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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, December 2016**
Dissertation: “Sex Across the Life Course: An Examination of Social Influences on Adolescent Sexual Attitudes and Associations between Sexual Behavior Patterns and Young Adult Health.”
Doctoral Exams: Family and Physical Health
Advisor: Dr. Bridget Goosby
- M.A. Sociology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, August 2011**
Thesis: “Race and Gender Differences and the Role of Sexual Attitudes in Adolescent Sexual Behavior”
Advisor: Dr. Bridget Goosby
- B.S. Sociology, Wayne State College, December 2007**
Honors Thesis: “Hooking Up or Saving It?: An Examination of Sexual Scripts in *Seventeen Magazine*.”
Advisor: Dr. Monica Snowden

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Medical Sociology
- Health Disparities
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- Sociology of Family
- Gender and Sexuality
- Social Inequality

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology **Fall 2017-Current**
Mercer University – Macon, GA

- *Introduction to Sociology*
- *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- *Sociological Theory*

Lecturer, Department of Sociology **Fall 2016**
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

- *Introduction to Sociology*
 - Online and In-Classroom
- *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
 - William H. Thompson Scholars

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology **Fall 2015, Fall 2016**
Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE

- *Introduction to Sociology*
 - Fall 2015 and Fall 2016

- *Race Relations and Minority Groups*
 - Fall 2016

Graduate Instructor, Department of Sociology

Fall 2013- Summer 2016

University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

- *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
 - Summer 2016, Summer 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014 and Spring 2014
- *Sociology of Health Care and Health Professionals*
 - Fall 2015
- *Introduction to Sociology* (online)
 - Fall 2013

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Psychology and Sociology

Spring 2016

Wayne State College, Wayne, NE

- *Race and Ethnic Relations* (hybrid)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology

Fall 2009-Spring 2011

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

- *Sociology of Marriage and Family*
 - Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

MENTORING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ogle Dissertation Fellow, Department of Sociology

Spring 2016

University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

- Fellowship supported Dissertation Research

Undergraduate Research Mentor, Department of Sociology

Fall 2015

University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

- One-to-one mentoring for *Undergraduate Research Experience*
- Student: Anna Poudel
- Research findings presented in the Undergraduate poster session at the 2016 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology

Fall 2011-Spring 2013

University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

PEER REVIEWED PEDAGOGICAL MATERIALS

Simon, Laura. 2017. “Sociology of Health Care and Health Professions Syllabus.” *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association.

WORKING PAPERS

Simon, Laura “Adolescents’ Perceptions of Sexual Benefits: Do Parents and Peers Matter?” (in preparation for submission to *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*)

Simon, Laura, Philip Schwadel, and Kelsy Burke. “Born-Again Virgins: An Examination of the Effects of Individual and School-Level Religiosity on Rescinding Reported Sexual Activity”, (in preparation for submission)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2016** Paper presentation at Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting, “Born-Again Virgins: An Examination of the Effects of Individual and School-Level Religiosity on Rescinding Reported Sexual Activity”. Seattle, WA
- 2016** Sociology Department Colloquium, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, “Active Learning Strategies: Increasing Student Engagement and Participation”. Lincoln, NE
- 2015** Invited guest speaker for Pi Gamma Mu, Wayne State College, “Research, Reflections, and Rewards – The Graduate School Journey”. Wayne, NE
- 2014** Paper presentation at Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting “Incarceration and Physical Health”. Omaha, NE
- 2011** Paper presentation at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, “Adolescents’ Involvement in Sexual Activity and the Influence of Sexual Attitudes”. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2008** Paper presentation at Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, “Hooking Up or Savin’ It?: Sexual Scripts in Seventeen Magazine.” St. Louis, MO.
- 2007** Poster Session, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, “An Examination of Gender Roles in Seventeen Magazine.” Chicago, IL.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016** SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award (\$600), SAGE Publications and American Sociological Association Section Teaching and Learning
- 2016** Cheryl Applegate Teaching Award (\$500), University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2016** Sociology Department Travel Award (\$250), University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2015** J.J. & Eleanor S. Ogle Dissertation Fellowship (\$8,000), University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2015** Sociology Department Teaching Award (\$250), University of Nebraska – Lincoln,

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- 2014** Sociology Department Travel Award (\$500), University of Nebraska –Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2012** Summer Travel Award (\$500), University of Nebraska –Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2011** J.J. and Eleanor Ogle Summer Fellowship (\$1,000), University of Nebraska Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2010** J.J. and Eleanor Ogle Summer Fellowship (\$1,000), University of Nebraska Lincoln, Department of Sociology
- 2008** Second place in the Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society 2008 Undergraduate student research paper competition.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015-2016** University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Sociology Undergraduate Committee – Graduate Student representative
- 2014-2015** Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students – President
- 2009-present** Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students - Teaching Committee
- 2009-present** Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students - Research Working Group
- 2012-2015** Society for the Study of Social Problems - Family Division Newsletter Editor
- 2012** Organizer and Presider for the “Children, Families, and Health” paper session at the 2012 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings. Denver, CO.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016** Teaching and Learning Pre-Conference Workshop “The Relevant Syllabus: Integrating Current Events into Our Classes.”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA
- 2015** Teaching and Learning Pre-Conference Workshop “Active Learning Strategies for Classes Large and Small”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL
- 2014** Preparing Future Faculty Program, University of Nebraska- Lincoln Mentor: Dr. Ann Meier, University of Minnesota
- 2014** Teaching and Learning Pre-Conference Workshop, “Civility in the Classroom”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA

- 2014** Summer Institute for Online Teaching, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Office of Online and Distance Education
- 2014** Symposium, Innovation in Pedagogy and Technology, University Information Technology and University of Nebraska Online Worldwide
- 2014** Online and Blended Symposium, “Blending Mode: Increasing Engagement in Online, Blended, and Face-to-Face Classes”, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Office of Online and Distance Education
- 2010** Grant Writing Seminar, “Write Winning Grants”. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, The Office of Research and Development.
- 2009** Teaching Assistant Workshop, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Office of Graduate Studies

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society
American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems