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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Maryland
Sociology/Women's Studies (Certificate), May 2010
Dissertation: Spirituality in the laboratory: Negotiating the politics of knowledge in the psychedelic sciences
Meyer Kestnbaum (Titular Chair), Laura Mamo (Working Chair), Katie King
Maxine Grossman, Kris Marsh
Examining fields: Theory; Gender, Work And Family
- Eastern Michigan University
Women's Studies Master's Program, Academic year 1999/2000
- M.S. Eastern Michigan University
Clinical Behavioral Master's Program, April 1999
- B.S. Western Michigan University
Double Major Psychology and Women's Studies with a minor in Sociology, June 1997
Magna Cum Laude

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology
Worcester State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

Courses taught to date

Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems
Introduction to Sociology
Social Theory
Sociology of Gender
Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Peer Advocacy (Service Learning Course)

Teaching Recognition

Departmental Nomination for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Outstanding Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, Spring 2010

Teaching experience

Assistant Professor

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Worcester State University

Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2011 (2 sections)

Race, ethnicity and gender

Fall 2011 (2 sections)

Lecturer

Lecturer, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Sociology of Gender

Fall 2010 (2 sections); Spring 2011 (2 sections)

Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2011

Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems

Fall 2010

Graduate Instructor

Instructor, University Health Center, University of Maryland, College Park

Sexual Assault and Prevention Peer Advocacy (Service Learning)

Fall 08; Spring 09; Fall 09; Spring 10

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Sociology of Gender

Spring 03; Fall 02; Fall 06; Winter 07; Spring 07; Fall 07; Winter 08;

Spring 08; Fall 09

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Introduction to Social Theory

Spring 06; Fall 04; Summer 04; Summer 05;

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Contemporary Social Problems

Summer 03; Summer 02; Spring 02

Teaching Assistant

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems

Fall 2001

Graduate Assistant Lab Instructor, Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University

Introduction to Psychology

Fall 1997; Winter 1998; Fall 1998; Winter 1999

In addition to teaching one section of an introductory psychology lab I also organized and coordinated the other 10 lab sections for the course

Graduate Assistant Lab Instructor, Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University

Introduction to Psychology

Winter 1999

Designed and implemented a curriculum for an additional section of an Introductory Psychology Lab which utilized rats to teach basic operant conditioning principles

Graduate Assistant Co-Instructor, Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University

Experimental Psychology

Winter 1999

Designed and taught a supplementary laboratory component for course on experimental methodology in collaboration with my faculty advisor

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical social theory; feminist theory; critical race theory; intersectionality;
Sociology of science and knowledge; feminist science studies; feminist epistemology
Feminist spirituality; social justice activisms
Gender based violence; masculinities

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Spring 2005 through Fall 2005

Organization: Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park
Project Title: Genetic Testing for Alzheimer's Disease in Canada and the U.S.: A Comparative Study of Meanings of Risk, Aging and Normalcy:
Investigators: Laura Mamo and Jennifer Fosket (McGill University)

Description: Served as a research assistant for National Institute of Mental Health Grant funded study. Assisted in construction of interview schedule, interviewed subjects, assisted with data coding and analysis using Nudist software, managed references and reference database.

Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 03-Spring 04

Organization: Sociology Department, University of Maryland;
Faculty Member: Laura Mamo

Description: Assisted Dr. Mamo's with her book manuscript based on her qualitative dissertation which investigated the biomedicalization and queering of reproduction through the site of lesbian uses of fertility clinics and sperm donations. This included assisting with grant writing, content analysis, library research, course development and other activities as needed

PUBLICATIONS

Publications

"Facing our Dragons: Spiritual Activism, Psychedelic Mysticism and the Pursuit of Opposition"
(2006). *Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-knowledge*. Vol. IV (Sum 2006): 239-247.

Work Submitted for Publications

“Tactics of Legitimation: Negotiating Spirituality in the Psychedelic Sciences”

Submitted to: John H. Stanfield II, Indiana University Bloomington, June 2010

Description: Dr. Stanfield was the organizer of my panel session at the American Sociological Association 2009 meetings. Dr. Stanfield collected my paper in June 2010 for submission with the other panelist and subsequently solicited papers to the American Behavioral Scientists for consideration for an invited special issue on the sociology of knowledge.

Works in progress

“Frats as gangs: Examining the racial politics of sexual assault prevention discourses”

First draft complete; To be presented at NWSA Annual Meeting October, 2011

“Psychedelic Wild Oats: The politics of ‘liberation’ in the psychedelic revolution”

First draft greater than 50% complete

“Messiah Complex: Colonial legacies in the psychedelic scientific imaginary”

First draft complete, revising

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

Invited Speaker: RAINN Volunteer Network; April 7, 2011

Event title: Take Back the Night

Title of talk: TBD

Plenary: Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program; October 14, 2010

Conference title: Sexual Assault Prevention on Campus: A team approach

Title of talk: Relations of power: Social Justice as sexual assault prevention

Invited Speaker: Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Incorporated, University of Maryland: Fall 2008

Event title: Fighting words: Which box do you belong in?

