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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**EMPLOYMENT**

Instructor, Department of Sociology

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada

2019-ongoing

Instructor (LTA), Department of Sociology

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada

2018- 2019

Sessional Instructor, Department of Sociology

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada

2016-2018

Assistant Professor (LTA), School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON, Canada

2014-2015

Lecturer, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, the Department of Sociology, the Department of History, and School of Social Development and Family Studies

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON, Canada

2012-2013

Canadian Government/Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Supervisor: Dr. Hilary Earl

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON, Canada

2011-2012

Researcher, Institute of Policy Studies

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

2011

Lecturer, Institute of Criminology

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

2010

Researcher, Centre for Academic Development

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

2009-2010

Research Analyst, Department for Courts: Head Office

Wellington, New Zealand

2001-2002

Researcher on the Firearms Control Review, Assault Review, and Staff Safety Project

Police National Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand

1998 -2000

Researcher: Homicide monitoring project

Police National Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand

1996-1997

Researcher for psychologist Dr. Ian Miller, Health Service

Police National Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand

1995-1996

**EDUCATION:**

**2009 PhD**, Public Policy – Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

**2000 MA**, Criminology – Victoria University of Wellington

**1998 BA (Hon)**, Criminology – Victoria University of Wellington

**1995 BSc**, Psychology – Victoria University of Wellington/Massey University

**TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY:**

***Courses developed and taught***

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Department of Sociology

* SOCI 325: *Deviance and Social Control* (Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Winter 2021, Fall 2021)
* SOCI 421 *Special topics in Crime and Deviance: Genocide and Terrorism* (Winter 2018, Winter, 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Winter 2022)
* SOCI 425 *Sociology of Violence* (Fall 2018, Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2022)
* SOCI 327 *Introduction to Criminal Justice* (Fall, 2020, Fall 2021)
* SOCI 590 *Sociology Honours Thesis and Seminar* (2021/2022 academic year. Student: Ashlee Isaac)

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

* CRJS 1086: *Introduction to the Canadian Criminal Justice System* (Fall 2014)
* CRJS 2086: *Introduction to Criminological Theory* (Fall 2013, Winter 2015)
* CRJS 3426: *Terrorism* (Fall 2014)
* CRJS 3927: *Punishment* (Winter 2015)
* CRJS 4926: *Lethal Violence* (Fall 2014)

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON

Department of Sociology

* SOCI 2076: *Deviancy and Conformity* (Fall 2012, Winter 2014)
* SOCI 3006: *Collective Behaviour* (Winter 2013, Winter 2014)

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON

School of Social Development and Family Studies

* SWLF 3706: *Wealth, Poverty and Crime* (Winter, 2014)

Nipissing University, North Bay, ON

Department of History

* HIST 3117: *Lethal Violence* (Winter 2012)

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

Institute of Criminology

* CRIM 212: *Crime and Criminal Justice in New Zealand* (Winter 2010)
* CRIM 215: *Contemporary Issues in Policing* (Winter 2010)

***Student Supervision***

Examiner, Ph.D. Candidacy Exams, candidate Mojtaba Rostami, titled: Hate Crime on University Campuses. Date: 7 March 2022.

SOCI 590 Honours Thesis advisor (2021/2022): Ashlee Isaac (30077634).Research project title: *The Social History of Euthanasia Methods at the Calgary Stampede.*

Second reader for Olivia Gunther’s Psychology Honours thesis (supervisor Dr. Andrew Szeto). April

2021.

Co-authored a book review with then Nipissing University undergraduate student John Picard. See:

Russell, N. J. C., & Picard, J. G. Book review of Gina Perry’s (2012) “Behind the Shock Machine:

The Untold Story of the Notorious Milgram Psychology Experiments.” *Journal of the History of the*

*Behavioral Sciences, 49(2), 221-223.*

***Pedagogy Workshops and Training***

Spotlight on Success: Experiences of Instructors Teaching Online, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 20 August 2021.

Course Design Essentials, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 18 August 2021.

Setting Up Online Discussions in D2L, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 29 June 2021.

Putting Your Content Online, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 18 June 2021.

Trauma-Informed Teaching and Learning Practices Post-COVID, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 17 June 2021.

Designing Engaging Zoom Sessions, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB,15 June, 2021.

Using Yuja in Teaching and Learning, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 13 May, 2020.

Introduction to Zoom, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 05 May 2020.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH:**

**Publications:**

***Books***

Russell, N.J.C. (2018). *Understanding* *Willing Participants: Stanley Milgram’s Obedience to Authority Experiments and the Holocaust* (Vol. 1). Palgrave Macmillan (Cham, Switzerland).

