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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology and Criminology, UNC-Wilmington
- 2016-17 Post-Doctoral Fellow  
Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University

## EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia  
2009 M.A. Sociology, Cleveland State University  
2007 B.A. Sociology, John Carroll University

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Human Rights, Race/Ethnicity, Globalization, Theory, Social Movements, Development, Culture, Comparative-Historical, Political Economy, U.S. Empire, Latin America

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Edited Volumes

- 2019 **Gill, Timothy M.** *The Future of U.S. Empire in the Americas: The Trump Administration and Beyond.* (Edited Volume, Under Contract with Routledge Press).

### Journal Articles

- 2019 **Gill, Timothy M.** "Politics, Human Rights, and Social Policy under Contemporary Populist Regimes: The View from Trump-America and Socialist Venezuela," *Irish Journal of Sociology*, forthcoming.
- 2019 **Gill, Timothy M.** "Beyond the IFIs, Beyond USAID in Chavista Venezuela: Promoting the Free Market in the Middle-Income World," *Sociology of Development*, forthcoming.
- 2019 **Gill, Timothy M.** "The Persistence of the Power Elite: Presidential Cabinets and Corporate Interlocks, 1968-2018," *Social Currents*, forthcoming.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** "The Possibilities and Pitfalls of Left-Wing Populism in Socialist Venezuela," *Journal of World-Systems Research* 24(2): 304-313.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** "Sociological Theory and U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century," *Current Sociology* 66(1): 128-44.

- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “From Promoting Political Polyarchy to Defeating Participatory Democracy: U.S. Foreign Policy towards the Far Left in Latin America,” *Journal of World-Systems Research* 24(1): 72-95.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “An Aperture into U.S. Global Empire: Methodological Pursuits after the Cablegate Release,” *Journal of Globalization Studies* 8(2) 14-26.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Unpacking the World Cultural Toolkit in Socialist Venezuela: National Sovereignty, Human Rights, and anti-NGO Legislation,” *Third World Quarterly* 38(3): 621-635.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Venezuelan Government and the Global Field: The Legislative Battle over Foreign Funding for Nongovernmental Organizations,” *Sociological Forum* 31(1): 29-52.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Whither Venezuelan Bolivarianism?” *NACLA Report on the Americas* 48(4): 367-371.
- 2013 **Gill, Timothy M.** ““Why Mills, Not Gouldner?” Differential History and Selective Commemoration in Sociology,” *The American Sociologist* 44(1): 96-115.

#### **Other Publications**

- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Considering the Trajectory of U.S. Empire under the Trump Administration,” *Critical Historical Sociology Blog*, forthcoming.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Imperial Nature of U.S. Democracy Assistance,” *Contexts*, forthcoming.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Are Karl Marx’s Claims Accurate? Partially.” *Contexts*, August 13. [Re-published as “Marx at 200: How Do His Theories Hold Up?” *CounterPunch*, August 24]
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Why MAGA is making America weak,” *Washington Post – Made by History*, May 4.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of “Banking on Health: The World Bank and Health Sector Reform in Latin America,” *Social Forces* 96(4): e9.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Americans shouldn’t be shocked by Russian interference in the election. The U.S. does it, too.” *Washington Post – Made by History*, March 7. [Re-published as “Amid Russiagate, U.S. Interferes in Elections in Venezuela & Latin America,” *Venezuelanalysis*, March 21; Re-published in *Global and Transnational Sociology ASA Newsletter*, Spring 2018]
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** “U.S. Encouragement of a Military Coup in Venezuela is Dangerous

