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Shi'i Religious Culture and Social Movement Strategies: Framing Collective Action in Iraq

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One of my favorite headlines that appeared shortly after the American invasion of Iraq was in the *Washington Post* (April 23, 2003). The headline stated: "U.S. Planners Surprised By Strength of Iraqi Shiites." These "planners" were largely responding to the *Arba'een* processions in Karbala that marked the martyrdom of the Imam Hussein. Last April, hundreds of thousands of Shi'i Muslims participated in this event. For those more familiar with Iraqi society, participation in these processions was not as surprising. Being "surprised" at the organizational strength of the Shi'i community in Iraq—the traditional center of Shi'i religious scholarship—is roughly akin to being surprised when a freight train suddenly appears on a set of railroad tracks. In fact, Shi'i religious culture is particularly conducive to the organization of popularly supported protest movements.

The processional period that marks the martyrdom of Imam Hussein during the month of *Muharram*, particularly the day of *Ashura* (the day Hussein was martyred at Karbala), has long offered opportunities for Shi'is to collectively protest against state and international policy. I expect the *Muharram* processions next year (February 22-March 2, 2004) to be much more politicized. In particular,

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Shi'i leaders who have been excluded from the Iraqi "interim" authority, or are generally opposed to the presence of American troops in Iraq, will use these ceremonies as an opportunity to protest against the American occupation of the country. If these protests are resonant, future processional periods will likely be used to increase support for a Shi'i resistance movement directed against the American presence in Iraq.

I have submitted this piece to the *Critical Mass Bulletin* to give readers some basic information so that they can observe the upcoming Shi'i processional period in Iraq and understand the content of these rituals. Also, the event acts as a nice exemplar regarding the interplay of culture and social movement "framing" activity.

Anchoring Social Movement Narratives in Shi'i Muslim Culture

People draw on historical events that have resonance when evaluating a "new" social problem (see Tarrow 1992). In this respect, the historical period when Islam was first revealed has considerable resonance for Muslims, and during periods of modern conflict it is natural that these historical narratives are employed to evaluate current social problems. It is beyond the scope of this brief article to offer a detailed history of Islam, but I will present one important historical event that has been used as an organizing narrative for past Shi'i movement groups.

The narrative account of Hussein's martyrdom at Karbala (in southern Iraq) is a general life lesson for all pious Shi'i Muslims. Hussein, the closest living descendent of the prophet Mohammad, died while trying to claim the position of Caliph, the temporal and spiritual leader of the Muslim community. Hussein's martyrdom (680 AD) occurred on the tenth month (*Muharram*) of the Muslim calendar and is re-created by Shi'is during the *Muharram* processions each year. The day of *Ashura*, the tenth day of *Muharram*, is the day that Hussein

was martyred by the followers of Yazid ibn Mu'awiya, the Sunni Caliph.

According to the Shi'i tradition, the position of Caliph was to have reverted to the "family of the prophet" of whom Hussein was the closest living descendent. Instead, the Sunni Caliph Mu'awiya created a dynastic succession of the *Ummayah* clan following the death of Hussein's father. Yazid, son of Mu'awiya, later claimed the position of Caliph. Hussein refused to recognize Yazid and attempted to rendezvous with supporters in modern day Iraq. At Karbala, on the first day of *Muharram*, Hussein and his companions were surrounded by Yazid's army and forced to camp in the desert while being denied food and water. On the day of *Ashura*, Yazid's army killed all of the men in Hussein's group.

The stories, sermons and plays (*ta'ziyeh*) that detail the ten days that Hussein and his followers spent in the desert surrounded by Yazid's army climax with the account of the battle that took place on *Ashura*. This narrative has often been recounted as "popular" traditional entertainment within the Shi'i community. For example, in Iran, popular story-tellers (*rawdā-khwans*) have given dramatic renderings of the Karbala events that were judged against one another. These stories incorporated mystical and allegorical elements into the narrative that many orthodox Shi'i scholars sometimes found offensive. For instance, one common account is that the decapitated head of Hussein, when brought to Yazid, continued to recite the Koran (Fischer 1980). Indeed, these remarkably detailed accounts are filled with superhuman efforts, near successes, last moment conversions, battlefield weddings and tragic double crosses that are designed to create the most emotional experience possible for those listening to the narrative (Chelkowski 1979).

