

TAMARA POWELL

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Education

- 09.2007 - present **University of California, San Diego**
Ph.D. Student in Communication
Advisor: Dr. Michael Cole
- 09.2009 M.A. in Communication
- 09.2002 - 03.2007 **University of California, Los Angeles**
B.A. in Anthropology (with College and Departmental Honors)
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Marjorie Goodwin
B.A. in Sociology

Research

- 08.2008 - present **Community Well-being Collaborative | UCSD**
Principal Investigators: Dr. Michael Cole, Communication;
Dr. William Norcross, School of Medicine; Dr. Hugh Mehan,
Sociology
Youth Health and Physical Education Sub-group
- 09.2007 - present **Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition | UCSD**
Laboratory Director: Dr. Michael Cole, Communication
- 01.2006 - 04.2007 **Anthropology Undergraduate Honors Thesis | UCLA**
Thesis Title: Were the Colonists Americans?: Classroom
Conversations and the Construction of National Identity
among Immigrant Students During a United States History
Lesson
Advisor: Dr. Marjorie Goodwin, Anthropology
- 01.2007 - 06.2007 **Transformative Action Institute | UCLA**
Principal Investigator: Dr. Scott Sherman, Institute on the
Environment
- 12.2006 - 04.2007 **Graduate School of Education and Information Studies |
UCLA**

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies

06.2005 - 04.2006 **Center on Everyday Lives of Families** | UCLA
Principal Investigator: Dr. Elinor Ochs, Anthropology

Teaching

01.2010 - 03.2010 **Teaching Assistant** | Communication: Introduction to Communication | UCSD
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Anderson, Communication

09.2009 - 12.2009 **Teaching Assistant** | Communication 100: Introduction to Communication and the Individual | UCSD
Instructor: Dr. Barry Brown, Communication

09.2008 - 12.2008 **Teaching Assistant** | Human Development Program 133: Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Human Development | UCSD
Instructor: Dr. Michael Cole, Communication

Publications

Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition. (In Press). Qualitative research: Cultural-historical activity theory. In: B. McGaw, P. Peterson, & E. Baker (Eds.) *International Encyclopedia of Education*, 3rd edition. New York: Elsevier.

Awards

09.2009 - 06.2009 **Teaching Assistant** | Department of Communication

09.2007 - 08.2009 **Graduate Research Assistant** | UCSD
Graduate research assistant with Dr. Michael Cole and members of the Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition conducting research at Town and Country Learning Center, an after-school learning environment and community activity center for youth and adults living in a HUD subsidized neighborhood in southeast San Diego

07.2008 **Afterschool.org Video Webcast Competition Winner** | AED Center for Youth Development

Won first prize for a submission of vignettes from my ethnographic work at the Town and Country Learning Center

06.2006 - 06.2007 **Wasserman Research Scholarship** | UCLA
Awarded through UCLA's Undergraduate Research Scholars Program

Conferences and Presentations

08.07.2009 **2009 Neighborhood Networks Week Webcast** | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Produced video introduction for the Neighborhood Networks Week Closing Event Webcast

05.11.2009 **Sandrizona** | UCSD and University of Arizona Linguistic Anthropology Exchange
"Rounds and the Construction of Fair Turn-Taking During Children's Play"

04.25.2007 **Posters on the Hill** | Council of Undergraduate Research | Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC

04.21.2007 **Anthropology Undergraduate Honors Presentation** | UCLA

04.13.2007 **21st National Conference on Undergraduate Research** | Dominican University of California

02.23.2007 **28th Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum** | University of Pennsylvania, Center for Urban Ethnography

11.18.2006 **Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research** | Occidental College | 11.18.2006

Academic and Professional Service

09.2008 - 06.2009 **Department of Communication Hiring Committee** | Graduate Student Representative | UCSD

04.2009 **Sanrizona Linguistic Anthropology Exchange** | Conference Organization Committee | Linguistic Anthropology of Laboratories of UCSD and University of Arizona

10.2007 - present **Language, Interaction, Mind, and Body** | Video-ethnographic data-analysis working group | Graduate Student Organizer and Founder | UCSD

Editorial and Review Work

07.2008 - 06.2009 **Editorial Assistant** | Mind, Culture, and Activity Journal

09.2007 - 06.2008 **Copy Editor** | Mind, Culture, and Activity Journal

Membership

04.2009 - present **American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance**

02.2009 - present **National Communication Association**

02.2009 - present **American Anthropological Association**

11.2007 - present **XMCA Discussion Forum** for Mind, Culture, and Activity Journal

08.2005 - present **Sloan Work and Family Research Network**

Fields of Professional Interest

Physical and health education in formal and informal environments; health disparities; multimodal interaction; ethnomethodology; cultural-historical activity theory; visual and linguistic anthropology; ethnography of education; human development

References

Dr. Michael Cole | UCSD | Communication | mcole@ucsd.edu

Dr. Hugh Mehan | UCSD | Sociology | hmehan@ucsd.edu

Dr. John B. Haviland | UCSD | Anthropology | jhaviland@ucsd.edu

Dr. Marjorie Goodwin | UCLA | Anthropology | mgoodwin@anthro.ucla.edu

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