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**EDUCATION:**

1998	Ph.D. Sociology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.
1990	M.A. Sociology, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.
1988	B.A. Sociology, Honours Upper II, Queen's University.

**AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:**

2022	Murray Lauber Distinguished Service Award
2015	Augustana Faculty Teaching Leadership Award
2012	Betty Ostenrud Faculty Service Award
2003	Merit Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research, and Service, Augustana University College (\$1250.00)
2002	Nominated for the Augustana Distinguished Teaching Award (Declined)
1994-1993	Completed, with Distinction, comprehensive examinations in Political Sociology and Deviance and Social Control, McGill University, Dept. of Sociology.

**GRANTS:**

2020	Strategic Institutional Grant (\$6666.00). Primary Investigator.
2017	Grant Assist Program Bridge Funding for SSHRC Insight Grant (\$5000.00) Co-investigator.
2016	Office of the Vice President Research: Special Call for Funding (\$5464.00) Co-investigator.
2013	Augustana Faculty Research Time Stipend (\$7,200)
2011	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council Grant. Co-investigator (\$103,500)
2009	Augustana Research Grant - Primary Investigator (\$7,697.50)
2009	Augustana Summer Student Research Assistantship Grant (\$4,400.00)
2008	Government of Alberta, Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) Grant (\$8,825.60)
2006	Augustana Research Grant: Conference Travel (\$600.00)

**GRANTS CONTINUED:**

2005	HFASSR Conference Travel Grant (\$1,200.00)
2005	Augustana Summer Student Research Grant (\$4,400.00)
2004	Augustana University College Research Grant – Primary Investigator (\$3,000.00)
2001	Augustana University College Research Grant – Primary Investigator (\$2,690.00)

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2018-now	<b>Full Professor</b> of Sociology at Augustana Campus, University of Alberta
2007-2018	<b>Associate Professor</b> of Sociology at Augustana Campus, University of Alberta
2000-2006	<b>Assistant Professor</b> of Sociology at the University of Alberta, Augustana Faculty (previously Augustana University College) Camrose, Alberta.
1999	<b>Researcher</b> for Canadian Heritage: Ecosystem Management in the St. Lawrence Islands National Park: An Oral History Project.
1998-1999	<b>Researcher</b> for Correctional Services Canada: Study of Medical and Psychological Research Using Canadian Federal Inmates as Subjects, 1955 to 1998.
1995-1999	<b>Faculty Lecturer</b> in Sociology at McGill University

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:**

**Articles and Chapters**

Graham, Sophia and Geraint Osborne, “Police Misconduct on the Highway of Tears: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Girls and Women in British Columbia,” *Canadian Journal of Native Studies*, vol. 41, no. 2, 2024: 1-19.

Osborne, Geraint, Wilton, S. “Defenders of Perversion:” Professing Same Sex Marriage Rights in Small Town Alberta Newspaper.” *Engaged Scholar Journal: Community-Engaged Research, Teaching, and Learning*, 8.3 (2022): 32-51. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15402/esj.v8i3.70358>

Osborne, Geraint. (2018) “Let Me Tell You a Story: Enhancing Teaching and Learning through Personal Stories,” *The Teaching Professor*. November 12. <https://www.teachingprofessor.com/category/topics/classroom-climate/building-relationships/>

