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EDUCATION

- Present University of Illinois at Chicago
PhD Student – Sociology (Expected 2016)
- 2005 University of Manchester, England
MA, Honors – Gender, Sexuality, and Culture
Concentration: Social Sciences
Thesis: Survival, Activism, Feminism: Self-Identified Trans
Individuals in Chicago Communities
- 2004 University of Illinois at Chicago
Germanic Studies; Gender and Women's Studies
- 2003 Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
BA – German Language and Literature
- 2002-2003 Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany
Fellowship Year Abroad

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality; Families; Rural Sociology; Social Movements and Activism

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2003 MA Honors: University of Manchester
- 2002-2003 Fellowship: Baden Württemberg Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kunst (Ministry for Knowledge, Research and Art) Tübingen, Germany

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2012-
Present Research Team Member and Practicum Team Leader
Growing Up in the 21st Century/Gender and Youth Project
(Barbara Risman)
- Fall 2010-
Present Research Assistant
Online College Social Life Survey (Hooking Up Project).
University of Illinois at Chicago (Barbara Risman)
- January 2011-
August 2011 Graduate Student Researcher, Ethnographic Research
Chicago Area Study. University of Illinois at Chicago. (Nilda Flores-
Gonzalez, Andy Clarno, Pamela Popielarz, Maria Krysan)
- 2008 Ethnographic and Survey Research. University of Illinois at
Chicago, Immigrant Mobilization Project (Nilda Flores-Gonzalez
and Amalia Pallares)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2012-
Present *Graduate Student Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago*
Sociology 105 – Social Problems
Sociology 212 – Human Sexuality: Social Perspectives
Sociology 224 – Gender and Society
Sociology 245 – Marriage and Family
- Spring 2012-
Present *Instructor, Harper College, Palatine, IL*
Sociology 101 – Introduction to Sociology
- Fall 2008-
Present *Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University*
Sociology 214 – Sociology of Intimacies, Marriage, and Families
Sociology 306 – American Women: Changing Image
Sociology 340 – Sociology of Sexualities
Sociology 105 – Women, Men, and Social Change
Sociology 100 – Introduction to Sociology
- Spring 2007-
Fall 2009 *Lecturer, University of Illinois at Chicago*
Sociology 105 – Social Problems
- Spring 2007-
Spring 2009 *Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Triton College*
Sociology 100 – Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2006 *Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Moraine Valley Community College*
Sociology 100 – Introduction to Sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2010-
Fall 2012 Graduate Assistant – Undergraduate Academic Advising
University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Sociology

July 2007-
August 2010 Academic Adviser and *Program Coordinator*
Graduate and Undergraduate Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Sociology

January 2006-
July 2007 American Heart Association - Greater Midwest Affiliate
Human Resources Associate (May 2007-July 2007)
Executive Assistant/Recruiter: Human Resources, Training and
Organizational Development (January 2007-May 2007)
Administrative Assistant: Human Resources, Recruiting, and
Communications (January 2006-January 2007)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

March 2013 Guest Lecture, University of Illinois at Chicago
SOC 215 - Hooking Up/Doing Sexuality Research

December 2012 *Guest Lecture*, University of Illinois at Chicago
SOC 215 – Hooking Up/Doing Sexuality Research

February 2012 *Guest Lecture*, University of Illinois at Chicago
SOC 212 – Doing Sexuality Research

November 2011 *Guest Lecture*, University of Illinois at Chicago
SOC 212 – Doing Sexuality Research

April 2011 *Guest Lecture*, University of Illinois at Chicago
Honors 201 - Feminism in the 21st Century: Introduction to
Trans Issues

Feb. 2009 *Invited Lecture*, Franciscan Outreach Association, Chicago, IL
The Changing American Family

Fall 2007 *Guest Lecture, University of Illinois at Chicago*
Sociology 426 – Topics in Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Queer
Activism

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “Using Chicago as a Site for Service Learning and Teaching
Activism.” Presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest
Sociological Society.
- 2013 “Queering Hookups: Doing and Undoing Gender.” Presented at
Engendering Change Conference.
- 2008 “Survival. Activism. Feminism?: Trans Identified Individuals in
Chicago.” Presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest
Sociological Society.
- 2004 "Queering the Classroom." Presented at the annual meetings of the
Coalition of Women in German Conference.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 2004-2011 Northwest Suburban Illinois National Organization for Women
Executive Board Member
- 2004-2005 Graduate Studies Committee Program Representative;
Department Student Representative, University of Manchester
- 2002 Decorah (Iowa) Community Diversity Initiative
Diversity Speaker and Trainer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
Midwest Sociological Society