Title of talk: “The Colorblind Campus: Negotiating the politics of racism on the contemporary college campus”

Invited Speaker: Community Roots, Student Activist Organization, University of Maryland

Title of talk: “Religion and social inequality”, Spring 2009

Discussion facilitator: “Sexual politics and sexual health”, Fall 2008

Title of talk: “Politics of sexual assault”; Spring 2008

NASA Goddard Space Center; Greenbelt, MD; March 2007

Event Title: Women’s Advisory Council Sponsored Lecture for Women’s History Month
Keynote speaker

Paper title: Gender, Power and Privilege

Conference Presentations

- “Frats as Gangs: The racial politics of campus sexual assault prevention”
American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA: Submitted
- “Spirituality in the laboratory: Tactics of legitimation in the psychedelic sciences.”
Society for the Social Studies of Science; Washington, DC; October 2009
American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA; August 2009
- “Colorblind consciousness: Negotiating the politics of race in the psychedelic science.” Society of the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA; August 2009
- “Feminizing Foucault and Gendering Genealogy.” Social Theory Forum; Boston, MA; April 2008
- “Crazy Wisdom: Resisting the abnegation of the possible with the inconceivable.” Society for the Social Study of Science; Montréal, Quebec; October, 2007
- “Doing our work: Scholarship, political consciousness and the pursuit of peace.” Society for the Study of Social Problems; New York, NY; August 2007
- “Social Problems theory: Fossilized, fractionalized or fraternized” Society for the Study of Social Problems; Montréal, Quebec; August 06
- “Facing our dragons: spiritual activism, psychedelic mysticism and the pursuit of opposition.” Social Theory Forum; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; April 06
- “Scientist Hires Witch to Exorcise Tower: Using magic to conjure science differently.” Society for the Social Study of Science; Pasadena, CA; October 05
- “Being burnt at the stake and other unintended consequences: Toward a heretical sociology” Society for the Study of Social Problems; Philadelphia, PA; August 05
- “Technology in the Garden of good and evil: or Marcuse, Habermas and Haraway Walk into a Bar”
Southern Sociological Association; Atlanta, GA; April 04

Clinical/Applied Presentations

- “Utilizing behavioral strategies effectively with challenged youth.” Fred Finch Youth Center, Behavioral Interventions Workshop; Oakland, CA; June 01
- “Positive Strategies for Dealing with Problems of Children in Difficult Situations.” Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan; Ypsilanti, MI; March 2000
- “Writing Behavioral Goals and Objective” Family and Neighborhood Services, Staff Training Workshop; Inkster, MI; January 2000
- “Student evaluations of practicum sites and practicum site statement of needs.” Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan; Ypsilanti, MI; March 1999

“Functional Analysis of Battering Behavior in Intimate Relationships: Development of the Battering Assessment Tool.” (Poster Presentation) Association for Behavior Analysis Conference; Orlando, FL; May 1998

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Grant Program Coordinator March 2010 to August 2010

Grant: Department of Justice Grant to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking on Campus Grant,

Organization: Administered through the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program (SARPP) Advocate Office at the University Health Center at the University of Maryland

Description: Coordinated the implementation of a sexual assault prevention grant from the Department of Justice. This included work in the following areas: coordination administrative committee for strategic planning, expansion and tracking of prevention education for all incoming students including by developing training materials, presentations and a training video; coordinating with community partners for training of campus and local police and campus judicial boards.

Graduate Program Coordinator July 2008 to March 2010

Primary role: Victim advocate and service learning supervisor

Organization: Administered through the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program (SARPP) Advocate Office at the University Health Center at the University of Maryland

Description: Served as victim advocate for victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and sexual harassment; Trained and supervised undergraduate students to serve as victim advocates as part of a service learning course; Assisted with program evaluation curriculum development.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
National Women’s Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

“Constructions of Social Justice Work in Faith Based Communities.” Session Organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems; Atlanta GA: August 2009

“Social Problems and theories of identities: The Global Borderlands of Race, Gender, and Sexuality.”
Session Co-organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems; Boston, MA: August 2008
Co-Organizer: Melinda Messineo, Assistant Professor, Ball State University

“Does Research Matter?: Critical reflections on social science and the pursuits of justice.” Session Organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems; New York, NY: August 2007

REFERENCES

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