The Martyrdom of Hussein in Modern Context

Fischer (1980), an American anthropologist who studied seminaries (*madrasas*) in the holy city of Qom, believes the account of Hussein's martyrdom, combined with the symbols and institutions that support this account, constituted

a *Karbala paradigm* that was used to mobilize Iranians during the 1978 revolution. Chelkowski and Dabashi (1999) also regard the symbolic content of this narrative to be of primary importance in “staging” the Iranian revolution. Chelkowski and Dabashi--in their study of Iranian revolutionary posters, art and slogans--often make reference to Goffman’s concept of “strategic dramaturgy.” Neither would identify themselves as a social movement scholar, but both adopted the same general perspective that is used in social movement research that investigates movement “frames” (see Snow et al. 1986). Overall, understanding the content of these rituals will be important if one wants to follow how some Iraqi Shi’i movements respond to the American occupation of Iraq.

Indeed, the “Karbala paradigm” in Shi’i religious culture offers a ready-made analogy for organizing social movement activity and enables a number framing functions (see Hunt, Benford, and Snow 1994). For example, religious movement leaders in Iran often portrayed the irreligious Shah of Iran as the evil Yazid. Comparing Mohammad Reza Shah to Yazid also allowed for supporters of the revolution to enjoy a measure of redemption in their ongoing revolutionary struggle against the Shah and the West. Furthermore, because specific religious rituals are dedicated to re-enacting Hussein’s martyrdom, and because the narrative account of the martyrdom is well known, these traditional narratives are often re-fashioned into modern movement frames by religious leaders.

Traditional Forms of Symbolic Protest in Shii Muslim History

Swidler (1986) has conceived of past protest practices as a cultural “tool kit” that is repeatedly used by movements. Past movement strategies, whose symbolic content is already known to a society, can help facilitate new movements that anchor their movement goals to these symbols from the past (see Tarrow 1998). In Shi’i Muslim culture the *Muharram* ceremonies have often been used as an occasion for social protest.

The *Muharram* processions are lamentation rituals concerning the martyrdom of the Imam Hussein that recreate the ten days that Hussein confronted Yazid’s army at Karbala. The most dramatic processional event is the men who self-flagellate, usually with chains struck upon their back, during the 9th and 10th days of *Muharram*. Sometimes, men make small cuts on their foreheads to draw blood, which represents the blood spilled at Karbala and symbolically places the participants among those martyred with Hussein. Large crowds gather to watch the processions and esteemed religious leaders give sermons throughout the processional period.

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During the ten days of the *Muharram* ceremonies each day recreates the specific events that Hussein and his followers experienced while surrounded by Yazid’s army. The ceremonies place people within the Karbala narrative, where the blood spilled by Hussein and his companions on the tenth day is symbolically linked to the blood drawn by the men in the processions. The *Muharram* processions, while still dramatic, have become modified in modern times and there is considerably less bloodletting. Despite modern adaptations, the ten-day processional period is still an emotionally charged event in which the religious community experiences the death of Hussein in personal terms (Chelkowski 1979; Chelkowski and Dabashi 1999).

In Iraq, during the Bathist period of control, the processional tradition was outlawed because it was regarded as a possible venue for organizing Shi’i resistance to the regime. Indeed, the processional period was often used by Shi’i groups in Iran throughout the twentieth century to protest state policy. For example,

while still in exile, Ayatollah Khomeini (1978) stated the following just previous to the 1978 *Muharram* ceremonies:

With the approach of *Muharram*, we are about to begin the month of epic heroism and self-sacrifice—the month in which blood triumphed over the sword, the month in which truth condemned falsehood for all eternity and branded the mark of disgrace upon the forehead of all oppressors and satanic governments; the month that has taught successive generations throughout history the path of victory over the bayonet; the month that proves the superpowers may be defeated by the word of truth; the month in which the leader of the Muslims taught us how to struggle against all the tyrants of history, showed us how the clenched fists of those who seek freedom, desire independence, and proclaim truth may triumph over tanks, machine guns, and the armies of Satan, how the word of truth may obliterate falsehood. (242)