- for Both Countries,” *London School of Economics and Political Science – Latin America and Caribbean Blog*, February 22.
- 2018 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of “Precarious Paths to Freedom: the United States, Venezuela, and the Latin American Cold War,” *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 37(1): 95-6.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “U.S. Political Development in Serbia: Missed Opportunities and Blatant Opportunism,” *Sectors: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association’s Sociology of Development Section* 4(2): 29-30.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Height of Racial Resentment: White Cops,” *CounterPunch*, December 15.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Last Battle of the Cold War: The Democratic Transition in Contemporary Albania,” *The Balkanist*, December 12.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “No, a coup isn’t likely in Venezuela. And if one happens, it’s unlikely to bring democracy.” *Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*, December 4.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Trump Administration and Global Human Rights: Signposts for the Road Ahead,” *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section* 29(1): 24-26.  
 [Slightly revised version, “The Global Retreat from Human Rights under the Trump Administration,” published on *Policy Trajectories*, December 12; also re-published on *CounterPunch*, December 13]
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Sociology and Postcolonialism: Where Are We Now?” *Perspectives: A Newsletter of the Theory Section* 39(1): 19-23.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of “Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World,” *Critical Sociology* 43(4): 808-9.
- 2017 Smilde, David and **Timothy M. Gill.** “Post-Western Venezuela?” *London School of Economics and Political Science – Latin America and Caribbean Blog*, March 26.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Putin is waiting to see whether Trump will fund pro-democracy programs,” *Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*, March 20.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Persistent Tensions: Human Rights and National Sovereignty in Socialist Venezuela,” *ASA Human Rights Section Newsletter*, Spring: 18-20.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Sociology and Films for the Classroom,” *OrgTheory*, February 21.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “It Didn’t End With the Cold War,” *Jacobin*, January 25.

- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Prospects Dim for Better U.S.-Venezuela Relations under Trump,” *American University Latin America (AULA) Blog*, January 23.
- 2017 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Embattled Venezuela Can Still Count on International Lifelines, from Russia to China,” *World Politics Review*, January 11.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “U.S.-Venezuela relations will probably deteriorate under Trump. Ask ExxonMobil why.” *Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*, December 29.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Making Sense of Neoliberalism under the Trump Administration,” *Policy Trajectories: Blog of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology*, December 16.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Why Donald Trump Trounced Hillary Clinton in Ohio,” *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, November 16.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “People are comparing Donald Trump to Hugo Chávez. That’s mostly wrong.” *Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*, October 17.  
 [Re-published at *Venezuelanalysis*, October 19; Sparked debate titled “Debate on the Hugo Chávez / Donald Trump Comparison,” published at *Venezuela Politics and Human Rights*, November 6, featuring Timothy M. Gill, David Smilde, Javier Corrales, Alejandro Velasco, Dimitris Pantoulas, Gabriel Hetland, Nicholas Casey, and Orlando Pérez]
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Donald Trump, Social Solidarity, and the Performance of Politics,” *OrgTheory*, August 30.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Bernie Sanders and the Rehabilitation of Democratic Socialism,” *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, March 9.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** “The Problems of Actually Existing Socialism in Venezuela,” *Policy Trajectories: Blog of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology*, February 29.
- 2016 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of “U.S.-Venezuela Relations since the 1990s: Coping with Mid-Level Security Threats,” *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 35(4): 536-537.
- 2014 **Gill, Timothy M.** “To Reduce Dependency on the U.S., Venezuela Cultivates China,” *World Politics Review*, May 12.
- 2014 **Gill, Timothy M.** “Divergent Bases of Discontent: On the Recent Protests in Ukraine and Venezuela,” *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section* 25(2): 1-4.
- 2014 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of “The Global Grapevine: Why Rumors of Terrorism, Immigration, and Trade Matter,” *International Sociology* 29: 156-158.

