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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California-Davis.
2003 M.A. Sociology, University of California-Davis.
2000 B.A. Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, summa cum laude.

APPOINTMENTS

2009-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, College of the Holy Cross.
2008-2009 Lecturer of Sociology, University of California-Davis.
2001-2008 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California-Davis.
2000 English Instructor, Huaiyin Teacher's College, Jiangsu, China.

AREAS OF INTEREST & EXPERTISE

Social Psychology/Micro-Sociology	Death and Dying
Trouble, Deviance, and Disruption	Gender, Parenthood, and Family
Health and Illness	Qualitative Methods

COURSES

The Sociological Perspective
Self and Society
Sociology of Deviance
Sociology of Family
Qualitative Methods
Social Relationships
The Sociology of Trouble

PUBLICATIONS

- Book. 2015. *Family Trouble: Middle-Class Parents, Children's Problems, and the Disruption of Everyday Life*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Articles. 2012. "The Dynamics of Family Trouble: Middle-Class Parents Whose Children Have Problems." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 41 (4): 371-401.
- Reprint, 2013. "The Dynamics of Family Trouble," in S. Cahill, K. Sandstrom, and C. Froyum (eds.) *Inside Social Life: Readings in Sociological Psychology and Microsociology*, 434-443. New York: Oxford University Press.
2012. "Stigma in an Era of Anxious Parenting and Medicalisation: How Proximity and Culpability Shape Middle-Class Parents' Experiences of Disgrace." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 34 (6): 927-942.
2010. "Losing the 'Normal' Child: Ramifications for Middle-Class Mothers." *Journal of the Motherhood Initiative* 1 (2): 68-83.
- Book Chapters & Essays. 2015. "Hurricane Katrina, Parenting Trouble, and the Politics of Suffering" with D. Harvey in R. Anderson (ed.) *World Suffering Book*. New York: Springer, 401-411.
2013. "On (Not) Practicing What We Preach" with J. Bakehorn, Pedagogies Essay, *Contexts*, 12 (4): 80-83.
2013. "Normal Problems or Problem Children? Parents and the Micro-Politics of Deviance and Disability" in J.R. McCarthy, C. Hooper, and V. Gillies (eds.) *Family Troubles? Exploring Changes and Challenges in the Family Lives of Children and Young People*. Bristol, UK: The Policy Press.
2013. "Family Trouble, Methods Trouble: Qualitative Research and the Methodological Divide" in J.R. McCarthy, C. Hooper, and V. Gillies (eds.) *Family Troubles? Exploring Changes and Challenges in the Family Lives of Children and Young People*. Bristol, UK: The Policy Press.

Book Reviews & Encyclopedia Entries. Forthcoming. "Discreditable Stigma" with S. R. Chaudoir and V. A. Earnshaw in G. Ritzer (Ed.), *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology* (2nd Ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

2014. "Book Review: Depression: Integrating Science, Culture, and Humanities." *Teaching Sociology*, 42 (3): 252-253.

2011. "Book Review: Self, Attitudes, and Emotion Work: Western Social Psychology and Eastern Zen Buddhism Confront Each Other." *Teaching Sociology* 39 (2): 216-217.

2010. "Mothering Children With Disabilities" in A. O'Reilly (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS, PAPERS, & PRESENTATIONS

- February 2015. "'Those things you just kind of assume': Middle-Class Parents, Children's Problems, and Taken-for-Grantedness in Everyday Life." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Culture and Cognition Mini-Conference. New York, NY.
- August 2014. *Deviance and Disruption*. Session organized for the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. San Francisco, CA.
- July 2014. "A Tale of Two Sorrows: Hurricane Katrina, Parenting Trouble, and the Politics of Suffering." Presented by coauthor Daina Harvey at the International Sociological Association Meetings, Session on Pain and Social Suffering Around the World. Yokohama, Japan.
- July 2014. *Troubled Youth, Troubled Families?* Session organized for the International Sociological Association Meetings, Family Research Section. Yokohama, Japan.
- August 2013. "Interactionism, Emotion, and the Sociology of Suffering." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Society, Emotions Section Roundtable. New York, NY.
- March 2013. *The Sociology of Suffering*. Session organized for the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.

