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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

Instructor 2022 – Present

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
The University of South Alabama, Mobile, USA

Course offerings: Introductory Sociology, Social Problems, Sociological Theory.

Instructor 2022

Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures
University Paris 8, Vincennes-St Denis, France

Course taught: Sociology of Race Relations in the United States.

Instructor 2018 – 2022

Department of English
ECE Ecole d'ingénieurs, Paris, France

Course taught: Ethics and Technology; Ethics and the Environment; Smart Cities; Communication for Engineers.

Instructor 2018 – 2020

Department of Languages and Cultures
École Polytechnique, Paris, France

Courses taught: Multiracial France; Research Methods; Sociology of Gender and Work.

Instructor 2018 – 2019

Department of Foreign Languages and International Relations
ENSAE, Paris, France

Courses taught: Sociology of Race Relations in the United States; Sociology of Gender and Work in the United States.

Assistant Professor, Sociology 2008 – 2015

Department of Anthropology and Sociology
The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast, Long Beach, USA

Course taught: Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Gender and Work; Sociology of Social Movements; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Sociology of the Family; Sociology of Sexuality.

Coordinator, Women's and Gender Studies Program 2009 – 2015
The University of Southern Mississippi–Gulf Coast, Long Beach, USA
Coordinated recruitment efforts
Advised students in the Minor
Coordinated and organized campus and community-wide lectures, forums, film screenings and other program-related events
Lectured courses in the program

Lecturer 2006
Department of Sociology
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Director, Learning Abroad 2016
Office of the Provost, Learning Abroad
University of Houston, Houston, Texas, USA
Led the office of Learning Abroad for the University of Houston
Supervised faculty-led programs and reciprocal exchanges
Assisted with international partnerships
Supervised recruitment efforts and promotion of learning abroad programs
Represented the Learning Abroad office on international programs committee

Coordinator, International Programs 2006 – 2008
College of Liberal Arts, Office of the Dean
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA
Assisted faculty with the development and implementation of study abroad programs including faculty-led short-term programs
Represented the College on the Study Abroad Program Policy Committee
Coordinated student recruitment initiatives for faculty-led programs
Managed student exchange programs
Assisted with negotiation and implementation of Memoranda of Agreement
Coordinated international partnerships including conferences and visiting scholars
Assisted with emergency response coordination with the Study Abroad Office

Summer Study Abroad Coordinator 2000 – 2005
Department of Political Science and Study Abroad Programs Office
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA
Assisted in recruiting, preparing and planning faculty-led program in France
Assisted with pre-departure orientation process
Assisted undergraduate students and faculty members in France
Supervised logistics of the program in France

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology 2005
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas, USA

M.S., Social Sciences/Cultural Anthropology 1999
Department of Anthropology, Université Lumière Lyon 2
Lyon, France

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English
Fluent in French (native)
Knowledge of Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2022. *Racial Diversity in Contemporary France: The Case of Color-Blindness*. Book volume for *Sociology of Diversity Series*, Bristol University Press.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. November 2018. “Diversity in STEM: How Gendered Structures affect Women’s Participation in Science.” In *Challenging the Status Quo: Diversity, Democracy and Equality in the 21st Century*, edited by Sharon Collins and David G. Embrick. Brill: Leiden, The Netherlands.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2016. *Gender Equality and Identity Rights*. Book volume for *The Foundations of Democracy*, series edited by Tom Lansford. MTM Publishing.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2015. “Demography of Race and Ethnicity in France.” In *International Handbook of the Demography of Race and Ethnicity*, edited by Saenz Rogelio, David G. Embrick, and Nestor Rodriguez. Springer Press.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2015. The Effect of Political Rhetoric on the Rise of Legitimized Racism in France: The Case of the 2005 French Riots. *Critical Sociology*, Spring 2015: 1-21. DOI:10.1177/0896920515580175.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2014. Census and Racial Categorization in France: Invisible Categories and Color-blind politics. *Humanity and Society*, Vol. 38(1): 67-88.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2012. “Obamania in Europe.” In *The Obama Presidency. A Preliminary Assessment*, edited by Robert P. Watson, Jack Covarrubias, Tom Lansford and Douglas M. Brattebo. New York: SUNY Press.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2008. “The October-November 2005 French Riots: A New French Revolution?” In *Citizenship, Identity and European Integration: Implications for an expanded Europe*, edited by Michael Meimeth, John Robertson, and Susanne Talmon. Frankfurt: NOMOS Press. (in German)

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2002. Les Politiques d’Immigration aux Etats-Unis: Vue Générale et Conséquences des Accords NAFTA. *Synthesis QE 53*. Robert Schuman Foundation, Paris. (in French)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Manuscript in preparation:

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. Enlightened Racism in France. From Delirium to Denial. To be submitted to *Theory and Society*.