- 2013 Smilde, David and **Timothy M. Gill**. "Strategic Posture Review: Venezuela," *World Politics Review*, September 17.
- 2013 **Gill, Timothy M.** "Venezuela says 'adios' to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights," *Christian Science Monitor*, September 11.
- 2013-2017 Regular Contributor, Washington Office on Latin America's (WOLA) Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights Blog  
 ["Venezuela at the Crossroads, Tulane Symposium" (4/26/2017), "Venezuela on the Outs with Mercosur" (9/16/2016), "Notes on U.S.-Venezuela Relations under Trump" (11/30/2016), "Venezuelan National Assembly Renews Push to Control NGO Funding" (12/3/2015), "Government and NGOs Clash Over UN Examination of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" w/ David Smilde (6/9/2015), "Facing Criticism and Needing Resources, Venezuela Calls on Global Allies" (4/30/2015), "U.S. Cuba Rapprochement Raises Questions about Venezuela" w/ David Smilde and Geoff Thale (12/24/2014), "Venezuela Gets UN Security Council Seat, Despite Criticism" (10/24/2014), "Diversity of Interests Shapes U.S. Venezuela Policy" (9/14/2014), "Maduro Strengthens Support for Palestine" (8/14/2014), "Venezuela Receives Support, China Consolidates Interests" (7/23/2014), "Comparing the Ukrainian and Venezuelan Protest Cycles" (6/10/2014), "Venezuela Strengthens Relations with China" (5/13/2014), "UNASUR Delegation Convenes in Venezuela to Advance Dialogue" (3/28/2014), "Venezuela and the US Signal Openness, but Criticism Continues" (2/8/2014), "Venezuelan NGOs Submit Bill for Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage" (2/2/2014), "Venezuelan National Assembly Returns for New Session amidst Proposals and Complaints" (1/19/2014), "Venezuela Investigates NGO Funding" (10/31/2013), "Venezuela Exits the Inter-American Court of Human Rights amidst Criticism" (9/10/2013), "Maduro Criticizes Potential U.S. Intervention in Syria" (09/4/2013), "Unpacking Anti-U.S. Sentiment in Venezuela" (8/15/2013), "ALBA Proposals for Reform of IACHR Rejected, Criticism Continues" (7/23/2013), "Provea Releases June International Bulletin on Human Rights" (6/26/2013), "Provea's 2012 Report: Civil and Political Rights" (5/17/2013), "Provea Releases 2012 Report on Human Rights in Venezuela: Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights" (5/15/2013), "The Venezuelan Government's Response to Recent International Criticism" w/ David Smilde (5/7/2013), "Election Crisis Leads to Re-polarization of Venezuelan Human Rights Community" w/ David Smilde (4/29/2013)]
- 2012 Lewin, Philip G. and **Timothy M. Gill**. "Propagandhi and the Politics of Subcultural Resistance," pp. 391-409 in *The Art of Social Critique: Painting Mirrors of Social Life*. Lanham: Lexington Books.
- 2011 **Gill, Timothy M.** Review of "Illiberal Politics in Neoliberal Times: Culture, Populism, and Security in New Europe," *Journal of World-Systems Research* 17(2): 557-559.

### **Under Review**

"Seeing Like the U.S. Empire in Socialist Venezuela: Shifting Imperial Modalities and the Middle-Income World" (under review at *Journal of Historical Sociology*)

“Diminishing Global Power, Downgrading Human Rights: U.S. Empire under the Trump Administration” (under review at *Societies Without Borders*)

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

*Encountering U.S. Empire in Socialist Venezuela: Racism, Human Rights, and Democracy Promotion* (Book Manuscript)

“The Enduring Global Color Line: Du Boisian Thought vis-à-vis the Modern World-System”

### **MEDIA**

- 2018 Research featured in “Billionaire Bureaucrats,” *Jacobin*, October 12.
- 2018 Interviewed on *The Annex Sociology Podcast*, October 1.
- 2018 Quoted in “Arrest in Brusly teacher's death comes after investigator spends 7 years making his own breaks,” *The Advocate – Baton Rouge*, September 30.
- 2018 Quoted in “Venezuelan elections: 'People still believe in Chavismo but don't support Maduro,’” *Euronews*, May 16.
- 2018 Quoted in “The industry keeping Venezuela afloat is under pressure from both inside and outside the country,” *Business Insider*, March 1.
- 2018 Quoted in “Central governments and cryptocurrency: an unlikely pairing?” *The World Weekly*, January 11.
- 2017 Quoted in “¿Qué perspectivas de futuro tiene el ‘bitc in venezolano’?” *Euronews*, December 7.
- 2017 Quoted in “¿Qu  significan las sanciones que ha aprobado la UE contra Venezuela?” *Euronews*, November 13.
- 2017 Quoted in “¿Cu les son las opciones del chavismo de cara a las elecciones regionales en Venezuela?” *Euronews*, October 13.
- 2017 Quoted in “Entenda a explosiva vota o convocada por Maduro neste domingo,” *Exame*, July 28.
- 2017 Quoted in “The coup that wasn’t: Venezuela’s four days of turmoil,” *The World Weekly*, April 6.
- 2017 Quoted in “Where next for Ch vez's Bolivarian Revolution?” *The World Weekly*, March 16.
- 2017 Quoted in “Opening salvo’: Trump's policy toward Venezuela may be taking a hardline

