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## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, Sociology, June 2000. University of California, Santa Cruz.  
*Dissertation*: "Ideological Resolutions of Emotional Trials: The Moral Work of Women Defenders"  
Ph.D. Qualifying Fields: Sociology of Law, Classical Sociological Theory, and Development.  
**M.A.**, Sociology, 1993. University of California, Santa Cruz.  
**B.A.**, Sociology, 1992. University of California, Santa Cruz.  
Highest Honors in Major; College Honors; Thesis Honors.

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2009-present Chair of Sociology, California State University, Chico  
2009-present Professor of Sociology, California State University, Chico  
2005-2009 Associate Professor of Sociology, California State University, Chico  
2000-2005 Assistant Professor of Sociology, California State University, Chico

## **INSTRUCTION**

"Applied Sociology Internship," Fall 2010, 2009; Spring 2011, 2010  
"Sociology of the Life Course," Fall 2008, 2001; Spring 2007, 2005, 2003.  
"Social Theory: Contemporary," Fall 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004;  
Spring 2012, 2011, 2007, 2006, 2004.  
"Social Theory: Classical," Fall 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002; Spring  
2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004.  
"World Affairs," Fall 2003, 2000; Spring 2009, 2006.  
"Writing Practicum," Spring 2006  
"Sociology of Law," Spring 2008; Fall 2005.  
"Self and Society," Fall 2005, 2003, 2002; Spring 2009, 2008, 2005, 2002, 2001.  
"Sociology of Human Stress," Fall 2001, 2000; Spring 2003, 2002, 2001.  
"Interethnic Contacts," Fall 2004; Spring 2004.  
"Deviant Behavior," Fall 2000.

### **Faculty Fellow, California State University, Chico**

College of Business, "University 101," Fall 2008  
"University 101," Fall 2006

### **Instructor, University of California, Santa Cruz**

"Justice and Gender," Sociology Department, Fall 1999.  
"Self and Society," Stevenson College Core Course, Fall 1998.  
"Sociology through the Novel," Summer Session 1998.  
"Development and Underdevelopment," Summer Session 1996.

**Teaching Awards, University of California, Santa Cruz**

Provosts' Teaching Fellowship, UCSC, 1998-1999

Sociology Department Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award,  
UCSC, 1998 (department wide competition)

Graduate Council Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UCSC, 1997 (campus  
wide competition)

**Teaching Interests**

Sociological Theory

Sociology of Law

Social Psychology

Development and Underdevelopment

Sociology of Emotions

Sociology of the Life Course

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT****Awards while at California State University, Chico**

City of Chico Mayor's Volunteer of the Year Award for commitment to  
community service through Student Service Learning Project at the Torres  
Community Shelter, April 20, 2010.

Designated Presenter, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Faculty  
Colloquium Series, March 9, 2005.

Professional Achievement Honor – Teacher/Scholar, March 3, 2005 (Faculty  
Recognition and Support Committee).

**Grants**

McNall, Scott & Siemsen, Cynthia. 2010-2011. American Sociological  
Association's Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Grant.

**Publications and Presentations while at California State University, Chico**

Siemsen, Cynthia. (In process) The Black Gavel. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner  
Press.

Siemsen, Cynthia & Kimberlee Candela. (Forthcoming, 2012). "Women Lawyers  
and Judges," in Handbook of Gender and Crime Studies, Renzetti, Claire; Miller,  
Susan & Gover, Angela (Eds.). New York: Routledge.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2012. Session Organizer for "Sociology of the Body" and  
"Gender, Crime and Justice" at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association  
Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 22-25.

Siemsen, Cynthia. (2011). "Harriet Martineau," in The Concise Blackwell  
Encyclopedia of Sociology, Ritzer, George & Ryan, Michael (Eds.). Malden, MA:  
Wiley-Blackwell.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2010. Invited Panel Presider, "Does Presence Mean Equality?  
Gendered Analysis of Women in the Academy," at the Annual Pacific  
Sociological Association Meeting, Oakland, CA, April 9.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2010. Session Organizer for "Undergraduate Women's Issues," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Oakland, CA, April 9.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2009. "The Black Bench: Symbolic and Dispositional Representation," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 11.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2009. Session Organizer for "Sociology of the Body," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 10.

Jurik, Nancy & Siemsen, Cynthia. 2009. "'Doing Gender' as Canon or Agenda?" *Gender & Society* (23)1:71-75.

Jurik, Nancy & Siemsen, Cynthia (Eds.) 2009. "A Symposium on West and Zimmerman." *Gender & Society* (23)1:76-121.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. "Gender Differences in Sentencing" in Encyclopedia of Gender and Society, O'Brien, Jodi (Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publishing.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. "Harriet Martineau," in Encyclopedia of Gender and Society, O'Brien, Jodi (Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publishing.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. Session Organizer for the Sociology of Emotion Section: Regular Paper Session, at the Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 4.

