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**Education:** University of Maryland at College Park  
Sociology Ph.D. Program  
August 01 to present  
Ph.D. Expected May 10

University of Nevada, Reno  
Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program  
August 00 to December 00

Eastern Michigan University  
Women's Studies Master's Program  
August 99 through April 00

Eastern Michigan University  
Clinical Behavioral Master's Program  
M.S. April, 1999

Western Michigan University  
Major: Psychology/ Women's Studies Minor: Sociology  
B.S. April, 1997 Magna Cum Laude

**Honors and Awards:** The Lee Student Support Fund Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP): August 2007; Travel Grant (partial)  
Graduate Assistantship, August 01 to present (*University of Maryland, College Park*)  
Graduate Assistantship, August 00 to December 00 (*University of Nevada, Reno*)  
Graduate Assistantship, 1997-1999 (*Eastern Michigan University*)  
Office of Leadership and Counseling: Grant of Funding for Conference Attendance, May 1998  
Behavior Analysis Scholar, 1997  
Golden Key National Honor Society, 1995- Present  
Lee Honors College Member, 1993-1997  
Western Michigan University Excellence Scholarship, 1993-1997  
Michigan Competitive Scholarship, 1993-1997

**Teaching Positions:** Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Introduction to Sociology  
Fall 09

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Introduction to Social Theory  
*Spring 06; Fall 04; Summer 04; Summer 05;*

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Contemporary Social Problems  
*Summer 03; Summer 02; Spring 02*

Instructor, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Sociology of Gender  
*Spring 03; Fall 02; Fall 06; Winter 0; Spring 07; Fall 07; Winter 08; Spring 08*

- Teaching Assistant:** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 01 (August 01 to Dec 01)  
Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems  
*Duties: led discussion sections and assisted with grading*
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2000 (August 00 to Dec 00)  
Psychology Department, University of Nevada, Reno  
Abnormal Psychology and Introduction to Psychology  
*Duties: Assist with teaching in Abnormal Psychology, managed and lead discussion groups for Introduction to Psychology course under personalized system of instruction model*
- Graduate Assistant Lab Instructor/ Multi-Lab Organizer, Fall 1997 through Winter 1999  
Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University  
Introduction to Psychology  
*Duties: Teach an introductory psychology lab as part of my Assistantship. Also organized and coordinated all 10 lab sessions for introductory psychology course*
- Graduate Assistant Lab Instructor, Winter 1999  
Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University  
Introduction to Psychology  
*Duties: Designed and implemented a curriculum for an additional section of an Introductory Psychology Lab; utilized rats to teach basic operant conditioning principles*
- Graduate Assistant Co-Instructor, Winter 1999  
Psychology Department, Eastern Michigan University  
Experimental Psychology  
*Duties: Designed and taught a supplementary laboratory component for course taught by faculty advisor*
- Administrative Position:** Graduate Program Coordinator July 08 to present  
Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program (SARPP) Advocate Office, University Health Center  
University of Maryland, College Park  
*Duties: coordinate client services, supervise undergraduate peer educators, assist with program evaluation, client services evaluation, and learning outcomes assessments, ongoing program development for expansion and improvement of services to campus community and peer education curriculum .*
- Membership In Professional Associations:** American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Society for the Social Study of Science  
National Women's Studies Association
- Research Activities:** Dissertation: The Politics of Consciousness: A feminist genealogy of spirituality in the psychedelic sciences  
*Chair: Laura Mamo*
- Research Assistant, Spring 05 through Fall 05 (January 05 until Dec 05)  
Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Project Title: Genetic Testing for Alzheimer's Disease in Canada and the U.S.: A Comparative Study of Meanings of Risk, Aging and Normalcy:  
Principle Investigators: Laura Mamo and Jennifer Fosket (McGill University)  
*Duties: assist with building interview schedule, interview subjects, assist with data coding and analysis using Nudist software, manage references and reference database, assist with writing and paper submission*

Research Assistant, Fall 03 through Spring 04 (August 03 to May 04)  
Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
Supervisor: Laura Mamo

*Duties: assisted with ongoing research activities including writing, content analysis, library research, course development and other activities as needed. Assisted with completion and submission of 2 grant proposals.*

Research Development, August 1998- December 1999  
Correlation Between Heart Rate Reactivity, Self-Reported Arousal, and the Presentation of Potential Functional Variables for Battering  
Supervisor: Dr. Marilyn Bonem  
*Worked with faculty to design study investigating behavioral treatment of domestic violence*

Research Assistant, October 1997-May 1998  
Functional Analysis of Battering Behavior in Intimate Relationships: Development of the Battering Assessment Tool.  
Supervisor: Dr. Marilyn Bonem  
*Coordinate research activities, design tool, assist with research design, implementation, and presentation at Association for Behavior Analysis Convention*

Research Assistant, May – August 1996  
Peer Interventions with Autistic Children in Normal Classrooms  
Supervisor: R. Wayne Fuqua  
*Data collection, Data Analysis, assisted with research design and revisions*

**Publications:** Paper title: Facing our Dragons: Spiritual activism, Psychedelic mysticism and the pursuit of opposition. Human Architecture: Journal of the sociology of self-knowledge. Volume IV. Sum 2006. Pgs. 239-247.

