

# Jason F. Torkelson

## Curriculum Vitae

William Paterson University  
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### POSITIONS HELD

2019 – present. Assistant Professor of Sociology. William Paterson University

### EDUCATION

2016. Ph.D. in Sociology. Rutgers University – New Brunswick

2009. M.A. in Sociology. Rutgers University – New Brunswick

2004. B.A. in Sociology & History. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race & Ethnicity  
Sociological Theory

Research Methods  
Life Course & Adult Transition

Sexuality & Gender  
Youth & Youth Culture

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Torkelson Jason; Hartmann, Douglas. (forthcoming) “The Racialization of Ethnicity: The New Face of White Ethnicity in Post-Millennial America” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Singh, Vikash; Torkelson, Jason. (forthcoming) "Caste, Race, and Abjection: An Essay on Sub-Humanity" *Humanity & Society*

Torkelson, Jason. (2015) "Seeing (Transitions to) Adulthood in Youth (Sub)Cultural Studies through the Eyes of Former Straightedge Adherents" *Symbolic Interaction* 38 (3): 352-370

Torkelson, Jason. (2012) “A Queer Vision of Emerging Adulthood: Seeing Sexuality in the Transition to Adulthood” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* 9 (2): 132-142

Torkelson, Jason. (2010) “Life after (Straightedge) Subculture” *Qualitative Sociology* 33 (3): 257-274

Torkelson, Jason; Hartmann, Douglas. (2010) “White Ethnicity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Findings from a New National Survey” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33 (8): 1310-1331

## COMMENTARIES

Torkelson, Jason. (2007) "Comments on Laurie Mulvey and Samuel Richards' Conversational Approach to Race Relations" *Sociological Forum* 22 (4): 555-556

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

Torkelson, Jason. "Separation from Ritual: Exploring Post-Traditional Religious Experience in the Contemporary Life Course with Ex-Straightedgers" invited to revise & resubmit

Torkelson, Jason. "Identity in Reverse: Exploring Implications of Interpretive Inquiry with a Sample of Ex-Straightedgers" under review

Hartmann, Douglas; Torkelson, Jason; Gerteis, Joseph. "Different Shades of Whiteness: From Supremacy and Privilege to Antiracism" in process of data analysis

Torkelson, Jason; Martínez Sanmartí, Roger. "Aging Out Colorfully: The Continuing Significance of Youth Cultural Boundaries in the Approach to Older Age among the 1960's Generation" in process of data analysis

Martínez Sanmartí, Roger; Torkelson, Jason. "Centrality and Transgression among the 60s Generation Over the Years" in process of data analysis

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2019. "Situating Post-Traditional Religion in the Contemporary Life Course: Ex-Straightedgers' Accounts of Separation from Ritual Community Presented August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction: New York, NY

"Shades of Whiteness: A New Assessment of White American Subgroups and their Beliefs" Presented April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society: Chicago, IL (with Douglas Hartmann and Joseph Gerteis)

"Aging Out Colorfully: The Continuing Significance of Youth Cultural Boundaries in the Approach to Older Age among the 1960's Generation" Presented April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society: Chicago, IL (with Roger Martínez Sanmartí)

2018. "White Ethnicity's Twilight?: Post-Millennial White-Ethnic Expressions and the 'Racial Side' of the Hyphen." Presented February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Baltimore, MD (with Douglas Hartmann)

2017. "The 1960s: 50 Years Later." Presented February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Philadelphia, PA (with Roger Martínez Sanmartí)

2016. "Foregrounding Relinquished Identities: The Potential Significance of Approaching Identification in Reverse." Presented March 19<sup>th</sup> at the New Directions in Culture

and Cognition Panel at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Boston, MA

2015. "Dispositions toward (Ex) Elective Identity from Youth and Beyond: The Case of former Straightedge Adherents." Presented March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Journal of Youth Studies 2015 Conference: Copenhagen, DK
- "Caste, Race, and the New Moralities and Aesthetics of Exclusion." Presented February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: New York, NY (with Vikash Singh)
2014. "Subjective Adulthood from Youth Subculture." Presented February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Baltimore, MD
2013. "Seeing (Transitions to) Adulthood in Youth (Sub)Cultural Studies through the Eyes of Former Straightedge Adherents." Presented August 10th at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association: New York, NY
- "A Tourist here, a Traveler there, a Traveler always, or a Tourist Now?: Unpacking some Implications of Ex Elective Identity for Interpretive Sociology through the Narrative Accounts of Former Straightedge Adherents." Presented March 23rd at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Boston, MA
2012. "The Atheist, the Great American Stranger?: "Mass Media, Boundary, and Story Elaboration around Christopher Hitchens." Presented August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association: Denver, CO
2010. "Toward an Empirical Assessment of the (Asian) American Model Minority and the 'New Racism'." Presented March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Boston, MA
2009. "A 'Queer' 'Emerging Adulthood': Introducing the Transition to Adulthood to Sexuality." Presented August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association: San Francisco, CA
- "Assessing White Ethnicity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Attitudes, Opinions, and Distinguishing Markers of White Ethnics in the United States." Presented March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society: Baltimore, MD (with Douglas Hartmann)
2008. "Life and Identity after Subculture: Rethinking Youth Subculture Theories through the Narrative Accounts of Former Straightedge Adherents." Presented August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association: Boston, MA
2006. "Assessing the Costs of a 'Costless Community': The Attitudes and Opinions of White Ethnics in the United States." Presented March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society: Omaha, NE (with Douglas Hartmann and Joseph Gerteis)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2014 - 2017. Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll: Department of Sociology, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