- turn,” *Business Insider*, February 16.
- 2017 Quoted in “The US is going after the highest-profile Venezuelan target yet — ‘the narco of Aragua,’” *Business Insider*, February 15.
- 2017 Quoted in “Where would Rex Tillerson stand on oil corruption?” *E&E News*, January 31.
- 2016 Quoted in “Rex Tillerson Could Become a Nightmare for Maduro,” *PanAm Post*, December 20.
- 2016 Quoted in “Trump’s secretary of state pick could spell trouble for one of Latin America’s biggest oil producers,” *Business Insider*, December 19.
- 2016 Interviewed and Featured on “Venezuela in an International Context,” *Understanding Latin American Politics Podcast*, November 10.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2018 UNCW Center for Teaching Excellence, Travel Award, (\$1,200 for travel to New Orleans, LA).
- 2018 UNCW Office of International Programs, Travel Award, (\$1,200 for travel to Barcelona, Spain).
- 2018 UNCW College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Travel Award, (\$1,000 for travel to Barcelona, Spain).
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia.
- 2015 Dean’s Award, University of Georgia Graduate School, (\$1,500 for dissertation research).
- 2013 Beck Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology.
- 2012 Graduate Field Research Award, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, University of Georgia, (\$1,000 for Travel to Caracas, Venezuela).
- 2009- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia. 2016
- 2008- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Sociology, Cleveland State University. 2009
- 2007 Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 "Seeing Like the U.S. Empire in Socialist Venezuela: Global Challengers in the Middle-Income World," Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 10.
- 2018 "From Promoting Polyarchy to Defeating Participatory Democracy: U.S. Foreign Policy towards Leftist States in Latin America," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 12.
- 2018 "The Limits of U.S. Empire and the Durability of the Left in Latin America," XXXVI Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 23.
- 2018 "The Future of U.S. Global Empire under the Trump Administration," Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA, April 6.
- 2017 "Counter-Balancing the Bolivarian Revolution in Socialist Venezuela," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, August 14.
- 2017 "Seeing Like the U.S. State in Socialist Venezuela," XXXV Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru, April 30.
- 2016 "Socialist Venezuela and International Relations Moving into 2017," Democratization and the Left in Latin America Symposium, New Orleans, LA, December 9.
- 2016 "U.S. Strategies of Influence and Limits in Socialist Venezuela," Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta, GA, April 15.
- 2015 "Interrogating the World Cultural Toolkit: The Semi-Periphery, National Sovereignty, and NGO Laws," Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA, March 26.
- 2014 "The Venezuelan Government and the Global Field: The Legislative Battle over International Funding for NGOs," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 18.
- 2013 "Symbolically Marginalizing Traditional Civil Society in Venezuela," XXXI Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, May 30.
- 2012 "Between Globalization, Elite Allies, and a Troubled History of Relations: Why Venezuelan NGOs Deal with the U.S. State or Not," Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power, and History, Athens, GA, April 11.
- 2012 "Commercialized Critique: The Case of Political Punk," with Philip G. Lewin, Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA, March 23.
- 2011 "Political NGOs and the Negotiation of U.S. Democracy Assistance in Venezuela," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 21.