The 1978 *Muharram* ceremonies in Iran were a vehicle for what may have been the largest popular demonstrations against a government in history. Millions of people, many of whom would not ordinarily participate in the *Muharram* processions, took the opportunity to enter the streets and protest against the Shah. The Pahlavi Shah voluntarily left Iran less than a month after the *Muharram* protests (see Fischer 1980; Moin 1999). Obviously, the “superpowers,” “guns” and “tanks” that Khomeini spoke of did not exist during the time of the Imam Hussein, but Khomeini, and others, seamlessly transferred the movement struggle to depose the Shah, and the struggle for independence from the West, into a struggle for righteousness.

For those who study social movements, the processional period offers a unique opportunity to observe an interaction between a religious culture and the movement frames that will be adopted by those opposed to the ongoing American occupation. Indeed, the popular narratives of Hussein are going to be adapted by Shi'i movement factions in Iraq to frame the meaning of the American occupation of the country. Of course, current conditions in Iraq are considerably different than those in Iran in 1978, so the specific way that this narrative is adapted will change. Moreover, the occupying American forces, because they ended the considerable oppression that the devout Iraqi

Shi'is had endured for decades, do have some goodwill within the Shi'i community. So, while widespread collective protests against the American occupation will be particularly intense during the *Muharram* processions, the degree of intensity, and the resonance that these protests have among Shi'i groups will also be affected by ongoing American policy in Iraq and the actions of the occupying soldiers.

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Section Awards Presented at the 2003 ASA Annual Meeting

The section presented three awards at its business meeting at the 2003 ASA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Here are the winners, along with the awards committees' descriptions of the merit of these works:

Distinguished Book Award: Francesca Polletta, *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*

Drawing on more than one hundred interviews, Polletta explores the history and dynamics of participatory democracy in a range of American social movements, including the civil rights movement, the New Left, the women's movement, and the movement against corporate globalization. The book shows that while the social movements that adopted participatory democracy eventually declined, such experimentation was not futile because many recent social movements have come to practice elements of participatory democracy. Polletta's book can be read from different angles: as a story of how new social movements in the process of challenging old cultures try to create new political cultures closer to their ideals; as a book about the logic of organizational innovations in social movements; as a challenge to Michels' iron law of oligarchy; and as an empirical analysis of both the potential and problems of participatory democracy as a power-sharing and decision-making principle. As Richard Flacks has written, Polletta's book "challenges the common assumption that morality and strategy are incomparable, that those who aim at winning must compromise principle while those who insist on morality are destined to be ineffective. . . . Rather than dwell on trying to explain the decline of '60s movements, Polletta shows how participatory democracy has become the guiding framework for many of today's activists."

Honorable Mention: Kathleen Blee, *Inside Organized Racism*

Best Published Paper: Bert Useem and Jack Goldstone, "Forging Social Order and Its Breakdown: Riot and Reform in U.S. Prisons," *American Sociological Review* 67:499-525

This article substantially advances the state of the art in collective behavior and social movements research by extending the explanatory range of state-centered theories of revolution to broader classes of revolts against authoritarian institutions. It is precisely in this way that case driven and qualitative research agendas can contribute to general sociological knowledge and evaluate sociological theory. The paper's comparison of the New York and New Mexico case studies not only yields important and interesting results, the case studies also present important substantive findings about some of the consequences of the design and administration of correctional facilities. Thus, this research also has clear policy relevance, making it an even more notable achievement in CBSM research.

Best Student Paper: Julie Stewart (NYU), "When Local Troubles Become Transnational Issues: A Study of an Indigenous Rights Movement in Guatemala"

Julie Stewart examines the process by which a local movement expands its field of action and goes transnational, producing a theoretically-informed, detailed case study of the development of an indigenous group, comprised of survivors of a military massacre, which organized to demand recognition of the event and specific redress. Theoretically, she calls for a more variegated analysis of the state than Keck and Sikkink's "boomerang" model suggests; specifically, organizers learned they had grievances that were created beyond the boundaries of the nation-state they initially challenged. Such recognition allows challenging groups to continue even when local conditions change. It's a good read, and it encourages us to look at the complexity of target selection for transnationally oriented movements.