**Presentations:** Society for the social studies of Science; Washington, DC; October 2009  
*Paper title: Spirituality in the laboratory: Tactics of legitimation in the psychedelic sciences (accepted)*

American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA; August 2009  
*Paper title: Spirituality in the laboratory: A feminist analysis of the tactics for legitimizing spirituality in the psychedelic sciences (accepted)*

Society of the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA; August 2009  
*Paper title: Colorblind consciousness: Negotiating the politics of race in the psychedelic sciences (accepted)*

Social Theory Forum; Boston, MA; April 2008  
*Paper title: Feminizing Foucault and Gendering Genealogy*

Society for the Social Study of Science; Montréal, Quebec; October, 2007  
*Paper title: Crazy Wisdom: Resisting the abnegation of the possible with the inconceivable*

Society for the Study of Social Problems; New York, NY; August 2007  
Symposium title: The Forged Coupon”: From Micro to Macro and Back (How Personal Change and Social Change Are Related)  
*Paper title: Doing our work: Scholarship, political consciousness and the pursuit of peace*

Society for the Study of Social Problems; Montréal, Quebec; August 06  
Symposium title: Against Fossilized Social Problems Theory  
*Paper title: Social Problems theory: Fossilized, fractionalized or fraternized?*

Social Theory Forum; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; April 06  
Forum Theme: Human Rights, Borderlands, and the Poetics of Applied Social Theory: Engaging with

Gloria Anzaldúa in Self and Global Transformations

*Paper title: Facing our dragons: spiritual activism, psychedelic mysticism and the pursuit of opposition*

Society for the Social Study of Science; Pasadena, CA; October 05

Symposium title: Purity and Danger

*Paper title: Scientist Hires Witch to Exorcise Tower: Using magic to conjure science differently*

Society for the Study of Social Problems; Philadelphia, PA; August 05

Symposium title: Constructing social problems solutions: Successes, failures and unintended consequences

*Paper title: Being burnt at the stake and other unintended consequences: Toward a heretical sociology*

Southern Sociological Association; Atlanta, GA; April 04

Symposium title: Paper Session: Sociological Theory

*Paper title: Technology in the Garden of good and evil: or Marcuse, Habermas and Haraway Walk into a Bar*

Fred Finch Youth Center, Behavioral Interventions Workshop; Oakland, CA; June 01

*Presentation: Utilizing behavioral strategies effectively with challenged youth*

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan; Ypsilanti, MI; March 2000

*Paper: Positive Strategies for Dealing with Problems of Children in Difficult Situations*

Family and Neighborhood Services, Staff Training Workshop; Inkster, MI; January 2000

*Presentation: Writing Behavioral Goals and Objectives*

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan; Ypsilanti, MI; March 1999

Symposium: Enhancing the Development of Behaviorally-Oriented Clinical Practica

*Paper: Student evaluations of practicum sites and practicum site statement of needs*

Association for Behavior Analysis Conference; Orlando, FL; May 1998

*Poster Presentation: Functional Analysis of Battering Behavior in Intimate Relationships: Development of the Battering Assessment Tool.*

**Professional Service:**

Invited Speaker: Community Roots, Student Activist Organization, University of Maryland  
Spring 2009; Fall 2008; Spring 2008

Invited Speaker: Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Incorporated, University of Maryland: Fall 2008

Event title: "Fighting words: Which box do you belong in?"

Title: The Colorblind Campus: Negotiating the politics of racism on the contemporary college campus

Session Co-organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems; Boston, MA: August 2008

Co-Organizer: Melinda Messineo, Assistant Professor, Ball State University

Session Title: Social Problems and theories of identities: The Global Borderlands of Race, Gender, and Sexuality

Session Organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems; New York, NY: August 2007

Session Title: Does Research Matter?: Critical reflections on social science and the pursuits of justice

NASA Goddard Space Center; Greenbelt, MD; March 2007

Women's Advisory Council Sponsored Lecture for Women's History Month

Keynote speaker

*Paper title: Gender, Power and Privilege*