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## ERIK SOLEVAD NIELSEN

### Assistant Teaching Professor



#### **EDUCATION**

PhD.	Sociology, 2014 University of California, Santa Barbara
M.A. (Magna Cum Laude)	Sociology, Spring 2006 University of Kansas
B.A.	Psychology and Sociology, 2004 Dana College

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

environmental sociology, political sociology, social theory, global studies and international relations, economic sociology, race and ethnicity, social psychology, research methods.

#### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2015-Present	Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
2014-2015	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sonoma State University
2007-2014	Teaching Associate and Assistant, Department of Sociology, Global and International Studies Program, and Environmental Studies Program, University of California, Santa Barbara
2006-2007	Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, Johnson County Community College
2006	Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, Highland Community College
2006	Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Nielsen, Erik Solevad. 2016. *Smart Growth Entrepreneurs: Partners in Urban Sustainability*. NY: Palgrave MacMillan.

Nielsen, Erik Solevad. 2014. "Smart Growth Machines: The Ecological Modernization of Urban Political Economy," *Research in Urban Sociology: Sustainable Cities: Global Concerns/Urban Efforts*, 14: 169-190.

Nielsen, Erik. 2008. "Ethnic Boundaries and Conflict in Darfur: An Event Structure Hypothesis," *Ethnicities*, 8(4): 427-462.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2014 Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2013 Sociology Department Research Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2012 Dean's Advancement Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2011 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, Dana College Alumni and Friends Association  
2011 Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2011 Sociology Departmental Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2010-2011 Dean's Fellow, University of California, Santa Barbara  
2007 Outstanding Graduate Research Project, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas  
2004 Outstanding Senior Award for Achievements in Sociology, Dana College  
2003 Second Place, Paper Competition, Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium, Doane College  
2003 American Sociological Association Honors Program  
2002 First Place, Paper Competition, Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium, University of Nebraska, Kearney

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

2019 "Profits, Stereotypes, and Sustainability: The Social Psychology of Opposition to Smart Growth," Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR  
2015 "Darfur, Genocide, and the Role of U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series, Sonoma State University, CA  
2014 "Smart Growth Machines and the Ecological Modernization of Political Economy on the West Coast," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA  
2014 "Sustainable Urban Development: Lessons from California and Oregon," Global Studies Conference, UC Santa Barbara  
2013 "Smart Growth Machines and the Great Recession," Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco  
2012 "Assembling Urban Sustainability: New Urbanism in California and Oregon," Society for the Social Study of Science, Copenhagen School of Business, Frederiksberg, Denmark  
2012 "New Urbanism and Compact Housing on the California Coast: A Preliminary Comparison of Seven Cities," American Sociological Association, Denver, CO  
2011 "Green Urbanism and the Growth Machine: Can Growth Get Smart?" American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV  
2010 "The Political Economy of Sustainability in Portland and Santa Barbara" Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Portland, OR  
2009 "Environmental Sociology and Violent Conflict: New Theoretical Possibilities," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA

- 2008 “The Carrying Capacity of the Commons in Darfur: Preliminary Discussion of Ecology and Conflict.” Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR
- 2006 “Ethnic Boundaries in Darfur: From Economic Fluidity to Militarized Rigidity.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 2005 “‘Arabism’ as Ethnic Mobilization in the Darfur region of the Sudan.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 “Ethnosexual Cleansing in Darfur.” Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003 “Power, Structure, and Postmodernism in Systems of Learning.” Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium, Doane College, NE
- 2003 “The Power Elite and Global Hegemony Entering the Twenty First Century.” American Sociological Association Honors Program, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 “Welfare Reform and the Structural Poverty of Single Mothers in the Inner City.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL
- 2002 “Welfare Reform and the Structural Poverty of Single Mothers in the Inner City.” Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium, University of Nebraska Kearney, NE

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Social Theory  
 Environmental Sociology  
 Introduction to Sociology  
 Social Problems  
 Social Psychology

### **SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Introduction to Sociology  
 Sociological Theory  
 Globalization  
 Social Work and Social Welfare

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA**

Introduction to Global and International Studies: Political and Socio-economic Processes  
 Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities  
 Introduction to Sociology  
 Urban Society

### **JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Sociology of Family

### **HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

General Sociology

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS 2005-2012**

SOC 185s “Social Class Theory”, SOC 134F “Future of Globalization”, SOC 134EC, “Earth in Crisis”, SOC 172 “Sociology of Crime”, SOC 1 “Introduction to Sociology”, SOC 134 “Green Parties and Green Movements” UCSB, ES 1 “Introduction to Environmental Studies” (2007, 2008, 2009) UCSB, SOC 146 “Environmental Sociology” UCSB, SOC 136 “Sociology of Development”, SOC 1 “Introduction to Sociology” UCSB, SOC 108F “Studying People: Ethnographic Methods” UCSB, SOC 104 “Elements of Sociology” KU, SOC 522 “American Racial and Ethnic Relations” KU, SOC 561 “Sociology of Deviance” KU, ES183 “Films of the Environment” UCSB,

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Summer 2012	Research Assistant W.W. Norton & Company I helped to update and revise the textbook: “Introduction to Sociology, 9 <sup>th</sup> edition” by Anthony Giddens, Richard Appelbaum, Mitchell Duneier, and Deborah Carr.
Summer 2005	Research Assistant Policy Research Institute, University of Kansas I surveyed literature and collected data on women in the U.S. military—number of enlistments over time, pregnancy rates, policies, and media depictions

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2019-present	Faculty Advisor for Penn State College Independents
2018-present	Recertification Committee – I am working with the sociology programs on other Penn State campuses to recertify the course Introduction to Sociology. This entails collecting syllabi from all Penn State faculty who teach the course and developing certain standards everyone must meet.
2017-present	Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club and the Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society, Pennsylvania State University
2015-present	Affiliated with the World in Conversation, Center for Public Diplomacy
2015-present	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
2014-2015	Social Work Advisor, School of the Social Sciences, Sonoma State University
2014-2015	Study Abroad Advisor, Department of Sociology, Sonoma State University
2014-2016	Member of the Board of Directors, Namaquamaqua Educational Development Corporation (NEDC)
2013-2015	Graduate Research Associate Broom Center for Demography, UC Santa Barbara

- 2013 UCSB Research Mentorship Program  
A high school student conducted secondary source research and transcript coding under my supervision on transportation and urban sustainability.
- 2012 Research Assistant  
I worked on a project with the artist Fran Siegel using different kinds of maps and photographs of Santa Barbara. I conducted archival cartographic research and identified images to be used for the final project.
- 2009 Managing Editor  
The Journal of Environment and Development: A Review of International Policy  
I managed the correspondence with authors, peer reviewers, the internal staff, and SAGE publications.  
<http://jed.sagepub.com/content/by/year>
- 2008-2010 Staff Reviewer  
The Journal of Environment and Development: A Review of International Policy
- 2007- 2009 Research Assistant, Database Manager  
Chad Relief Foundation  
The Chad Relief Foundation provides assistance and promotes advocacy for refugees from the Central African Republic who are now located in southern Chad. I conducted research, gave presentations, participated in awareness campaigns, and created funding databases.  
<http://www.chadrelief.org>
- 2010- 2011 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshops, UC Santa Barbara  
Geography Department and Spatial Studies Center.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Society for the Social Study of Science  
Urban Affairs Association  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

## **REFERENCES**

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