2011 - 2013. Rutgers University Writing Center Dissertation Funding

2010. The Matilda White Riley Published Article Award: Department of Sociology, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

2006 - 2008. Rutgers University Graduate School Excellence Fellowship

## COURSES TAUGHT

Department of Sociology, William Paterson University  
Soc 1010 *Principles of Sociology*, Fall 2019\*  
Soc 3020 *Data Analysis*, Fall 2019\*

Department of Sociology, Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Soc 101 *Introduction to Sociology* Summer 2007, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2017, Spring 2018\*  
Soc 306 *Race Relations* Fall 2017\*  
Soc 311 *Introduction to Social Research* Fall 2016, Fall 2018\*  
Soc 313 *Development of Sociological Theory* Summer 2011\*  
Soc 314 *Contemporary Sociological Theory* Summer 2010, Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Spring 2017, Summer 2017\*  
Soc 324 *Sociology of Gender* Fall 2017\*

Department of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Cj 308 *Advanced Research Methods: Data Applications in Criminal Justice* Spring 2019\*

Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation & Counseling, Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Psrt 6211 *Seminar in Qualitative Methods of Inquiry* Summer 2017 (graduate level)\*

Department of English, Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Eng 101 *Expository Writing* Fall 2011, Fall 2012

Department of Sociology, Montclair State University  
Soc 301 *Sociological Research Methods* Fall 2018\*  
Soc 313 *Social Theory – A Critical Analysis* Spring 2018, Fall 2018\*  
Soc 400 *Senior Project Seminar* Spring 2014, Spring 2015\*  
Soc 430 *Sociology of Gender* Spring 2019\*

Department of Sociology, City University of New York – Hunter College  
Soc 221 *Classical Sociological Theory* Spring 2018\*

Department of Sociology, City University of New York – Lehman College  
Soc 166 *Fundamentals of Sociology* Fall 2018\*

\*Independently designed syllabi available upon request

Other Teaching:

*Princeton Global Youth Leadership Program*, Princeton University, Summer 2018,  
Summer 2019

Additionally Prepared to Teach:

<i>Sociology of Deviance</i>	<i>Sociology of the Life Course</i>
<i>The Transition to Adulthood</i>	<i>Sexuality &amp; Society</i>
<i>Social Statistics</i>	<i>Sociology of the Family</i>
<i>Inequalities &amp; Stratification</i>	<i>Individual &amp; Society</i>
<i>Sociology of Culture</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>
<i>Sociology of Identities</i>	<i>Social Movements</i>
<i>Sociology of Youth &amp; Youth Subcultures</i>	

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Department of Sociology, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Soc 240 *Normality and Abnormality* Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Soc 311 *Introduction to Social Research* Spring 2010

Soc 313 *Development of Sociological Theory* Fall 2010

Soc 314 *Contemporary Sociological Theory* Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Soc 3211W *American Race Relations* Fall 2004

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & INVITED TALKS

2012 - 2019. Managing Editor – *Sociological Forum*

2011 - 2014. Editorial Board – *The Rutgers Journal of Sociology*

2015. Invited Panelist – Publishing in Academic Journals Professionalization Workshop,  
Rutgers University

2014. Invited Speaker – Fall 2014 Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, Rutgers  
University

2014. Presider – Subcultural Formations Regular Paper Session, Eastern Sociological Society  
Annual Meetings

2011. Invited Panelist – Publishing in Academic Journals Professionalization Workshop,  
Rutgers University

2009. Presider – Racial Theory Section Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings

2008. Presider – Race and Culture Section Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings

2007 - 2010. Social Events Coordinator – Rutgers Graduate Union of Sociology Students

2007 - 2008. Livingston Writing Center Tutor – Rutgers University

Manuscripts Reviewed – *Youth & Society*, *Contexts*, *The Rutgers Journal of Sociology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Emerging Adulthood*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Journal of Youth Studies*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociological Forum*, *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

## REFERENCES

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