Honorable Mention: Kraig Beyerlein (UNC), "Explaining Variation in U.S. Religion-Based Protest Activism: Examining Religious Traditions, Politicized Religious Congregations, Strong-Tie Recruitment, Organizing Skill, and Social Psychological Variables."

Membership of the awards committees: Book – Jeff Goodwin, Kelly Moore, Rhys Williams, Dingxin Zhao; Published Paper – Joane Nagel, Holly McCammon, Steven Pfaff, Guobin Yang; Student Paper – David Meyer, Francesca Polletta, Josh Gamson, Deana Rohlinger.

ASA 2004 in San Francisco

The 99th Annual Meeting of the ASA will be August 14-17, 2004, in San Francisco. Papers are due January 15 and must be submitted via ASA's online submission service. (Visit www.asanet.org for details.) Our section is sponsoring four sessions:

- Popular Movements in the Global South, *Paul D. Almeida, Texas A & M University*
- The Social Control of Movements, *Jennifer Earl, UC Santa Barbara*
- Social Movements and the Law, *Mary Bernstein, University of Connecticut*
- Refereed Roundtables, *Gregory M. Maney, Hofstra University*

The following Regular Sessions may also be of interest to section members:

- Collective Behavior, *Thomas Hood, University of Tennessee*
- Labor and Labor Movements, *E. M. Beck, University of Georgia*
- Social Movements, *Michael Young, University of Texas at Austin*
- Transnational Social Movements, *Val Moghadam, Illinois State University*

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Section Elections: Call for Nominations

The CBSM Nominations Committee is looking for candidates to fill vacancies in the section's governing council, various committees, and key executive positions. The open positions are: chair-elect, secretary-treasurer, two vacancies on council, and one vacancy each on publications, nominations, workshop committees.

Members of the 2003-2004 nominations committee are Hank Johnston, Hank.Johnston@sdsu.edu, Sarah Soule soule@u.arizona.edu, Steve Valocchi stephen.valocchi@trincoll.edu, and Jennifer Earl jearl@soc.ucsb.edu. Please contact any one of us to make a nomination or to self-nominate. Please request the nominee to supply a short biography of four-five sentences.

New Publications

Marx, Gary T. 2003. "A Tack in the Shoe: Neutralizing and Resisting the New Surveillance," *Journal of Social Issues* 59 (1). Also available at <http://www.garymarx.net>.

Van Dyke, Nella. 2003. "Crossing Movement Boundaries: Factors that Facilitate Coalition Protest by American College Students, 1930-1990," *Social Problems* 50(2): 226-250.

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Position Announcements

University of Tennessee, Head of Sociology Department

The University of Tennessee Department of Sociology invites applications for the position of Head. Ph.D. in Sociology required; the successful candidate should qualify to be tenured at the rank of Full Professor in the department. Evidence of a distinguished record of scholarship and teaching as well as administrative experience should be provided at the time of application. Experience with curricular matters, notable activity in professional associations, and experience with or interest in generating external funding are desirable. Strong leadership skills and ability to work effectively with colleagues, staff, and students are especially important characteristics; these skills should extend to relations with College, University, and other non-departmental units. The successful candidate will also have an understanding of and demonstrated commitment to equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. Areas of specialization are open. The Department is in an exciting moment of transition, and we anticipate filling several tenure-track positions in the near future. The Department's new focus in Social Justice and Community Change unites faculty research and undergraduate and graduate curricula. By integrating studies of social, economic, and distributive justice, department members have created a unique niche to conduct research and train students in the impacts of globalization on community change, the criminal justice system, and ecosystem management strategies. Applicants should submit a letter of application including current research interests and administrative philosophy, a curriculum vitae, samples of recent publications, evidence of teaching excellence, and contact information for three references. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Address materials to Dr. Mary E. Papke, Chair of the Sociology Search Committee, 901 McClung Tower, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2003, and will continue until the position is filled. UTK is an EEO/AA/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA employer.

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RESEARCH IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, CONFLICTS AND CHANGE, VOLUME 26

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