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ACADEMIC POSITION

2013-Present: Instructor of Sociology, The University of Memphis

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Florida State University, 2014

Dissertation: "Teachers' Perceptions of Immigrant Students' Academic and Social Behaviors"

Committee: John Reynolds (chair), Irene Padavic, Anne Barrett, Stacey Rutledge

Comprehensive exam area: Social Stratification - Race, Class, and Gender

M.S. in Sociology, Florida State University, 2010

Thesis: "The Effects of Masculine Culture on the Academic Engagement of High School Students"

Committee: John Reynolds (chair), Irene Padavic, Doug Schrock, Koji Ueno

B.A. in Sociology, with honors, North Carolina State University, 2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2012-13

Nominated for FSU Graduate School Student Leadership Award, 2012-13

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, FSU Department of Sociology, 2011-12

Graduate Teaching Award, FSU Department of Sociology, 2010-11

Nominated for FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2010-09

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record: University of Memphis

Intro to Sociology

Social Problems

Race and Ethnicity

Sociology of Gender

Social Inequality

Social Statistics

Instructor of Record: Florida State University

Gender and Violence, Spring 2011, Fall 2012

Social Statistics, Summer 2011

Social Problems, Summer and Fall 2010

Distance Learning Teaching Assistant

Deviance and Social Control, 2009-10

Population and Society, 2009

Aging and the Life Course, 2009

Alcohol and Drug Problems, 2008

Guided Individual Instruction

FSU Athletics Academic Support Department, 2009, 2012

RESEARCH AND GRANTS

2013 - Dissertation research funds to study abroad in London. Source: The Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy. Funded for 2013, (\$1,500).

2013 - Research Assistant for Professor John Reynolds, Deputy Editor of *American Sociological Review*

2012 - The Claude Pepper Foundation Grant to study "The Impact of the Recession on Florida's Aging Population" (P.I.: John Reynolds). Funded for Summer 2012, (\$25,537)

Role: Obtain and organize data from various sources (e.g., AARP, US Bureau of Labor Statistics) on the effects of the recession on the aging population in the United States and Florida.

2011-12 - Research Assistant for Professor John Reynolds, Director of the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy

Role: Compile information about faculty achievements and draft the Pepper Institute Annual Report, revise survey questionnaire on the safety of older drivers for a Florida Department of Transportation grant, organize schedules for guest speakers and brown bag lectures, create and display signage for the Pepper Institute, and assist with grading and exam proctoring for Professor Reynolds.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2012 - Discussant for the panel "Innovative Approaches to Teaching about Gender." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA

2011 - "Failing Schools in Florida: Accountability and the Consolidation of Educational Disadvantage" with John Reynolds and Courtney Twitty. Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL

2010 - "The Effects of Masculine Culture on the Academic Engagement of High School Students." Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2012 - Panelist for the seminar "Intimate Partner Violence: Is it Happening to You?" Florida State University Women's Student Union

2012 - "Domestic Violence, Women, and Society," Keynote speaker at the Femina Perfecta banquet hosted by Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Florida State University

2011 - "Teaching as a Graduate Student," Panelist for FSU Department of Sociology Proseminar

2011- "The Master's Paper Process," Panelist for FSU Department of Sociology Proseminar

2010 - "The Effects of Masculine Culture on the Academic Engagement of High School Students." Sociologists for Women in Society, Tallahassee, FL Chapter

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS):

Winter Meeting Student Planning Committee, appointed by SWS President, 2012
Tallahassee Chapter Co-Chair, appointed by local SWS chapter, May 2011 -
December 2012

Florida State University Sociology Graduate Student Union (SGSU):

President, elected 2012-13

Vice President, elected 2011-12

SGSU Representative to Florida State University's Department of Sociology:

Honors/Awards Committee, appointed 2011-13

Departmental Policy Committee, elected 2011-12

Departmental Meeting Committee, elected 2010-11

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Gender and Incorporating Feminism in the Classroom, Panel Discussion,
Sociologists for Women in Society - Tallahassee Chapter, 2011

Dissertation Grants Semester-Long Seminar, FSU Department of Sociology, 2011

Preparing Future Faculty Workshop on Teaching in Diverse Classrooms, 2010

Preparing Future Faculty Workshop on Creating a Teaching Portfolio, 2009

FSU Program for Instructional Excellence Seminar, Completed 2008

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

Sociologists for Women in Society