *The Myth of Liberal Ascendancy: Corporate Dominance from the Great Depression to the Great Recession* (Routledge 2013). Along with eleven other authors, he is a co-author of *Studying the Power Elite: Fifty Years of Who Rules America?* (Routledge, 2018), which is already available because it was released early, and also the co-author with Richard L. Zweigenhaft of the forthcoming *Diversity in the Power Elite: Ironies and Unfulfilled Promises* (Rowman and Littlefield 2018).



Constituency Groups The CSA has several constituency groups that often meet at the conference—Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students, Practitioners, Part-time Faculty, Community College Faculty Caucus, CSU Chairs. If you’d like to meet this year, contact Thea for a room and time.

Conference Room and Schedule

Program Schedule Friday November 17, 2017				
Registration--8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Hotel Lobby				
Meeting Rooms	Monterey Room	Placer Room	City View Room	River View Room
Session 1 9-10:30 AM	1A Teaching Innovations	1B Mothers and Deviance	1C Teaching Sociology: Mentors & Mentees Panel	1D Popular Culture & New Technology
Session 2 10:45AM-12:15 PM	2A Taking Sociology Public Roundtable	2B Student Research	2C Community Engaged Sociology	2D Community College Roundtable
Lunch Break--12:15 PM-1:30 PM				
Session 3 1:30- 3PM	3A Sociology of Health & Illness	3B Gender, Sexuality, and Organizations	3C Critical Perspectives in Education	3D Health & Inequality
Session 4 3:15-4:45 PM	4A Policing Immigrants	4B Trumpism Panel	4C Teaching Sociology Through Games	4D The 2016 Presidential Election Revisited
5:00-8:00 PM—Sierra Ballroom				
Plenary Session: Student Awards, Keynote Address, Reception Buffet				

2017 List of Sessions [Draft 11-5-17]

4D. The 2016 Presidential Election Revisited Panel

Organizer and Presider: Gordon Clanton, San Diego State University, gclanton@mail.sdsu.edu

Panelists: Ed Nelson, J. Vern Cromartie, Sage Sweetwood, Christopher Chase-Dunn

2D. Community College Roundtable

Organizer and Presider: Rebekah Villafana, Long Beach City College, rebekah.villafana@gmail.com

2C. Community Engaged Sociology

Organizer: David Boyns, California State University, Northridge, david.boyns@csun.eduPresider: Brian Mercado, California State University, Northridge, brian.mercado.274@my.csun.edu

Presenters: Cassidy Owen, Jennifer Skornik, Charles Powers

3C. Critical Perspectives in Education

Organizer: David Boyns, California State University, Northridge, david.boyns@csun.eduPresider: Brian Mercado, California State University, Northridge, brian.mercado.274@my.csun.edu

Presenters: Andrea Wilson, Adam Roth, Santos Torres

6A. East Asia in the World-System Today: A Twenty-Year Reflection on Reversion and Crisis

Organizer and Presider: Eric Honda, Independent Researcher, Jishuro@aol.com

Presenters: Eric Honda, Scott Parker, Allan Warnke

5B. Financialization and Social Inequality: A Global Perspective

Organizer and Presider: Parul Baxi, UC Davis, pbaxi@ucdavis.edu

3B. Gender, Sexuality, and Organizations

Organizer and Presider: Dustin Domingo, Brandman University, ddomingo@mail.brandman.edu

Presenters: Dustin Domingo, Sara Hall Kennedy, Michael Moodian

6F&7F. Global Social Change 1 & Global Social Change 2

Organizer and Presider: Chris Chase-Dunn, UC-Riverside, chriscd@ucr.edu

Presenters: Rebecca Alvarez, Mark Bird, Michelle Melendres, Marilyn Grell-Brisk, Jennifer S. K. Dudley, Christopher Chase-Dunn, Hiroko Inoue

3D. Health and Inequality

Organizer and Presider: Taylor Cruz, UC San Francisco, taylor.cruz@ucsf.edu

Presenters: Marthese Mizzi, Anisa Abeytia, Byron Miller

5F. Human Trafficking: Crafting a Research Agenda Workshop

Organizers and Presiders: Sandra Morgan and Ed Clarke, eclarke@vanguard.edu

7A. The Hyphenated Millennial and the Process of Becoming

Organizer and Presider: Ed Clarke, Vanguard University, eclarke@vanguard.edu

Presenters: Tamara Szulc, Chung In, Juan Banda

5A. Issues in Chicanx/Latinx Education

Organizer and Presider: Elvia Ramirez, California State University, Sacramento, eramirez@csus.edu

Presenters: Erica Zamora, Eric de Leon, Brian Mercado, Elvia Ramirez, Mike Chavez

5D. Making Sociology Matter (Graduate Students Only)

Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, CSU San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Presenters: Brent Lamont Clark Jr., Jose Luis Olvera, Vanessa Martinez, April Koeberle