Siemsen, Cynthia 2008. "Black Voices from California's Bench," at the Annual Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Boston, MA, August 1.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. Session Organizer for Author Meets Critics Session, Jurik, Nancy, Bootstrap Dreams. Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Portland, OR, April 12.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. Session Organizer for "Gender and Emotions," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Portland, OR, April 11.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2008. "Just The Beginning: A Social History of the U.S. Black Bench," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Portland, OR, April 10.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2007. Session Organizer for Invited Panel Session "Doing Gender Retrospective," at the Sociologists for Women in Society Meeting in conjunction with the American Sociological Association Meeting, New York, NY, August 11.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2007. "Doing Candidate, Doing Gender: The Presidential Bid of Hillary Rodham Clinton" at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Oakland, CA, April 1.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2007. Session Organizer for "Doing Gender: 20 Years Later," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Oakland, CA, April 1.

Siemsen, Cynthia and Charles Powers. 2007. Program Assessment Workshop. Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, February 26-27.

Sorensen, Anna and Cynthia Siemsen. 2006. "Identity Radicalization, Fragmentation and Re-assimilation: An Analysis of the GLBTQ Movement." *Californian Journal of Health Promotion* (4)3:222-232.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2006. Poster for "AURA Progress Report & College Assessment Poster Session," at the Conference on Excellence in Learning and Teaching, California State University, Chico, CA, October 12.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2006. "Mary Wollstonecraft" & "Harriet Martineau," in The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, Ritzer, George (Ed.). Boston: Blackwell Publishing.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2006. "Women Criminal Lawyers," in Women, Crime and Criminal Justice: Original Feminist Readings (2/e) Renzetti, Claire, Lynne Goodstein, and Susan Miller (Eds.). Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2006. Session Organizer for "Undergraduate Student Paper Session: Gender," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Hollywood, CA, April 23.

Siemsen, Cynthia and Carla Howery. 2006. "Creating an Effective Assessment Plan for the Sociology Major," Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Hollywood, CA, April 22.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2006. "Criminal Women Lawyers Lives in a Time of Extreme Punishments," at the Politics of Punishment Seminar, Chico, CA, February 25.

Lowry, Janet Huber, Howery, Carla B. et al. 2005. "Creating an Effective Assessment Plan for the Sociology Major." Washington, D.C.: ASA

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2005. *Women Lawyers*. Panel, Cal Northern School of Law, Chico, CA, November 3.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2005. *Women's Perceptions of Bodily Selves*. AS Women's Center Panel, CSU Chico, October 5.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2005. *Reflections on Emotional Trials*. BSS Faculty Colloquium, CSU Chico, March 9.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. "Evaluating the Treatment of Prisoners of War." Center for Applied and Professional Ethnics, CSU Chico, September 8.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. Book Reading: Emotional Trials. Barnes & Noble, Chico, CA (August 28).

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. "Open Forum: Assessment of Sociology Programs." Presentation by the Task Force on Assessment presentation at the Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 14-17.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. Book Reading: Emotional Trials. Bell Memorial Union, CSU Chico, May 3.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. Emotional Trials: The Moral Work of Criminal Attorneys. Boston: Northeastern University Press.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. Session Organizer for "Feminist Research Methodologies," at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 18.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2004. "The Impact of California's Three Strikes Law on Criminal Lawyering," at the Politics of Punishment Seminar, Chico, CA, February 28.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2002. Book review: Policing the Poor: From Slave Plantations to Public Interest (Neil Websdale). *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 18(4):414-416.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2002. "Ambivalent Identities? Men of Color Who Prosecute their 'Own'." Paper presented at Thematic Session: Race, Gender, and Nation: Identity and the Politics of Justice at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 18.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2001. "How the Trick is done, or...how people come to believe to feel what they try to feel." Paper presented at the Emotions Section Session at the Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 2001. "Exposing Gendered Dualisms in Qualitative Research Agendas." Paper presented at the Qualitative Methods Session at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 30.

### **Prior Publications and Presentations**

Siemsen, Cynthia. 1998. "Negotiating Ideals: Women in the line of criminal defense duty." Paper presented at the Emotions Section Session at the Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 1996. "The Rentier State as a Developmental State: Theoretical Implications for the Environment." Paper presented at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, March.

Siemsen, Cynthia. 1996. "Oil, War, and Semiperipheral Mobility: The Case of Iraq." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 30 (4):24-45.

Maki, Cynthia Siemsen and Walter L. Goldfrank. 1995. "Lessons from the Gulf Wars: Hegemonic Decline, Semi-Peripheral Turbulence, and the Role of the Rentier State." In David A. Smith and József Böröcz (eds.) *New World Order?* Greenwood Press, pp.57-70.

Maki, Cynthia Siemsen. 1994. "Oil, War, and Semiperipheral Mobility: The Case of Iraq." Paper presented at the Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, April.

