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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida Summer 2021

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Dissertation: *The Bikini Line: Race, Gender, and Embodiment in Texas Beauty Pageants*

Committee: John Bartkowski, Shannon Carter (chair), Jonathon Cox, and Fernando Rivera

The University of Texas at San Antonio Summer 2017

Master of Science in Sociology

Thesis: *University-Enrolled Black Women on Faith-Driven Negotiations of Sexual Beliefs and Practices*

Committee: John Bartkowski (chair), Aida Ramos, and Thankam Sunil

The University of Texas at San Antonio Fall 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at San Antonio San Antonio, TX
Assistant Professor of Instruction August 2022-Present

- Facilitate courses for Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Gender, Race & Ethnic Relations, and Social Problems for up to 70-160 students per section
- Evaluate student success outcomes from student presentation, writing abilities, and performance on examinations
- Trained student reader/grader on evaluating research writing assignments with citations; brainstorming interactive activities for students beyond the classroom such as attending events in the community that relate to the course topics and reflect on their experience
- Served on Sociology Undergraduate Committee brainstorming and evaluating student learning outcomes, revising course catalog descriptions for existing courses to maintain its relevance, and suggesting possible additions to the undergraduate course catalog
- Served on lecturer search committee; reviewed up to 15 candidates' resumes; interviewed three candidate finalists before selecting the new hire

Texas A&M University-San Antonio San Antonio, TX
Sociology Adjunct Faculty August 2020-May 2022

- Facilitate courses for Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Craft of Sociology for up to 35 students; utilize Zoom as a platform to deliver lectures for virtual/synchronous courses
- Maintain virtual student hours using Zoom and by phone
- Evaluate and grade students' weekly discussion board assignments, chapter quizzes, midterm writing assignment, and final exam video presentation
- Create, develop, and prepare interactive discussion board assignments, activities, midterm exams, and final exam projects covering critical and controversial topics

University of Central Florida Orlando, FL
Sociology Graduate Teaching Associate May 2018-August 2021

- Facilitate online course for Introduction to Sociology for up to 150 students; utilizing Zoom as a platform to deliver lectures and interactive class discussions
- Maintain virtual office hours using chat feature on UCF Canvas, Zoom, and by phone
- Instruct face-to-face Upper Division Sociology courses capped at 75 students; utilize learning management system (i.e., UCF Canvas) as a platform for instruction
- Prepare and deliver lectures/PowerPoint presentations and plan interactive in-class activities

- Initiate and moderate classroom discussions on controversial issues
- Evaluate and grade students' weekly in-class assignments, 2 semester application papers with in-text citations and reference page using Turnitin to promote academic integrity and prevent plagiarism, 1 group presentation
- Provide one-on-one time with students regarding questions and concerns pertaining to course
- Serve as a teaching mentor to undergraduate teaching assistant, responsibilities include training mentee on how to plan and coordinate lectures and assignments, developing course syllabus

Sociology Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017-Spring 2018

- Grade weekly assignments; utilize UCF Canvas software for online course
- Develop lecture PowerPoints for instructor
- Assist students with questions and concerns regarding course material through online software

The University of Texas at San Antonio

San Antonio, TX

First-Year Experience Teaching Assistant

August 2014-May 2017

- Coordinate activities and lectures with instructor in various disciplines within the Social Sciences, Humanities/Fine Arts, and Natural Sciences
- Grade weekly assignments, homework, quizzes, semester research proposals, and exams
- Facilitate courses for a total of 700 first-year students; utilize Blackboard software as a platform for instruction, capped at 50 students per course section
- Provide one-on-one time assisting students with questions and concerns regarding class instruction and course material during office hours
- Recognized by supervisor for leadership and skills within the program; duties were expanded to include onboarding and training 5 new teaching assistants
- Serve as a TA mentor to new incoming TAs, responsibilities include guiding mentees into first semester of teaching

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Sociology of Sex and Reproduction
- Sociology of Sex and Gender (Face-to-Face & Virtual/Asynchronous)
- Women in Contemporary Society
- Internship Course
- Social Problems (Virtual/Asynchronous)
- Introduction to Sociology (Face-to-Face & Virtual/Asynchronous)
- First-Year Seminar (Face-to-Face & Virtual/Synchronous)
- Social Psychology
- The Craft of Sociology (Virtual/Synchronous)

PUBLICATIONS

Awaad, Rania, Yasmeen Quadri, Munjireen Sifat, Kamal Suleiman, Obaid Rehman, Amina Husain, Amira Abdelrehim, Rufaida Rushdi, Chelsea Belanger, Terrence Hill, and Harold Koenig. 2023. Revise and Resubmit. "A Qualitative Analysis of the Stanford-Templeton Convenings on Islam and Suicide." *Journal of Religion and Health*. [Impact Factor: 2.73]

