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## LYMAN BRIGGS SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political Sociology  
Social Movements  
Social Problems Theory  
Contemporary Social Theory

Environmental Sociology  
Science and Policy-Making  
Science, Technology, and Risk  
Sociology of the Body

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

November 2005-Present	<b>Director of Environmental Research Program</b> Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation (FAUI) Project at the University of Chicago
August 2004-Present	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Lyman Briggs School of Science <b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Sociology <b>Assistant Professor</b> Environmental Science and Policy Program Michigan State University
August 2004-Present	<b>Dutton Fellow in Science and Technology Studies</b> Lyman Briggs School of Science Michigan State University
July 2002-March 2004	<b>Lecturer and Research Associate</b> Environmental Studies Program Department of Sociology The University of Chicago
August 1998-May 2002	<b>Instructor</b> Department of Sociology Washington State University

## EDUCATION

- August 2002                      **Ph.D. in Sociology**  
Washington State University  
Written Exams: environmental sociology; political sociology  
Dissertation: *Public Support for Progressive Social Movements*  
Committee: Riley Dunlap (Chair), Eugene Rosa, Greg Hooks
- December 1998                      **M.A. in Sociology**  
Washington State University  
Thesis: *Challenging Global Warming as a Legitimate Social  
Problem: A Case Study of the Conservative Movement's  
Counter-Claims Regarding Global Warming*  
Committee: Riley Dunlap (Chair), Eugene Rosa, Greg Hooks,  
Michael Allen
- May 1996                              **B.A. in Sociology**  
University of Northern Iowa  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

## RESEARCH

### *PUBLICATIONS*

#### BOOKS

- McCright, Aaron M., and Terry N. Clark, editors. 2006. *Community and Ecology: Dynamics of Place, Sustainability, and Politics*. Amsterdam: Elsevier/JAI Press. Forthcoming.

#### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Vannini, Phillip, and Aaron M. McCright. 2004. "To Die For: The Semiotic Seductive Power of the Tanned Body." *Symbolic Interaction* 27(3): 309-332.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2003. "Defeating Kyoto: The Conservative Movement's Impact on U.S. Climate Change Policy." *Social Problems* 50(3): 348-373.
- Dunlap, Riley E., Chenyang Xiao, and Aaron M. McCright. 2001. "Politics and Environment in America: Partisan and Ideological Cleavages in Public Support for Environmentalism." *Environmental Politics* 10(4): 23-48.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2000. "Challenging Global Warming as a Social Problem: An Analysis of the Conservative Movement's Counter Claims." *Social Problems* 47(4): 499-522.
- Henderson, Eric, Stephen J. Kunitz, K. Ruben Gabriel, Aaron M. McCright, and Jerrold E. Levy. 1998. "Boarding and Public Schools: Educational Attainment, Conduct Disorder, and Alcohol Dependency." *American Indian and Alaskan Native Mental Health Research: The Journal of the National Center* 8(2): 24-45.

### SOLICITED BOOK CHAPTERS

McCright, Aaron M., and Terry N. Clark. 2006. "The Political Opportunity Structure of the Environmental Movement in U.S. Communities." Forthcoming in *Community and Ecology: Dynamics of Place, Sustainability, and Politics*, edited by Aaron M. McCright and Terry N. Clark. Amsterdam: Elsevier/JAI Press.

McCright, Aaron M. 2006. "Dealing With Climate Change Contrarians." Forthcoming in *Creating a Climate for Change: Communicating Climate Change—Facilitating Social Change*, edited by Susanne C. Moser and Lisa Dilling. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### SOLICITED BOOK REVIEWS

McCright, Aaron M. 2006. "Book Review of *National Governance and the Global Climate Change Regime*." *American Journal of Sociology* 111(4): Forthcoming.

McCright, Aaron M. 2006. "Throwing Down the Gauntlet on a Neoclassical Economics of Science: Review Essay of Philip Mirowski's *The Effortless Economy of Science?* (Duke University Press, 2004)." *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology* 24A: Forthcoming.

