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Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2010** **Ph.D., Sociology**
(Expected) **Graduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning**
University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), College Park, MD
Areas of Specialty: Demography, Stratification
Dissertation Title: Firefighting in the New Economy: Changes in Skill and the Impact of Technology
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Bart Landry
- 2005** **M.A., Applied Sociology**
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Baltimore, MD
Thesis Title: Variations in Undergraduate Alcohol Consumption by Living Arrangement and Residence
Distance from School
Thesis Committee Chair: Dr. Shelia R. Cotten
- 2002** **B.S., Sociology**
Minor in Music
Towson University, Towson, MD
Graduating Honors: Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Statistical/Quantitative Analysis
- Research Methods
- Alcohol/Drug Use
- Health and Mortality
- Stratification and Inequality
- Work and Social Class

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Forth-coming** **Ward, Brian W.** and Heather Ridolfo. "Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illicit Drug Use among Native American College Students: An Exploratory Quantitative Analysis." *Substance Use & Misuse*.
- 2009** **Ward, Brian W.** "The Master's Thesis: A Valuable (but Overlooked) Tool for Learning How to Apply Sociology." *Journal of Applied Social Science*, 3(1):71-85.
- 2009** **Ward, Brian W.** and Jan Gryczynski. "Social Learning Theory and the Effects of Living Arrangement on Heavy Alcohol Use: Results from a National Study of College Students." *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 70(3):364-372.
- 2008** Shields, Ryan T. and **Brian W. Ward.** "Comparison of the National Violent Death Reporting System and

Supplementary Homicide Report: Potential Benefits of Integration.” *Justice Research and Policy*, 10(2):67-97.

- 2007** **Ward, Brian W.** and Jan Gryczynski. “Alcohol Use and Participation in Organized Recreational Sports among University Undergraduates.” *Journal of American College Health*, 56(3):273-280.

Reports and Other Publications

- 2009** Pleis, John R., Jacqueline W. Lucas, and **Brian W. Ward**. “Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: National Health Interview Survey, 2008.” *Vital and Health Statistics*, 10(242):1-87.
- 2008** **Ward, Brian W.** “Using ‘Mini-Debates’ to Encourage Student Understanding of the Welfare Reform.” *The Southern Sociologist*, 39(3):13-15.
- 2007** **Ward, Brian.** “Presentation/Project: ‘The Social Problems of Baltimore City/Washington, D.C.’” Pp. 174-175 in *Instructor’s Resource Manual on Social Problems* edited by Walter Carroll and Lutz Kaelber. 4th ed. Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Nelson, Amber D. and **Brian W. Ward**. “Intent, Lethality, and the Science of Suicide: Classifications and Circumstances of Violent Poisonings.” (*Revise and resubmit at Sociological Perspectives*)

Gryczynski, Jan and **Brian W. Ward**. “Social Norms and the Relationship between Cigarette Use and Religiosity among Adolescents in the United States.” (*Currently under review at Health Education & Behavior*)

Ward, Brian W. “Variation of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use by Shift Work: Results from a National Study of Workers in the United States.” (*In preparation*)

Ward, Brian W., Ryan T. Shields, and Bert R. Cramer. “Reliability of the Reported Social Circumstances Surrounding Violent Death: A Cross-sectional Study of Medical Examiner Data, Police Report Data, and their Prevention Implications.” (*In preparation*)

Ward, Brian W. “Adoptive Parents’ Knowledge of Preadoption Abuse among their Adopted Children and the Use of Support Services.” (*In preparation; invited submission to a special issue of Adoption Quarterly on analyzing data from the National Survey of Adoptive Parents*)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2009-2010		National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Associate Service Fellowship
2009	\$500	UMCP Graduate School Goldhaber Travel Award
2008	\$750	UMCP Center for Teaching Excellence Lilly-East Conference Grant
2004	\$500	UMBC Graduate Student Association Research Grant for Master’s Thesis
2004	\$2,100	UMBC Department of Sociology & Anthropology International Field Research Planning & Development Fellowship
1999-2002		Towson University Provost Academic Scholarship

