

# TAMARA POWELL

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## *Education*

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- 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*

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### *Graduate*

- 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

### *Undergraduate*

- 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*

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- 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*

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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*

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- 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*

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- 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      **21<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Undergraduate Research** | Dominican University of California
- 02.23.2007      **28<sup>th</sup> 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*

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- 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*

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- 07.2008 - 06.2009      **Editorial Assistant** | Mind, Culture, and Activity Journal
- 09.2007 - 06.2008      **Copy Editor** | Mind, Culture, and Activity Journal

### *Membership*

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- 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*

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

*References*

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**Dr. Michael Cole** | UCSD | Communication | [mcole@ucsd.edu](mailto:mcole@ucsd.edu)

**Dr. Hugh Mehan** | UCSD | Sociology | [hmehan@ucsd.edu](mailto:hmehan@ucsd.edu)

**Dr. John B. Haviland** | UCSD | Anthropology | [jhaviland@ucsd.edu](mailto:jhaviland@ucsd.edu)

**Dr. Marjorie Goodwin** | UCLA | Anthropology | [mgoodwin@anthro.ucla.edu](mailto:mgoodwin@anthro.ucla.edu)

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