

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

2002 Ph.D. in Sociology, Georgia State University
1998 M.A. in Sociology, Georgia State University
1996 B.S. in Communications, Kennesaw State University, Summa cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2008 Associate Professor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice.

2003-2008 Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology, Geography, Anthropology and Criminal Justice. Courses taught: Principles of Sociology, Deviance and Social Control, Senior Seminar, Social Science Research Methods, Sex Roles and Society, Religion and Society.

2002-2008 Research Project Manager, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education. Supervise and train a staff of field workers and interviewers for research on drug use and abuse, collaborate on writing reports and papers.

1999-2002 Research Coordinator II, Georgia State University, Sociology Department. Coordinated a federally funded research on heroin and methamphetamine use.

2002 Visiting Instructor, Georgia State University, Sociology Department. Course taught: Drug Use and Abuse.

1999-2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University. Sociology Department, Courses taught: Introductory Sociology, Introduction to Social Problems, Sociology of Gender.

1998-1999 Instructor, Kennesaw State University. Course taught: Social Issues: Perspectives in Sociology.

1998 Instructor, Georgia Perimeter College. Course taught: Introduction to Sociology.

1998 Instructor, Reinhardt College. Course taught: Introduction to Sociology.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substance Use and Abuse
Deviance and Social Control

BOERI, MIRIAM W.

Life Course Theory
Qualitative Research Methods
Aging Studies

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Applied Anthropology, Fellow
Georgia Sociological Association, Vice-President
American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) National Honor Society, Sociology
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phenomenal Woman Award in Character, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, (2008)
CHSS Distinguished Scholarship Award, Finalist (2007)
"Peter K. New Award," The Society for Applied Anthropology (2002)
Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Georgia State University, Sociology (2002)
Graduate Student Paper Award, Southern Gerontological Society (2000)
Gerontology Scholarship, Gerontology Center at Georgia State University (2000)
Academic Achievement Award, Kennesaw State University (1996)
Honor Scholarship, Golden Key (1996)
Honor Scholarship, Beck-Marietta Kiwanis (1996)
Honor Scholarship, American Association of University Women (1995)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- Boeri, Miriam W., Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. (2008). "Reconceptualizing Early- and Late-Onset: A Life Course Analysis of Older Heroin Users." *The Gerontologist*. (in press).
- Boeri, Miriam W., Claire E. Sterk and Masuma Bahora. 2008. "Polydrug Use among Ecstasy Users: Separate, Synergistic and Indiscriminate Patterns." *Journal of Drug Issues* 38(2):517-42.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2007. "A Third Model of Triangulation: Continuing the Dialogue with Rhineberger, Hartmann and Van Valey." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 1(1): 52-48.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams, Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2006. . "Baby Boomer Drug Users: Career Phases, Social Control and Social Learning Theory." *Sociological Inquiry* 76(2): 264-291.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams, Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2005. "Rolling Beyond Raves: Ecstasy Use Outside the Rave Setting." *Journal of Drug Issues* 34(4): 831-860.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2004. "'Hell I'm an Addict, but I Ain't No Junkie:' An Ethnographic Analysis of Aging Heroin Users." *Human Organization* 63(2): 236-245.

BOERI, MIRIAM W.

Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2002. "Women After the Utopia: The Gendered Lives of Former Cult Members." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 31(3): 323-360.

Boeri, Miriam Williams, and Dawn Baunach. 2001. "The Effects of Education on Retirement: A Continuity Perspective." *The Southwest Journal on Aging* 17 (1/2): 15-21.

Book

Williams, Miriam. 1998. *Heaven's Harlots*. New York: William Morrow.

Chapters

Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2008 "Research Methods Addendum" in *Peoplization: An Introduction to Social Life* by Mel Fein. Dubuque, IO: Kendell Hunt.

Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2005. "The Children of God/The Family" Pp 160-180 in *Sex and Religion* edited by C. Manning and P. Zuckerman. Belmont, CA: Thomson-Wadsworth.

Book Reviews

Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2008 Reviews of *Not Without My Sister: The True Story of Three Girls Violated and Betrayed* by Kristina Jones, Celeste Jones and Juliana Buhring

Jesus Freaks: A True Story of Murder and Madness on the Evangelical Edge by Don Lattin. *Cultic Studies Review* 7(3): in press.

Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2007. A review of *Exposing the "Pretty Woman" Myth: A Qualitative Investigation of Street-Level Prostituted Women* by Rochelle L. Dalla. *Journal of Marriage & Family* 69(3): 889-890.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2008. Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference. "A Qualitative Exploration of Trajectories among Suburban Users of Methamphetamine" Cedarville, Ohio. (Paper presentation).

