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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Sociology) University of Wisconsin-Madison.

M.A. (Journalism) University of Missouri-Columbia.

B.A. (Communication Arts/Human Relations) Judson College.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, since 2003
Assistant Professor, Social & Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, 1995-2003
Courses include Family, Race & Family, Race & Ethnic Relations, Urban Neighborhoods, Sex & Gender, Social Inequality, Freshman Inquiry, and Honors seminar on Autobiography with a Sociological Lens. Advising pre-majors, sociology majors, family studies minors and independent studies.

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison, 1993-1995
Criminology, Fall 1994 and Spring 1995
Race and Ethnic, Spring 1994
Honors Tutorial, Fall 1992 and Spring 1993
Occasional substitute Lecturing for Criminal Justice.

Lecturer, Department of Child & Family Studies, UW-Madison, 1994-95
Gender Roles, Fall 1994
Ethnic Minority Families, Summer 1994; and Spring and Summer 1995

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
Criminal Justice, Spring 1987 through Spring 1992

BOOKS

2009. *Best Kept Secret: Black Single Fathers Parenting Full-Time*. Rowman & Littlefield

2006. *Race & Family: A Structural Approach*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS:

With Charles Green, eds. *Dismissing the Myth: The Persistence of Black Fatherhood in America*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (Reprints/copies available upon request)

- Revise & resubmit: 'Just Doin' What I Gotta Do': Stress & Coping among single Black custodial fathers. *Journal of Family Issues*
2008. Others in the Making of Selves. *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*. 30, 197-226.
2003. Black single custodial fathers: Factors influencing the decision to parent. *Families in Society* 84(2): 247-258.
2002. War and the Contest over National Identity. *The Sociological Review* 50(4): 586-609.
2002. Manifest Destiny adapted for 1990s' war discourse: Mission and destiny intertwined. *Sociology of Religion* 63(4): 403-426.
2002. Black single fathers: Choosing to parent full-time. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 31(4): 411-439.
2002. The parenting roles and goals of single Black full-time fathers. *Western Journal of Black Studies* 25(2) [misprint: journal says 2001] : 101-116.
2002. African American single full-time fathers. *Journal of African American Men*. 6(2) [misprint: journal says 2001]: 63-82.
2001. Building the Clinton legacy through frame alignment. *Cultural Studies—Critical Methodologies*. 1(4): 459-487.
2001. Elderly narrative reflections on the contradictions in Turkish village family life after migration of adult children. *Journal of Aging Studies* 15(4): 383-406.
1999. Race-focused Service-Learning Courses: Issues and Recommendations. *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*. 6(Fall): 97-105.
1999. Odd Folk and Ordinary People: Collective identity disparities between peace groups in the Persian Gulf Crisis. *Sociological Spectrum*. 19(3): 325-357.
1998. Peaceniks and Warmongers' Framing Fracas on the Home Front: Dominant and Opposition Discourse Interaction during the Persian Gulf Crisis. *Sociological Quarterly*. 39(3): 369-391.

BOOK REVIEWS

2005. Review of James R. Dudley & Glenn Stone's *Fathering at Risk*: (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books: 2004) in *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services* 86(4): 595-596.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2008. "Families." *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity*. Richard T. Schaefer, ed. Sage Publications.
1988. Economic Development in the Occupied Territories. *American-Arab Affairs Journal*. (Summer) No. 25:75-85.

PEDAGOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

2005. Contributed curriculum materials to: DeFiore, Ender & Kowalewski, eds. (2005). *Service-Learning and Undergraduate Sociology: Syllabi and Instructional Materials* (3rd Ed). ASA.
1997. *Gender in America*. A Course Guide for University of Wisconsin, Department of Liberal Studies.
1996. *Criminal Justice in America*. A Course Guide for University of Wisconsin, Department of Liberal Studies.

