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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Professional Experience**

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2008-2009                      Post-Doctoral Fellow. American Bar Foundation, Chicago.

**Education**

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2003 - 2008                      Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.  
Dissertation: "Power through Process: The Dispute Settlement Process of the World Trade Organization, 1995-2005."  
Committee: Richard Appelbaum (Co-chair); John Sutton (Co-Chair); John Foran; Jennifer Earl.

2000 - 2003                      M.A., Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, California. Honors Pass.  
"Trade, Power and Law: Dispute Resolution in the World Trade Organization, 1995-2002."  
Committee: Richard Appelbaum (Chair); John Sutton; Bill Bielby; John Mohr.

1992 - 1996                      B.A., magna cum laude, Regis University, Denver, Colorado.  
Major: Philosophy. Minor: Sociology

**Areas of Research and Teaching Expertise**

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Law and Society; Globalization; Sociology of Development; technology and society

**Additional Teaching Interests**

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Research design; Qualitative methods; Introduction to Sociology; Social theory

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

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Conti, Joseph A. 2008. "The Good Case: Decisions to Litigate at the World Trade Organization." *Law & Society Review* 42:1, 145-182.

Conti, Joseph A., Keith Killpack, Gina Gerritzen, Leia Huang, Maria Mircheva, Magali Delmas, Barbara Herr Harthorn, Richard P. Appelbaum, and Patricia

A. Holden. 2008. "Health and Safety Practices in the Nanomaterials Workplace: Results from an International Survey." *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 42:3155-3162.

Conti, Joseph A. and Moira O'Neil. 2007. "Studying Power: Qualitative Methods and the Global Elite." *Qualitative Research* 7:1, 63-82.

### **Reviews and Reports**

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Conti, Joseph. Review of *Remaking US Trade Policy: From Protectionism to Globalization*, by Nitsan Chorev. *Contemporary Sociology* (in press).

Gerritzen, G., Huang, L., Killpack, K., Mircheva, M., Conti, J., Delmas, M., Harthorn, B.H., Appelbaum, R.P. and P. Holden. 2006. A Report to the International Council On Nanotechnology: "Review of Safety Practices in the Nanotechnology Industry: Current Knowledge and Practices regarding Environmental Health and Safety in the Nanotechnology Workplace." University of California, Santa Barbara. Available at: [http://cohesion.rice.edu/CentersAndInst/ICON/emplibrary/Phase%20I%20Report\\_UCSB\\_ICON%20Final.pdf](http://cohesion.rice.edu/CentersAndInst/ICON/emplibrary/Phase%20I%20Report_UCSB_ICON%20Final.pdf).

Gerritzen, G., Huang, L., Killpack, K., Mircheva, M., Conti, J., Delmas, M., Harthorn, B.H., Appelbaum, R.P. and P. Holden. 2006. A Report to the International Council On Nanotechnology: "Review of Safety Practices in the Nanotechnology Industry: Survey of Current Practices in the Nanotechnology Workplace." University of California, Santa Barbara. Available at: <http://cohesion.rice.edu/CentersAndInst/ICON/emplibrary/ICONNanotechSurveyFullReduced.pdf>.

### **Working Papers**

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Conti, Joseph A. "Legal Experience and Dispute Processing at the World Trade Organization: How the "Haves" Come Out Ahead in International Disputing."

Conti, J, T. Satterfield, and B. Harthorn. "Framing Emergent Technologies as Risk Objects: The Politics of Representation in Social Science Research."

Ostrowski, A. T. Martin, J. Conti, and B. Harthorn. "Nanotoxicology and Governance: The Social and Technical Construction of an Expert Knowledge Field"

Conti, Joseph A. and John Foran. "Towards a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy."

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

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- 2008 Honorable Mention. Graduate Student Paper Award, Law & Society Association, for “The Good Case: Decisions to Litigate at the World Trade Organization.” Nominated by John Sutton.
- 2008 Invited participation in the Law & Society Association’s Graduate Student Workshop. Montreal, Canada - \$200.
- 2007-2008 NSF Center for Nanotechnology in Society Social Science Research Fellow, UCSB - \$30,000.
- 2006-2007 UCDC Washington Center, UC Berkeley program, Graduate Fellowship.
- 2006 Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, UCSB - \$5,000 (declined).
- 2006 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Research Grant, John L. Stanley Award for Political Ethics -\$3,000.
- 2005 James D. Kline Fund for International Studies award, UCSB - \$3,000.
- 2004 Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship - \$14,000.
- 2004 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant - \$7,500.
- 2002-2006 Department of Sociology Travel and Research Grants, UCSB.
- 2000-2001 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, UCSB.
- 2000 Regents Fellowship, UCSB.
- 1996 The Francis J. Malecek, S.J. Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Regis University.

### **Research Experience**

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- 2008 Researcher, W.W. Norton
- Revision of *Instructor’s Manual for Introduction to Sociology*, co-authored by Anthony Giddens, Mitchell Duneier, and Richard Appelbaum.
- 2007 – present Graduate Student Research Fellow, NSF Center for Nanotechnology in Society, UCSB.

Duties involve the development and administration of national (US) representative telephone survey on public perceptions of nanotechnology as well as supervision and mentorship of undergraduate interns.

2006 - 2007

Graduate Student Researcher, UCSB.

“Safety Practices in the Nanotechnology Industry” conducted for the International Council on Nanotechnology (ICON). Principal Investigators: Patricia Holden, Barbara Herr Harthorn, Richard P. Appelbaum, and Magali Delmas.

Supervised and mentored environmental studies Master’s students in social science methods and research ethics as they conducted semi-structured interviews and web-based surveys of nanotechnology organizations from fourteen countries.

