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EDUCATION

(Expected Spring 2012) - **Ph.D., Sociology** - University of Maryland, College Park. Dissertation Title: "Identity as Chronic Strain and Coping Strategy in the Job Loss Process." Chair: Melissa Milkie; Committee Members: Annette Lareau, William Falk, Jeffrey Lucas, and Jinhee Kim

2007 - **M.A., Sociology** – University of Maryland, College Park. Thesis: "Walking Around Like a Panda Bear: Feelings of Stigma among Nontraditional-Age Students." Chair: Melissa Milkie. GPA: 4.0

2005 - **B.A., Psychology, with a second major in Sociology** – University of Maine, Orono, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa. Thesis: "Identity, Class Consciousness and Voting in a Homeless Population." GPA: 3.98

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Psychology	Research Methods	Deviance
Self and Identity	Statistics	Stratification
Work and Occupations	Life Course	Mental Health
Introduction to Sociology		

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010-present Visiting Instructor of Sociology, St. Mary's College of Maryland. Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology; Social Psychology; Work and Occupations; Self and Identity; Life Course; Research Methods

Mean teaching evaluations: **4.69** total (on 5-point scale)

- Overall teaching effectiveness: **4.71**
- Overall course quality: **4.66**

2008-2010 Instructor, University of Maryland, College Park. Courses taught: Introductory Sociology (honors and non-honors sections); Social Psychology

2005-2008 Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park. Courses taught: Research Methods; Introductory Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Norris, Dawn R. 2011. "Interactions that Trigger Self-Labeling: The Case of Older Undergraduates." *Symbolic Interaction* 34:173-197.

Milkie, Melissa A., **Dawn R. Norris**, and Alex Bierman. 2011. "The Long Arm of Offspring: Adult Children's Troubles as Teenagers and Elderly Parents' Mental Health." *Research on Aging* 33:327-355.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Norris, Dawn R.** “Beat the Bourgeoisie: An Economic Stratification Teaching Activity.” Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Teaching Sociology*.
- Norris, Dawn**, Elizabeth Nichols and Jennifer Childs. “Enhancing Validity and Reliability of Data Gathered by Paper-Administered Personal Interview Questionnaires.” Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Field Methods*.
- Norris, Dawn R.** “Using Temporal Identities as a Coping Strategy in the Stress Process during Unemployment.” Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Social Psychology Quarterly*.
- Norris, Dawn R.** “The Importance of Identity Verification in the Work World: From Employed to Unemployed to Job Seeker.” Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Work and Occupations*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- Norris, Dawn R.** “Identity as Chronic Strain and Coping Strategy in the Stress Process.” Presentation at 106th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 20-23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV. (*forthcoming*)
- Norris, Dawn R.** “Women and Work.” Invited lecturer for “Introduction to Women’s Studies” course (WGSX 200) at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, St. Mary’s City, MD. April 7, 2011.
- Norris, Dawn.** “Methodological Innovations in Studying Aging and the Life Course.” Discussant at the 60th Annual Meeting of The Society for the Study of Social Problems. August 13-15, 2010, Atlanta, GA.
- Milkie, Melissa A., **Dawn R. Norris**, and Alex Bierman. “The Long Arm of Offspring: Teen Problems and Elderly Parents’ Mental Health.” Presentation at 104th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8-11, 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- Norris, Dawn**, Elizabeth Nichols and Jennifer Childs. “Enhancing Validity and Reliability of Data Gathered by Paper-Administered Personal Interview Questionnaires.” Methodological brief at American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, May 15-18, 2008, New Orleans.
- Norris, Dawn** and Melissa A. Milkie. “Considering Mutability and Visibility of Stigmatized Identities: Rejection of a Collective ‘We’ by Homeless Adults in Shelters.” Presentation at 102nd American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11-14, 2007, New York City.
- Norris, Dawn R.** “The Relation of Perceived Stigma to Nontraditional-Age Students’ Social Integration and Student Identity.” Southern Sociological Society 2007 Annual Meeting, April 11-14, 2007, Atlanta, GA.
- Norris, Dawn R.** “Identity, Class Consciousness and Voting in a Homeless Population.” 35th Annual Association of Black Sociologists Meeting, ABS-SWS Student Roundtables, Philadelphia, PA. August 13, 2005.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- Childs, Jennifer Hunter, **Dawn Norris**, and Matthew Clifton. 2009. “ACS Food Stamps Instruction Revision: Cognitive Test.” U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2009-08.

