

Amber Dawn Nelson
Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 2010 **Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park** (*expected May 2010*)
Doctoral Dissertation: “Adolescent Mental Health Disorders: A Sociological analysis of Professional knowledges and practices”
Ph.D. Committee Chair: Dr. Laura Mamo, Associate Professor of Sociology
Specialty areas: Social Theory, Social Psychology
- 2006 **M.A., University of Maryland, College Park**
Master’s Thesis: “Adolescents and Antidepressants: analysis of a social scientific controversy”
M.A. Committee Chair: Dr. Laura Mamo, Associate Professor of Sociology
- 2001 **B.A., University of Nebraska, Lincoln**
Undergraduate Thesis: “Single Motherhood: The Struggle for self-sufficiency”
Undergraduate Thesis Chair: Dr. Julia McQuillan, Associate Professor of Sociology
Majors: Sociology & English, graduated with honors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Laura Mamo** August 2006 - May 2007
Sociology Department, UMD, College Park MD August 2007 - May 2008
- Coded and analyzed 30 interviews on public understandings of Alzheimer’s
 - Content Analysis of Merck Advertisements for Gardasil, Gardasil Working Group
 - Compiled Index for Dr. Mamo’s book *Queering Reproduction: Achieving Pregnancy in the Age of Technoscience, 2007.*
- Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Jeff Lucas** August 2004 – May 2005
Sociology Department, UMD, College Park MD
- Scheduled study participants for social psychological lab experiments
 - Wrote literature reviews on social status, emotions and power theories and findings
- Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Steven Martin** August 2003 – May 2004
Sociology Department, UMD, College Park MD
- Assisted with research on motherhood and childbearing trends
 - Gathered PUMS data, provided descriptive statistics
 - Edited literature reviews, graphs and bibliographies on divorce trends

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Ana-Maria Wahl August 2000 – August 2001
Sociology Department, UNL, Lincoln NE

- Contributed to research design, implementation and archival research of neighborhood and housing inequalities, statistical analysis of neighborhood demographics using census blocks and investigated racial disparities in home ownership and access to home loans using FFIEC data.
- Conducted and transcribed face-to-face interviews with community leaders and neighborhood residents in “Near-South” neighborhood in Lincoln, NE.
- Volunteered in neighborhood (food banks, educational and housing events) to develop qualified contacts and study participants from the community for the study

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Department of Sociology, University of Maryland (UMD), College Park

- Sociological Theory SOCY 230, undergraduate level (Fall 2008)
- Contemporary Social Problems SOCY 105, undergraduate level (Fall 2008; Summer 2007)
- Sociology of Sexuality SOCY498C, undergraduate level (Summer 2008)

Academic Achievement Programs, Summer Transitional Program, UMD, College Park

- Introduction to the University: College and Career Advancement EDCP 108, undergraduate level (Summer 2005; Summer 2006)

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, UMD, College Park

- Introduction to Sociology SOCY 100, Assisted Professor John Pease, (Summer 2008; Summer 2007; Summer 2006; Spring 2006; Fall 2005)
- Social Statistics SOCY 201, undergraduate level (Summer 2004; Summer 2007)

Invited Facilitator and or Lecturer

Department of Sociology, UMD, College Park

- Methodologies of Social Research, graduate level, (Spring 2009)
Invited by Associate Professor Bill Falk to lecture on “Feminist Methods”
- Sociology of Gender, undergraduate level, (Fall 2008)
Invited by Instructor to facilitate discussion on “Sexuality and Gender” readings
- Contemporary Sociological Theory, graduate level (Spring 2007)
Invited by Associate Professor Laura Mamo, facilitated discussion of “Feminist Theory”
- Education Inequalities, graduate level (Spring 2007)
Invited by Associate Professor Lory J. Dance, facilitated pedagogical activity and discussion on “Intersectionality”

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS FOR PUBLICATION

- Mamo, L., A. Nelson & A. Clark. "Producing and Protecting Risky Girlhoods: How the HPV Vaccine Became the Right Tool to Prevent Cervical Cancer." In Keith Wailoo, Steve Epstein and Julia Livingston (eds). *The Politics of the HPV Vaccine*. Forthcoming 2009 or 2010.
- Mamo, L., A. Nelson & A. Clark. "Producing and Protecting Risky Girlhoods: How the HPV Vaccine Became the Right Tool to Prevent Cervical Cancer." *Gender & Society*, Revise & Resubmit
- Nelson, Amber and Brian Ward. 2009. "Intent, Lethality, and the Science of Suicide: Classifications and Circumstances of Violent Poisonings" *Sociological Perspectives*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Dance, Lory J. and Amber Nelson "Liberation Pedagogy: Teaching Intersectionality"
- Clark, Aleia, Amber Nelson and Laura Mamo "A Patchwork of Publics and Policies: An investigation into the politics of the Gardasil Policy Controversy"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 Gordon Policy Conference, Big Sky Montana, August.
- 2008 American Sociological Association, Session on Sex and Gender, Boston, MA., August
- 2008 "A Science of Suicide: Classification and Circumstances of Violent Poisonings," presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, August.
- 2008 "Producing and Protecting Risky Girlhoods: How the HPV Vaccine Became the Right Tool to Prevent Cervical Cancer." Institute on Health and Aging, Rutgers University, May 16-17,
- 2007 "Adolescents and Antidepressants: Analysis of the Social Scientific Controversy," presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada. August.
- 2001 "Single-Motherhood: The Struggle for Self-sufficiency," presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, August.
- 2001 "Single-Motherhood: The Struggle for Self-sufficiency," presented at Nebraska Undergraduate Symposium, Omaha Nebraska, October.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Campus Coalition for Sexual Literacy (CCSL), Secretary 2008-Present
- *Sociology News*, Department Newsletter Editor & Reporter 2007-2009
- PhD Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Student Forum 2008-2009
- Incoming Graduate Student Mentor 2008-2009
- Awards Committee Graduate Student Representative, UMD 2007-2008
- Master's Student Representative, Graduate Student Forum 2006-2007
- Admissions Committee Graduate Student Representative 2004-2005
- English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor for refugees 2000-2001

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- Teaching Portfolio Workshop, Center for Teaching Excellence January 2008
- Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Assistant Award, UMD 2006
- Graduate Dean's Scholarship, C.W. Mills Fellowship, UMD 2003-2004

REFERENCES

Available upon request