McCright, Aaron M. 2002. "Book Review of *Silent Spill: The Organization of an Industrial Crisis*." *American Journal of Sociology* 108: 215-216.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Dunlap, Riley E., and Aaron M. McCright. 1997. "Review of *Environmental Politics*." *Environment and Society: Newsletter of ISA Research Committee* 24 No. 11, p. 3.

Reprinted in: *Environment, Technology, and Society: Newsletter of the ASA Section on Environment and Technology* No. 88, p. 4; *Newsletter of the Environmental Studies Association of Canada* No. 7, p. 14; *NRRG News: The Newsletter of the Natural Resources Research Group* Winter 1998, pp. 4-5.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AT REFEREED JOURNALS

Dunlap, Riley E., and Aaron M. McCright. "Social Movement Identity: Validating a Measure of Identification with the Environmental Movement." (Under review at *Mobilization*.)

Hooks, Gregory, Aaron M. McCright, John McQueen, and Chad Smith. "The Logic of *Bricolage* in American Politics: Defending Government Jobs in an Anti-Statist Political Culture." (Under review at *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*.)

McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. "Belief Systems and Social Movement Identity: An Examination of the Consistency of Beliefs About Environmental Problems Within the General Public." (Under review at *Mobilization*.)

McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. "Examining Public Opinion about Social Movements: The Social Bases of Progressive Social Movement Ideology." (Under review at *Mobilization*.)

McCright, Aaron M., and Terry N. Clark. "A Conceptual Typology of the Political Opportunity Structure: Testing Major Enduring Hypotheses." (Under review at *Urban Affairs Review*.)

Rosa, Eugene A., Aaron M. McCright, and Ortwin Renn. "The Risk Society: Theoretical Frames and Management Challenges of Post-Modernity." (Under review at *Sociological Theory*.)

Vannini, Phillip, and Aaron M. McCright. "Technologies of the Sky: A Socio-Semiotic and Critical Analysis of Weather Discourse." (Under review at *Critical Discourse Studies*.)

Vannini, Phillip, Martha McMahon, and Aaron M. McCright. "Not a Pretty Site: Gendered Bodies, Endangered Selves, and Eating (Dis)Orders." (Under review at *Social Problems*.)

Xiao, Chenyang, and Aaron M. McCright. "Demographic Variables and Environmental Concern: A Test of Two Statistical Assumptions." (Under review at the *Journal of Environmental Psychology*.)

#### BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

McCright, Aaron M., and Terry N. Clark. "Social Movements and City Politics." (Target: Research in Urban Policy series published by Elsevier/JAI Press)

McCright, Aaron M., and Phillip Vannini. "American Sun: Solar Worship in an Advanced Capitalist Society." (Target: major publisher of trade titles)

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION TO REFEREED JOURNALS

McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. "Anti-Reflexivity and the Right: The Power to De-legitimate Environmental Problems."

McCright, Aaron M., and Phillip Vannini. "Seduction and Medical Risk: Two Competing Frames in the United States Regarding Artificial Suntanning."

Rosa, Eugene A., and Aaron M. McCright. "HERO (Hierarchical Epistemology and Realist Ontology) and Environmental Sociology."

Xiao, Chenyang, Eugene A. Rosa, and Aaron M. McCright. "Public Perceptions of Science and Technology: Evidence of a Risk Society or of Ecological Modernization?"

#### SOLICITED CHAPTERS IN PREPARATION

McCright, Aaron M., and Rachael L. Shwom. "Global Climate Change in the U.S. Mass Media." Prepared for publication in *Climate Change and Policy*, edited by Stephen H. Schneider, Armin Rosencranz, and Michael Mastrandrea.

## SOLICITED BOOK REVIEWS IN PREPARATION

McCright, Aaron M. "Review of Michael R. Redclift and Graham Woodgate's *New Developments in Environmental Sociology* (Edward Elgar, 2005)." Prepared for publication in *Organization and Environment*.

