

Curriculum Vitae  
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***Education***

**Southern Illinois University Carbondale**, Doctoral Candidate, Sociology, Expected, December 2012.

**Washington University in St. Louis**, Master of Arts, American Culture Studies, 2009.

**Emphasis:** Anthropology

**Directed Research Project Title:** *Dangerous Book for Boys, Daring Book for Girls, and Double-Daring Book for Girls: Representations of Gender in American Girlhood and Boyhood Guidebooks.*

**San Diego State University**, Master of Arts, Sociology, 2006.

**Thesis Title:** *Race and Ethnicity as Celebrated Aspects of Identity at the 2003 San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Events: A Qualitative Study*

**San Diego State University**, Certificate in Community College Teaching, 2005.

**Saint Louis University**, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 1999.

**Minor:** Psychology

***Research Interests***

Gender, identity, the environment, spirituality, and race/class/gender

***Teaching Interests***

Race, Class, and Gender, Social Problems, Introduction to Sociology, Inequalities, Sociology of the Environment, and Gender

## ***Conference Presentations***

**“Spirit Seeker's Wholistic Expo: A Qualitative Study”**-Poster presentation at the annual Meeting of the Society for Spirituality, Theology and Health. Durham, North Carolina. June 2009.

**“Innovative Methods in Teaching Stratification”**-Paper presented at the 2008 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. March 2008.

## ***Invited Presentations and Lectures***

**“Blackboard Basics”**-Presentation given at St. Louis Community College at Wildwood’s Faculty Development Activity. October 2008.

**Service-Learning Presentation**-Co-presenter for St. Louis Community College at Wildwood’s adjunct faculty development day. August 2008.

**“The Learner-Centered Syllabus”**-Presentation given for St. Louis Community College at Wildwood’s Social Science adjunct faculty development meeting. August 2007.

## ***Teaching Experience***

### ***Adjunct Sociology Instructor Positions***

**St. Louis Community College at Wildwood**, Wildwood, Missouri (August 2007-Present)  
Teach an on-line Introduction to Sociology course. Co-developed and team taught an interdisciplinary Capstone course entitled “Microtrends: Today’s Oddball Behaviors, Tomorrow’s Norms?”

**Columbia College-St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri (August 2007-December 2007)  
Taught an 8 week accelerated Introduction to Sociology course.

**Jefferson College**, Hillsboro, Missouri (August 2007-Present)  
Teach an on-line Introduction to Sociology and have taught Marriage and Family courses.

**St. Louis Community College at Forest Park**, St. Louis, Missouri (May 2006-December 2007) Taught general Introduction to Sociology courses as well as a Black Emphasis introductory course.

**Southwestern Illinois College**, Belleville, Illinois (August 2005-Summer 2007)  
Taught Social Problems courses and Family courses at this institution. Also taught numerous Introduction to Sociology courses.

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**, Edwardsville, Illinois (August 2005-December 2006) Taught and developed curricula for an Urban Sociology course that caters to upper-level sociology majors and to non-majors. Taught an introductory course as well.

**St. Louis Community College at Meramec**, St. Louis, Missouri (August 2004-August 2009) Taught an interdisciplinary Cornerstone course entitled “Masculinity and Femininity.” Taught “speaking intensive” and “writing intensive” Introduction to Sociology courses in both on-line and face-to-face format.

**San Diego State University**, San Diego, California

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* (August 2002-May 2004)

Led discussion sections that supported a larger Introduction to Sociology course. Also instructed students involved in the University’s Freshman Success Program. This course both reinforced the Introduction to Sociology course within which students were concurrently enrolled and helped the students acquire basic educational skills, such as note taking and study skills.

*Graduate Associate* (January 2002-December 2002)

Assisted professors within the sociology department with tasks related to their courses, such as grading work, preparing for lectures, updating research web sites, entering grades, and proctoring exams.

## ***Research Activities***

**“Dangerous Book for Boys, Daring Book for Girls, and Double-Daring Book for Girls: Representations of Gender in American Girlhood and Boyhood Guidebooks.”**  
A directed research project. August 2009.

**“Race and Ethnicity as Celebrated Aspects of Identity at the 2003 San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Events: A Qualitative Study”**- A thesis project. December 2005.

**Research Assistant**-Paul Sargent, Ph.D. San Diego State University. Assisted with a qualitative research project assessing student views regarding the campus’ general education program. Conducted interviews with students and assisted in the analysis of the data. Fall 2003.

**“Court Supervised Visitation and Exchange of Children of Separation”**- A report published by myself and the Director of San Diego Association of Government’s Criminal Justice Research Division. I both created the research tools used and conducted the research. The study determined how often parents who have court-ordered child supervision plans follow the order and also uncovered the reasons behind non-compliance. September 2002.

## ***Awards and Honors***

**Proactive Recruitment of Multicultural Professionals for Tomorrow (PROMPT) Fellowship**-Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2009-2010

**Graduate Scholarship**-Washington University in St. Louis, 2008-2009

**Certificate of Recognition For Meritorious Effort**-St. Louis Community College at Meramec, Disability Support Services Office, April 2006. Nominated by a student and selected to be recognized due to my efforts in assisting students with learning and physical disabilities.