Field Research in progress:

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. The legacy of colonial ideology in France: the “Colonial School” and its remaining specter.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. Food insecurity at the University of South Alabama.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2024. ““Not French enough”? Aya Nakamura and the Paris Olympics. Debates, controversies, backlash, and misogynoir.” Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2024.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2023. “The legacy of colonial ideology in France: the case of the “Colonial School” and its remaining specter.” Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2023.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2022. “The French Exception: Colorblindness and Enlightened Racism in Contemporary France.” Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2022.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2016. “Women in Science. Why Still so Few? Barriers and Solutions.” Presented at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, The University of Southern Mississippi, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, December 2016

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2014. “Women in STEM.” Presented at the Gulf Coast Advance Webinar, Long Beach, Mississippi, October 2014.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2013. “Census and Racial Identity in France: Invisible Categories and Color-Blind Politics.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York City, August 2013.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2011. "The science of the BP Oil Spill: how scientific discourse played a dubious ambivalent role in the response to the oil spill." Presented at the Annual conference of the National Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2011.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2010. "The 2005 French Riots: "Racaille" or Citizens?" Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2010.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2010. "Resisting Globalization or Fighting for "l'exception culturelle"? The Case of ATTAC." Presented at the Annual conference of the National Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2010.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2010. "The 2005 French Riots: Failure of the French Integration Model." Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2010.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2009. "The French Riots. Follow-up on a Revolution." Presented at the Annual conference of the National Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2009.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2009. "Case Studies in Comparative Politics." Panel chaired at the Annual conference of the National Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2009.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2007. "The October-November 2005 French Riots. A Sociological Perspective." Presented at the 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, College Station, Texas, March 2007.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2006. "The October-November 2005 French Riots: A New French Revolution?" Presented at the ASKO EUROPE-FOUNDATION/TAMU International Symposium, European Academy Otzenhausen, Germany, October 2006.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2005. "Local Discourses and European Identity in an Era of Globalization: ATTAC and the Limits of a European Constitutional Order." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2004. "Charlie's Angels and Lara Croft: Women in Power? Hollywood Appropriation of Female Icons." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 2004.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2003. "Social Movements: New or Not So New? A Comparative Review of Current Theories." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.

Léonard, Marie des Neiges. 2002. "Women and Community Development: Wanting a Voice in Their Future." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2002.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Submitted: Initiatives on Curricular and Student Success Innovations Grant
The University of Southern Mississippi 2014

Awarded funding with the College of Arts and Letters – Scholarly & Creative Research Grants 2010-2011 (partially funded)
The University of Southern Mississippi 2011

Awarded funding with the Gulf Coast Faculty Development Grant for research fieldwork in Europe (funded)
The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast 2011

Submitted: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends Award
The University of Southern Mississippi 2010

Received a 2004-2005 College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Research Award
Texas A&M University 2004

LEADERSHIP-SERVICE

Chair Current
Recruitment and Retention Committee
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work
The University of South Alabama

Member 2023 – present
International Education Committee
College of Arts and Sciences
The University of South Alabama

Manuscript reviewer
Social Problems, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Humanity and Society Current

Moderator, nominated to facilitate group meetings for the School of Ocean Science and Technology (SOST) Women in Science
The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Research Laboratory 2016

Faculty Senator, elected representative for the Gulf Coast campus, Faculty Senate
The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast 2014 – 2015

Academic Advisor, Women's and Gender Studies Student Organization
The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast 2010 – 2015

Radio commentator , guest commentator on social issues Gulf Coast Mornings – News Radio	2014 – 2015
Faculty Representative , elected representative for the College of Arts and Letters, Gulf Coast Faculty Council The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast	2012 – 2014
Faculty representative , nominated representative for the College of Arts and Letters, Academic Dean Advisory Council The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast	2008 – 2012
Academic Advisor , International Graduate Student Association Texas A&M University	2005 – 2007
President , International Graduate Student Association Texas A&M University	2004 – 2005
VP for Advocacy , International Graduate Student Association Texas A&M University	2003 – 2004

INTERNSHIPS

Research Intern Deutsch-Französisches Institut, Ludwigsburg, Germany Assisted with research on bilingual education issues Assisted with organizing a Franco-German conference	2003
Research Intern Fondation Robert Schuman, Paris, France Researched and published work on immigration issues Assisted with coordinating Texas A&M’s study abroad program visit	2002

AWARDS

Nominated for the College of Arts and Letters Faculty Service Award The University of Southern Mississippi	2013
Nominated for the Butch Oustalet Distinguished Professorship Award for Service The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast	2012
Awarded First Place for the “Oil Spill 2010” Video Contest The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast	2010
Awarded the Eppright Outstanding International Student Award, International Programs Texas A&M University	2005