- Childs, Jennifer Hunter, **Dawn Norris**, Theresa J. DeMaio, Leticia Fernandez, Matthew Clifton, and Mikelyn Myers. 2009. "2010 Nonresponse Followup Enumerator Questionnaire Cognitive Test Findings and Recommendations." U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2009-05.
- Nichols, Elizabeth, Nathan Jurgenson, and **Dawn Norris**. 2009. "Report on Cognitive Pretesting of the 2010 Census Program for Evaluations and Experiments Panels Mailing Package: Deadline Messages." U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2009-14.
- Childs, Jennifer Hunter, Eleanor R. Gerber, and **Dawn Norris**. 2009. "2008 Be Counted Form: Respondent Problems Encountered in Cognitive Testing." U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2009-06.
- Childs, Jennifer Hunter, Ashley Landreth, Patricia Goerman, **Dawn Norris**, and Aref Dajani. 2007. "Behavior Coding Analysis Report: Evaluating English and Spanish Versions of the Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU) for the 2006 Census Test." U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2007-16.
- Childs, Jennifer Hunter, George R. Carter III, **Dawn Norris**, Kristin Hanaoka, and Laurie Schwede. 2007. "Cognitive Test of the NRFU Round 3: Revised Questions." U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Research Division, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2007-09.
- DeMaio, Theresa, Jennifer Beck and **Dawn Norris**. 2007. "Report of Cognitive Research to Develop the 2008 NCVS Identity Theft Supplement." U.S. Census Bureau, Survey Methodology Research Report Series #2007-28.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2009 **Research Assistant to Dr. Leonard Pearlin**, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Maryland. Analyzed quantitative data from the longitudinal Aging, Stress and Health study to explore the links between social status and physical and mental health across the life course.
- 2006-2009 **Social Sciences Analyst, U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Research Division**, Suitland, MD. Designed and tested questionnaires for the 2010 decennial census and for externally sponsored surveys. Led research on new qualitative methodology designed to identify interviewer and survey design errors.
- 2003-2005 **Research Assistant to Drs. Michael Robbins and Merrill Elias**, Associate Professor and Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Maine. Administered cognitive tests in the longitudinal quantitative Maine-Syracuse Study to examine the links between cognitive functioning and cardiovascular health.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Graduate Level

- Finalist - College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Maryland – 2010
- Summer Research Fellowship – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland – 2010
- Summer Departmental Research Fellowship – Department of Sociology, University of Maryland – 2009
- Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences – University of Maryland – 2007

Undergraduate Level

- Phi Beta Kappa - University of Maine – 2005
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduating Senior - University of Maine – 2005
- Department of Sociology Outstanding Senior - University of Maine – 2005
- Psychology Faculty Award - University of Maine – 2005
- Maine Studies Award for thesis: “Identity, Class Consciousness, and Voting in a Homeless Population” - University of Maine - 2005
- Sociology Department Scholarship - University of Maine - 2004
- Charles A. Dickinson Psychology Scholarship – University of Maine – 2004
- American Sociological Association Honors Program Attendee - 2004
- The American Academy of Political and Social Science - Junior Fellow - 2004
- University of Maine Presidential Achievement Pin - 2004
- Eastern Star Scholarship - 2003
- American Association of University Women – Nontraditional Student Award – 2003
- University of Maine Truman Scholarship nominee - 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association - 2004-present

Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems - 2010

Participant, Teaching Excellence Workshops, St. Mary’s College of Maryland - 2010-2011

Participant, New Faculty Seminar, St. Mary’s College of Maryland - 2010-2011

Student Representative, ASA Family Section - 2007-2009 (2-year term)

Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, University of Maryland - 2007-2008

Ph.D. Student Representative, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland - 2009-2010

Student Representative, Departmental Speakers Committee, University of Maryland - 2008-2009

Reviewer, *Current Research in Social Psychology* - 2008

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentor Program, University of Maryland - 2006-2009

Co-Organizer, Graduate Student Orientation, University of Maryland - 2007

Participant, Work-in-Progress Seminar, University of Maryland - 2009; 2006