

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position:

Assistant Professor, Christopher Newport University, 2007 – present
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Education:

Ph.D., Sociology, New York University, September 2005
Dissertation: “The Changing Shape of Commitment: Contradictions and Choices among a New Generation of Young Adults”
M.A., Sociology, New York University
B.A., Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia

Areas of Interest:

Sociology of the Family, Socialization, Sex and Gender, Social Psychology, Social Inequality, Sociological Theory, and Research Methods

Teaching, Research and Administrative Experience:

Assistant Professor, Sociology, Christopher Newport University, VA, 2007 – present, currently teaching Family in Transition, Individual in Society, and Socialization and Society.

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Emory University Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life, 2005 - 2007

Administrative Assistant, The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, New York University (hereafter, NYU), Spring/summer 2004. *Assisted with the coordination and publicity of special events, general correspondence, and with administration of the listserve.*

Instructor,* Introduction to Sociology, Emory University Spring 2006; School of Continuing and Professional Studies (hereafter, SCPS), NYU, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005

Instructor,* Social Deviance, SCPS, NYU, Fall 2004

Instructor,* The Family, Emory University Spring 2007; Department of Sociology, NYU, Summer 1997, Fall 1998, Summer 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Summer 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003; and Family and Kinship Systems, SCPS, NYU Spring 2005

Instructor,* Social Psychology, Department of Sociology, NYU, Spring 1999, Fall 1999, Spring 2000

Instructor,* Education and Society, Department of Sociology, NYU, Summer 1999

Graduate Assistantship for Graduate Statistics Lab, Department of Sociology, NYU, 1996-1997

Guest Lecturer, Sociology of the Family, for Introduction to Sociology (Instructor: Karrie Snyder), School of Continuing and Professional Studies, NYU, Honorarium Received (\$100), Summer 2003

Guest Lecturer, Research Methods in the Social Sciences, NYU, College of Arts and Sciences, Honorarium Received (\$100), 1997

**Instructors have the sole responsibility for course design and preparation, delivery of lectures, and construction and grading of exams and assignments.*

Academic Awards and Grants:

Sloan Early Career Scholars Program, to begin 2009

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Family Section of the American Sociological Association, August 2002

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Henry A. Murray Dissertation Grant, 2001

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2000.

New York University Departmental Assistantship, 1995-2004

Book Reviews:

2007. *From Marriage to the Market: The Transformation of Women's Lives and Work* by Susan Thistle, *Contemporary Sociology*, 36 (4): 340-341.

Revise and Re-submit:

"The Social Construction of Marital Commitment," Status: Under revision for re-submission to *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

"Young Neo-Traditional Women and the Impact of Feminism," Status: Under revision for re-submission to *Gender & Society*.

Work In Preparation:

"Life Happens: Understanding Specialization and Adaptation of Women Transitioning between Traditional and Dual-Career Families," Status: in progress for submission to *Qualitative Sociology*

"Rationalizing Marital Commitment: An Exploration of Young Adults' Rhetorical Strategies," Status: in progress.

Exploring the American Cultural Repertoire of Love Ideologies: A Sociological Look at Love in Film, 1940-2003," Status: In Progress, being revised and updated for submission to *The Communication Review*. Earlier versions presented at the New York University Workshop for Culture, Institutions and Social Action, the New York University Annual Graduate Student Conference, and the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 1999.

"Containing Risks: Individualization, Gender and Commitment," Status: Draft.

Professional Activities and Memberships:

Reviewer, *Contemporary Sociology* and *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Sociologists for Women in Society

Southern Sociological Association

American Sociological Association, including section membership in Culture, Social Psychology, Family and Sex and Gender

Eastern Sociological Society

Student Representative of the ASA Family Section Council, American Sociological Association, 2004-2006

Participant, Theorizing: Interpretive Work in Qualitative Analysis, ASA Annual Meeting Workshop, 2006

Participant, Teaching About Contemporary Families, ASA Annual Meeting Workshop, 2003 (certificate of completion awarded)

Co-President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, NYU, 1996-97

Graduate Student Representative, Recruitment Committee, NYU, Department of Sociology, 1999-2000
Photography Committee, NYU, Department of Sociology, 1999-2001

Participant in NYU Workshops: Politics, Power, and Protest (1995-1999); Culture, Institutions and Social Action (1999); Politics and Culture (2003); Gender and Inequality (1995-2005)

Paper Presentations:

"The Social Construction of Marital Commitment," paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2007.

"Life Happens: Understanding Specialization and Adaptation of Women Transitioning between Traditional and Dual-Career Families," paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2006.

"Balancing Commitment and Autonomy: Work-Family Choices and Sequencing Strategies of a New Generation of Young Adults," paper presented at mini-conference on Public Policy for Working Families, at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2005

"Risk and the Marital Decision," paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2004.

"Taking the Plunge (Or Not): Risk and the Marital Decision," paper presented at the Gender and Inequality Workshop, NYU, Spring 2004

"Discursive Strategies of Young Women: The Impact of Feminism," paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2003.

"Managing Uncertainty: Commitment Strategies and Family Change," paper presented at the Second Annual Politics and Culture NYLON Graduate Student Conference, a joint conference of New York University and the London School of Economics, Spring 2003.

"Managing Uncertainty: Young Adults and Commitment in the Age of Divorce," paper presented at the Gender and Inequality Workshop and the Annual Graduate Student Conference, NYU, Spring 2002; revised version presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2002.

"Negotiating Partnerships: Lifestyle Choices," paper presented at the Gender and Inequality Workshop, NYU, April, 2001

"Exploring the American Cultural Repertoire of Love Ideologies: A Sociological Look at Love in Film, 1940-1997," paper Presented at the Workshop for Culture, Institutions and Social Action and the Annual Graduate Student Conference, NYU, Spring 1999 and revised version presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 1999.

"Political Opportunities for Prostitutes: An Inquiry into a Social Movement," paper presented at the Eastern Sociology Association Annual Meeting, 1998.

"Finding a Home: Alternative Religions in the Late Modern Age," paper presented at the Annual Graduate Student Conference, NYU, Spring 1996

Additional Research Experience:

SPSS Consultant, Audits and Surveys Worldwide, 'Los Medios Y Mercados de Latin America' 1997-98

Research Assistantship, New York University, 1997-98*

Research Apprentice, New York University, 1996-97*

Research Assistantship, New York University 1995-1996*

*During this period, I assisted Professor Kathleen Gerson of New York University, Department of Sociology, in library research, constructing an interview guide, pre-testing the interview guide, and conducting multiple open-ended life-history interviews on the work-family decision making processes of young adults in the Manhattan, New York area.

Research Skills:

Advanced study in qualitative and quantitative methods; Experience designing, conducting, and analyzing qualitative interviews; Experience with content analysis of visual media; Computer skills include familiarity with SPSS, STATA, LISREL, Nu*dist and Atlas Ti programs; Acquainted with DOS, Windows, and UNIX operating systems