2003, 2005

Research Assistant for Richard Appelbaum and W.W. Norton.

Duties involved updating data and literature discussed in most chapters of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions of *Introduction to Sociology*, co-authored by Anthony Giddens, Mitchell Duneier, and Richard Appelbaum.

2003 - 2006

Research Assistant for Richard Appelbaum, UCSB.

Provided research assistant support on various projects including: an examination of the implications of the phase-out of the Multi-fiber Agreement conducted for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and SweatshopWatch; research support for the development of a new Master’s degree in Global and International Studies.

2002 – 2006

Research Assistant for John Sutton, UCSB.

Provided research assistant support on various projects, including gathering data on incarceration patterns in California; gathering literature and data for revision of Professor Sutton’s book, “Law/Society,” published by Sage Publications.

2005-2006

Research Assistant for John Foran, UCSB.

Provided research assistant support for research on U.S. foreign policy.

2003

Research Assistant for Saskia Sassen, University of Chicago.

Provided research assistant support on various dimensions of the World Trade Organization.

### **Invited Presentations**

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Conti, Joseph. "Report on ICON's 'Survey of Current Practices in the Nanotechnology Workplace.'" Invited presentation at the Nanotechnology and Occupational Health and Safety Conference on the panel "The Global Context." November 15 - 17, 2007. University of California, Santa Barbara.

Conti, Joseph, Killpack, K., Gerritzen, G., Huang, L., Mircheva, Delmas, M., Harthorn, B.H., Appelbaum, R.P. and Patricia Holden. "Health and Safety Practices in the Nanotechnology Workplace: Results from an International Survey." Invited presentation at the Society for Advanced Materials and Process Engineering (SAMPE) Conference on the panel "Nanomaterials Health/Safety/Toxicity 2." June 6, 2007. Baltimore, MD.

### **Presentations**

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Conti, Joseph. "International Legal Contexts and State Power: An Event History Analysis of Dispute Escalation at the World Trade Organization." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association on the regular panel session, Sociology of Law. August 1-4, 2008. Boston, MA.

Conti, Joseph, T. Satterfield, and B. Harthorn. "Framing Emergent Technologies as Risk Objects: The Politics of Representation in Social Science Research." The 38<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. June 26-30, 2008 Budapest, Hungary.

Conti, Joseph and Patricia Holden. "Risk Beliefs and Safety Practices in the Nanomaterials Workplace: Results from an International Survey." 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Risk, Society for Risk Analysis. June 8-11, 2008. Guadalajara, Mexico.

Conti, Joseph. "Legal Experience and Dispute Processing at the World Trade." Joint Annual Meetings of Law and Society Association and Canadian Law and Society Association. May 29 - June 1 2008. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Conti, Joseph. "The Ambiguity of Dispute Settlement Rulings at the World Trade Organization." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference on the panel "Sociology of Law." April 10, 2008. Portland, OR.

Conti, Joseph. "The Good Case: Decisions to Litigate at the World Trade Organization." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference on the panel "Sociology of Law." August 11-16, 2006. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Conti, Joseph and John Foran. "Towards a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy." Presented at the Historians Against War conference on the panel "The U.S. in the Middle East." February 18, 2006. Austin, TX.

Conti, Joseph and Moira O'Neil. "Studying Power: Qualitative Methods and the Global Power Elite." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference on the panel "Qualitative Methods." August 13-16, 2005. Philadelphia, PA

Conti, Joseph and John Foran. "Towards a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy." Presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology on the panel "Empire in Context." July 5-9, 2005. Stockholm, Sweden.

Conti, Joseph. "US Steel Tariffs: The WTO and the Organization of Economic Power." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 16-19, 2003. Atlanta, GA.

Conti, Joseph. "Structural Power and Dispute Resolution in the World Trade Organization." Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 3-6, 2003. Pasadena, CA.

Conti, Joseph. "The Structural Bias of Complex Claims-Making: Dispute Settlement in the World Trade Organization, 1995-2002." Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 3-6, 2003. Pasadena, CA.

Conti, Joseph. "The Interpretation of Torture: The Torture of Interpretation – Michel Foucault and Franz Kafka." Regis University Department of Philosophy Colloquium, 1996. Denver, CO.

### **Professional Activities**

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Reviewer: *Law & Society Review, Contemporary Sociology, Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*

Memberships: American Sociological Association  
Sociology of Law section  
Political Economy of the World System section  
Global and Transnational Sociology

Law & Society Association  
International Institute of Sociology

### **Instructor and Teaching Assistant Experience**

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2004, 2005      Instructor: Department of Global and International Studies,  
University of California, Santa Barbara.

Global Studies 2: Introduction to Global Political and Economic Processes. Summer Session 2004 and 2005.

2006-2007 Graduate Student Instructor, UC Washington Center, UC Berkeley program. Washington, DC. PS196W: Research Seminar.

Duties involved guest lectures and primary mentor of half of the undergraduate students in the design and completion of original and independent research projects.

2000 - 2006 Teaching Assistant: UCSB

Sociology 130: Development and its Alternatives: Winter 2006  
Global Studies 2: Winter 2002, Winter 2003, Summer 2003,  
Winter 2004

Crime and Punishment: Fall 2005.

Sociology of Revolutions: Spring 2004.

Classical Sociological Theory: Fall 2003

Sociological Methods: Winter 2001; Fall 2001

Social Organization: Fall 2000; Spring 2001

Sociology of Law: Summer 2002

Sociology of Aids: Spring 2003

## References

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**Richard P. Appelbaum** (co-chair)

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