Russell, N.J.C. (2019). *Understanding* *Willing Participants: Stanley Milgram’s Obedience to Authority Experiments and the Holocaust* (Vol. 2). Palgrave Macmillan (Cham, Switzerland).

***Peer-reviewed journal articles***

2021 Russell, N., & Gregory, R. Are Milgram’s Obedience Studies Internally Valid? Critique and Counter-Critique. *Open Journal of Social Sciences*, *9*, 65-93.

<https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation.aspx?paperid=107106>

2019 Russell, N. J. C. & Bolton, A. Climate Catastrophe and Stanley Milgram’s Electric Shock "Obedience" Experiments: An Uncanny Analogy. *Social Sciences*, *8*(6), 1-27.

2017 Russell, N. J. C. An Important Milgram-Holocaust Linkage: Formal Rationality. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *42*(3), 261-292.

2015 Russell, N. J. C. & Gregory, R. J. The Milgram-Holocaust Linkage: Challenging the Present Consensus. *State Crime Journal*, *4*(2), 128-153.

2014 Russell, N. J. C. The Emergence of Milgram’s Bureaucratic Machine. *Journal of Social Issues*, *70*(3), 409-423.

Russell, N. J. C. The Obedience to Authority “Relationship” Condition: Some Methodological and Theoretical Implications. *Social Sciences*, *3*(2), 194-214.

2011 Russell, N. J. C. Milgram’s Obedience to Authority Experiments: Origins and Early Evolution. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, *50*(1), 140-162.

Russell, N. J. C., & Gregory, R. J. Spinning an organizational ‘web of obligation’? Moral choice in Stanley Milgram’s ‘obedience’ experiments. *American Review of Public Administration*, *41*(5), 495-518.

2005 Russell, N. J. C., & Gregory, R. J. Making the Undoable Doable: Milgram, the Holocaust and Modern Government. *American Review of Public Administration*, *35*(4), 327-349.

***Peer Reviewed Book Chapters***

2020 Russell, N. J. C. The Influence of Groupthink During the Invention of Stanley Milgram’s Obedience Studies. In David M. Allen and James W. Howell (Ed.), *Groupthink in Science: Greed, Pathological Altruism, Ideology, Competition, and Culture*. Springer International Publishing AG (pp. 239-250). <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030368210>

***Other published writings***

2017 Russell, N. J. C., & Gregory, R. J. Of Babies and Bathwaters: A Response to Brannigan and Perry. *State Crime Journal’s* website: <http://statecrime.org/state-crime-research/of-babies-and-bathwaters-a-response-to-brannigan-and-perry/>

2013 Russell, N. J. C., & Picard, J. G. Book review of Gina Perry’s (2012) “Behind the Shock Machine: The Untold Story of the Notorious Milgram Psychology Experiments*.*” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *49*(2), 221-223.

Perry, G. & Russell, N. J. C. Milgram Obedience Conference Success: 50 Years on, Milgram’s Research Draws an International Crowd. *International Psychology Bulletin, 17*(4), 59.

2012 Russell, N. J. C. Book review of Alex Alvarez’s (2010) Genocidal Crimes: Key Ideas in Criminology. *State Crime Journal*, *1*(1), 153-56.

2010 Russell, N. J. C. The making of a shocking and (in)famous experiment. *The Psychologist, 23*(9), 780-782.

2003 Russell, N. J. C. Why We Don’t Need More Guns. *Salient Magazine, 10*, 7-8.

1998 Keay, D., Russell, N. J. C., & den Heyer, G. *The Assault Review: A Study of Assaults on New Zealand Police Officers.* Wellington, N.Z.: New Zealand Police.

***Articles in progress***

Russell, N. J. C. “Innocent” Cogs in the Machine. Submitted to *The Journal of Critical Animal Studies*. Revised and resubmitted.

Russell, N. J. C. Disconcerting Insights: Milgram’s Obedience Studies, Elias’s Civilizing Process, and the Holocaust. Submitted to *Human Figurations*.

Russell, N. J. C. Lethal Violence and the Figurational Sociology of Norbert Elias. In process.

