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EDUCATION

(Expected May 2011) - **Ph.D., Sociology** - University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

2007 - **M.A., Sociology** – University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Thesis: “Walking Around Like a Panda Bear: Feelings of Stigma among Nontraditional-Age Students”

2005- **B.A., Sociology and Psychology** – University of Maine, Orono, Maine. Thesis: “Identity, Class Consciousness and Voting in a Homeless Population”

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Psychology; Identity and Society; Sociology of Stigma; Stratification; Research Methods

AWARDS AND HONORS

2007 Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences – University of Maryland

2005

- Maine Studies Award for “Identity, Class Consciousness and Voting in a Homeless Population” - – University of Maine
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduating Senior - University of Maine
- Phi Beta Kappa; Alpha Kappa Delta
- Department of Sociology Outstanding Senior - University of Maine
- Psychology Faculty Award - University of Maine

2004

- American Sociological Association Honors Program Attendee
- Sociology Department Scholarship – University of Maine
- Charles A. Dickinson Psychology Scholarship
- The American Academy of Political and Social Science - Junior Fellow
- University of Maine Presidential Achievement Pin

2003

- University of Maine Truman Scholarship nominee
- Eastern Star Scholarship
- American Association of University Women – Nontraditional Student Award

PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Norris, Dawn R. “Walking Around Like a Panda Bear: The Case of Perceived Stigma among Nontraditional-Age Undergraduates.” Paper (revised and resubmitted) under review at *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

Norris, Dawn R. and Melissa A. Milkie. “Considering Mutability and Visibility of Stigmatized Identities: Rejection of a Collective ‘We’ by Homeless Adults in Shelters.” Paper under review at *Social Problems*.

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. (Paper currently being revised for submission to *Field Methods*.)

Norris, Dawn and Melissa A. Milkie. 2007. "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 12, 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 AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2007-present Research Assistant to Dr. Leonard Pearlin, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Maryland

2006-present Social Sciences Analyst, U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Research Division, Suitland, MD

2003-2005 Research Assistant to Drs. Michael Robbins and Merrill Elias, Maine-Syracuse Study – University of Maine

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008 Instructor, Sociological Social Psychology - University of Maryland

2007 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Research Methods - University of Maryland

2005-2006 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Sociology - University of Maryland

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association, 2004-present
Student Representative, Departmental Speakers Committee, 2008-present
Reviewer, *Current Research in Social Psychology*, 2008-present
Mentor, Graduate Student Mentor Program, 2006-present
Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2007-2008
Co-Organizer, Graduate Student Orientation, 2007
Participant, Work-in-Progress Seminar, 2006