2008 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN. "It's Functional in the Beginning": Methamphetamine Use Trajectories in Suburban Settings." (Paper Presentation)

2007 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA. "Developing the Bridge Program: A Socialization Program for Drug Court Clients," "Putting Sociology Degree to Work: A Qualitative Study." (Paper Presentations)

2007 Association for the Study of Religion, New York, NY. "Becoming an EX: Role Exiting Theory Applied to Former Members of an Alternative New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation)

2007 Suburban Conference, Atlanta, GA. "Crimes, Drugs and Safety: Methamphetamine in the Suburbs."

2007 Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. "Smoking and Harm Reduction." (Paper Presentation)

2007 Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL. "Older Female Drug Users: An Exploration of Drug Use Patterns Guided by Set and Setting." (Paper Presentation)

BOERI, MIRIAM W.

- 2007 Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching, Kennesaw, GA. "Making the Transition to Learning-Centered Teaching: Some Practical Perspectives." (Panel)
- 2007 Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching, Kennesaw, GA. "Teaching Undergraduates NVivo Qualitative Data Management Computer Program." (Poster) with Cynthia Kemp (student)
- 2006 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Macon, Georgia. Clinical Sociology and Sociological Practice;" "Practicing Sociology: A Dialogue." (Roundtable), "Undergraduate Research"
- 2006 Communal Studies Association Conference, Marshal, CA. "Exploring the Effects of a Sixties-Style Social Experiment: The Legacy of the Children of God" (Paper Presentation)
- 2006 Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. "Prostitution, Parenting, and Pedophilia: An Exploratory Study of Women's Accounts of Life in a Sex Cult" (Paper Presentation)
- 2006 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. "Methamphetamine Use and Changing Worlds: A Life Course Perspective" (Paper Presentation)
- 2006 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. "Sex, Religion and Children: Exploring the Effects of Childrearing in a Sixties Style Social Experiment" (Paper Presentation)
- 2006 Southern Sociological Meeting, New Orleans, LA "Teaching Undergraduates Research: A Case Study of Qualitative Research on a New Religious Movement." (Poster) with Tracy Turner (student)
- 2005 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, St. Simons Island. Session Organizer "The Capstone Class: Designing a Research Project with Undergraduates" (Paper Presentation)
- 2005 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Sante Fe, NM "Aging Baby Boomers and Their Drug Use: Late-Onset Users" (Paper Presentation)
- 2004 American Family Foundation Conference, Atlanta, GA "Question Reality" (Paper Presentation)
- 2004 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Baby Boomer Drug Users under the Social Control Self-Control Lens" (Paper Presentation)
- 2003 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Sex, Drugs and Ecstasy: A Qualitative Comparison of Two Types of Ecstasy Users" and "Maturing In (or Into) Drug Use: A Life-Course Analysis of Aging Drug Users." (Paper Presentations)
- 2003 The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Boomers Using Hard Drugs: A Life Course Perspective," "Recent Rave Research and Health Implications: An Ethnographic Exploration of Raves, Heavy Users of Ecstasy, and Health-Related Issues" and "The Ecstasy Culture: New Ethnographic Findings on the Sex and Ecstasy Link" (Paper Presentations)
- 2003 The Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Sociological Practice and Cult Research" (Roundtable)
- 2003 Association for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Becoming Promiscuous: Examining the Social Re-construction of Identity in a New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation)
- 2003 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR "Rolling: The Changing Scenes and Patterns of Ecstasy Use" (Paper Presentation)

BOERI, MIRIAM W.

- 2002 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. "Hell, I'm an Addict, but I Ain't No Junkie:" An Ethnographic Analysis of the Heroin Career" (Paper Presentation)
- 2002 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA "Sex with Children: The Last Sexual Frontier" (Paper Presentation)
- 2001 Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Anaheim, CA "Dreams and Despair: Methamphetamine Use and Drug Treatment Challenges" (Paper Presentation)
- 2001 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Substance Abuse and the Older Adults: Are We Ready for the Baby-Boomers?"
- 2001 Sixth Annual Women's Studies Conference, Valdosta, GA "Safe Places, Risky Spaces Cult Abuse: Interviews with 15 Former Female Members of a New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation)
- 2000 Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference, Washington, DC "The Effects of Education on Retirement: A Continuity Perspective" (Paper Presentation)
- 2000 Southern Gerontological Society Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC. "Cohort Retirement Trends and Determinants"
- 1999 The Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA "Heaven's Harlots: A Religious Cult from a Woman's Perspective" (Roundtable)
- 1999 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA "Women of the Utopia: Women in Cults" (Paper Presentation)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 Peace Studies Conference, Workshop on Qualitative Research.
- 2004 Recent Research Findings for the 4th Annual Drug Trends and Treatment Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 Informal discussion with doctoral students on drug research at the Center for Research on Behavioral Health and Human Services Delivery, Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- 2002 Discussion leader on women in new religious movements at the Cultic Studies Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2002 Training workshops for case managers and intake counselors at the Fulton County Pretrial Services, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 Presentation on the Family Health Research Project for the Fulton County Judge's Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2007 Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15)
Boeri (PI), Kennesaw State University
National Institute of Drug Abuse
"Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study"
The main focus of this R15 application is to conduct a qualitative study on methamphetamine use in the suburbs, including the impact of social environmental factors, and social roles and their link with use patterns.
- 2006 HSS-Burruss Institute Fellow Award
Burruss Institute and HSS Dean's Office

