

Curriculum Vitae
Michaela Soyer
Hunter College CUNY
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Academic Employment

2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Hunter College CUNY

2013 Postdoctoral Scholar Penn State Justice Center for Research

Education

2013 University of Chicago: PhD. Sociology

2007 University of Chicago: M.A. Sociology.

2006 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: M.A. "Society and Politics in Israel".

2004 University of Applied Arts and Sciences, Hannover, Germany:
B.A. hon. Major: Journalism.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

Book Manuscripts:

Soyer, Michaela. *A Dream Denied: Incarceration, Recidivism and Young Minority Men in America*.
Forthcoming with University of California Press.

Yair, Gad and Michaela Soyer. *The Golem in German Social Theory*. Lexington Books, 2008.

Articles:

Soyer, Michaela. "'We knew our time had come' - The Dynamics of Threat and Microsocial Ties in Three Polish Ghettos under Nazi Oppression." *Mobilization*, 2014 (19) 1.

Soyer, Michaela. "The Imagination of Desistance: A Juxtaposition of the Construction of Incarceration as a Turning Point and the Reality of Recidivism". *British Journal of Criminology*. First published online October 25, 2013. [doi:10.1093/bjc/azt059]

Soyer, Michaela. "Off the Corner and into the Kitchen: Entering a Male Dominated Research Setting As a Woman." *Qualitative Research*. First published online on May 31, 2013. [doi:10.1177/1468794113488130]

Yair, Gad and Michaela Soyer "The Ghost is Back, Again: Karl Marx and the Golem Narrative." *Journal of Classical Sociology*, 2008 (8) 3.

Yair, Gad and Michaela Soyer “The Golem Narrative in Max Weber’s Work.” *Max Weber Studies*, 2006 (6) 2.

Other Writings

Book Chapters and Special Issues

Soyer, Michaela “Beyond Warsaw and Lodz: The Importance of Social Ties for Coping with Nazi Oppression in Three Smaller Polish Ghettos: Piotrkow, Tarnow and Lachwa.” *Holocaust Studies. Special Issue: Local History of the Holocaust*, 2011 16 (1/2).

Also published in: *The Holocaust and Local History: Proceedings of the First International Graduate Students' Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies*. Valentine Mitchell 2011.

Book Review

Family and Work in Everyday Ethnography. Edited by Tamara Mose Brown and Joanna Dreby: Temple University Press. *American Journal of Sociology*. 120, (3) 2014.

Blog Posts

Soyer, Michaela. Of Heroes and Villains: Breaking Open The Grey Zone Of Human Action. Mobilizing Ideas. Published Feb. 3rd 2014, <http://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2014/02/03/of-heroes-and-villains-breaking-open-the-grey-zone-of-human-action/>.

In Progress

Kreager Derek, Zajac Gary, Hanyie Dana, Schaefer David, Young Jacob, Bouchard Martin, Soyer Michaela and George de Leon. Exploring Network Mechanisms Underlying Prison-Based Therapeutic Communities.

Soyer Michaela, Kreager Derek, Young Jacob, Whichard Corey, Valentes Gerardo, Hayes Edward. Negotiating power, bureaucracy and space in a prison network study.

Grants

2015 “Network Mechanisms in a Prison-Based Therapeutic Community”. *Co-Principal Investigator*. (Principal Investigator – Derek Kreager, Penn State University). National Institutes of Health

“The Prison Inmate Networks Study (PINS).” *Co-Principal Investigator*. (Principal Investigator – Derek Kreager, Penn State University). National Science Foundation.

2014 ASA/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for: Fatale Choices? Investigating the Emergence of Negative Turning Points in the Lives of Young Male Offenders.

2011 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant.

Fellowships

2012 Henderson Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, University of Chicago.

2009 United States Bureau of Justice Statistics stipend to attend the workshop “Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice Data” at ICPSR Summer Program, Ann Arbor, MI.

Provost Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago.

2008 Dorot Fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

2006 Fellowship of the Social Science Division University of Chicago.

2005 Rothberg School Family Scholarship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2004 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Israel.

2001 Fellowship of the Carl Duisberg Society.

Presentations

2015 *Nothing to Lose? Poverty, Violence and Drug Addiction in the Life of Young Adult Offenders.* PAPPC, Annual Training Institute and Conference. Harrisburg, PA.

2014 *Pathways into Crime: A Qualitative Study of Juveniles Adjudicated as Adults in Pennsylvania,* American Society of Criminology, Session: New Beginnings? Rehabilitation and Recidivism of Juveniles Adjudicated as Adults, San Francisco, CA.

Female Role Transformation and Field Work: An Analysis of Classic Ethnographic Studies in the Social Sciences. Social Science History Association, Session: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Practice of Fieldwork, Toronto Canada.

Who Cares? The Role of Institutional Representatives in the Lives of Juvenile Offenders. American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law & Deviance Roundtables, San Francisco, CA.

2013 *Just another form of punishment? Rehabilitation in the Juvenile-Justice Systems in Boston and Chicago,* American Society of Criminology, Session: The Effectiveness of Rehabilitative Strategies,. Atlanta GA.

Just another form of punishment? Rehabilitation in the Juvenile-Justice Systems in Boston and Chicago, American Sociological Association, Section on Crime,

- Law, & Deviance Roundtable, New York, NY.
- 2012 *Doing the Right Thing: The Imagination of Desistance*. Session: Correcting the Juvenile Justice System, American Society for Criminology, Chicago IL.
- Off the Corner and into the Kitchen: Gender and Ethnography on Chicago's South Side*, Ethnography Panel, American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2011 *Young Black Men and the Struggle to Change: A Case Study of Eleven Chicago Inner-City Teenagers*. American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, & Deviance Roundtable, Las Vegas, NV.
- Identity Transformation of Juvenile Offenders: The Role of Cultural Tools and Turning Points in the Desistance Process*. The York Deviancy Conference, York, UK.
- 2009 *Surviving Extreme Oppression - Behavioral Choices and Social Structure in the Polish Ghettos Lachwa, Piotrkow and Tarnow*. Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Behavioral Choices and Social Structure in the Polish Ghettos Lachwa, Piotrkow, and Tarnow*. First International Graduate Student Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester MA.

Teaching Experience

Hunter College

“Introduction to Sociology”, “Criminology”, “Punishment”.

University of Massachusetts Boston

“Introduction to Sociology”, “Deviance and Social Control” “Research Methods”, “Social Problems”.

University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Mario Small, “Inequality in American Society”.

Lecturer in the Common Core “Power Identity and Resistance,” The College, University of Chicago.

Teaching Intern in the Common Core, “Power Identity and Resistance”.

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Martin Riesebrodt, “Introduction to Max Weber”.

Hebrew University

Co-instructor with Prof. Gad Yair, “Introduction to Social Theories,” The Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

Occasional Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Mobilization, Symbolic Interactionism