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- 2008** Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology/Center for Teaching Excellence, UMCP
- 2005** Third Place, Annual UMB/UMBC Graduate Research Conference Social Science 1 Poster Session, “Integrating Academics into the Latino Identity: An Academic Intervention Proposal” (*Co-presenter with 4 graduate students*)
- 2004** First Place, Society for Applied Sociology Student Problem-Solving Paper Competition, “Integrating Academics into the Latino Identity: An Academic Intervention Proposal” (*Co-author with 4 graduate students*)
- 2003** Mignon Lieberman Internship Award of Excellence, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Towson University
- 2003** Award for Special Contribution to the Environment of Learning, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Towson University

RESEARCH AND APPLIED EXPERIENCE

- 2009-Present** **Health Statistician/Associate Service Fellow**
Data Analysis and Quality Assurance Branch, Division of Health Interview Statistics, NCHS, Hyattsville, MD
- 2007-2009** **Research Assistant**
Department of Sociology, UMCP, College Park, MD
- *Worked under Dr. Harriet B. Presser (PI) on the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant: “Shift Work Over the Life Course: A New Perspective on American Work and Family Time” (No. B2007-12)*
- 2003-2009** **Research Analyst/Data Abstractor**
Center for Health Promotion, Education, & Tobacco Use Prevention; Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Baltimore, MD
- *Worked under Dr. Tracey Serpi (PI) (2003-2008) and Joan Stine (PI) (2008-2009) on the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Grants: “Establishing Maryland’s Violent Death Reporting System” (No. U17/CCU322392-05) and “A Systematic Effort to Maintain Maryland’s Violent Death Reporting System” (No. U17/CE001312-01)*
- 2006** **Group Discussion Facilitator**
Department of Public and Community Health, UMCP, College Park, MD
- *Worked under Dr. Bradley O. Boekeloo (PI) on the National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA) Grant: “Peers as Family: Preventing Problem Drinking” (No. R01 AA1225701)*
- 2003-2005** **Academic Advisor to Undergraduates**
Academic Services, UMBC, Baltimore, MD

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Department of Sociology, UMCP, College Park, MD *and*
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, UMBC, Baltimore, MD

- *Course: Social Problems (5 sections)*

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, UMCP, College Park, MD *and*
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, UMBC, Baltimore, MD

- *Courses: Stratification & Inequality (1 section); Research Methods (3 sections)*

Tutor

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Towson University, Towson, MD

