

Curriculum Vitae

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### Research Interests

Power and Social Control, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Culture, Mental Health, Ethnography, Body and Embodiment, Violence, Liberalism and Libertarianism.

### Education

University of California, Los Angeles, PhD., (expected 2018)

*Dissertation:* Mind and Matter: Madness and Inequality in Los Angeles

*Committee:* Stefan Timmermans (Chair), Hannah Landecker, Rogers Brubaker, Aaron Panofsky, Joel Braslow (Psychiatry and History).

*Field Exams:* Medical Sociology, Ethnographic Methods (passed with distinction).

University of California, Los Angeles, MA., 2013

New York University, BA in Individualized Study, Summa Cum Laude, 2008

### Fellowships and Awards

National Science Foundation - Graduate Research Fellow (~\$130,000)	2012-2017
UCLA Department of Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award	2013-2014
Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Hong Kong (~\$30,000)	2009-2010

### Book

Abramson, Corey M. and **Neil Gong**, eds. (**Under Contract.**) *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

### Peer Reviewed Articles

- Gong, Neil. (2017). "That Proves You Mad, Because You Know it Not": Impaired Insight and the Dilemma of Governing Psychiatric Patients as Legal Subjects." *Theory and Society* (46) 201-228
- Gong, Neil (2015). "How to Fight Without Rules: On Civilized Violence in 'De-Civilized' Spaces." *Social Problems* (62) 605-622

- 2016 Winner, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Body and Embodiment
- Featured in *The Society Pages* “Discoveries,” and *Chinese Martial Arts Studies*

## Works Under Review

Gong, Neil. “(Not) Seeing Like a State Athletic Commission.” **Revise and Resubmit** at *Ethnography*.

## Works in Progress

Gong, Neil. “Classificatory Niche Construction: Toward a Sociological Dynamic Nominalism.” (To be submitted to *Sociological Theory*).

Abramson, Corey and **Neil Gong**. (Equal Co-authors). “Situating Logics and Approaches to Ethnographic Comparison.” In *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Abramson, Corey and **Neil Gong**. (Equal Co-authors). “Comparing the Comparative.” In *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

## Other Publications

Gong, Neil. (2017) Review of *Better Must Come: Exiting Homelessness in Two Global Cities*, by Matthew Marr. *Social Forces*. (Online).

## Presentations

2017. “Following Problem Solving in the Field.” Guest Speaker at Methods Workshop, UC Berkeley Center for Ethnographic Research.

2016. “The Dual Freedom of Madness: Governing Rich and Poor Psychiatric Patients After Deinstitutionalization.” UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology. Berkeley, CA.

2016. “Mind and Matter: Social Class and Mental Health Care in Los Angeles.” UCLA Social Medicine Research Forum. UCLA Semel Institute. Los Angeles.

2016. “Forrest Stuart in Conversation With **Neil Gong**— ‘Down, Out and Under Arrest. Policing and Everyday Life in Skid Row.’ ” Skylight Books. Los Angeles, CA.

2016. “From the Stickiness of Labels to Seeing What Sticks: The Economy of Diagnosis in Mental Health and Homeless Outreach.” American Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

2016. Invited Panelist. “Publishing Qualitative and Theoretical Work.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

2014. “That Proves You Mad Because You Know It Not: Impaired Insight and the Liberal Dilemma of Madness.” Social Science History Association. Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.

2014. “How To Fight Without Rules: On Civilized Violence in ‘De-Civilized Spaces’”. Chicago

- Ethnography Conference. Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
2012. "Sportization and Its Discontents." American Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
2012. "Anosognosia and the Politics of Patient Dissent." Association for Cultural Studies. Annual Meeting. Hong Kong.
2008. "Post-Virginia Tech: Race, Madness, and Mental Health Screenings in America." Interdisciplinary.net. Madness: Probing the Boundaries. Mansfield College, Oxford. 2008.

## Teaching

### Course Instructor

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|---|------------|
| The Psy Sciences and Society (UCLA Undergraduate Seminar)                 | 2016       |
| Summer Methodology Workshop (UC Berkley Center for Ethnographic Research) | 2014, 2015 |

### Teaching Assistant

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| Foundations of Sociological Theory (UCLA with Professor Jeffrey Prager) | Spring 2014 |
| Contemporary Sociological Theory (UCLA with Professor Jeffrey Prager)   | Winter 2014 |
| Introduction to Sociology (UCLA with Professor Mark Jepson)             | Fall 2013   |

## Professional Service

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| Reviewer for the journals <i>Social Forces</i> , <i>Sociological Methods and Research</i> , <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , and <i>The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography</i> |           |
| UCLA Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee Member   | 2015-2016 |
| UCLA Sociology Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor   | 2014-2015 |
| UCLA Ethnography Working Group Co-Leader  | 2012-2014 |

## Professional Affiliations

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| American Sociology Association  | 2012-current |
| Sections: Culture, Science, Knowledge and Technology, and Body and Embodiment |              |
| Society for the Study of Social Problems                                      | 2016-current |
| UC Berkeley Center for Ethnographic Research                                  | 2012-current |

## Relevant Professional Experience

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| Case Manager With Pathways to Housing, New York NY | 2008-2009 |
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