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

### PENDING

*Preventing the Perfect Storm of Controversy: Improving the Application of Science in Decisions about Natural Hazard Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.* Co-Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation. Division of Social and Economic Sciences. Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences Program. \$289,471 requested.

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

McCright, Aaron M. 2005. "A Conceptual Typology of the Political Opportunity Structure: Testing Major Enduring Hypotheses." Paper presented at the Politics and Social Change Workshop at the University of Chicago. May 19.

McCright, Aaron M. 2005. "Dealing With Climate Change Contrarians." Paper presented at the Ecological and Cultural Change Group at Michigan State University. March 15.

McCright, Aaron M. 2004. "The Conservative Movement's Impact on U.S. Climate Change Policy." Presentation at the Center for Environmental Science and Policy's "Environmental Policy Forum" at Stanford University. June 3.

Revision of presentations given earlier at:

Department of Sociology. Iowa State University. January 27, 2004.

Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Utah State University. November 17, 2003.

Department of Sociology and Anthropology. University of Texas at Arlington. November 3, 2003.

Department of Sociology. Florida State University. October 27, 2003.

Department of Sociology. University of Colorado at Boulder. November 6, 2002.

Environmental Studies Program. University of Chicago. February 13, 2002.

McCright, Aaron M., and Terry Nichols Clark. 2003. "The Environmental Movement and City Politics: Examining the Effects of Political Culture and Public Opinion." Paper presented at the Environmental Workshop at the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. June 3.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2005. "Examining Public Opinion About Social Movements: The Social Bases of Progressive Social Movement Ideology." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

- Vannini, Phillip, Martha McMahon, and Aaron McCright. 2005. "Not a Pretty Site: Gendered Bodies, Endangered Selves, and Eating (Dis)Orders." Paper presented at the Annual Couch-Stone Symposium of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Boulder, CO.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2004. "The Coherence of Public Support for Eight Progressive Social Movements." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Dunlap, Riley E., and Aaron M. McCright. 2004. "Social Movement Identity: Validating a Measure of Identification with the Environmental Movement." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Terry Nichols Clark. 2004. "The Local Political Opportunity Structure." Paper presented at the "Community and Ecology" Mini-Conference co-sponsored by RC24 and RC03 of the International Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Vannini, Phillip, and Aaron M. McCright. 2004. "To Die For: The Semiotic Seductive Power of the Tanned Body." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association. San Antonio, TX.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2003. "Belief Systems and Social Movement Involvement." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2002. "The Conservative Movement and Global Warming, 1990-1997." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Xiao, Chenyang, and Aaron M. McCright. 2002. "Demographic Variables and Environmental Concern: A Test of Two Statistical Assumptions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Rosa, Eugene A., and Aaron M. McCright. 2001. "The Risk Society." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.
- Dunlap, Riley E., Chenyang Xiao, and Aaron M. McCright. 2001. "Politics and Environment in America." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.
- McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2000. "The Controversy over Global Warming: The Roles of Skeptic Scientists and their Supporters." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C.
- Rosa, Eugene A., Ortwin Renn, and Aaron M. McCright. 2000. "The Risk Society: Theoretical Frame and Risk Management Logic." Paper presented at the "Foresight and Precaution" Meetings of the Society of Risk Analysis-Europe. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Hooks, Gregory, Aaron M. McCright, John McQueen, and Chad Smith. 1999. "Guns, Butter and Growth Machines: Federal Properties and the Rhetoric of Economic Growth." Paper presented at the "Politics or Markets?" Mini-Conference of the American Sociological Association's Section on Political Sociology. Chicago, IL.

McCright, Aaron M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 1999. "Anti-Environmental Rhetoric and the Right: The Conservative Movement's Framing of Global Warming." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Hooks, Gregory, Aaron M. McCright, John McQueen, Miguel Ordorica, and Chad Smith. 1998. "Guns, Butter and Growth Machines." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

#### *WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA*

Invited Participant at the "Decision-Making in an Uncertain Climate" Workshop coordinated by the Environmental Science and Policy Program at Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. December 1, 2005.

