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Education

Ph.D. (expected) May 2010, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Sociology

Ph.D. Dissertation Title: "Cross-National Fear of Crime Among Women: An Examination of Structural and Individual-Level Causes"

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Rachel Whaley, Chair

Dr. Michelle H. Miller

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Administration of Justice Graduate Certificate. Fall 2008. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

M.A. December 2007, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Sociology

M.A. Research Paper Title: "Perceived Risk and Severity of Prior Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis"

Advisor: Dr. Michelle H. Miller

B.A. December 2004, The University of Tennessee at Martin

Major: Psychology; Minor: Sociology

Areas of Specialization

Criminology, Victimology, Gender, Quantitative Methods

Manuscript Submissions

August 2009. Abbott, Jessica A., and Shelly McGrath. "Police Report Satisfaction and Perceived Risk of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." (under review at *Violence and Victims*)

Works in Progress

Dissertation Research: Abbott, Jessica. "Cross-National Fear of Crime Among Women: An Examination of Structural and Individual-Level Causes"

Using Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM), I seek to gain a greater understanding of how one's gender influences her or his fear of crime. Using both individual- and country-level data from the International Crime Victimization Survey (ICVS), World Values Survey, United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and the Operations of the Criminal Justice System (UNCS), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and World Bank, gender equality is gauged using women's political representation, literacy rates, and various other proxies for empowerment of women. The data boasts a large sample size (N=92,069), and analyses are able to make generalizations for numerous nations, both industrialized and non-industrialized.

Abbott, Jessica. "Perceived Risk and Severity of Prior Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis."

This paper explores previous victimization experiences as they affect perceived risk of victimization cross-nationally. My data are extracted from the International Crime Victimization Survey (ICVS 2000 wave). Perceived risk is measured using individual perceptions of safety after dark. Along with the safety after dark measure, I use one's perceived chance of being burglarized to assess perceived risk cross-nationally. Using interactionism as my prevalent theoretical basis, I use Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression to predict the effects of individuals' victimization experiences on levels of perceived risk. Particularly, analyses are concerned with whether type of victimization (grouped into UCR index crimes), perceived severity of victimization, and weapon use during violent victimization have an effect on perceived risk. Results indicate that type of victimization is an indicator of perceived risk, but this effect is mediated by the level of perceived severity of the victim, regardless of crime category. Additionally, weapon use during victimization rarely predicts perceived risk

McGrath, Shelly A., Stacilyn Chananie-Hill, and Jessica Abbott. "A Global Analysis of Police Satisfaction and the Perceived Risk of Victimization."

This study is concerned with police satisfaction and perceived risk of victimization. We use International Crime Victimization Survey (ICVS 2000) data to explore perceived risk of victimization among those prior victims filing police reports. Results of logistic and multinomial analyses show that gender, age, income, education, and police satisfaction have an effect on perceived risk, but only in some nations included in the survey.

Whaley, Rachel B., Jessica Abbott, and Kristie Lipford. "The Portrayal of Breast-feeding and Infant Formula Feeding in Major U.S. Newspapers."

We seek to test the effects of a national ad campaign promoting breast-feeding among expectant and new mothers (beginning June 4, 2004). To assess the impact of this campaign, we examine the ways that breast-feeding and infant

formula feeding are/were presented in major newspapers before, during, and after the ad campaign. We code both manifest and latent images of breast-feeding and formula feeding to 1) describe the way each was portrayed, and 2) determine if the campaign changed the way each was presented.

Conference Presentations

- November 2009. Abbott, Jessica. "A Cross-National Analysis of Gender Equality and Women's Fear of Crime." To be presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings November 2009.
- March 2009. Abbott, Jessica. "Perceived Risk and Severity of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." Presented at North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings March 2008.
- April 2007. McGrath, Shelly, and Jessica Abbott. "A Global Analysis of Police Satisfaction and Perceived Risk of Victimization." Presented at North Central Sociological Association/Mid-West Sociological Society Annual Meetings April 2007.
- April 2007. Whaley, Rachel B., Jessica Abbott, and Kristie Lipford. "The Portrayal of Breast-feeding and Infant Formula Feeding in Major U.S. Newspapers." Presented at the North Central Sociological Society/Mid-West Sociological Society Annual Meeting April 2007.
- October 2006. Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. "Police Report Satisfaction and Perceived Risk of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." Presented at Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2006.
- October 2004. Abbott, Jessica. "The Evolution of Rap: Violence, Misogyny, and Politics Across Temporal Lines." Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2004.
- October 2004. Sultan, Dawood, and Jessica Abbott. "University of Tennessee at Martin's Travel Program: A Sociological Discursive on Provincialism, Detachment, and Other Dilemmas of the American Self." Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2004.

Departmental and University Service

2009/2010	Steward, Graduate Assistants United, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
2009/2010	Member, Instructional and Research Resources Committee. Sociology Department, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
2008/2009	Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Club, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
2007/2008	President, Sociology Graduate Student Club, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
2006/2007	M.A. Representative, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Teaching Interests

Statistics, Research Methods, Quantitative Methods, Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Sociology of Gender, Deviance, Victimology/Victimization, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Comparative Criminology, Sociological Theory, Social Problems, Punishment and Corrections

Teaching/Research Assistantships

Currently	Instructor. Sociology 312—Elements of Sociological Research
Spring 2009	Instructor. Sociology 312—Elements of Sociological Research
Fall 2008	Instructor. Sociology 372—Criminology
2007/2008	Instructor. Sociology 108—Introduction to Sociology (Fall and Spring semesters)
2006/2007	Research Assistant to Dr. Rachel Whaley.
2005/2006	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Derek Martin (Fall 2005) and Catherine Field (Spring 2006).

Memberships in Professional Organizations

2009	American Society of Criminology (Division of International Criminology)
2008	North Central Sociological Association

2006	Alpha Kappa Delta, National Honor Society in Sociology
2005	Mid-South Sociological Association
2004	Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society
2002	Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

Advanced Computer Skills

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