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Education

Ph.D., Sociology. New York University, Sept. 2005
From the Streets to the Voting Booth and Back: Contexts, Institutions, and Political Participation in American Cities, 1979–2003
Committee: Edwin Amenta (Chair), Jeff Goodwin, John H. Mollenkopf

M.A., New York University, Sociology, 2001

B.A., Columbia University, Sociology, 1995

Academic Position

Assistant Professor of Sociology. 2007–Present. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Research Fellow. 2005–2007. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program. University of Michigan

Refereed Articles

Sarah Gaby and Neal Caren. Forthcoming. “Occupy Online: How cute old men and Malcolm X Recruited 400,000 U.S. Users to OWS on Facebook.” *Social Movement Studies*.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren and James Stobaugh. Forthcoming. “Political Reform and the Trajectories of U.S. Social Movements in the Twentieth Century.” *Social Forces*.

Neal Caren, Kay Jowers and Sarah Gaby. 2012. “A Social Movement Online Community: Stormfront and the White Nationalist Movement.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change*, Volume 33.

Neal Caren, Raj Andrew Ghoshal and Vanesa Ribas. 2011. “A Social Movement Generation: Trends in Protesting and Petition Signing, 1973-2006.” *American Sociological Review*. 76: 125–151.

- Andrew J. Perrin, Steven J. Tepper, Neal Caren, and Sally Morris. 2011. "Cultures of the Tea Party." *Contexts*. 10:74-75.
- Kenneth T. Andrews and Neal Caren. 2010. "Making the News: Movement Organizations, Media Attention, and the Public Agenda." *American Sociological Review*. 75:841-846.
- Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, Elizabeth Chiarello, and Yang Su. 2010. "The Political Consequences of Social Movements." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 36: 287-307.
- Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, Sheera Olasky, and James E. Stobaugh. 2009. "All the Movements Fit to Print: Who, What, When, Where, and Why SMO Families Appeared in the *New York Times* in the Twentieth Century." *American Sociological Review*, 74:636-656.
- Neal Caren. 2007. "Big City, Big Turnout? Electoral Participation in American Cities" *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 29:31-46.
- Neal Caren and Aaron Panofsky. 2005. "TQCA: A Technique for Adding Temporality to Qualitative Comparative Analysis." *Sociological Methods & Research*, 34:147-172.
- Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, and Sheera Olasky. 2005. "Age for Leisure? Political Mediation and the Impact of the Pension Movement on U.S. Old-Age Policy." *American Sociological Review*, 70:516-538.
- Winner, *Best Published Article Award*, Collective Behavior/Social Movements Section of the ASA
 - Reprinted in David Snow and Doug McAdam. 2009. *Social Movements: Readings on Their Emergence, Mobilization, Dynamics, and Impact, Second Edition*. Oxford University Press.
- Michael Armato and Neal Caren. 2002. "Mobilizing the Single-Case Study: Doug McAdam's Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970." *Qualitative Sociology*, 25: 93-103.
- Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, Tina Fetner and Michael Young. 2002. "Challengers and States: Toward a Political Sociology of Social Movements." *Research in Political Sociology*, 10:47-83.
- Edwin Amenta, Chris Bonastia and Neal Caren. 2001. "U.S. Social Policy in Comparative and Historical Perspective: Concepts, Images, Arguments and Research Strategies." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 27: 213-234.

Other Publications

Neal Caren and Sarah Gaby. 2011. "Occupy Online: Facebook and the Spread of Occupy Wall Street." Available at SSRN. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1943168>

– More than 1,000 PDF downloads in the first four months.

Neal Caren. 2006. "Political Process Theory." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. George Ritzer, Editor. New York: Blackwell.

Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren. 2006. "Political Consequences of Social Movements." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. George Ritzer, Editor. New York: Blackwell.

Neal Caren. 2005. Book review of *The Chicago Guide to Writing about Numbers* by Jane E. Miller. *Sociological Methods & Research* 33: 574–577.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, and Sheera Olasky. 2005. "Just the Facts: Newspaper Coverage of Social Movement Organizations in the 20th Century." *Contexts*, 4(3): 48–49.

Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren. 2004. "The Legislative, Organizational, and Beneficiary Consequences of State-Oriented Challengers." *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements* edited by David A. Snow, Sarah A. Soule, and Hanspeter Kriesi. Pages 461–488.

Neal Caren. 2000. "Factor Analysis," "Income Distribution," "Mathematical Sociology," "Path Analysis," "Social Science Research Council," and "Type II Error." *World of Sociology*. Joseph M. Palmisano, editor. Detroit : Gale Group.

Working Papers

Neal Caren, Sarah Gaby and Catherine Herrold. "Bringing Adversity Back In: Economic Breakdown and the Pace of Collective Action."

Under review.