Invited Participant at the Fall 2005 Sustainable Michigan Endowed Project (SMEP) Academy titled "Sustainability: Theory and Application." Dearborn, MI. November 18-19, 2005.

Invited Participant at the Spring 2004 Sustainable Michigan Endowed Project (SMEP) Forum. East Lansing, MI. April 22-23, 2004.

#### **TEACHING**

##### *MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY*

##### COURSE INSTRUCTOR

LBS 133: Introduction to Science and Technology Studies  
Fall 2005 (24 students)  
Spring 2005 (19 students)  
Fall 2004 (25 students)

LBS 330: Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation in Panama  
Summer 2005 (8 students)

LBS 334: Science, Technology, and Public Policy  
Spring 2006 (32 students)  
Spring 2005 (26 students)

LBS 490E: Advanced Directed Study in Science and Technology Studies  
Spring 2006 (3 students)  
Charles Lieder. 4 Credits. "To Be Determined"  
Jacob Phelps. 4 Credits. "To Be Determined"  
Laura Mikedis. 4 Credits. "To Be Determined"

Fall 2005 (2 students)  
Colin Seguin. 4 Credits. "Biomass: An Alternative to Fossil Fuels"  
Matthew Malkowski. 4 Credits. "Glaciers and Society: A Look at the Importance of  
Glaciers to Canada and Switzerland"  
Summer 2005 (1 student)  
Kristen Pratt. 4 Credits. "Carnacon Community Walks"  
Spring 2005 (3 students)  
Kristen MacKool. 4 Credits. "The Effects of Managed Care on the Lansing  
Health Care Market"  
Jacob Phelps. 4 Credits. "The Conservation Value of Orchids"  
Amy Lacy. 4 Credits. "To Be Determined"  
Fall 2004 (2 students)  
Amy Lacy. 4 Credits. "A Look at Direct-to-Consumer Advertising: To  
Whom Should Consumers Look for Prescription Drug Advice?"  
Emily Speicher. 4 Credits. "The Social Development of Attention Deficit  
Hyperactivity Disorder"

LBS 492: Senior Seminar  
Spring 2006 (1 student)  
Summer 2005 (2 students)

SOC 931: Topics in Structural Inequality: Social Movements  
Fall 2005 (8 students)

#### INVITED LECTURES

McCright, Aaron M. 2005. "Professional Interviews and Recommendation Letters."  
SOC 989: Professional Development Seminar. Taught by Linda Kalof. April 15.  
8 students in attendance.

McCright, Aaron M. 2005. "Cover Letters, Research Statements, and Teaching Portfolios."  
SOC 989: Professional Development Seminar. Taught by Linda Kalof. March 18.  
8 students in attendance.

McCright, Aaron M. 2004. "The Conservative Movement's Impact on U.S. Climate Change  
Policy." HRT 486: Biotechnology in Agriculture: Applications and Ethical Issues.  
Taught by Rebecca Grumet and Frederick Gifford. October 5. 26 students in attendance.

#### SERVICE ON GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Lori Baralt, Ph.D., Sociology  
Marcellus Marques Caldas, Ph.D., Geography  
Nicolette Cooley, Ph.D., Fisheries and Wildlife  
Amy J. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Sociology  
Nikki Lamp, Ph.D., Fisheries and Wildlife  
Rachael Leah Shwom, Ph.D., Sociology  
Steve Sutton, M.A., Fisheries and Wildlife

*THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO*

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Environmental Studies 241: The Environment in U.S. Politics  
Autumn 2003 (17 students)  
Autumn 2002 (14 students)

Environmental Studies 228: Environmental Sociology  
Winter 2004 (13 students)  
Winter 2003 (12 students)

*WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Sociology 320: Introduction to Social Research  
Fall 2001 (28 students)  
Summer 2001 (31 students)  
Spring 2001 (37 students)  
Summer 2000 (26 students)  
Spring 2000 (34 students)  
Fall 1999 (24 students)  
Spring 1999 (23 students)  
Fall 1998 (17 students)

