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ACADEMIC POSITION

2015 - Present: Online Coordinator, Instructor of Sociology, The University of Memphis
2013 - 2015: Instructor of Sociology, The University of Memphis

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Florida State University, 2014
Comprehensive exam area: Social Stratification - Race, Class, and Gender
M.S. in Sociology, Florida State University, 2010
B.A. in Sociology, with honors, North Carolina State University, 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Face-to-face courses:

Introductory Sociology
Contemporary Social Problems
Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Sociology of Gender
Sociology of Education
Social Inequality
Social Statistics
Methods of Social Research
Gender and Violence
Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Online courses:

Sociology of Gender
Contemporary Social Problems
Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Methods of Social Research
Deviance and Social Control
Population and Society
Aging and the Life Course
Alcohol and Drug Problems

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 - Recipient of The University of Memphis Distinguished Teaching Award
2015 - Nominated for The University of Memphis Distinguished Teaching Award
2013 - FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Recipient
2013 - Nominated for FSU Graduate School Student Leadership Award

2012 - Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, FSU Department of Sociology
2011 - Graduate Teaching Award, FSU Department of Sociology
2010 - Nominated for FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education; Teaching Sociology; Race and Immigration; Gender; Social Inequality

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Reynolds, John R. and Melissa J. Bamford. 2016. "School Gender Culture and Student Subjective Well-Being." *Sex Roles* 74(1):62-77.

RESEARCH AND GRANTS

2013 - Dissertation research funds to study abroad in London. Source: The Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy. Funded for 2013, (\$2,000)

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)

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

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2017 – Discussant for the panel "Making the Most Out of a Non-Tenure Track Faculty Position." Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC

2016 - Discussant for the panel "Professional Advice for Graduate Students." Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

2015 - "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Using Free, Online Format Textbooks: Tales from Two Campuses" with Summer McWilliams. Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA

2013 - "Cross-Cultural Classrooms: Immigration, Ethnicity, and Gender." Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

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

2018 – Discussion leader for Alternative Spring Break Experience – "Diversity and Culture"

2018 – Discussion leader for FROSH Camp Counselor Orientation – "How to Talk about Diversity with Incoming First Year Students"

2018 - Discussion leader for student & faculty conversation following "The Body Politic" performance, University of Memphis Department of Dance

2017 – Discussion leader for University of Memphis' "Dorm Conversations" on race, politics, and diversity on campus

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

The University of Memphis:

- 2016 - Present - Faculty adviser for Go Memphis, Student Outdoor Club
- 2016 - Faculty evaluator for Honors Program Works in Progress Symposium
- 2014 - Present - New Student Orientation Faculty Advice Panel
- 2014 - 2016 - Fresh Connections Learning Communities Administrative Team
- 2014 - Faculty evaluator for Honors Program Works in Progress Symposium

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS):

- 2015-16 Winter Meeting Program Committee Chair, appointed by SWS President
- 2012 - Winter Meeting Student Planning Committee, appointed by SWS President
- 2011-12 Tallahassee Chapter Co-Chair, appointed by local SWS chapter

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

Occasional reviewer for *Gender & Society*; Cengage Learning Textbook Publishers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2011 - 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
2010 - Preparing Future Faculty Workshop on Teaching in Diverse Classrooms
2009 - Preparing Future Faculty Workshop on Creating a Teaching Portfolio
2008 - FSU Program for Instructional Excellence Seminar

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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