Neal Caren and Tuneka Tucker. "Economic Hardship, Racial Threat and Support for the Tea Party Movement."

Being revised for resubmission to *Social Problems*.

Neal Caren and Tuneka Tucker. "Local Environmental Justice Movements: Tactics, Organizations and Outcomes."

Being revised for resubmission to *Mobilization*.

Grants

Neal Caren. "Collaborative Research: Collective Action Dynamics in the U.S., 1960-1995." Recommend by NSF Division of Social and Economic Sciences for \$97,107. Part of \$399,000 grant to be awarded to Jennifer Earl (Arizona), Edwin Amenta (Irvine) with Sarah Soule (Stanford) as a consultant.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Jr. Faculty Development Award. 2011. \$7,500.

Andrew Perrin, Neal Caren, Eliana Perrin and Asheley Skinner. NIH R03. "Systematic Cultural Observation: A Method for Measuring Health Related Place-Based Culture." 2011–2013. \$148,000

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Urban and Regional Studies Scholar-in-Residence, Spring 2010.

University Research Council Small Grant Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007.

NYU Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2004–2005

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2003-2005

New York University GSAS Travel Grant 2002, 2004

Selected Presentations

Neal Caren. 2012. "How central are social movements to American politics?" Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA. Presentation website: <http://www.unc.edu/~ncaren/nyt/>

Neal Caren, Sarah Gaby and Catherine Herrold. 2011. "Bringing Adversity Back In: Economic Breakdown and the Pace of Collective Action." American Sociological Association Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Thomas Elliott, Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren. 2011. "Elaborating the POS Model." American Sociological Association Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Andrew J. Perrin, Steven J. Tepper, Neal Caren, and Sally Morris. 2011. "Cultures of the Tea Party." American Sociological Association Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Neal Caren. 2010. "White Supremacy 2.0: Portrait of an Online Activist Community" Center For Urban and Regional Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Neal Caren and Tuneka Tucker. 2010. "Local Environmental Justice Movements: Tactics, Organizations and Outcomes." American Sociological Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Neal Caren. 2010. "Harnessing the Internet with Stata." Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Neal Caren, Raj Ghoshal and Vanesa Ribas. 2009. "A Social Movement Generation: Trends in Protesting and Petition Signing, 1973-2006." American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren and James Edward Stobaugh. 2009. "The First Big Test of Social Movement Theories: Explaining the Major Newspaper Coverage of U.S. Movements Across the Twentieth Century." American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Neal Caren and Tuneka Tucker. 2009. "Local Environmental Justice Movements: Tactics, Organizations and Outcomes." Rice University's Conference on Underrepresented Groups in Subnational Politics, May 2009.

Neal Caren. 2008. "Is there something in the water? Explaining variation in protest participation across U.S. cities." American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA.

Neal Caren and Ethan Schoolman. 2008. "Closing the Clean Air Gap? Environmental Justice in the 1990s." American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren and James Edward Stobaugh. 2008. "Do the Major Theories of Social Movements Explain the Coverage of U.S. SMOs?" American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA.

Neal Caren. 2007. "Closing the Clean Air Gap: Environmental Justice in the 1990s." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting, Aspen, CO

Neal Caren. 2006. "When Love Isn't in the Air: The Environmental Justice Movement and Pollution Disparities." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting, Aspen, CO.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, and Sheera Olasky. 2005. "America's Most Wanted Social Movement Organizations." American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia.

Neal Caren. 2004. "Racial and Ethnic Cleavages and Political Participation: Voter Turnout in Recent American Mayoral Elections." American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco.

Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, and Sheera Olasky. 2004. "Age for Leisure? Political Mediation and the Impact of the Old-Age Pension Movement on U.S. Old-Age Policy." American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco.

Neal Caren. 2004. "Racial Polarization and Political Participation: Voter Turnout in Recent American Mayoral Elections." Urban Affairs Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Edwin Amenta and Neal Caren. 2003. "The Impact of the Old-Age Pension Movement on Key Congressional Votes and Old Age Assistance Programs." American Sociological Association Meeting, Atlanta.

Neal Caren. 2002. "TQCA: A Method for Adding Temporality to Ragin's Qualitative Comparative Analysis." American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago.

Courses Taught

Social Stratification, undergraduate (UNC)

Social Movements, undergraduate (UNC & NYU)

Social Movements, graduate (UNC)

Social and Economic Justice, undergraduate (UNC)

Political Sociology, undergraduate (UNC)

Environmental Justice, First Year Seminar (UNC)

Research Methods, undergraduate (NYU)

Statistics, undergraduate (NYU)

Professional Service

Book Review Editor, *Social Forces*, 2009–present.

Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*, 2007–present.

ASA Section on Social Movements and Collective Behavior, Publications Committee.

Member: American Sociological Association.

Reviewer: *Administrative Science Quarterly*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Mobilization*; *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Urban Affairs Review*.