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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of biomedicine, health, and illness
Sociology of science and scientific knowledge
Sociology of culture
Sociology of gender and sexuality

EDUCATION

Doctoral Student, Department of Sociology Northwestern University, Evanston IL
September 2010-present

University Fellow, The Graduate School
Research Fellow, Science in Human Culture Program

M.A., Sociology Northwestern University, Evanston IL
June 2012

B.A., Social Relations and Policy, with honors Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
May 2010

Minors:
Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy
Bioethics, Humanities, and Society

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Master's Thesis

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

January 2010 – June 2012

[Title]: Epistemic Strategies and the Deployment of Evidence: A Comparative Study of Acupuncture and Christian Science Healing.

Collected interview and archival data from two complementary and alternative medical groups to analyze their means of producing evidence and relationship with health insurance and government agencies.

[Awards]: Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Second-Year Paper, Northwestern University

Scientific Careers Research and Development Group*Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, PI: Dr. Rick McGee*

Coding and analysis of qualitative data from The Academy for Future Science Faculty, a nationwide coaching intervention for PhD students in the biomedical sciences. The Academy is the first-ever randomized controlled trial of an alternative approach to development of young scientists, with a goal to increase the progression of underrepresented minorities and women toward academic careers.

Research Assistant*June 2012 – present***Mapping Sexual Health and the Sexualization of Cancer***Northwestern University, Dr. Steven Epstein and Dr. Laura Mamo*

Coded and analyzed abstracts from a PubMed search to determine the way journal publications understand the concept of “sexual health.”

Research Assistant*March 2012 – September 2012***Demographic Analysis of Male Nursing Populations in the U.S.***Northwestern University, Dr. Christine Percheski*

Performed a quantitative analysis (using STATA software) of demographic data on male nurses in the United States.

Research Assistant*May 2011 – September 2011***Heart to Heart Truth Health Education***WISEWOMAN Program, Michigan Department of Community Health*

Conducted phone interviews and collected quantitative data to determine the benefits and cost-effectiveness of WISEWOMAN programming. Contributed to research findings published on the Michigan WISEWOMAN website. WISEWOMAN is a federal program designed to provide low-income, under-insured or uninsured women with chronic disease risk factor screening, lifestyle intervention, and referral services in an effort to prevent cardiovascular disease. The priority age group is women aged 40–64 years.

Program Evaluation Intern*May 2009 – August 2009***TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Demography*Soc 305, Northwestern University, Taught by Dr. Christine Percheski***Teaching Assistant***Fall 2012***Sociology of Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society***SOC/HUM 220, Northwestern University, Taught by Dr. Steven Epstein***Teaching Assistant***Fall 2011***Environment and Society***SOC 212, Northwestern University, Taught by Dr. Susan Thistle***Teaching Assistant***Winter 2011***Introduction to Sociology***SOC 110, Northwestern University, Taught by Dr. Anthony Chen***Teaching Assistant***Spring 2010***Research Seminar: Popular and Professional Debates over Vaccines***UGS 200H, Michigan State University, Taught by Dr. Mark Largent***Teaching Assistant***Fall 2009-Summer 2010***PUBLICATIONS**

Krcmarik, Kelly, and Kellie Owens. 2010. “Umbilical Cord Blood Banking.” *Medical Humanities Report* 31(3): 3-7.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Clinical Trials and the Deployment of Evidence: Acupuncture and Christian Science.” Presented at the Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 18th, 2012.

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Second-Year Paper, Fall 2012

University Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2010-present

Research Fellow, Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University, 2010-present

Magna Cum Laude, Michigan State University, 2010

University Honors Program, Michigan State University, 2006-2010

John and Sarah Hannah Scholarship, Michigan State University, 2006-2010

Four year, merit-based scholarship awarded to students with high academic achievement.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (2010-present)

Society for Social Studies of Science (2010-present)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teen Parenting Network: Health Advocate/Peer Educator

Lansing, MI

Willow Health Center, Ingham County Health Department

May 2009 – August 2010

Conducted home visits with TANF-eligible pregnant and parenting teenagers ages 14-21 (caseload between 8-12 clients). Built relationships with mothers and families through weekly or biweekly visits.

Assisted teens to find housing, register or stay in school, secure jobs, and enroll in health insurance plans.

Provided prenatal and parenting lessons, led parenting classes, and hosted play and learn groups.

Developed interview and analytic skills through home visits and weekly client evaluations.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)

Spanish (Beginner)