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED):**

- Kolar, K., Hathway, A., Erickson, P., & Osborne, G., (2018) "Differentiating the Drug Normalization Framework: A Quantitative Exploration of Variation in Cannabis Use Patterns, Accessibility, and Acceptability Attitudes among University Undergraduates," *Substance Use & Misuse*. 53.14. DOI: 10.1080/10826084.2018.1474226.
- Hathaway, A., Mostaghim, A., Erickson, P., Kolar, K., & Osborne, G., (2018) "It's really no big deal": The role of social supply networks in normalizing use of cannabis by students at Canadian universities" *Deviant Behavior*, DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2017.1411047.
- Osborne, Geraint, Shauna Wilton. (2017) "Professing in the Local Press: Professors and Public Responsibilities." *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*. 10.1: 67-80.
- Osborne, Geraint, Fogel, Curtis, (2016). "Perspectives on Cannabis Legalization Among Canadian Recreational User," *Contemporary Drug Problems*. Oct. 12: 1-20. DOI: 10.1177/0091450916670393
- Hathaway, A., Mostaghim, A., Kolar, K., Erickson., & G., Osborne, (2015) "Attitudes of cannabis nonusers in a study of undergraduate students at three Canadian universities," *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy*. 23.3: 238-246.
- Lorenz, Stacy, Geraint Osborne, (2015) "'Nothing More Than the Usual Injury': Debating Hockey Violence during the Manslaughter Trials of Allan Loney (1905) and Charles Masson (1907)." *Journal of Historical Sociology*. doi: 10.1111/johs.12111.
- Fogel, Curtis, Geraint Osborne, (2011) "Interviewing Marijuana Users: Issues and Strategies for a Reflexive Grounded Theory Approach," *Research & Discussion* 4.1: 3-23.
- Lorenz, Stacy, Geraint Osborne, (2009) "Brutal Butchery, Strenuous Spectacle: Hockey Violence, Manhood, and the 1907 Season," in Wong, John. (Ed.) *Coast to Coast: Hockey in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Osborne, Brian, Geraint Osborne (2009), "The Vernacular and the Ceremonial in a national Capital: planning Ottawa's Symbolic Spaces," *Beyond National Dreams: Essays on Canadian Citizenship and Nationalism*. Eds. Andrew Nurse and Raymond Blake. Markham: Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2009: 111-130
- Osborne, Geraint. (2008) "We Women found we could run a country": Kingston's Factory Women at War, 1939-1945," *Historic Kingston*, Kingston: Kingston Historical Society, 56, 2008: 61-86.
- Osborne, Geraint, Curtis Fogel. (2008). "Understanding the Motivations for Recreational Marijuana Use among Adult Canadians." *Substance Use and Misuse*, 43(3-4): 539-572.

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED):**

- Osborne, Geraint, Curtis Fogel (2007). "The Normalization of Marijuana Use by Adult Canadian Users," *International Journal of Crime, Criminal Justice, and Law*, 2(2): 201-225.
- Osborne, Geraint. (2006). "Kingston's Women at War, 1939-45," in Hiscock, Andrew and Muriel Chamberlain, eds. *Engaging the Enemy: Canada in the 1940s*," Llandybie, Carmarthenshire: Dinefwr Press, p.157-172.
- Osborne, Geraint (2006) "Scientific Experimentation on Canadian Inmates, 1955-1975," *Howard Journal of Corrections*. 45(3): 284-306, 22p.
- Lorenz, Stacy, Geraint Osborne, (2006) "'Talk About Strenuous Hockey': Violence, Manhood, and the 1907 Ottawa Silver Seven-Montreal Wanderer Rivalry" *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 40.1: 125-181.
- Osborne, Brian, Geraint Osborne (2004) "The Cast[e]ing of Heroic Landscapes: Constructing Canada's Pantheon on Parliament Hill," in *Material History Review*, 60: 35-47.
- Osborne, Brian, Geraint Osborne, (1997), "C.P.C's Retail Conversion Programme: Harrowsmith, One Community's Experience", in Mitchell, C., and Fred Dahms (eds) *Challenge and Opportunity: Managing Change in Canadian Towns and Villages*, Waterloo: University of Waterloo, 137-157.
- Osborne, Brian, Geraint Osborne & Robert Pike, (1992) "Mirror, Filter, or Mould: A Hegemonic Critique of Media Reporting of the Canadian Post Office, 1965 to 1987", in Grenier, M. (ed.) *Critical Studies of Canadian Mass Media*, Toronto: Butterworths, 1992: 83-106.

**Selected Book Reviews**

I have reviewed over 100 books, 98 of them for *Choice: A publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries*. Most recently: Osborne, Geraint. Review of Mallinson, Daniel J. *Green rush: the rise of medical marijuana in the United States*, by Daniel J. Mallinson and A. Lee Hannah. New York University, 2024. 238p, in *Choice*, Vol. 62, Issue 8, April 2025.

**PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS**

Hatt, K., John McTaggart, and Geraint Osborne (2003; revised 2006) Study Guide for Robert Brym, et.al., *Study Guide for use with Sociology: Your Compass for a New World, First Canadian Edition*, Toronto: Nelson Thomson Learning.

## PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Osborne, Geraint (2001) *Study of First Year Student Retention at Augustana University College: Results from a Student Exit Survey, 2001*, Report for Augustana University College Institutional Self-Study, 2000-2001, Camrose, Alberta, Canada.
- Osborne, Geraint (1999) *Scientific Research Using Canadian Federal Inmates as Subjects, 1955-1998: A Bibliographic Search*, Contract Research Report, Ottawa: Correctional Services Canada.
- Osborne, Brian and Geraint Osborne, (1999) *Oral History, Front of Leeds and Landsdowne: Interviews*, Contract Research Report, Canadian Heritage, St. Lawrence Islands National Park.
- Osborne, Brian and Geraint Osborne, (1993) *C.P.C's Retail Conversion Programme: Harrowsmith, One Community's Experience*, Contract Research Report, Ottawa: Canada Post.
- Osborne, Brian and Geraint Osborne, (1993) *Canada Post Corporation's Initiatives in Rural Canada*, Sackville: Rural and Small Town Research and Studies Programme, Mount Allison University.
- Osborne, Brian and Geraint Osborne, (1990-1991) *An Assessment of Public Opinion Regarding Retail Postal Outlets in Selected Ontario, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia Communities*, Contract Research Reports, Three Volumes, Ottawa: Canada Post.
- Bond, Wayne, Geraint Osborne, Dennis O'Farrell and Edward M. Manning, (1990) *Sustainable Development Initiatives in Canada: Activities in Progress*, Ottawa: Sustainable Development/State of Environment Reporting Branch, Environment Canada.

## SELECTED POPULAR PUBLICATIONS:

### *Second Thoughts (Previously Educated Guesses)*

I have published 41 "Second Thought" columns for the *Camrose Booster*, most recently:

- Osborne, Geraint, (2022), "Whither the Russian anti-war protests, *Camrose Booster*, April 19: p. 21

### Other Popular Publications

- Osborne, Geraint, (2020), "The importance of social connection in a time of isolation," Troy Media, May 25, 2020. <https://troymedia.com/lifestyle/the-importance-of-social-connection-in-a-time-of-isolation/> Picked up by 12+ of their papers including *The Winnipeg Free Press*.
- Osborne, Geraint, (2017; updated Oct. 2018) "Legal weed: What your kids really need to know," *The Conversation*, September 13. <https://theconversation.com/legal-weed-what-your-kids-really-need-to-know-82481>
- Osborne, Geraint, (2017) "Remembering Gord" *Camrose Canadian*, Oct. 23, .

**SELECTED POPULAR PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED:**

- Osborne, Geraint, Tim Parker. "Osborne and Parker respond to questions submitted by students," *Augustana Medium*, November, 2018: 14-15.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Osborne, Geraint, "Small Town Artillery Under Fire: The Bailey Theatre as a Contested Space," Seventeenth International Conference on the Arts in Society San Jorge University, Zaragoza, Spain. 4-6 July 2022.

Osborne, Geraint, "Up in Smoke: Cannabis Normalization & the End of Prohibition in Canada Society," Distinguished Professorial Lecture, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, March 19, 2019.

Kolar, K., Hathway, A., Erickson, P, & Osborne, G., "Differentiating the Drug Normalization Framework: A Quantitative Exploration of Variation in Cannabis Use Patterns, Accessibility, and Acceptability Attitudes among University Undergraduates," American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 12, 2018.

Lorenz Stacy, and Osborne, Geraint. "Hockey, Health, and Injury: A Socio-Historical Approach." The Hockey Conference. The Multiplicity of Hockey II: Delivering new understandings of the game University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, July 5-7, 2018.

Hathaway, Andrew, Mostaghim, Amir, Erickson, Patricia, Kolar, K., & Osborne, G. (2017) "It's really no big deal": The role of social supply networks in normalizing use of cannabis by students at Canadian universities" *The 34th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference*, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, May 17-19, 2017.

Osborne, Geraint. (2017) "That Reminds Me of a Story": The Use of Personal Stories in Teaching," Paper presented at the *Augustana Conference on Undergraduate Research and Innovative Teaching/Alberta Introductory Biology Association – Joint Conference*, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, Camrose, May 3-5.

Osborne, Geraint. Wilton, Shauna. (2017) "'Defenders of Perversion': Professing Same Sex Marriage Rights in the Local Press." Paper Presented to the *Pacific Sociological Association*, Portland, Oregon, USA, April 6-9.