- 2011 "Propagandhi and the Politics of Subcultural Resistance," with Philip G. Lewin, Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Jacksonville, FL, April 7.
- 2010 "Testing State Theories: U.S. Response to the Sandinista Government, 1979-1990," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 15.
- 2010 "Social Theory, Social Criticism and Personal Milieu: Making Sense of the Link Between Alvin Ward Gouldner and C. Wright Mills," Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta, GA, April 22.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### University of North Carolina at Wilmington

SOC105: Introduction to Sociology (two sections)

SOC360: Social Theory (one section)

SOC415: Globalization and Development (two sections)

#### Tulane University

SOCI2010: Foundations of Sociology (one section)

SOCI2490: Latin American Social Structure (one section)

#### University of Georgia

SOCI3220: Development of Sociological Theory (seven sections)

SOCI3460: Political Sociology (nine sections)

Teaching Assistant: Social Problems, Theory, Sociology of the South, Latin American Society

#### Cleveland State University

Teaching Assistant: Quantitative Sociological Research

### **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

2018- Co-Editor, ASA Human Rights Section Newsletter, with Tianna Paschel.

2018 Discussant and Presider, "Peace, Revolution, and Suppression in the Global South," Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 9.

2018 Organizer and Presider, "The Trump Administration and Global Politics I," Panel Session, Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA, April 7.

2018 Organizer and Presider, "The Trump Administration and Global Politics II: The Western Hemisphere," Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA, April 7.

2017 Co-Organizer, "On Human Rights around the World Today" Symposium, Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, Fall.

- 2017 Moderator, “Venezuela at the Crossroads,” Latin America at the Crossroads Speaker Series, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 21.
- 2017 Coordinator, with David Smilde, “Venezuela and the Trump Administration,” Trump and the Americas Forum, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 12.
- 2016- Ad Hoc Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *Current Sociology*, *the Latin Americanist*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Currents*
- 2016 Presider, “Development and Economic Sociology,” Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta, GA, April 15.
- 2013- Co-Moderator, Washington Office on Latin America’s (WOLA) Venezuelan Politics and  
2017 Human Rights Blog.
- 2013 Paper Session Presider, “Cross-National Political Processes,” Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta, GA, April 27.
- 2012- Graduate Student Representative, Latin American Studies Association, Venezuelan 2014 Studies Section.
- 2012- Editorial Assistant for *Qualitative Sociology*.  
2013
- 2012- Co-Organizer, with Pablo Lapegna, Matthew May, and David Smilde of Political  
2013 Ethnography Series for the Georgia Workshop in Culture, Power and History sponsored by the Willson Center for Humanities and the Arts, the Department of Sociology, and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute.
- 2011- Co-Organizer, with Rebecca Hanson and David Smilde, of The Social History of  
2012 Socialism Series for the Georgia Workshop in Culture, Power and History sponsored by the Willson Center for Humanities and the Arts, the Sociology Department, and the German and Slavic Studies Department at the University of Georgia.
- 2010 Latin American Studies Association: Venezuelan Studies Section, Membership Survey and Data Collection, with David Smilde.

#### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

##### UNCW Department of Sociology and Criminology

Graduate Program Admissions Committee, 2017-18

Department Handbook Committee, 2017-18

##### UGA Department of Sociology

Academic Advisor, 2014-16

Sociology/LACSI Faculty Search Graduate Representative, 2014-15

Graduate Mentor, 2012-13  
Graduate Recruitment Host, 2011, 2012  
UGA Writing Intensive Program Assistant, 2010-11  
Representative to Student Organizations, 2010-11  
Recruitment Representative, 2009-10

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Sections: Comparative and Historical Sociology, Development, Global/Transnational  
Sociology, History of Sociology, Human Rights, Political Sociology, Political Economy  
and World Systems, Sociology of Culture, Theory

International Sociological Association

Research Committees: Political Sociology, Theory

Latin American Studies Association

Sections: Venezuelan Studies

Social Science History Association

Networks: Politics, States and Society

Southern Sociological Society

### **REFERENCES**

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