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology  
Spring 2002 (67 students)  
Fall 2000 (60 students)  
Summer 1999 (20 students)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology  
Fall 1997 (84 students in 3 sections)

Sociology 321: Quantitative Techniques in Sociology  
Spring 1998 (108 students in 3 sections)

## **SERVICE**

### *MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY*

#### SERVICE ON UNIT COMMITTEES

##### LYMAN BRIGGS SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Speaker Series Committee, Summer 2005-Spring 2006

Educational Policy Committee, Fall 2004-Present  
Chair, Fall 2005-Present

History, Philosophy, and Sociology Substitution Czar, Fall 2005-Present

History, Philosophy, and Sociology Curriculum Committee, Fall 2004-Present

History, Philosophy, and Sociology Scheduling Committee, Fall 2004-Present

Science, Technology, Environment, Public Policy Specialization Search Committee for  
Environmental Philosopher, Fall 2004-Spring 2006

##### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Speakers and Brownbag Series Committee, Fall 2004-Present

Food, Environment, Agriculture, Science, and Technology Curriculum Committee,  
Fall 2004-Present

Search Committee for Open-Rank Faculty in Sociology of Agriculture and Food,  
Fall 2005-Spring 2006

#### SERVICE ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Science, Technology, Environment, and Public Policy Specialization (STEPPS) Advisory  
Committee, Fall 2004-Fall 2005

### *WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*

#### SERVICE ON UNIT COMMITTEES

Department of Sociology Graduate Studies Committee, 1997

#### SERVICE ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Washington State University Organization and Structure Committee, 1998-1999

Washington State University Health and Safety Committee, 1997

### *SERVICE TO COMMUNITY*

Pro bono consultant for Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute of Moscow, Idaho regarding their Annual Membership Survey. 2001-2002.

### *SERVICE TO PROFESSION*

Co-Editor of *Critical Mass Bulletin*, the official newsletter of the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements in the American Sociological Association. 2005-Present.

Organizer of a Research Committee 03 session titled "Ecology and Community" at the 2006 International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology. Durban, South Africa. 2005-Present.

Co-organizer of "Community and Ecology" Mini-Conference, co-sponsored by Research Committee 24 and Research Committee 03 of the International Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 13, 2004.

Served on Membership Committee of the Section on Environment and Technology of the American Sociological Association. 2001-Present.

Co-editor of *States, Power, and Societies*, the official newsletter of the Section on Political Sociology of the American Sociological Association. Fall 2001-Fall 2003.

Co-webmaster of official website of the Section on Political Sociology of the American Sociological Association. Winter 2001-Summer 2003.

Reviewer of Projects and Grant Proposals, 2002-Present  
National Science Foundation  
Prentice Hall  
Roxbury Publishing

Reviewer of Manuscripts, 2000-Present  
*American Journal of Sociology*  
*Climatic Change*  
*Ecological Economics*  
*Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*  
*Human Ecology Review*  
*Social Problems*  
*Social Science Quarterly*  
*Sociological Forum*  
*Sociological Inquiry*  
*Organization and Environment*  
*Qualitative Sociology*  
*Worldviews*

### *MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS*

International Sociological Association, 2004-Present

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002-Present

Division on Environment and Technology

Division on Social Problems Theory

Division on Conflict, Social Action, and Change

American Sociological Association, 1997-Present

Section on Environment and Technology

Section on Political Sociology

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Recipient of Dutton Fellowship in Science and Technology Studies from Lyman Briggs School of Science at Michigan State University, 2004-2006

Member of American Sociological Association Honors Program, 1999

Recipient of Summer Travel Grant from Washington State University Graduate School, 1999

Recipient of Alice O. Rice Graduate Fellowship from Thomas S. Foley Institute at Washington State University, 1998

Recipient of Purple and Old Gold Scholarship in Sociology at University of Northern Iowa, 1996

Recipient of the Transfer Scholarship at University of Northern Iowa, 1994-1995

Inducted as Member of Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Honor Society, 1994

Recipient of the Iowa Falls Rotary Club Scholastic Achievement Award, 1994

