

# CURRICULUM VITA

## University of Idaho

**NAME:** Mihelich, John

**DATE:** August 15, 2008

**RANK OR TITLE:** Associate Professor

**DEPARTMENT:** Sociology/Anthropology/Justice Studies; American Studies Faculty; Religious Studies Faculty

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### EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:

#### Degrees:

Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, 1999, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington. Dissertation Title: The Richest Hill on Earth: An Ethnographic Account of Industrial Capitalism, Religion, and Community in Butte, Montana, 1930-1965

M.A., Cultural Anthropology, 1993, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

B.S., Psychology, 1988, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

### EXPERIENCE:

#### Teaching Appointments:

Associate Professor, Sociology/Anthropology, University of Idaho, 2008-present.

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Sociology/Anthropology, University of Idaho, 2002-2008.

Director, Certificate of Completion in Diversity and Stratification, Department of Sociology/Anthropology/Justice Studies. 2001-present.

Assistant Professor (non-tenure track), Sociology/Anthropology/Justice Studies, University of Idaho, 2000-2002.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology/Anthropology/Justice Studies, University of Idaho, 1997-summer 2000.

Instructor, Western Montana College, summer 1996.

Instructor, University of Oregon, summer 1995.

Instructor, Washington State University, 1993-94.

### TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

#### Areas of Specialization:

Religion, Class & Social Stratification, U.S. Culture, Popular Culture, Gender, Pedagogy

#### Courses Taught:

University of Idaho:

AmSt 301, Studies in American Culture

Anth 100, Introduction to Anthropology

Anth/Soc 404/504, Culture, Gender and Sexuality

Core 109 & 159, Time Warps: Religion, Science, Technology and Cultures of Time

Core 119 & 169, Sports & American Society

Soc 101, Introduction to Sociology  
Soc/Anth 301: Introduction to Diversity and Stratification (online and hybrid formats)  
Soc 422, Religion, Culture and Society  
Soc 423, Social Stratification  
Soc/Anth 425/525, Society and Popular Culture  
Soc 403: Workshops (taught on a variety of diversity topics)

Western Montana College:  
Anth 201, Cultural Anthropology

Washington State University:  
Anth 303, Religion Magic and Myth  
Anth 323, Gender and Culture

**Students Advised:**

**Undergraduate Students: 25**

**Graduate Students:**

**Major Professor: 6**

Alyson Kral (M.A. Anthropology. Graduated fall, 2007)  
Angie Sowers (M.A. Anthropology. Graduated spring, 2008)  
Katrina Prime (M.A. Anthropology. Graduated summer, 2008)  
Dianna Bell (M.A. Anthropology. Graduated spring, 2008)  
Ariana Burns (M.A. Anthropology)  
Brad Codr (M.A. Anthropology. Graduated fall, 2006)

**Member (Active):1**

Jessica Nelson-Sellers (M. A. Anthropology)  
Julie Williams (Ph.D. Education)

**Member (Graduated): 10**

**Courses Developed:**

Core 109/159: Time Warps (a two semester Core Discovery course)  
Core 119/169: Sports & American Society (a two semester Core Discovery course)  
Soc 425: Society and Popular Culture  
Soc/Anth 301: Introduction to Diversity and Stratification (web-based & hybrid formats)  
Soc 422: Religion, Culture and Society  
Soc 403: Workshops

**Honors and Awards:**

Teaching Excellence Award, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, University of Idaho, 2007

**SCHOLARSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:****Publications:****Peer Reviewed Publications:****Book Chapters:**

Storrs, Debbie, and John Mihelich. Forthcoming. "Beyond Essentialisms: Team Teaching Gender and Sexuality," pp. XX. Reprinted in *NWSA Retrospective Anthology on Feminist Pedagogy*, Adela C. Licona and XX, eds. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Mihelich, John, and Susan Sered. 2005. "The Fox Guarding the Henhouse: Work-Related Injuries and the Vagaries of Workers' Compensation," pp. 86-106, in Susan Sered and Rushika Fernandopulle, *Uninsured in America: Life and Death in the Land of Opportunity*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Sered, Susan, and John Mihelich. 2005. "From Working Class to Working Poor: The Death of Industry in America's Heartland," pp. 21-39, in Susan Sered and Rushika Fernandopulle, *Uninsured in America: Life and Death in the Land of Opportunity*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Articles:**

Mihelich, John. 2008. "John's Big Moka: Student Resistance and Democratic Citizenship." *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*, 19(1): 37-61.