Wilton, Shauna and Geraint Osborne (2015) "Illusionary Engagement in Large Classes," *Augustana's 2<sup>nd</sup> International Teaching Workshop Conference*, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lorenz, Stacy and Geraint Osborne (2013), "A Manly Nation Requires Manly Games": Hockey Violence and the 1905 Manslaughter Trial of Allan Loney," in Dithurbide, Lori and Colin Howell. Eds. *Putting it on Ice: Proceedings of the 2012 Hockey Conference*, St. Mary's University, Halifax, 2013: 285-302.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE PAPERS (CONTINUED):**

- Osborne, Geraint, Wilton, Shauna and Butler, Crystal (2013). "Professing in the Local Press: A discourse analysis of professor op-ed columns in local papers and their contribution to social capital and the public sphere in Camrose," *The Canadian Sociological Association, The Canadian Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, University of Victoria, British Columbia, June 5.
- Lorenz, Stacy L. and Geraint B. Osborne (2012), "A Manly Nation Requires Manly Games": Hockey Violence and the 1905 Manslaughter Trial of Allan Loney, *Constructing the Hockey Family: Home, Community, Bureaucracy and Marketplace*. Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 12-14, 2012.
- Osborne, G., Lorenz, T. & Fogel, C. (2010). "Rethinking Canada's Drug Strategy: User Perceptions on Cannabis Policy Reform." *British Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Leicester, July 12-14.
- Fogel, C., & Osborne, Geraint. (2007) "Researching Deviance: Methodological Issues of a Grounded Theory Approach." *Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference*. Banff, Alberta, September 21-24.
- Lorenz, Stacy and Osborne, Geraint. (2007). "'There Is No Evidence of Any Intention to Do Anything More than the Usual Injury': Debating Hockey Violence during the 1907 Manslaughter Trial of Charles Masson," *Canada and the League of Hockey Nations: Critical Perspectives on Hockey in Canada and Beyond*, Victoria, British Columbia, April 20-22.
- Lorenz, Stacy and Geraint Osborne (2006) "The Art of Giving a Nice Jab": Narratives of Hockey Violence in 1907 Newspaper Coverage," *North American Society for Sport History, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, May 19-22, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
- Osborne Geraint and Curtis Fogel (2006) "The Responsible Use of Marijuana: A Qualitative Study in Progress," *The Pacific Sociological Association, 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, Hollywood Hills, Universal City, California, April 20-23
- Lorenz, Stacy and Geraint Osborne (2005) "Brutal Butchery, Strenuous Spectacle: Hockey Violence, Manhood, and the 1907 Season," *North American Society for Sport History, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting*, May 28, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- Osborne, Geraint, (2003) "Women at War: The Case of Kingston, Ontario, 1939-45," *Engaging the Enemy: Canada in the 1940s Canadian Studies in Wales Group Conference*, 15-17 March 2003 at Gregynog.
- Osborne, Geraint and Gunderson Lisa (2002), "Who's That Knocking at the Door? Fear of Crime Amongst Seniors in a Small Town: A Qualitative Study," *Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, June 1st, University of Toronto.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, & GUEST LECTURES

Osborne, Geraint, Tim Parker, Deena Henshaw & Cst. John Fernhout, "Cannabis: Fact or Fiction?" Community Addiction and Mental Health, Camrose Recreation Centre, June 14, 2018.

Osborne, Geraint, Tim Parker, Deena Henshaw & Michelle Eikerman, "Lunch & Learn: the Cannabis Conundrum," Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, 20 March, 2018.

Osborne, Geraint. (2007). "We Women Found We Could Run a Country:" Kingston's Factory Women at War, 1939-1945," *Kingston Historical Society*, Kingston, Ontario, May 16.

