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Education

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Sociology (Expected 2012), University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Dissertation: *Farm to Fork: Understanding Locally-Based Farm-Vendor Relationships*

Committee: Joya Misra (chair), Jennifer Lundquist, Ryan Acton, Leslie King (Smith College), Krista Harper (Anthropology)

M.A., Sociology (2010), University of Massachusetts – Amherst

B.S., Sociology and Chemical Engineering (2005), Tennessee Technological University
in cursu honorum

Teaching and Research Interests

Environmental Sociology; Agriculture and Food Systems; Sociology of Food; Sexuality; Queer Theory; Social Network Analysis; Symbolic Interaction; Qualitative Methods; Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality

Publications

Peer Reviewed:

Trivette, Shawn A. 2010. "Secret Handshakes and Decoder Rings: The Queer Space of Don't Ask/Don't Tell." *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* 7(3): 214-228.

Revise and Resubmit:

Trivette, Shawn A. "Close to Home: The Drive for Local Food." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*.

Other Publications:

Trivette, Shawn A. 2011. "Teaching Tip: 'Secret Cards!'" *SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division Newsletter* Winter: 4.

Macomber, Kris, *et al.* 2010. "Reflections on the First Year of Teaching: Lessons Learned." *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* 41(3): 74-78. [I am one of seven authors.]

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality (introductory course; 3 semesters)
Sociology of Climate Change (lower level; 1 semester)

Last Updated: August 17, 2011

Sexuality and Society (upper level; 3 semesters)
Introduction to Honors (with Dr. Connie Hood at Tennessee Tech)

Teaching Assistant:

The Family (lower level; discussion section leader)
Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity (introductory course, discussion section leader)
Self, Society, and Interpersonal Relations (introductory course, grader)
Contemporary American Society (introductory course, grader)

Teaching Experience as an Undergraduate:

Teaching Assistant for Sociological Research Methods
Peer Mentor for Introduction to Honors
Peer Mentor for Honors British Literature

Academic Honors and Awards

Residential First-Year Experience (RFYE) Student Choice Award (2011)
Nominated for a University Distinguished Teaching Award (2009)
Sociology Department Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2007)

Grants

Research Grant: Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (2006)
UMass Sociology Departmental Professional Development/Research Funds (2006, '09, '10)
Helped draft a funded grant proposal for the Cookeville Dismas House, a halfway house for former convicts (2002)

Research Presentations

Mapping Local Food Networks
Roundtable, *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV (August 2011)

The Greening UMass Projects: Empowering Students for Activism in Sustainability
Teaching Environmental Sociology session, *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Las Vegas, NV (August 2011)

Close to Home: Power, Trust, and Reciprocity in Locally-Based Farm-to-Vendor Relationships
Food and Agriculture under the Big Sky, Missoula, MT (June 2011)
Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA (February 2011)

Do You Have a Mother for that Baby?: Pregnant Papas, Known Donors, and the Justice of Reproductive Technology; with Andy Inkster
Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA (February 2011)

Understanding the Role of Modes of Distribution in the Promise of Sustainable Agriculture
Food in Bloom Conference, Bloomington, IN (June 2010)
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA (August 2010)

News Media Coverage of Climate Change, 1994-2009; with Ethan Plofsky

Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA (March 2010)

Secret Handshakes and Decoder Rings: The Queer Space of Don't Ask/Don't Tell

Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD (March 2009)

Queertopia 2.0: An Academic Festival, Chicago, IL (May 2009)

American Sociological Society, San Francisco, CA (August 2009)

Prior versions presented at a departmental colloquium (May 2007) and a regional social inequalities conference at UMass-Boston (March 2007)

Mixed Greens: Social Issues in Local Agriculture (with Stephanie DeFranzo)

Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD (March 2009)

American Sociological Society (roundtable), San Francisco, CA (August 2009)

Straight Eye for the Queer Guy: A Look at the Dislike of Homosexuals (*undergraduate paper*)

National Collegiate Honors Conference, New Orleans, LA (November 2004)

Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA (April 2004)

Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Atlanta, GA (February 2004)

Tennessee Collegiate Honors Conference, Knoxville, TN (February 2004)

Tennessee Undergraduate Social Sciences Symposium, Murfreesboro, TN (2003)

This Old Course: Revisions of an Introduction to Honors Class (*with Dr. Rita Barnes and Deanna Lindaman*)

National Collegiate Honors Conference, Chicago, IL (November 2003)

Southern Regional Honors Conference, Greensboro, NC (April 2003)

Tennessee Collegiate Honors Conference, Hendersonville, TN (February 2003)

Invited and Guest Lectures

TA Orientation: Making the Most of Your TA Experience (Center for Teaching; Fall 2009)

Sustainable Food Systems (Sustainability RAP, Fall 2009)

Making Sense of Data (Sociology Honors Thesis Seminar, Spring 2010)

Writing a Literature Review (Sociology Honors Thesis Seminar, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010;
Graduate Research and Writing Seminar, Spring 2010 and 2011)

Stages of Adjustment of Parents of Gays and Lesbians (Sociology of the Family, Spring and Fall 2007)

Departmental Colloquium Workshop: Grade Book Management with Excel (2007)

Research Assistantship

Andrew Papachristos (Summer 2010 and 2011): Professor Papachristos' work focuses on criminology and social network analysis; one of my primary responsibilities was helping to code a network database on Chicago mafias of the early 20th century

Other Service and Leadership Experience

Webmaster, ASA Section on Race, Class, and Gender (2010-present)

Presider, "Families and the Military," American Sociological Association, August 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

Discussant, "Environmental Concern and Activism," Eastern Sociological Society, February 2011, Philadelphia, PA.

Graduate student visioning committee, Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (2011)
Committee chair (2012)

UMass Sociology Department Recruitment Committee, graduate representative (2011)

Undergraduate Policy Committee, graduate representative (2010-12 academic years)

Co-coordinator for Sociology Graduate Student Association silent auction (2007-2010)

Co-coordinator for department annual holiday party (2005-2010)

Non-Academic Work Experience

Camp Timberlake, Farm and Wilderness, Plymouth, VT
Activity Head (Barns and Gardens area); Camp Counselor/Cabin Staff
Summer 2008 and 2009

Director's Assistant; TTU Honors Program, Cookeville, TN
June 2002 – May 2005

Intern; U.S. Dept. of Energy, Tulsa, OK, and Oak Ridge, TN
Summer 2000 and 2001

Technical Skills and Foreign Language Abilities

Extensive programming ability in Microsoft Excel
Basic ability with spoken and written Spanish

Current Affiliations/Memberships

American Sociological Association (since 2008)
Current Section Memberships: Environment & Technology; Sexualities; Teaching &
Learning; Race, Gender, & Class

Eastern Sociological Society (since 2009)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (since 2010)

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (since 2010)