Belanger, Chelsea, Katherine Klee, John Bartkowski. 2024. "Mental Health and Income Inequality." Pp. XXX-XXX in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by W. Cockerham, S. Quah, J. Ryan, and J.Gabe. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Sociology Graduate Research Assistant

San Antonio, TX

June-August 2015/2016/2017

- Appointed by Sociology faculty member based on my performance in his graduate level course and work ethic as secretary for AKD
- Developed the draft of qualitative interview instrument for ADVANCE IT-Catalyst: Institutional Self-Study on Women Faculty in STEM and SBS Disciplines at UTSA
- Conducted in-depth interviews with 7 female faculty members in the STEM and BSB fields for National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored research project
- Co-wrote Logic Model for Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAC)
- Co-wrote Logic Model for the South Texas Education Program (tSTEP)

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Sociology Graduate Research Assistant; Dr. John Bartkowski & Dr. Xiaohe Xu

San Antonio, TX

May 2015-June 2016

- Conducted evaluation research project on adults and children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)
- Gathered over 400 scholarly articles on IDD
- Created 2 extensive annotated bibliographies consisting of 45-100 pages
- Proofread and edited Serious Mental Illness and 2 IDD fact sheets among adults and children created in Publisher software
- Assisted with creating survey in Survey Monkey distributed to medical providers nationwide

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Sociology Graduate Assistant Dr. John Bartkowski & Dr. Aída Ramos

San Antonio, TX

June-August 2014

- Appointed by Sociology faculty member based on my performance in his graduate level courses
- Responsible for weekly meticulous notes consisting of 7 or more pages for multiple evaluation researchers throughout the country
- Supported the gatherings of current research for series of weekly meetings and one academic lecture
- Transcribed 3 in-depth interviews

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Gender, Sociology of Religion, Race Relations, Behavioral Health, Social Inequalities, and Qualitative Methods

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021. "Miss Representation: Exploring Racialized Patterns of Motives for Competing in Beauty Pageants." *The Southern Sociological Society*, Virtual.

2021. "American Beauty: A Qualitative Investigation into Why Women Compete in Beauty Pageants." *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Virtual.

2020. "'Race' to the Crown: Experiences and Perceptions of Race and Racial Inequalities in Texas Pageantry." *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Virtual.

2018. "Beauty is in the Eye of the Creator: A Comparative Textual Analysis of Miss USA and Miss Christian America." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and The Religious Research Association*, Las Vegas, NV.

2018. "Pro-Choice, But...: Devout African American College Women on Abortion." *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA.

2017. "Pro-choice, But...: Devout African American College Women on Abortion." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and The Religious Research Association*, Washington, DC.

2017. Co-author with Dr. John Bartkowski. "Religion and Health among African American Women: A Qualitative Investigation." *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Montreal, Canada.

2017. "University Enrolled Black Women on Faith-Driven Negotiations of Sexual Beliefs & Practices." *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Austin, TX.

2016. "From the Sanctuary to the University: Devout Black Women on Spiritual Convictions about Reproductive Health and Intimacy." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association*, Atlanta, GA.

2016. "From the Sanctuary to the University: Devout Black Women on Spiritual Convictions and Intimacy." *UTSA Sociology Spring Colloquium*, San Antonio, TX.

2016. "From the Sanctuary to the University: Devout Black Women on Spiritual Convictions and Intimacy." *UTSA 3MT Competition*, San Antonio, TX.

2015. "Frustration, Motivation, & Personal Growth: Into the Lives of Single Mothers." *UTSA Sociology Spring Colloquium*, San Antonio, TX.

CERTIFICATIONS

The Center for Distributed Learning at UCF, Online Course Delivery	June 2019
UCF Preparing Tomorrow's Faculty Program	Fall 2018
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Training	August 2017
UTSA Teaching Assistant Training Certification	April 2015
Responsible Conduct of Research Certification	June 2013
Graduate Student Success Workshop Certificates (30 hours)	February 2013-October 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sociologists for Women in Society	June 2020-August 2021
The Southern Sociological Society	March 2018-March 2019
The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	June 2016-Present
• Committee Member, Student Travel Grant Award	May 2020, May 2021
UCF Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society	April 2018-August 2021
UTSA Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society	July 2013-August 2017
• Secretary	May 2014-May 2015

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Teaching Award, UCF	June 2019
• Awarded \$250	
Graduate Dean's Fellowship, UCF	August 2016
• Awarded \$5,000	
Graduate Student Professional Development Award, UTSA	October 2016
• Awarded \$500, Professional Development Travel Fund	
Who's Who at UTSA Achievement Award	
• Designated by UTSA's Vice President for Student Affairs	March 2014
Rising Star Volunteer Award from the Rape Crisis Center	January 2012