**Conferences and Lectures:**

***Peer-reviewed presentations***

2022 Can Norbert Elias’ Civilizing Process Account for Modern Western State Violence?Conference Long-Term Processes in Human History: A Tribute to Johan Goudsblom, Amsterdam, 19 March. The Trippenhuis, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Kloveniersburgwal 29, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.Abstract accepted and paper presented. <https://goudsblom-conference.com/index.php/programme/>

2021 Stanley Milgram’s Obedience to Authority Experiments and Norbert Elias’s Civilizing Process: A Disconcerting Connection to the Holocaust. Social Psychology and the Holocaust Conference: Re-Reading Milgram (Toulouse University, 2 and 3 December 2021):

<https://sph.hypotheses.org/rereading-milgram>

2020 Can Norbert Elias’s Civilizing Process Account for Modern Western Violence? Event presented by the Committee on Scholarly Events and Presentations, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary (COSEP). Room SS921, September 2020.

2019 An Important Milgram-Holocaust Linkage: Formal Rationality. Event presented by the Committee on Scholarly Events and Presentations, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary (COSEP). Room SS921, 9 January 2019.

2018 Warfare and Norbert Elias’s Figurational Sociology (abstract accepted). ISA XIX World Congress of Sociology panel on “Warfare, Distance and Civilizing Processes” (Toronto, July 2018). Paper accepted but unable to attend.

2016 Russell, Nestar. The Milgram—Holocaust Linkage: A Comparative Analysis*.* Session: Violence in Comparative and Historical Perspective*.* Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 02 June.

2013 Lutsky, N. & Russell, N. J. C. Recall the Milgram Experiments! Why ‘Obedience to Authority’ Represents Faulty Labeling. Obedience to Authority Conference, Nipissing University, Bracebridge, ON, 07 August.

2012 Russell, N. J. C. The Milgram-Holocaust Linkage: A Dialectical Excursion into the “Banality of Evil”. Joint Meeting of Cheiron and the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (ESHSS), Dawson College, Montreal, PQ, 19 July.

1996 Miller, I. & Russell, N. J. C. Homicide in New Zealand 1988 – 1994: Patterns and Relationships. 11th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology,Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, 18 September.

***Invited lectures***

2021 Russell, N. J. C. Stanley Milgram’s Obedience to Authority Experiments and Norbert Elias’s Civilizing Process: A Disconcerting Connection to the Holocaust. Social Psychology and the Holocaust Conference: Re-Reading Milgram (Toulouse University, 2-3 December 2021):

<https://sph.hypotheses.org/rereading-milgram>

2019 Russell, N. J. C. An Important Milgram-Holocaust Linkage. COSEP Talk, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary, Canada, 9 January.

2016 Russell, N. J. C. Stanley Milgram’s “Obedience” Experiments: Destructive Behaviour Beyond the Laboratory? Law School, Victoria University of Wellington’s Old Government Building, Wellington, New Zealand, 5 April.

2011 Russell, N. J. C. Stanley Milgram’s Obedience Experiments and the Holocaust: Making the Undoable Doable. Department of History Seminar Series, Nipissing University, North Bay, ON, 9 December.

***Conferences organised***

2013 Co-organiser, *Obedience to Authority Conference—Milgram’s experiments 50 years on* (with Gina Perry from the University of Melbourne)*.* Sixty scholars from ten different countries were in attendance, including Thomas Blass (Milgram’s biographer), Arthur G. Miller (leading scholar on the Obedience studies), Taketo Murata (Milgram’s research assistant), and leading authors Herbert Kelman (Emeritus Professor of Ethics, Harvard University) and Lee Ross (Professor of Psychology, Stanford University). Nipissing University provided CAN$10,200 in funding.See: YouTube keywords “Obedience to Authority 2013” or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnf6adeNnuo_mspA0EpwGiQ>

**Professional Honours & Awards:**

2011 Government of Canada Post-Doctoral Commonwealth Fellowship 2011-2012 Supervised by Dr. Hilary Earl, Nipissing University, North Bay, Ontario, Canada.

2011 Honourable mention by the editors of the *British Journal of Social Psychology’s* 50th Anniversary edition: “Nestar Russell’s historical analysis offers a provocative reinterpretation of Milgram’s classic studies on obedience, the implications of which are elaborated in the associated commentary by Alexander Haslam and Stephen Reicher.” (See Dixon, J., & Jetten, J. (2011). Fiftieth Anniversary Editorial. *British Journal of Social Psychology, 50*(1), 1-3).

2009 Victoria University of Wellington Top Scholars 2009/2010: Doctoral Completion award:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/scholarships/publications/award-scholarship-winners.pdf>

**UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Department-level Service

University of Calgary

* Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, 2021-2022
* Social Committee, Department of Sociology, 2019-2021

External Service

* Reviewer for *Acadiensis*, 2021-2022