Mihelich, John, Debbie Storrs, and Patrick Pellett. 2007. "Transformational Experience through Liberation Pedagogy: A Critical Look at Honors Education." *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*, 8 (2): 97-115.

Mihelich, John, and Jennifer Gatzke. 2007. "Spiritual Questing & Popular Culture: Reflexive Spirituality in the Text of Northern Exposure." *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, 15 (1).

Mihelich, John. 2005. "Liberal Education and Transcending the Silkworm." *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*, 7 (1/2): 23-38.

Mihelich, John, and John Papineau. 2005. "Parrotheads in Margaritaville: Fan Practice, Oppositional Culture and Embedded Cultural Resistance in Buffett Fandom." *Journal of Popular Music Studies*, 17 (2): 175-202.

Mihelich, John, and Debbie Storrs. 2003. "Higher Education and the Negotiated Process of Hegemony: Embedded Resistance Among Mormon Women." *Gender and Society*, 17 (3): 404-422.

Mihelich, John. 2001. "Smoke or Signals? American Popular Culture and the Challenge to Hegemonic Images of American Indians in Native American Film." *Wicazo Sa Review*, 16(2): 129-137.

Storrs, Debbie, and John Mihelich. 1998. "Beyond Essentialisms: Team Teaching Gender and Sexuality." *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, 10(1): 98-118.

Mihelich, John. 1995. "Ella Deloria's Life and Work" *Wicazo Sa Review*, 11(2): 40-46.

**Other:**

Mihelich, John. 2003. "The Hidden History of Butte's Working Class." *CounterPunch*, February 22, 2003, 14 pp.

**Book Reviews:**

Mihelich, John. (invited, submitted Nov. 30, 2007). *International Review of Modern Sociology*.  
Review of *Playing With God*, by William Baker, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007.

Mihelich, John. 2006. *American Anthropologist*, 108(3): 601-602. Review of *Behind the Gates: Life, Security, and the Pursuit of Happiness in Fortress America*, by Setha Low, New York: Routledge, 2003.

Mihelich, John. 2000. *American Ethnologist* 27(3): 794-795. Review of *Construction Workers, U.S.A.*, by Herbert Applebaum, Westport: Greenwood Press, 1999.

**Refereed Publications Submitted and in Progress:**

Mihelich, John. "Baseball is Life: Amateur Baseball and Working Class Culture in Butte, Montana, 1920-1960." Forthcoming, Spring 2009, *Montana the Magazine of Western History*.

Mihelich, John, Debbie Storrs, and Sandra Haarsager. "Online Sports Gambling: A Case Study of Politicized Play."

Mihelich, John. "Our Lady of the Rockies: Meaning, Practice and Symbols of Religious Experience in Butte, Montana." To be submitted to *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Mihelich, John and Jennifer Haylett. "Doing the Best They Can: Emerging Adults Quest for Spirituality."

Mihelich, John. "The Culture of Labor Solidarity and the Meanings of 'Scabbing' in Butte, Montana." To be submitted to *Montana the Magazine of Western History*.

**Other Creative Scholarship:**

"The Glittering Hill." August 2002. A music and narrative suite, recording on compact disk, produced with listener's guide, with Daniel Bukvich and P.K. Northcutt.

"The Glittering Hill." Performed April, 2002 by the Butte Symphony. A music and narrative suite, with Daniel Bukvich and P.K. Northcutt.

"University of Idaho Legacy." With Daniel Bukvich and Northcutt. In progress, a music and narrative suite modeled after the Glittering Hill project.

"The Enduring WWII Experience." With Daniel Bukvich and P.K. Northcutt. In progress, music/narrative project.

"Butte, America." Rattlesnake Productions. Consulted on and will appear in the film. To be released in

2008, intended to be aired on regional/national PBS stations.

