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I. EDUCATION

2005-present

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

PhD Sociology

Academic Advisor: Dr. Jennifer L. Dunn

Related Coursework: Qualitative Methodology; Quantitative Methodology; Teaching Sociology; Sociology of Gender; Social Movements; Classic Sociological Theory; Feminist Theory; Race and Ethnic Relations; Gender, Language, and Communication; Social Psychology; Contemporary Sociological Theory

2003-2005

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

MS Sport Studies

Academic Advisor: Dr. Elaine Blinde

Related Coursework: Social Aspects of Sport; Sport Management; Research Methods in Physical Activity; Inferential Statistics; Interview Techniques; Legal Aspects of Sport; Gender and Sport; Theoretical Sport Psychology; Applied Sport Psychology; Women, Crime, and Justice

GPA: 4.00; 4.00 scale

1999-2003

Gannon University, BS Sport and Exercise Science

Academic Advisor: Dr. Jason Willow

Related Coursework: Kinesiology; Exercise Physiology; Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription; Motor Learning; Sport Ethics; General Fitness and Weight Control; Sociology of Sport

GPA: 3.43; 4.00 scale

II. PUBLICATIONS

2007

Encyclopedia of Gender and Society

- Bodybuilding (forthcoming)
- Title IX (forthcoming)

III. RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- April 2007** **Social Threat and the Color Line: Jack Johnson and the Breaking of Boundaries in Boxing**
- Presented at the annual meetings of the *Midwest Sociological Society* and *North Central Sociological Society*, Chicago, IL
- Summer 2006-present** **The Exploration of Physical Liberation in Female Adolescent Athletes**
- Submitted to the *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal* (under review)
- November 2006** **An Analysis of the Current Title IX Reform Movement**
- Presented at the annual meeting of the *North American Society for the Sociology of Sport*, Vancouver, Canada
- March 2006** **Gender Differences Regarding the Social Construction of Sport**
- Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Sociological Society*, Omaha, NE.
- October 2005** **Perceptions and Experiences with Physicality in Female High School Basketball Players**
- Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midsouth Sociological Society*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004-2005** **Perceptions and Experiences with Physicality in Female High School Basketball Players**
- Master's thesis
- Fall 2004** **Women Athletes' Perceptions of and Experiences with Athletic Injury**
- Group research study presented at the 3rd Annual National Conference on Girls' and Women's Health, Physical Activity, and Sport
- Summer 2004-present** **Gender Dynamics and Children's Perceptions of Baseball: Observations at the National Baseball Hall of Fame**
- Manuscript in progress

IV. RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sociology of Emotions
- Caring for Mentally Ill
- Boxing subculture
- Gender issues in sport
- Sports Reform Movements

V. PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2007** **Graduate Student Instructor: SIUC**
- Instructor of record or core curriculum course: Women and Men in Contemporary Society (SOC 223).
- Spring 2007** **Graduate Student Instructor: SIUC**
- Instructor of record of core curriculum course: Introduction to Sociology (SOC 108).
- Fall 2006** **Graduate Student Instructor: SIUC**
- Instructor of record of core curriculum course: Introduction to Sociology (SOC 108).
- Spring 2006** **Graduate Student Instructor: SIUC**
- Team-taught with another graduate student instructor: Gender and Sport graduate seminar (PE 560).
- 2005-2006** **Graduate Research Assistant: SIUC**
- Collaborating with sociology professor on research regarding sports reform organizations.
- 2004-2005** **Graduate Research Assistant: SIUC**
- Working with sport psychology professor to plan research studies involving youth sports and exercise behavior.
- 2003-2005** **Graduate Teaching Assistant: SIUC**
- Instructor of Record for Diversity in American Sport (PE 210).
 - Instructor of Record for Softball, Weight Training, and Weight Control courses.
 - Co-Instructor of Concepts of Physical Fitness (PE 101).

VI. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2006-present** **Alpha Kappa Delta**
- 2006-present** **North American Society for the Sociology of Sport**
- 2006-present** **Midwest Sociological Society**
- 2005-2006** **Midsouth Sociological Society**
- 2003-2005** **Organization of Sport and Exercise Science: SIUC**
- Work with other members to facilitate fund raisers such as car washes and Relay for Life.
 - Public outreach by providing free services to assess physical fitness levels and overall health.

- Attend meetings every other week to discuss upcoming events and share ideas.

Fall 2003-present Outstanding Student Honor Society (OSHS)

VII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Fall 2007-May 2008 Graduate Studies Committee Student Representative

- Meet with faculty committee members regarding issues concerning the graduate studies program and students.

Fall 2006 Graduate Sociology Club PhD Representative

- Attend faculty meetings and report information to graduate students.

Fall 2003-May 2004 College of Education and Human Services Academic Affairs Committee: SIUC

- Collaborate with faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduate students from various departments to discuss curriculum changes.

Spring 2005 Sport Management Faculty Search Committee: SIUC

- Work with faculty members to hire the best candidate for the Sport Management faculty position.

VIII. VOLUNTEER WORK

Fall 2004 Athletic Department: SIUC

- Academic assistant for two student-athletes.
- Meet twice a week with athletes to discuss academic progress.
- Work with Compliance Director on selected tasks.

Spring 2000 L'Arche Erie: Gannon University

- Visited people with mental disabilities on a regular basis.
- Helped carry out every day tasks such as grocery shopping, preparing meals, and cleaning.
- Spent quality time befriending and establishing honest relationships.

IX. AWARDS

Spring 2005 Department of Physical Education: SIUC

- Graduate Student Achievement Award

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