## JOURNAL AND MANUSCRIPT REFEREEING

### Journal Refereeing

- *American Journal of Sociology; Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy; Harm Reduction Journal; Journal of Canadian Studies; Journal of Research on Adolescence; Journal of the Society for Social Work & Research; Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention & Policy; Journal of Drug Studies, Trends in Food Science and Technology, & Sociological Quarterly*

### Textbook Manuscripts

- 2017 *SOC+: Introduction to Sociology*, Nelson Education. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.
- 2009 *Sociology of Deviance: A Reader*, Oxford University Press. Textbook proposal.
- 2003 Comprehensive appraisal of Education chapter for Brym, Robert, *New Society: Sociology for the 21st Century*, (4th Edition), Nelson Thomson Learning.
- 2002 *New Society, Sociology for the 21st Century*, Harcourt Brace Canada. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

## EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT & CONSULTATION

- Winter, 2024. Designed a Directed Research course that engaged in exploratory research on the Camrose Youth Justice Committee (CYJC). In collaboration with Dr. Justin Tetrault and in consultation with CYJC, funding will be obtained for further research.
- Fall, 2021, External reviewer for the New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration 2021 Competition, Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC).
- 2020-22, Member of Steering Committee, "The Impacts of Cannabis Use on the Mental Health of in Risk Communities." Research funded by Mental Health Commission of Canada Grant and conducted by Habitus Consulting Collective, Calgary, Alberta.
- December, 2019, External Assessor for a research proposal submitted for grant funding to the Faculty of Medicine at the American University of Beirut. Cannabis study.

## EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT & CONSULTATION CONTINUED

- February 2017, External Assessor for *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*. Cannabis study.
- 26 September, 2016. Consultation. “A Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada,” Government of Canada.
- April 2010, External Assessor for the promotion of faculty member to Full Professor, *Brescia University College, University of Western Ontario*.
- October 2009, External Assessor for the tenure and promotion of faculty member to Associate Professor, *University of Guelph*.
- 15 May, 2008, Consultation. Bruce Mirken, Director of Communications, *Marijuana Policy Project*, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., Recreational use of cannabis and its implications for drug policy.

## SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- I have been interviewed by a number of news media outlets in print and radio: *The New York Times*; *The National Post*; *University Affairs*; *Maclean's*; *Queen's Journal*; *Calgary Eyeopener* *CBC Radio*; *News Talk 770 Radio*; *Global News Edmonton*; *CBC National Radio News*, *Wild Rose Country CBC Radio One*; and *630CHED Radio* to name a few.

## ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

2018-22	Associate Chair of Social Sciences, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2021 (Feb. 1-April 1)	Acting Chair of the Department of Social Science, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2010 (1 July-31 Dec.)	Acting Chair of the Department of Social Science, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2004-05	Co-Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Liberal Arts, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2003-04	Acting Chair of the Division of Sociology, History, and Political Studies (SHIPS), Augustana University College.

## SELECTED COMMITTEE SERVICE

2019-25	Board of Governors for the Camrose Performing Arts Centre, Representing Augustana Campus.
2020-25	Faculty Alumni Awards Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.

**SELECTED COMMITTEE SERVICE (CONTINUED)**

2018	Deans Selection Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2012-17	Community Service Learning Subcommittee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta. (Chair, 2015-2017).
2016-2019	Supervisory Committee for Sociology Ph.D. Candidacy Exam (Jean-Philippe Crete, Sociology, University of Edmonton, September 13, 2016).
2015-2016	Social Sciences Chair Hiring Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2011-13	Social Sciences Departmental Representative, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2007-10	Member of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2009-2010	Member of Annual Theme Committee: Dissent
2008	Member of the Fine Arts Advisory Selection Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2004-2006	Member of the Research Committee, Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta.
2000-2004	Member of the Committee on Teaching, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta (Chair, 2002-03).
2001-2005	Member of the Student Appeal Committee, Augustana, University College, Camrose, Alberta.
2002-03	Member of the Ad-hoc Curriculum Review Committee, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta.
2002-03	Member of the CIRLA (Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Liberal Arts) Colloquium Committee, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta.
2002-2003	Member of the Public Lecture Series, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta.
2001	Curricula and Instruction Subcommittee of the Institutional Self-Study Committee, Augustana University College.

**SERVICE TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

2007-2025	Board Member, Rose City Roots Music Society (Artistic Director)
2018-2025	Volunteer, Bailey Theatre (Programming Committee)
2015-2018	Board Member, Bailey Theatre
2003-2025	Member of the Second Thought Editorial Committee, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta.
2015 (January-May)	Camrose Police Service Citizen Satisfaction Survey Implementation (via AUSOC/CRI200 <i>Young Offenders and the Law</i> course).
2002-2006	Member of the Research Ethics Committee, Bethany Group, Rosehaven, Camrose, Alberta.