### Featured Publications:

- Richard  
 “Who Would Have Thought?: Drunks, Tattoos and Parrotheads.” Unconventional Wisdom, by Morin. *Washington Post*, February 8, 2006, p. A02. Article featured a review of Mihelich, John, and John Papineau. 2005. “Parrotheads in Margaritaville: Fan Practice, Oppositional Culture and Embedded Cultural Resistance in Buffett Fandom.” *Journal of Popular Music Studies*, 17 (2): 175-202.
- “Our Lady of the Rockies a Symbol of Butte’s Identity,” Associated Press Wire, by Nicholas Geranios, 849 words, January 17, 2004. Appeared in *The Seattle Times*, *The Spokesman Review*, *The Montana Standard* (Butte, MT), *The Billings Gazette*, *The Great Falls Tribune*, *The Tri-Cities Herald*, *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

### Invited Lectures:

- “Rites of Scholars: Learning with Humility in Service to Others.” The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Initiation, September 21, 2007.
- “The Idaho Professional Ethics Initiative.” The 2006-2007 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium, University of Idaho, September 26, 2006. (With Douglas Lind and Jason Johnstone-Yellin.)
- “Diversity in the Workplace.” Kootenai County Risk Management Group, Coeur d’ Alene, January 12, 2006. (With Debbie Storrs.)
- “The Lady of the Rockies: Catholic Symbols, Cultural Change (Generations), and Health (Healing) in Butte, Montana.” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, The Divinity School, December 3, 2003.
- “Faculty-Staff Leadership Roundtable,” Multicultural Leadership Retreat, University of Idaho, September 2003.
- “Class Matters: Identifying Class Differences, Privileges, and Conflicts,” North Idaho College Popcorn Forum: Confronting Hate: Humanity’s Greatest Challenge, March 25, 2003.
- “The Glittering Hill: Time, Memory, Imagination.” Musical and poetic echoes of Butte, Montana. University of Idaho Humanities Program, Sense of Place Seminar Series, February 5, 2003.
- “How Ought We to Live? Evaluating the Question and Pursuing Answers,” The 2001-2002 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium, University of Idaho, April 9, 2002.
- “The ‘Tradition’ of Margaritaville or the Rationalization of Corporitaville?: Jimmy Buffett, Parrotheads, and the Process of Hegemony in American Popular Culture,” American Studies Colloquium, Washington State University, April 27, 2001.

### Papers Presented at Scholarly Meetings:

- “Online Sports Gaming: A Case Study of the Politicization of Popular Culture.” Pacific

Northwest American Studies Association conference in Portland Oregon, April 2007. (With Debbie Storrs and Sandra Haarsager)

“Religion and Youth: Doing the Best they Can.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, March 2007. (With Jennifer Haylett)

“Mary, Mother of Jesus as ‘Our Lady of the Rockies’: Reflexive Catholic Practice and Community Culture in Butte, Montana.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, California, April 2006.

“Northern Quest: Reflexive Spirituality and the Return of the Sacred in Northern Exposure Fan Practice.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, California, April 2006.

“Engaging Student Dialogue About the Relevance of Liberal Education.” Western Regional Honors Conference Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 2006.

“Finding Cicely? Culture Process, Audience Practice and Meaning in Northern Exposure.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 2004. (With Jennifer Gatzke)

“Still America’s Game: Labor, Time, and Community in Baseball.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Pasadena, California, April 2003.

“Culture of Solidarity: The Mortal Sin of Scabbing.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, April 2002.

“From Margaritaville to Corporitaville: Popular Culture through Jimmy Buffett and Parrot Heads.” Pacific Northwest American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Newport, Oregon, April 2001. (With John Papineau)

“Crafting a Gendered Religious Self: Narratives of College Age Mormon Women.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, March, 2001. (With Debbie Storrs)

“Baseball and Balance: Rationality, Hegemony, and a (Re) Discovery of Leisure in a Working-Class American Community.” Pacific Northwest American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Moscow, Idaho, April 2000.

“The Enchanted Hill: An Interdisciplinary Ethnography of Religion and Working-Class Culture (Hegemony?) in an American Mining Community.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 2000.

“American Class Inequalities: Philosophical and Historical Foundations for the Control of Labor.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, April 1999.

“Labor On the Hill: Underground Hardrock Quartz Mining and Life with the Anaconda Company in Butte, Montana.” Butte Historical Society, Butte, Montana, November 1996.

“America’s Game and Butte, America: The Story of 1930-1950 Butte, Montana as Reflected in the Game of Baseball.” Montana Historical Society Conference, Butte, Montana, October 1996.