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“Drug Court Pilot Study”

The purpose of this research study is to explore the procedures and programs used in four different courts, examine the participants in the drug court through observations, conduct interviews with staff members of the court, and analyze the official records produced by the drug courts. The analyzed data and findings will be used to obtain a larger grant.

- 2005 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Team (STLT) Funding Award, (CETL) Kennesaw State University.
“The Capstone Class: Designing a Research Project with Undergraduates.”
The goal of this teaching grant is to enhance learning tools for teaching undergraduates qualitative research skills, and provide the opportunity to attend the 19th Annual Conference on Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies.
- 2005 Faculty Incentive Grant for Scholarship, Boeri (PI)
Kennesaw State University
Re-constructing a Life: A Life Course Analysis of Women Who Lived in a Controversial New Religious Movement
The goal of this exploratory study is to document the life stories of 30 women who were part of a new religious movement that practices sacred prostitution.
- 2002 5R01 DA009819, Sterk (PI)
National Institute of Drug Abuse
Young Adults and Drug Use: Careers and Familiar Factors
The main goal of this project is to have a better understanding of the developmental progression of cocaine use among young adults.
Role: Project Director
- 2001 5R01 DA 14232, Sterk (PI)
National Institute of Drug Abuse
Club Drugs: Ecstasy Use Patterns and HIV Risks
The goal of this research is to conduct a phenomenological investigation of MDMA use with a specific focus on use and involvement in HIV risk and protective factors.
Role: Project Manager

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2008 Risk Management and Healthcare Policy Journal, Honorary Editorial Board member
- 2008 Emory University Center for Injury Control (CIC)
- 2008 Vice-President, Program Director for Annual Meeting, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2008 Spicer Travel Award Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2008 Book Review, *Cultic Studies Review*
- 2008 Reviewer, *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*
- 2007 Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2007 Reviewer, *Social Problems*
- 2007-2008 Member, Spicer Award Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2005-2007 Member-at-large, Chair, Committee on Applied and Clinical Sociology, Georgia Sociological Association

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- 2005 Reviewer, *Cultic Studies Review*, *Human Organization*
2004-2005 Editor, Sociological Practice Association Newsletter
2004 Reviewer, *Western Criminology Review*
2003 Social Action Award Committee, Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2003 Contributor, National Drug Control Policy's *Pulse Check* project
2002-2003 Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

- 2008 Member, University Honor Council.
Member, Institutional Review Board
Member, Instructor Search Committee
Honor's Advisor for Joint Enrollment Honors Program
Peace Studies Minor Committee, Interdisciplinary Program
Assessment of Learning (AOL) Committee, Department
- 2007 Member, University Honor Council.
Member, Institutional Review Board
Member, Department Curriculum Committee
Honor's Advisor for Joint Enrollment Honors Program
Peace Studies Minor Committee
Assessment of Learning (AOL) Committee, Department Coordinator
Faculty Member, University Learning Community
- 2006 Member, University Honor Council.
Member, Institutional Review Board
Sociology Coordinator
Member, Department Curriculum Committee
Assessment of Learning (AOL) Committee, Department Coordinator
- 2005 Member, Institutional Review Board
Sociology Coordinator
AOL Committee, Department Coordinator
- 2004 Sociology Coordinator
HSS Technology Committee
Faculty Member, University Learning Community

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

- 2007 Internship Director for a Kennesaw State University student to pilot a new program for participants in Dekalb County Drug Court. Submitted a paper co-authored with the student on the "Socialization Program."
- 2006- current University Honor Council. As a faculty member I read capstone proposals and advise students across university departments on research study designs. I also taught an Honors Colloquium.
- 2003-current Annually, I mentor students in the writing, submission and presentation of their Senior Seminar research papers at the Georgia Sociological Association meeting.

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- 2003-2005 I mentored two student assistants from the Kennesaw State University Student Assistance for Leadership in Teaching (SALT) program. One student assistant developed an electronic newsletter for the professional organization, Sociological Practice Association (SPA). A second student assistant was trained to code in-depth interviews using the qualitative management computer program QSR N-Vivo to manage and organize data. I received additional funding from a Scholarship of Teaching program to attend a three-day qualitative workshop at the University of Georgia with student assistant.
- 2004-2006 Internship supervisor for interns from Kennesaw State University to work on research at Emory University
- 2008 Internship supervisor on Methamphetamine in the Suburbs study.