- *Courses: Sociological Statistical Analysis (1 section); Sociological Theory (1 section)*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2009** Gryczynski, Jan and **Brian W. Ward**. "Protective Effects of Religiosity on Alcohol Use among Youth: Mediation by Expectations of Parents and Friends?" presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August, San Francisco, CA (*Poster*)
- 2009** **Ward, Brian W.** and Heather Ridolfo. "Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illicit Drug Use among Native American College Students: An Exploratory Quantitative Analysis," presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, March, Baltimore, MD.
- 2008** **Ward, Brian W.** and Amber D. Nelson. "A Science of 'Suicide': Classification and Circumstances of Violent Poisonings," presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August, Boston, MA.
- 2007** Shields, Ryan T. and **Brian W. Ward**. "Importing Medical Examiner Data: Maryland's Experience," presented at the CDC National Violent Death Reporting System Annual Conference, May, New Orleans, LA.
- 2006** Gryczynski, Jan and **Brian W. Ward**. "Alcohol Use and Participation in Recreational Athletics at a Commuter-based University," presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2005** **Ward, Brian W.** "Quantitative, In-depth Measurement of College Students' Status and Alcohol Use: A Dream or a Reality?" presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, August, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005** **Ward, Brian W.** "Alcohol Use and Students' Residence Distance from School at a Largely Commuter-based University," presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August, Philadelphia, PA. (*Poster*)
- 2005** Demeter, Lori, Tracey Serpi, George Thorpe, Shauna Briggs, Tracy Joyner, Candice Smith, **Brian Ward**, and Paul Patrick. "Implementation of the NVDRS: Maryland's Perspective," presented at the National Injury Prevention and Control Annual Conference, May, Denver, CO. (*Poster*)
- 2005** Roosevelt, Becky, Rebecca Goldring, Virginia Brown, **Brian Ward**, and Jan Gryczynski. "Integrating Academics into the Latino Identity: An Academic Intervention Proposal," presented at the Annual UMB/UMBC Graduate Research Conference, April, Baltimore, MD. (*Poster*)
- 2005** **Ward, Brian W.** "Variations in Undergraduate Alcohol Consumption by Student Living Arrangement," presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April, Charlotte, NC.
- 2005** Cotten, Shelia R., **Brian W. Ward**, and Jill S. Feick. "Gender Differences in Alcohol Use and Depression among College Students," presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April, Charlotte, NC.
- 2004** **Ward, Brian W.** "Variations in Undergraduate Alcohol Consumption by Student Residence and Living Arrangement: Procedures and Methodological Framework," presented at the Annual UMB/UMBC Graduate Research Conference, April, Baltimore, MD.
- 2004** **Ward, Brian W.** "Academic Performance Levels in Baltimore City Public Elementary Schools: Variations by Musical Presence and Student Interaction," presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April, Atlanta, GA. (*Poster*)

SELECT INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

- 2009** Cramer, Bert and **Brian W. Ward**. "The Maryland Violent Death Reporting System (MVDRS): Data Collection and Domestic Violence," presented to the Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence at the Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence Monthly Board Meeting, February, Baltimore, MD.
- 2008** Cramer, Bert and **Brian W. Ward**. "The Maryland Violent Death Reporting System (MVDRS): Can We Help Your County?" presented at the Maryland DHMH County-level Injury Prevention Coordinators' Semi-annual Meeting, October, Baltimore, MD.
- 2008** Shields, Ryan T. and **Brian W. Ward**. "A Comparison of the National Violent Death Reporting System and Supplementary Homicide Report: Potential Benefits of Integration," presented at the Annual Bureau of Justice Statistics/Justice Research and Statistics Association National Conference, October, Portland, OR.
- 2008** **Ward, Brian W.** and Amber D. Nelson. "Intent, Lethality, and the Science of Suicide: Classifications and Circumstances of Violent Poisonings," presented to the National Violent Death Reporting System Deputy Program Leader, Leroy Frazier, Jr. at the Maryland National Violent Death Reporting System Site Visit, April, Baltimore, MD.
- 2005** **Ward, Brian W.** "Drinkin' at UMBC: A Look at Alcohol Use Around Campus," presented to the UMBC Office of Residential Life at the Residential Director's Monthly Educational Meeting, May, Baltimore, MD.
(Presentation based on the results of my thesis research)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Occasional Manuscript Reviewer**
Journal of Studies of Alcohol and Drugs; Pearson Allyn & Bacon Publishers
- **Sociology News Contributor**
Department of Sociology Newsletter, UMCP (*Authored 4 articles*)
- **Organizer/Presider, Teaching Workshop for Graduate Instructors**
Department of Sociology, UMCP (2008) (*Workshop topic: Holding in-class discussions*)
- **Mentor, Graduate Student Peer Mentorship Program**
Department of Sociology, UMCP (2006-2009)
- **Sociology Department Assembly Representative**
Graduate Student Government/Department of Sociology, UMCP (2006-2008) *and* UMBC (2004-2005)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Golden Key International Honour Society (*Inducted 2008*)
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (*Inducted 2005*)
- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society (*Inducted 2002*)

REFERENCES

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