

## Curriculum Vitae

### Positions

Cornell University  
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Sociology, 2017 - present

Emory University  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, 2015-2017

### Education

University of Notre Dame  
Ph.D., Sociology, 2015

Southern Connecticut State University  
2008 M.A., Sociology

Rochester Institute of Technology  
2003 B.F.A, Industrial Design

### Research Interests

Organizations and Organizational Theory, Social Psychology (group processes), Sociology of Culture, Food Systems and Alternative Food Institutions, Qualitative Methods.

### Peer Reviewed Publications

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. 2015. "People Like Me: Shared Belief, False Consensus, and the Experience of Community." *Qualitative Sociology*. 38:139-164.

Lizardo, Omar and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2014 "How Organizational Theory Can Help Network Theorizing: Linking structure and Dynamics Via Cross-Level Analogies." *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*. 40:33-56

### Under Review

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. "Being, Doing, and Creating Community: Social Exchange and the Microfoundations of Institutional Logics"

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. "When is a CSA No Longer a CSA? Member Tenure and Sensemaking During Organizational Change"

### Other Publications

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. 2014. Social Psychology, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition: Instructor's Manual. Westview Press.

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. 2012 "Beef Shortage, 1973" in William Rathje and J.Geoffrey Golson, (Eds), Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. 2012 "Meat" in William Rathje and J.Geoffrey Golson, (Eds), Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

## Works in Progress

- Lizardo, Omar and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. "Social Cognitive Mechanisms of Category-Based Impression Formation in Markets: The Role of Valenced Categories." *paper in progress*
- Collett, Jessica L., Jade Avelis, and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. "The Limits of Observation: Learning Work-Life Balance in Greedy Institutions." *paper in progress*
- Pirkey, Melissa Fletcher. "The Emergence of Alternative Food Institutions: Variations in Audience Discourse" *data collection in progress*
- Lizardo, Omar and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. "Categorical Contestation and Hyper-Reflexivity in the Creation of Categorical Inequality: The case of the World Heritage Committee"

## Teaching

Cornell University

Social Identities and Interaction in Everyday Life (Spring 2018)

Emory University

General Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Individual and Society (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

Graduate Seminar: Structural Aspects of Interaction (Spring 2016)

Graduate Seminar: Culture and Interaction in Organizations (Spring 2017)

University of Notre Dame

Introduction to Social Psychology (Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2015)

## Student Advising

Undergraduate

*Emory University*

2016 – 2017: Andrea Abbate (Class of 2017). Honors Thesis, *Food Security vs. Food Sovereignty: A Qualitative Analysis of Food Justice Narratives and Activist Identities Among Community Gardeners in Atlanta*

\*awarded Highest Honors

\*winner, Emory University Library Elizabeth Atwood Undergraduate Research Award

2015-2016: Maya Danielle Bornstein (Class of 2019) 'The Zucchini Project' *Break the Cycle 11: Reducing Children's Environmental Health Disparities, Promoting Health Equity for all Children.*

## Selected Talks and Presentations

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2017. "When is a CSA no Longer a CSA? Member Tenure and Sensemaking During Organizational Change" Presentation at the 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2016. "Being, Doing, and Creating Community: Social Exchange and the Microfoundations of Institutional Logics" Presentation at the 2016 Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2014. "The Meaning of Exchange: Evaluating the role of Culture in Social Exchange" Presentation at the 2014 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Omar Lizardo and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2014. "Social Cognitive Mechanisms of Category-Based Impression Formation in Markets" Presentation at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Organizational Ecology Meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2014. "Forms as Filters: Organizational Form and the Development of Organizational Culture" Presentation at the 2014 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2012. "People Like Me: Ideologically Heterogeneous Organizations and the Experience of Community" Presentation at the 2012 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Peter Munday, Melissa Fletcher Pirkey, Brandon Vaidyanathan. 2012. "Dollars and Sense: Institutional Logic and Organizational Inertia in Three Congregations" Presentation at the 2012 Couch/Stone Symposium of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Evanston, Illinois.

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey 2012. "Give and Take: Culture, Context, and the Affect Theory of Social Exchange." Presentation at the 2012 Group Processes Mini Conference, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey 2011. "Growing Together: Productive Exchange, Group Identity, and Cohesion in a Nested Exchange Environment." Presentation at the 2011 American Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2011. "A Place for Everything and Everything in its Place: The Enabling Role of Place in Group Cohesion" Presentation at the 2011 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Omar Lizardo and Melissa Fletcher Pirkey. 2010. "Instituting organizations, cultural categories and structured inequality." Presentation at the 2010 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Professional Service**

- 2015-2016 Member, Reviewer Engagement Committee, Organization and Management Theory Section of the Academy of Management
  - 2015-2016 Member, Membership Committee, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
  - 2013 Coordinator, Inaugural issue of 'Guide to Graduate Students on the Market', Culture Section of the American Sociological Association
  - 2012-2013 Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
- Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Justice Research*

## **Department and University Service**

- 2011-2013 Graduate Coordinator for the Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2010-2012 Chair of the External Affairs Committee, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame
- 2010-2011 Sociology Department Representative to the Teaching, Research, Ethics and Career Development Committee
- 2010 Graduate Student Liaison for the Department of Sociology to the University of Notre Dame Career Center.

## **Professional Memberships**

Academy of Management  
American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Eastern Sociological Society

## **References**

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