- August 2012. "Mom Can't Walk the Talk: The Chasm Between Sociological Knowledge and Lived Experience." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Denver, CO.
- April 2012. "Interactionist Contributions to the Study of Suffering." Presented at the Couch-Stone Symbolic Interactionist Symposium. Evanston, IL.
- February 2012. "Toward a Generic Understanding of Suffering in Everyday Life: Proposed Research in the Micro-Sociology of Trouble." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association, Regular Session. New York, NY.
- August 2010. *People in Trouble*. Session organized for the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Atlanta, GA.
- July 2010. "Normal Problems or Problem Children? Parents and the Micro-Politics of Deviance and Disability." Presented at Family Troubles? Exploring Changes and Challenges in the Lives of Children and Young People, hosted by the Family and Parenting Institute at Open University. London, England.
- August 2009. "Putting Words to the Sociology of Trouble." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Regular Session. San Francisco, CA.
- August 2009. "Parenting and Loss: What Children's Problems Tell Us About Motherhood and Fatherhood." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Regular Session. San Francisco, CA.
- August 2008. "Toward a More Nuanced Account of Intensive Mothering: The Case of Caring for 'Problem Children.'" Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Regular Session. Boston, MA.
- April 2008. "Signs of Trouble: How Parents Come to View Their Children as Having Significant Problems." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Regular Session. Portland, OR.

- May 2007. "Understanding the Gendered Nature of Intensive Parenting: The Importance of Action and Interaction." Presented at Monitoring Parents: Childrearing in the Age of Intensive Parenting, hosted by the University of Kent. Canterbury, England.
- April 2006. "'Of Course I Feel Guilty': The Experience of Parenting a Problem Child." Presented at the Eighth Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Roundtable Session. Chicago, IL.

GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

2015. Research and Publication Award, College of the Holy Cross.
2014. Batchelor-Ford Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross.
2012. Faculty Development Grant, Center for Teaching, College of the Holy Cross.
2011. Batchelor-Ford Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross.
2011. Ardizzone Junior Faculty Research Award, College of the Holy Cross.
2006. Institute for Governmental Affairs Dissertation Improvement Award, University of California-Davis.
2006. Department of Sociology Block Grant, University of California-Davis.
2005. First Place, Annual Feminist Essay Prize, University of California-Davis.
2000. Val Fisher Award for outstanding scholarship and community service as an undergraduate sociology major, University of Colorado, Boulder.

SERVICE

- 2013-Present. Faculty Advisor for Women's Forum, a feminist student group, College of the Holy Cross.
- 2010-2015. Member of the Health Professions Committee, College of the Holy Cross.
- 2013-2015. Member of the Sexual Assault Facts, Education, and Resources (SAFER) Committee, College of the Holy Cross.

- 2012-2015. Faculty Representative for Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociological honor society, Holy Cross chapter.
- 2014-2015. Member of the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Executive Committee, College of the Holy Cross.
- 2014-2015. Chair of the Honors Program Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of the Holy Cross.
- 2008-2009. Mentor for the Guardian Scholars Program at the University of California, Davis (supports undergraduate students who were previously in the foster care system).
- 2004-2005. Editorial Associate, *Theory and Society: Review and Critique in Social Theory* (peer-reviewed journal).
- 2003-2004. Graduate Student Representative, Undergraduate Program Committee, University of California-Davis.
- 2002-2003. Co-Chair, Graduate Student Sociological Association, University of California-Davis.
- 2002-2003. Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee, University of California-Davis.
2000. Student Representative, Undergraduate Program Committee, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 1999-2000. President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociological Honor Society, University of Colorado, Boulder.

REFERENCES

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