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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Columbia University	Department of Sociology
PhD	2002
MPhil	1996
MA	1995

Dissertation: *The Construction of Racial Intermarriage: A Comparison of Gender, Race, Class, and Black Ethnicity on the Daily Life Strategies of Black/White Couples*

Sponsor: Herbert J. Gans

University of New Hampshire	Department of French/Italian
	B.A. (Summa cum laude) 1986

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Fall 2004-present.

Adjunct Lecturer, Duquesne University, Department of Sociology (Introduction to Sociology, Sex and Gender), Spring 2004.

Adjunct Lecturer, Point Park University, Spring 2004.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Queensborough Community College (4 sections of Introduction to Sociology), Fall 2002-Spring 2003

Adjunct Lecturer, St. John's University (Introduction to Sociology), Spring 2003

Visiting Assistant Professor, American University, Department of Sociology, (American Society, History of Social Thought, Major Social Theorists, Current Issues in Social Theory, The Rise of Critical Social Thought.), 2001-2002.

Consultant and Research Associate, Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration, Summer 2001

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

"Stump that Race Game" in *Sociology Through Active Learning*, Kathleen McKinney, editor, Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press. 2008.

"Poverty Simulation Changes Her Views" article published in *WPAUMC Interlink Newsletter*, Cranberry, PA. September 28, 2007.

"Double Trauma In Belle Harbor: The Aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001 in the Rockaways," in Wounded City, the Social Impact of 9/11, Nancy Foner, editor, New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2005.

"Is That Your Child?" Article published in the *Interracial Family Circle Newsletter*, February 2000.

“Strategies for Finding a Place to Live: Playing the (White) Race Card.” *Newsletter for the Interracial Club of Buffalo (NY)*, Nov/Dec, 1999.

## **RESEARCH AND GRANT ACTIVITY**

University Senate Research Grant, Recipient New Investigator Award (\$1500) for Race Relations Climate Study, Spring 2008.

Citizen and Civic Engagement Initiative, Recipient, \$500 for student involvement in research, 2008.

Consultant, Program Evaluation for ICCAP (Indiana PA) January 2008 (*gratis*)

Advisor/Member, WPAUMC Poverty Strategy Planning team, Fall 2007- 2010

Advisor/Member. Western PA United Methodist Church Anti-Racism team, Fall 2007-present.

Summer Research Grant Recipient, Russell Sage Foundation: Working Group Studying the Social Effects of September 11<sup>th</sup> on Communities throughout New York City. 2002- 2003

American University College of Arts and Sciences  
Mellon Research Fund March 2002

American Association of University Women  
American Fellowship July 1999-June 2000

National Science Foundation  
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant July 1997-Dec. 1998

Columbia University  
President’s Fellow 1997-98, 1995  
Departmental Scholarship 1996-1997

## **AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES**

Phi Kappa Phi, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2008

African American Cultural Center, Faculty Recognition Award, Spring 2008, 2009, 2010.

African American Cultural Center, Person of the Year Award, Spring 2007.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (IUP branch: Student organization) *Most supportive Teacher Award*, Spring 2006

Phi Beta Kappa, University of New Hampshire, 1985.

## **PRESENTATIONS/FACILITATION/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Navajo Nation Volunteer for one week via Amizade Global Service Learning, October 2010.

“White People Challenging Racism”, facilitator, interdenominational 5-week seminar hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh. July-September 2010.

“Wrestling with Racism”, co-facilitator (with Bob Wilson) of monthly workshops to confront racism in our daily lives, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh., Fall 2009 to present

Alternative Spring Break – Hurricane Reconstruction, Galveston, TX, faculty leader, Spring 2009

Dismantling Racism facilitator in training, Crossroads Anti Racism Coalition and Western PA United Methodist Church Conference, 2008 - present

“Does It Happen Here? Racism and Race Relations at IUP.” Six O’Clock Series facilitator of student panel and original research presentation. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2009.

Poverty Simulation, Coordinator and facilitator for collaborative event between IUP, the United Methodist Church, and Indiana County Community Action Program, 100 attendees, Spring 2008.

“Punchlines and Prejudice: When does it go too Far?” Six O’Clock Series facilitator of presentations by Dr. Edward Rhymes, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2007

“There Goes the Neighborhood: Strategies of Resistance and Coping among Black/White couples Navigating the Housing Market.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Regular Paper Session, New York City, NY. August 11, 2007.

“Is that your Child?” Strategies for parenting biracial children’, paper presentation at annual meeting of Eastern Sociology Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 16, 2007. (paper submitted but not presented due to snow storm/cancelled flights)

The Tolerance Project, IUP campus, Spring 2007

“The Challenges of and Strategies for Teaching Sensitive Issues”, panelist at annual meeting of Pennsylvania Sociological Society, Edinboro, PA October 2006.

“Straddling the Color Line: Strategies of Mixed Race Families in Daily Life”, Graduate Colloquium, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA), March 2006.

“Double Trauma In Belle Harbor” working group presentation, Russell Sage Foundation, (New York City), October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Georg Simmel,” guest lecturer, American University (Washington, D.C.), March 6, 2002.

Panelist, “Bringing the World Into the Classroom,” Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University (Washington, D.C.), February 2002.

“Is That Your Child? Identity Issues for the Black and White Parents of Biracial Children”, paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 2001.

“Gender Effects on Daily Life Strategies among Black/White Couples,” paper presented to Month Conference on Multiculturalism and Diversity, hosted by members of the Baha’i Faith, (Gaithersburg, MD), September 1999.

“Advantages of Immigrant Status on Interracial Marriage,” paper presented at the DC Sociological Society Research Institute Meetings, Paper Session, and April 10, 1999.

“The Role of Black Ethnicity in Interracial Marriages: A Comparison of West Indian Immigrants and African Americans with White Spouses,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society (Boston), Regular Paper Session, March 5, 1999.

“Bourdieu and Cultural Structuralism”, guest lecturer, Barnard College, April 1997.

“Is the Significance of Race Really Declining? —A Review of WJ Wilson and His Critics,” guest lecturer, Barnard College, April 1997.

“Integration or Marginalization: The Gender Imbalance in Interracial Marriages,” paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society (Washington, DC), Roundtable Discussion, March 31, 1996.

“Opposing Viewpoints on Teen Pregnancy: Charles Murray vs. M. Patricia Fernandez-Kelly,” guest lecturer, Barnard College, November 1995.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Professional Associate for the Doctor of Ministry Committee of Rev. Cindy Bloise, Pitcairn, PA, 2010- ongoing.

### **Professional Memberships**

Consortium for the National Movement for Difficult Dialogues Teaching and Learning.

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

Center for Race and Social Problems, Research Advisory Panel member, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Anti-Racism Facilitator/Trainee

Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Church Anti-Poverty Strategy Task Force Board Member, Center for Civic Engagement, IUP, 2009.