HONORS and GRANTS

- Invited to serve as Master of Ceremonies at Marquette University's College of Arts & Sciences Annual Honors Convocation, April 26, 2005.
- Invited to participate in Educators for Community Engagement's Ninth National Gathering, June 26-28, 2003, Minneapolis. Paid for by MU's Service Learning Office.
- Nominated for Advising Award, Spring 2003
- \$3500. Urban-directed curriculum enhancement grant. Awarded.
- NICHD \$300,000 three-year grant for qualitative research on African American Full-time Single Fathers. **Rejected** 10/02
- \$5000. Manresa Curriculum Enhancement Grant for Soci 165: Social Inequality. Awarded.
- Spring 2002. Second-year Honors Seminar proposal for "Autobiographing with a Sociological Narrative" accepted.
- Spring 2001 Faculty Development Award of \$400 for research on single Black fathers. Awarded.
- Fall 2000 Regular Research Grant of \$1500 from Marquette University for research on single Black fathers. Awarded.
- Summer 2000 Fellowship Grant of \$4300 from Marquette University for research on single Black fathers. Awarded.

PRESENTATIONS and INTERVIEWS

2009. Presented "Black Single Fathers" to Mount Mary College. Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. March 2009.

2009. Presented “Black Single Fathers” to College of Education colloquia. January 2009.
2008. Presented “Interracial Dating” to
2008. Presented “Adoptees and their Families” to True Life, a student organization. Marquette University. October 21, 2008.
2008. Interview with TMJ News Radio. All-Male Baby Showers. (April)
2008. Panel Moderator, The City Claims Whom? Race and the City Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May 1-2, 2008
2007. “Just Doin’ What I Gotta Do:’ Stress & Coping Among Single Black Custodial Fathers,” Presentation at the Association of Black Sociologists, NY, August 2007.
2007. “Single Black Full-time Fathers: Parenting goals for and satisfaction with sons and daughters.” Presentation at Society for the Study of Social Problems, NY, August 2007
2006. Presented “African American Fathers and their Daughters” at the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, August 2006.
2005. Presented “Doing as Coping Among Black Single Fathers,” at the Wisconsin Sociological Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 14.
2005. Interviewed for article on Black male-female relationships for *Milwaukee Magazine*.
2005. Presented research on Single Black Fathers at the Wisconsin Fatherhood Conference. April 2005 in Milwaukee.
2004. Television interview on race and family issues for 30-minute episode of *Focus on Diversity*, aired June 6, on WITI Fox 6.
2004. Interviewed for article on African American families. *Racine Journal Times*.
2003. Presented research on Single Black Fathers at the Wisconsin Fatherhood Conference. March 2003 in Milwaukee.
2002. Presented paper, “The Parenting Roles and Goals of Single African American Full-time Fathers,” at Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, April 2002. Milwaukee.
2001. Facilitated talk-back session on families coping with divorce following “Ancestral Voices,” a play. Chamber Theater, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 30, 2001.
2001. Reviewer of conference paper proposals. First Annual Conference on Service-Learning Research. Sponsored by University of California-Berkeley. July 2001.
2001. Presented paper, “Single African American Full-time Fathers: Their Choice to

Parent,” at Midwest Sociology Society annual meeting, April 2001, St. Louis.

2000. Led workshop on “Using Service Learning in Race-focused courses” at Conference on Service Learning in Sociology, sponsored by the Minnesota Campus Compact in Minneapolis, MN, November 2000.