5C. Microsociology and Social Psychology

Organizer and Presider: Michael J. Carter, CSU Northridge, michael.carter@csun.edu

Presenters: Andrea Montes Alvarado, Emily Asencio, Sara Bruene, Sarah Miriam Karamok, Sarah Stembridge, Victoria Loy, Mo-shoula Capous-Desyllas, Michael Carter

6C. Social Movements

Organizer and Presider: Tim Kubal, CSU Fresno, tkubal@csufresno.edu

Presenters: Nayla Huq, Al'Lyah Rain King, Canton Winer, Amara Lindsay Miller, Maria DeJesus Mora, Paul Almeida, Karen Gomez, Rocio Murillo, Valezka Murillo

7C. Social Problems and Innovative Solutions

1B. Mothers and Deviance

Organizer and Presider: A. Andrada, Antelope Valley College, aandrada@avc.edu

Presenters: A. Andrada, Anastasia Tosouni, Hortencia Jimenez

4A. Policing Immigrants

Organizer: Heidy Sarabia, CSU Sacramento, heidy.sarabia@csus.edu

Presider: Manuel Barajas, CSU Sacramento, barajasm@csus.edu

Presenters: Marla Andrea Ramirez, Manuel Barajas, Mercedes Valadez, Heidy Sarabia, Laura Zaragoza

1D. Popular Culture and New Technology

Organizer and Presider: Ian Larson, San Diego State University, ianrl1989@gmail.com

Presenters: Ian Larson, Sean Jones, Bianca Gantt, Arely Sanchez

5E. Race and Ethnicity Issues and Concerns

Organizer and Presider: J. Vern Cromartie, Contra Costa College, j_vern_cromartie@yahoo.com

Presenters: William Ramos-Ochoa, Jeb Middlebrook, J. Vern Cromartie

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Organizer and Presider: Rebekah Villafana, Long Beach City College, rebekah.villafana@gmail.com

Presenters: Sandra Morales, Bobbi-Lee Smart, Arlana Walton, Matthew Ramirez

3A. Sociology of Health and Illness: Gender, Class, Race/Ethnicity and Aging

Organizer and Presider: Ester Carolina Apesoa-Varano, UC Davis, apesoavarano@ucdavis.edu

Presenters: Kelin Li, Mario Sanders, Jennifer Malkowski, Ashley Chrisakis, Ester Carolina Apesoa-Varano

2B. Student Research

Organizer and Presider: Anne Marenco, College of the Canyons, anne.marenco@canyons.edu

Presenters: Joe Serrato, Elizabeth Bogumil, Kelly Gmeiner, Adolfo Lemus, Mayra Ceballos

2A. Taking Sociology Public Roundtable

Organizer and Presider: Jim Glynn, j_glynn@att.net

1C. Teaching Sociology: Mentors & Mentees Panel

Organizer and Presider: Thea Alvarado, Pasadena City College, tswealvarado@gmail.com

Panelists: Anne Marenco, Rebekah Villafana, Elizabeth Bogumil, David Boyns

1A. Teaching Innovations

Organizers and Presiders: Aya Kimura Ida, CSU Sacramento, idaa@csus.edu, Alisha Jones, CSU Sacramento, aj2272@saclink.csus.edu

Presenters: Yusuke Tsukada, Dylan Baker, Dana Williams, Heidy Sarabia, Corina Diaz

4C. Teaching Sociology Through Games

Organizer and Presider: Karen Sabbah, CSU Northridge

Presenters: Michael Nitzani, Karen Sabbah

6B. Transnational Political Economy

Organizers and Presiders: Spencer Louis Potiker, UC Irvine, spotiker@uci.edu, and Jake Alimahomed-Wilson, CSU Long Beach, Jake.Wilson@csulb.edu

Presenters: David Smith, Dana Williams, Hasan Mahmud, Jason Struna, Jake Alimahomed-Wilson, Spencer Louis Potiker

7B. Sociology: The Big Picture (Pulling 3 into 1: A Master Paradigm) Roundtable

Organizer and Presider: Frank Roberts, frmarob@gmail.com

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4B. Trumpism: the Education, Political, Social and Economic Ramifications Panel

Organizers: Jennifer Skornik, CSU Northridge, jennifer.skornik.29@my.csun.edu, and Tonmar Johnson, Solano College, tonmar.johnson@solano.edu

Panelists: Jennifer Skornik, Tonmar Johnson, Donnisha Lugo, Jen Maroney

7D. Undergraduate Diversity Research

Organizer and Presider: Alicia M. Gonzales, CSU San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Presenters: Sukhpreet Singh, Carlos Jimenez, Eva Hernandez, David Ortuno

6D. Undergraduate Research

Organizer and Presider: Alicia M. Gonzales, CSU San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Presenters: Jazmin Salgado, Sandra Morales, Melanie Nernberg, Angelina Saunders

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