

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

Qualitative Research Methods
Substance Use and Abuse
Deviance and Social Control
Medical Sociology
Life Course Theory

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Applied Anthropology, Fellow
Georgia Sociological Association, President-Elect
American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society
Society for the Scientific Study 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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Boeri, Miriam W., Liam Harbry, and David Gibson. 2009. "A Qualitative Exploration of Trajectories among Suburban Users of Methamphetamine." *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research* 3:139-151.
- Boeri, Miriam W., David Gibson and Liam Harbry. (in press) "Cold Cook Methods: An Ethnographic Exploration on the Myths of Methamphetamine Production and Policy Implications." *International Journal of Drug Policy*.
- Boeri, Miriam W. and Natascia R. Boeri. 2009. "Intergenerational Memories of Life in a Cult: A Life Course Analysis." *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research* 3: 79-90.
- Boeri, Miriam W., Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2008. "Reconceptualizing Early- and Late-Onset: A Life Course Analysis of Older Heroin Users." *Gerontologist* 48: 637-645.
- Boeri, Miriam W., Claire E. Sterk, Masuma Bahora and Kirk Elifson. 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.

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- 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 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 Buhning . *Cultic Studies Review* 7(3): 279-290
- Boeri, Miriam Williams. 2008 *Jesus Freaks: A True Story of Murder and Madness on the Evangelical Edge* by Don Lattin. *Cultic Studies Review* 7(3): 279-290.
- 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.

Edited Teaching Manuals

Boeri, Miriam W. 2005. "Deviance and Social Control." Pp 119-121. *Teaching and Learning About Deviance: A Resource Guide (6th ed.)* American Sociological Association (ASA) Resource materials for Teaching: Washington, DC:

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2009-2011 The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award (R21)

Boeri (PI), Kennesaw State University

National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Drug Abuse

"Older Drug Users: A Life Course Study of Turning Points in Drug Use and Injection."

The goal of this study is to explore risk factors and social context of older drug users to identify turning points in the drug trajectory .

Award: \$201,000

2007-2009 Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15)

Boeri (PI), Kennesaw State University

National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Drug Abuse

"Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study"

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- The main focus of this study 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.
Award: \$180,900
- 2006 Burruss Institute Fellow Award
Burruss Institute and HSS Dean's Office
Boeri (PI) Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
"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 an external grant.
Award: Course Release and \$500 travel funds
- 2005 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Team (STLT) Funding Award, (CETL)
Kennesaw State University
Boeri (PI) Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
"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.
Award: \$300 travel funds
- 2005 Faculty Incentive Grant for Scholarship
Kennesaw State University
Boeri (PI) Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
"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.
Award: \$7,000
- 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 PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Sante Fe, NM. "Bringing Social Capital Theory to Drug Courts: From Theory to Practice." (Paper Presentation).
- 2009 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Sante Fe, NM. "Through the Looking Glass: Social Routes of Recovery from Drug Abuse." (Paper Presentation).
- 2009 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. "•The Social Aspect of Drug Use: A Qualitative Look at Initiation, Cessation, and Relapse of Methamphetamine Use." (Paper Presentation).
- 2008 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting. " A Meth Myth Mystery: The Unintended Consequences of Labeling a Cooking Method as a Myth." (Paper Presentation).
- 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)
- 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)

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- 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)
- 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)

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1999 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA "Women of the Utopia: Women in Cults" (Paper Presentation)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2009 Illicit Drugs and Their Impact on the Community, Piedmont College, Athens GA.
2009 Interviewing Workshop, Kennesaw State University.
2008 Gender and Women's Studies Student Association, Panel discussant on Politics and Peace, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2008 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2008 Brown Bag Series, Department of sociology and Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2007 Peace Studies Conference, Workshop on Qualitative Research, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2007 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2006 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
2005 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2009 Grant Reviewer, NIH/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grants
President-Elect, Georgia Sociological Association
Reviewer, Health, Risk & Society
2008 Reviewer, International Journal of Drug Policy
2008 Reviewer, Criminal Justice & Public Administration, Jones & Bartlett Publishers
2008 Risk Management and Healthcare Policy Journal, Honorary Editorial Board member
2008 Emory University Center for Injury Control (CIC), Affiliate member
2008 Vice-President, Program Director for Annual Meeting, Georgia Sociological Association
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

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- 2005-2007 Member-at-large, Chair, Committee on Applied and Clinical Sociology, Georgia Sociological Association
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

- 2009 Chair, Department Tenure and Promotion Committee
Member, University Honor Council
College of Humanities and Social Sciences-Burruss Scholarship Committee
Peace Studies Minor Committee, Interdisciplinary Program
Faculty Member, University Learning Community
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
Gender and Women's Studies, 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
Gender and Women's Studies, Interdisciplinary Program
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
Assessment of Learning (AOL) Committee, Department Coordinator
2004 Sociology Coordinator
HSS Technology Committee
Faculty Member, University Learning Community

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

- 2009 Internship: Quantitative analysis of Peace Studies Conference data
Mentored four student presentations at state conferences
Mentored two student presentations at national conferences
Co-authored with student authors two published papers

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- 2008 Internship and directed study with two students conducting evaluation research on the drug court pilot program.
- 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 Mentor students in the writing, submission and presentation of their Senior Seminar research papers at the Georgia Sociological Association meeting.
- 2003-2005 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