1999. Television interview on Milwaukee Ch. 15 News on family size & dynamics, Sept.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Member, Editorial Board. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 2008-

Ongoing. Reviewer for the following academic journals: *Social Problems, Marriage and the Family, Sociological Perspectives, International Journal of Crime and Criminology, Families in Society, Symbolic Interaction, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

Ongoing. Reviewer for texts in Women’s Studies (Prentice-Hall), Renzetti and Curran’s *Living Sociology* (Allyn & Bacon), Myer’s *Dominant-Minority Relations in America: Linking Personal History with the Convergence in the New World* (Allyn & Bacon).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director, Faculty Mentoring Program, 2007-09

Chair, Committee on Committees and Elections, 2007-08

Member, Committee on Committees, 2005-2008

Chair, A&S Faculty Advising Committee, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08

Member since 2002

A&S Representative, Academic Senate, Spring 2008

Member, Comparative Race & Ethnic Studies Committee, 2006 –

Member, African American Studies Committee, since 2002

Member, Interdisciplinary Family Studies Minor Advisory Committee, since 2002

Assistant Chair, Department of Social & Cultural Sciences, 2005-06

Member, Outstanding Senior Selection Committee, Spring 2005

Member, Diverse Cultures core curriculum revision committee, January 2005

Individual and Social Behavior core curriculum revision committee, February 2005

Member, Women’s Studies Advisory committee, 2004-2007

Member, University-Community Partnership Grant committee, Spring and Fall 2004.

Member, A&S Senior Experience Committee, Spring & Summer 2003

Chair or member, McGee Lecture department committee, since Fall 2002.

Chair, ad-hoc department committee on process for election of department chair. 2002-3.

Chair and/or member, Sociology major committee, since 2002.

Member, Anthropology major committee, since 2002-5

Member, SOWJ committee, since 2005

Trained for teaching and advising Freshman Seminar in Fall 2003.

Steering committee member. Family Studies Interdisciplinary Minor. Locating program funding, revising minor, advising students. Since Spring 2001.

Co-facilitated session on "Cultural and Interreligious Issues" for Marquette University Teach-in "Roads to Understanding: Terrorism and the War in Afghanistan," November 1, 2001.

Member, Raynor Scholarship committee

Work with committee members to Assess 300+ applications for five full scholarships. Conduct personal interviews of candidates. From 1998-2000

Member, African American Studies Committee, to revise interdisciplinary minor. 1997-8

Founded and facilitated interracial women's reading group on campus. 1997-8

Guest lecturer in women's studies colloquium. 1995-1998

Promoted use of Service Learning in my classes and through involvement in SL workshops and meetings. Since 1995

Attended numerous Marquette recruitment activities. Since 1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cook, serve, deliver meals for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter to homeless & elderly through the First United Methodist Church, Madison. 2003-2007.

Consultant for Girls Leadership Fund, Madison Community Fund, Spring 2004.

Interviewing Committee member for hiring three elementary school principals for the Madison Metropolitan School District. July 2001.

Block Captain, Hill Farms Neighborhood Association. Madison, WI, Welcome and recruit new members, facilitate health fund drive, mediate problems. Since 2000

Member of Interracial Dialogue group in Madison, Wisconsin, sponsored by Wisconsin Public Broadcasting, 1998-1999. Trained to facilitate Madison Race Study Circles,

November 2001.

Testified before University of Wisconsin Childcare Hearings, 1993.

Board member. Three Wishes Childcare Center. Madison, WI, 1992

Active member of Middle East Concerned Citizens Association, 1982-1988. Brought speakers to Madison, met with state representatives.

Certified in ESOL by the National Affiliation for Literacy Advancement, May 1982.

Volunteer for the Madison Literacy Council, 1982-1983.

Raising two children to be productive community members (unpaid labor).

PAST ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

Self-employed from 1983 through 1985, during which time I did freelance writing for newspapers and magazines; contracted with local businesses to teach and do word-processing, presented seminars on Business English, and edited annual reports.

Publications Editor, UM-Columbia, Dept. of Journalism, Freedom of Information Center. 1979-1982. Supervised three staff writers to write and edit bi-monthly newsletter.

Communications Assistant and Program Supervisor. Inner City Impact, Humboldt Park, Chicago. In the former position, I wrote and edited newsletters, coordinated publicity programs and multimedia presentations. In the latter position, I coordinated youth and adult programs and trained summer interns.

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