**Graduate Equity Fellowship**-San Diego State University, 2003-2004

## ***Other Professional Experience***

**St. Louis Community College at Wildwood** (August 2008-December 2008)

***On-line Faculty Mentor***-St. Louis, Missouri

- Assist new on-line instructors in preparing for and implementing on-line instruction
- Provide a beginning of the semester training session
- Collect and analyze data from instructors about on-line instruction to aid the college in increasing and improving on-line instruction
- Provide one on one assistance to instructors when issues arise

**St. Louis Community College at Wildwood** (January 2008-December 2008)

***Assistant to the Chairperson***- Department of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education

- Analyze course syllabi created by faculty and report strengths and weaknesses
- Order course materials and texts for faculty
- Created the framework for the department's Blackboard-based "Virtual Learning Center"
- Monitor, promote, and update the content of the "Virtual Learning Center"
- Assisted in the revision of the college's adjunct faculty manual

**AHotPhoto Inc. Photography Studio** (February 2006-Present)

***Studio Assistant***-St. Louis, Missouri

- Organize advertisement campaigns
- Assist with and design sets for photography and videography shoots

- Facilitate participation in periodic wedding expos
- Update the company web site
- Assist with the studio budget

**San Diego Association of Governments** (January 2002-September 2002)  
*Assistant Researcher*- Criminal Justice Division, San Diego, California

- Designed, implemented, and monitored research projects
- Entered and analyzed data using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) program

**Missouri Division of Family Services** (September 1999-August 2001)  
*Social Service Worker*- St. Louis City Division, St. Louis, Missouri

- Assessed family strengths and weaknesses via home visits
- Educated families about various community assistance organizations
- Advocated for children and families
- Made recommendations regarding child custody and family treatment during child custody court hearings

<p><i>Special Skills</i></p>
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**Teaching Skills**

- Experienced in teaching on-line courses
- Knowledgeable in teaching students from various racial, ethnic, educational, and social class backgrounds
- Competent in integrating service learning into courses
- Experienced in team teaching courses
- Skilled in teaching courses of differing size, ranging from six students to one hundred and twenty five students
- Practiced in teaching English as a Second Language students

**Technical Knowledge**

- Proficient in using classroom technology such as LCD projectors, microphones, digital presenters, SMART Boards, and TurningPoint electronic student response systems

- Adept in utilizing the Blackboard Learning System
- Skilled in integrating Flip Videocasts into on-line courses
- Experienced in utilizing Notebook note capturing technology
- Proficient in creating flash-based audio PowerPoint presentations for on-line courses using Captivate software
- Capable of using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) program
- Practiced in using TestGen and Respondus exam management software
- Skilled in creating streaming audio Podcast presentations
- Trained in Elluminate on-line instructional delivery system
- Competent in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel

### ***Campus Activities***

**“Operation Wild Lands Clean-Up”** (Co-organizer)-A campus event organized in collaboration with the Open Space Council of St. Louis. Students cleaned a walking trail and learned about the campus’ service-learning opportunities. November 2008.

**“Sociology of Food: Eat, Connect, and Learn”** (Co-organizer)-A campus event organized for Sociology students at St. Louis Community College at Wildwood. Sociological analyses of food were explored via discussions, a slide show, and consumption of foods from various cultures. April 2008.

**St. Louis Community College Adjunct Faculty Certificate Program**-Completed a program of six training modules centered on various aspects of teaching, such as classroom assessment techniques and active learning. March 2008.

**“Ask Me Campaign” Volunteer**-Staffed information booth which provided students with information about the campus in general, and registration and academic services in particular. St. Louis Community College at Meramec. August 2007.

**“No Faculty Left Behind” On-line Teaching Institute**-Completed an eight week on-line course aimed at becoming a competent on-line instructor. St. Louis Community College at Meramec. July 2006.

### ***Committee Work***

**Service-Learning Committee** (May 2008 – Present) St. Louis Community College at Wildwood

- Pioneered service learning on the campus
- Co-created a service-learning resource manual
- Co-organized a campus-wide presentation about service learning

- Meet with community organizations to explore available service-learning opportunities
- Promote service learning across the campus
- Mentor individual faculty whom desire to integrate service learning

## *Community Service*

### **Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council** (May 2006-Present)

*Housing Discrimination Tester*- St. Louis, Missouri

- Investigate the housing market for discrimination based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, sex, and familiar status
- Document treatment received from landlords and rental agents
- Testify in court hearings if requested

### **San Dieguito Boys and Girls Club** (September 2003-December 2003)

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Girls Volleyball Coach*- San Dieguito, California

- Organized practice format, including creating drills and activities in order to encourage player interest
- Taught the girls the fundamentals of the sport of volleyball
- Fostered a relationship between the Boys and Girls Club and the girls I coached

### **California Faculty Association** (August 2002-May 2004)

*Graduate Student Member*- San Diego, California

- Organized graduate teaching assistants and other student employees
- Assisted in formulating the graduate student agenda

## *Professional Memberships*

- American Sociological Association
- American Studies Association
- Missouri Community College Association
- Midwest Sociological Society
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Sociologists without Borders
- American Association for Women in Community Colleges

## *References*

Available upon request.