“Ella Deloria.” Northwest Anthropological Conference, Spokane, Washington, June 1994.

“Thinking Through Others: The Contributions of Ella Deloria.” Crossing Borders: America Cosmica, American Studies Program, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, June 1993.

“Ritual, Religion and Religious Movements: Beyond a Psychoanalytic Model.” Western Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, April 1993.

“Yuwipi: Ritual and Mythological Transformation.” Western Social Science Association, Denver, Colorado, April 1992.

“Baseball as Ritual in American Culture.” Northwest Anthropological Conference, March 1991.

### **Grants and Contracts:**

#### **Awarded:**

Travel Grant. University of Idaho Travel Grant Program. \$900. May 2007.

University of Idaho Strategic Initiatives, “Idaho Professional Ethics Initiative,” \$225,000. Douglas Lind, John Mihelich, Bob Neuenschwander, Jason Johnstone-Yellin, Janis Johnson, Michael Nelson, and Larry Young, Co-P.I.’s. April 2006.

State Board of Education Technology Grant, \$12,000. Sandra Haarsager, P.I., Debbie Storrs, and John Mihelich. “Online Delivery of Certificate in Diversity and Stratification.” November 2003.

Seed Grant, UI Research Council, “The Financial and Psychological Impacts of the Decline of Montana Power in Butte, MT,” \$7,969. July 2003.

Summer Innovative Teaching Program Grant, develop and teach Soc/Anth 404/504: Culture and Sexuality, \$800. John Mihelich and Debbie Storrs. Summer 1998, University of Idaho.

Ray Calkins Memorial Research Fellowship, \$1,000. Butte Historical Society, June 1996.

“Chinese in Butte, Montana” Grant, \$1,500. Researcher and Exhibit Curator, Mai Wah Society, Butte, Montana, 1996.

Summer Graduate Research Assistantship to Support Dissertation Research, \$8,500. Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Washington State University, Summer 1996.

#### **Submitted:**

Association of American Colleges and Universities, Core Commitments Leadership Consortium. December 2006. (\$25,000 with \$25,000 match). Douglas Lind and John Mihelich, project leaders, with Katherine Aiken, Bruce Pitman, Debbie Storrs, Jason Johnstone-Yellen, and Simba Tirima. (Submitted December 15, 2006, denied).

“Low-Wage Workers, Poor Health and Public Policy.” John Mihelich and Susan Sered. Co-P.I.’s. Russell Sage Foundation, Future of Work Program. March 2006. (\$126,266, denied).

State Board of Education Technology Grant, John Mihelich, P.I. “Global Diversity.” January 2005. (\$21,629, denied).

State Board of Education Technology Grant. John Mihelich, P.I. "Global Diversity." January 2004.  
(\$21,629, denied)

Strategic Reinvestment Proposal for Development of the Certificate in Diversity and Stratification,  
John Mihelich, P.I. March 2002 (\$34,000, denied)

**SERVICE:****Major Committee Assignments:**

U. I. Faculty Council Representative (2007-Present)  
CLASS Faculty Appeals Committee (2006-2007)  
CLASS Promotion and Tenure Committee (2003-2005)  
U. I. Task Force on Diversity Implementation (2005-2006)  
Search Committee: Faculty Secretary (2007-8)  
Search Committee: Core Curriculum Director (2006-2007)  
Search Committee: Native American Tribal Liaison (2006-2007)  
Search Committee: Sociology faculty position, (2006)  
Department Strategic Plan Committee (2006-Present)  
Anthropology Curriculum Chair (2004-2007)  
CDS University Committee (Chair, 2003-Present)  
Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association (2005)

**Professional and Scholarly Organizations:**

American Academy of Religion  
Pacific Sociological Association  
American Anthropological Association  
Society for the Anthropology of North America  
Society for the Anthropology of Religion  
Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research, Workshop. 2006  
Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Workshop. 2006  
UI Humanities Program, The Power of Play!, selected Participant. 2006-7  
Advising Workshops Series, Center for Academic Advising, Fall 2003  
Grant Writing Workshop: How to Write Award-Winning NIH Grants, August 2002  
Service Learning Faculty Fellow, Spring 2002  
Teaching Critical Thinking Workshop, Summer 2001  
Incorporating Service Learning into the Classroom Workshop, Spring 2001  
Teaching University Freshmen Workshop, Spring 2001