Maki, Cynthia Siemsen and Walter L. Goldfrank. 1994. "Lessons from the Gulf Wars: Hegemonic Decline, Semi-Peripheral Turbulence, and the Role of the Rentier State." Paper presented at the XVIII Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System, University of California, Irvine.

#### **Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer**

*Sociological Perspectives* (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011).  
*Violence Against Women* (2004).  
*Gender & Society* (2002, 2009).  
*California Journal of Health Promotion* (2010)

#### **Professional Memberships**

Alpha Delta Kappa, International Sociology Honor Society  
 American Sociological Association  
 Pacific Sociological Association  
 Sociologists for Women in Society

#### **Internal Research Funding Proposals at California State University, Chico**

"The Black Gavel." (BSS Sabbatical for Fall 2007).

"African Americans on the Bench." (CSU Research Grant for Summer 2007).

"Emotional Trials." (BSS Strategic Funds, faculty release time for Fall 2002).

"Emotional Trials." (CSU Research Grant, faculty release time for Spring 2002, and stipend for Summer 2002).

"How the Trick is Done: How criminal attorneys come to believe to be able to feel what they try to feel." (BSS Strategic Funds for data collection).

#### **Consultations**

Appointed by the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County as Investigator/Social Historian on death penalty case. People v. LaBore (1999 to March 2001)  
 Stephen G. Wright, Attorney at Law  
 123 Jewell Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 427-1985

**Prior Research Fellowships and Awards**

Dean's Matching Fellowship, UCSC, 1999-2000

Soroptimist International Regional Fellowship, 1998-1999

Sociology Department Dissertation Fellowship, UCSC, Spring 1997

Sociology Department Research Awards, UCSC, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

UC Regents Fellowship, Spring 1993

**Research Assistant, University of California, Santa Cruz**

Assisted Professor Walter Goldfrank in research for McArthur Grant on the ecological and socioeconomic impacts of fruit monoculture on the Aconcagua Valley, Chile. 1994.

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY**

**National Association Contributions**

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Social Action Award Committee Member, 2008-2009.

National Science Foundation, Panel Reviewer for Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement Program, March 20-21, 2006, February 8-9, 2005.

American Sociological Association, Task Force on the Assessment of the Undergraduate Major, 2003-2005.

**Regional Association Contributions**

Pacific Sociological Association, Program Committee, 2013.

Pacific Sociological Association, Committee on the Status of Women, Northern California Representative 2003-2011; Committee Chair 2003-2004, 2010-2011.

**Department, College and University Committees, CSUC**

CSUC, Interdisciplinary Center on Aging, Board Member, 2010 to present.  
Subcommittee Member: Careers; Grants.

CSUC, Ethics, Justice & Policy Faculty Learning Community, 2011.

CSUC, GE Redesign Pathway Affiliations: Diversity; Ethics, Justice & Policy; Food; Global Development Studies; Great Books & Ideas; Health & Wellness; Science, Technology & Values; Sustainability.

CSUC, Book In Common Committee, 2011-2012, 2008-2009, 2007-2008, 2006-2007, 2005-2006.

CSUC, Book In Common Implementation Committee, 2009-2010.

CSUC, Faculty Hearing Panel, 2008-2009

CSUC, Council for Promoting Academic Integrity, 2006-2007, 2005-2006.

CSUC, University 101 Advisory Board, 2006-2007.

BSS, College Curriculum Committee, 2006-2009.

BSS, College Executive Committee, 2009-present.

BSS, Dean's Search Committee, 2006-2007, 2005-2006.

BSS, Best Teaching Practices Committee, 2004-2006.

BSS, Technology Committee, 2003-2009.

Sociology Department, BA in Sociology, Distance Education Degree Completion Program, WASC Substantive Change Proposal 2010. (WASC Review & Approval December 2010; Start Date of Program August 2011).

Sociology Department Five-Year Review Committee, Chair 2009-2010 (Review Completed December 2009), 2003-2004, 2002-2003. (Review completed November 2003).

Sociology Department Assessment Committee, Chair 2005-2006, 2004-2005, 2003-2004; Member 2006-2009, 2009-present.

Sociology Department Curriculum Committee, Chair 2006-2009; Member 2001-2002, 2009-present.

Sociology Department, Hiring, 2011-2012, 2010-2011, 2006-2007, 2005-2006

BSS, Task Force on Major in Gerontology, 2001-2002.

President's Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee, 2003-2004, 2002-2003, 2001-2002, 2000-2001.

President's Alcohol & Drug Advisory Subcommittee on Student Organizations' Self-Regulation 2001-2002.

**Other Memberships**

Butte Environmental Council

**Prior Contributions to University of California, Santa Cruz**

Teaching Assistant Trainer, Sociology Dept., 1997-1998, 1998-1999.

Academic Counselor to Undergraduates, Sociology Dept., 1993-1994.