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CURRENT POSTION:

Assistant Professor of Sociology – Indiana University of Pennsylvania August 2016 – Present
Affiliate Faculty in Women’s and Gender Studies February 2017 – Present
Program Coordinator, Master’s in Sociology August 2018 - Present

EDUCATION:

University of Florida - Ph.D. in Sociology August 2010 - May 2014
Dissertation: “Lesbian and Gay Adopters: Case Study Analyses of States’ Legal and Social Policies”

University of Nevada, Reno – M.A. in Sociology August 2008 - May 2010
Thesis: “Same-Sex Marriage and the Parenting Debate: An Essentialist Approach to Undergraduate Student Attitudes”

California State University, Chico – B.A. in Sociology August 2004 - May 2008
Honors Thesis: “Young Feminists and the Beauty Ideal: An Analysis of Internalization and Reduction Behaviors.”

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Sociology – Indiana University of Pennsylvania August 2016 – Present

- Design and deliver courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Engage in service to the department, college, and university.
- Maintain a progressive research agenda.

Assistant Professor of Sociology – University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point August 2014 – June 2016

- Designed and delivered courses at the undergraduate level.
- Engaged in service to the department and university.

Crisis Counselor – CAP Services Feb. 2016 - May 2016

- Monitored the crisis line and assisted callers in finding appropriate services
- Worked with residents of the Family Crisis Center

Group Co-Facilitator – CAP Services June 2015 – Jan. 2016

- Co-facilitated two certified Batterers’ Intervention Program Groups
- Received payments and maintained records for program participants
- Evaluated participants’ progress and provided evaluations and final reports to case managers

Senior Associate Editor, The Encyclopedia of Family Studies August 2011- Dec. 2015

- Solicited authors for entries, corresponded with authors & publishing team, maintained detailed records, and professional relationship with publisher, editor, and authors.
- Worked in partnership with multiple members of the publishing team to facilitate project progression toward completion and positive interactions for all parties.

Instructor – University of Florida August 2010 - May 2014

- Designed and delivered courses at the undergraduate level.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Undergraduate:

- ♦ *Careers in Sociology*
- ♦ *Child Abuse*
- ♦ *Cultural Perspectives on Families*
- ♦ *Family Law & Policy*
- ♦ *Interpersonal & Family Violence*
- ♦ *Introduction to Sociology*
- ♦ *Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies*
- ♦ *Marriage & Family*
- ♦ *Sociology of Adolescence*
- ♦ *Sociology of Childhood*
- ♦ *Sociology of Families*
- ♦ *Sociology of Gender*
- ♦ *Sociology of Human Sexualities*

Graduate:

- ♦ *Master's Professional Seminar*

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Higher Education	Sexuality	Law & Policy
Student Success	LGBTQ Issues	Families
Retention and Persistence	Gender	Adoption
Advising	Reproductive Justice	Marriage

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Barriers to Student Success in Higher Education (October 2018 – Present)
Women's Fertility in Eastern Europe (September 2018 – Present)
Social Media and Higher Education (April 2018 – Present)
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: An Assessment of Sociology 300 (January 2018 – Present)
From Utopia to Dystopia: Gender and Fertility in the Future (October 2016 – Present)
Ascension: The Exchange of Women in the Future. (December 2014 – Present)
Reproductive Rights, Contraception, & Sexuality: An Assessment of Knowledge (November 2014 – Present)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION:

Duncan, Melanie L. and Constance Shehan. "From Utopia to Dystopia: Gender and Fertility in the Future."
Shehan, Constance and Melanie L. Duncan. "Changing Demographics of U.S. Families: An Analysis of Politics, Law, and Policy."

REFEREED WORKS:

Duncan, Melanie L. and Markus Kemmelmeier. 2012. "Same-Sex Marriage: An Essentialist Approach."
Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy 12(1):377-399.

ACADEMIC/NON-REFEREED WORKS:

Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Campus-Centered Youth Movements in the United States." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Changing Patterns of Intimate Partnerships in the United States." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Families Law and Policies." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "GLBTQ+ Movements." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "The Legal, Social, and Emotional Definition of Marriage." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

- Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Patterns of Intimate Partnership Termination." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Sexuality." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2017. "Somewhere Between." Film Review. *Teaching Sociology* 45(2):205-207.
- Glenn, Norval D. and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "Quality of Intimate Relationships." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Jones, Nikki and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "Case Method." *Foundations of Sociology*, edited by John D. Foster. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Kenrick, Douglas T., Susan Ledlow, Josh Ackerman, and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "Partner Selection." *Social Structures and Constructs in Sociology*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Kraidy, Marwan M. and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "The Global Impact of Western Media." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Lauder, Maureen and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "The Social and Cultural Significance of Virginity and Virginity Loss." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Lorber, Judith and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "Gender as a Social Institution." *Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Sandywell, Barry and Melanie L. Duncan. 2017. "Constructivism." *Foundations of Sociology*, edited by John D. Foster. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2016. "Student Activism and Curricular Change in Higher Education." Book Review. *Teaching Sociology* (44)2:140-141.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2016. *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by Dr. Constance Shehan. West Sussex, UK: Wiley Blackwell.
- ◆ "Adoption Laws"
 - ◆ "Donaldson Adoption Institute"
 - ◆ "Family Law"
 - ◆ "Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation"
 - ◆ "History of Adoption"
 - ◆ "GLBT Adoption"
 - ◆ "Media Representations of Sexuality"
 - ◆ "National Center on Family & Marriage Research"
 - ◆ "Pew Research Center"
 - ◆ "Reproductive Rights"
 - ◆ "Williams Institute"
- Bowers, Jess and Melanie L. Duncan 2016. "Incest" in *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by Constance Shehan. West Sussex, UK: Wiley Blackwell.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2016. "Happy Valley." Film Review. *Teaching Sociology* (44)1:62-63.
- Duncan, Melanie L. and Constance Shehan. 2015. "Inequalities in Marriage" in *The Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2014. "Gay and Lesbian Marriage Laws" in *The Social History of the American Family: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Lawrence Ganong and Marilyn Coleman. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2014. "Polygamy" in *The Social History of the American Family: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Lawrence Ganong and Marilyn Coleman. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Duncan, Melanie L. 2012. "Child Custody vs. Child Support" in *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert Emery. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Duncan, Melanie L. and Kristin E. Joos. 2011. "LGBT Parents and Their Children Fact Sheet." *Sociologists for Women in Society*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Co-Presenter**, “Content Analysis Workshop.” Indiana University of Pennsylvania (February 5, 2019)
- Panelist**, “Survival Tips from Newer Faculty Panel.” 2018 IUP New Faculty Orientation, Indiana, PA (August 21, 2018).
- Presenter**, “Self-Care, Which Is—Perhaps Disappointingly— ‘not salt baths and chocolate cake.’” Student -Faculty Health and Well-Being Panel, CTE Reflective Practice Meeting, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA (April 2018)
- Presenter**, “Photo and Ethnographic Approaches to Activism.” 6 O’clock Series Creative Reflection, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA (April 2018)
- Presenter**, “Families’ Participation in Activism: Causes, Motivations, and Responses.” National Council on Family Relations. Orlando, FL (November 2017)
- Co-Presenter**, “From Utopia to Dystopia: Gender and Fertility in the Future.” Eastern Sociological Society Mini-Conference on Reproduction. Philadelphia, PA (February 2017)
- Presenter**, “The Intersections of Marriage and Family: Same-Sex Marriage and Adoption in the United States.” Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA (April 2016)
- Presenter**, “Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ+ Children, Parents, and Families.” Wisconsin Affiliate of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Madison, WI (April 2016)
- Presenter**, “Lesbian and Gay Adopters: Analyses of States Social Context and Legal Policies.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. (August 2015)
- Presenter**, “Ascension: The Exchange of Women in the Future.” Southeast Women’s Studies Association. Boca Raton, FL (March 2015)
- Presenter**, “STOP!: A Case Study Analysis of an Anti-Trafficking Organization.” Southeast Women’s Studies Association. Boca Raton, FL (March 2015)
- Co-Presenter**, “Same-Sex Marriage: An Essentialist Approach.” Brown Bag Discussion via Skype at the University of Nevada, Reno (February 2012).
- Presenter**, “Families’ Self-Perceptions of Financial Management Behaviors.’ National Council on Family Relations. Orlando, FL (November 2011)
- Presenter**, “Same-Sex Marriage and the Parenting Debate: An Essentialist Approach to Undergraduate Student Attitudes.” Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA (April 2010).

PROFESSIONAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:

- Attendee**, 28th MARTI Conference, Indiana, PA (July 2018)
- Attendee**, Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Indiana, PA (June 2018)
- Attendee**, PASSHE Women’s Consortium Conference. Indiana, PA (September 2017)
- Attendee**, 27th MARTI Conference, Indiana, PA (July 2017)
- Attendee**, 3rd Annual LGBT Research Symposium. Champaign, IL (May 2015)
- Attendee**, National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD (November 2014)
- Attendee**, Council on Contemporary Families. Miami, Florida (April 2013)
- Attendee**, Penn State’s 20th Annual National Symposium on Family Issues. State College, PA (October 2012)
- Attendee**, Council on Contemporary Families. Chicago, IL (April 2012)
- Attendee**, National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL (November 2011)
- Attendee**, Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Jacksonville, FL (April 2011)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member**, Eastern Sociological Association (January 2017 – January 2019)
- Member**, Sociologists for Women in Society (March 2012 - 2017)
- Member**, National Council on Family Relations (February 2011- October 2018)
- Member**, American Sociological Association (April 2008 - 2017)

Member, Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society, Alpha Rho Chapter, California State University, Chico
(April 2008 - Present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Associate Editor, *Journal of Family Issues* (January 2015 – Present)

Chapter Review, *The Family* by Phillip Cohen – Chapter 6: Sexuality (October 2014; May 2016)

Manuscripts Reviewed for Refereed Journals

Sociological Perspectives (August 2016)

Journal of Homosexuality (September 2015)

Journal of Family Issues (Feb. & July 2012, Feb. & Aug. 2013, March & June 2017, Feb. & July 2018)

Sociological Quarterly (December 2012)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Member, University-Wide Retention and Persistence Committee – Mental Health and Emotional Wellness Subcommittee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (May 2019- Present)

Member, Informal Dispute Resolution Working Group, Office of the President, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (October 3, 2018 – Present)

Volunteer, Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed Conference Services, (June 7-10, 2018)

Representative, APSCUF Representative Council, Sociology Department Representative, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 2017 – May 2018)

Member and Co-Secretary, Academic Affairs Committee, University Senate Subcommittee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2017 – Present)

Senator, University Senate, Sociology Department Senator, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (October 2016 – Present)

Member, Non-Credit Instruction Committee, University Senate Subcommittee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (October 2016 – May 2017)

Co-Chair, Faculty & Staff Gay/Straight Alliance Executive Board, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (May 2015 - June 2016)

Member, Institutional Review Board, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (October 2014 – June 2016)

Member, Faculty & Staff Gay/Straight Alliance Executive Board, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (September 2014 – June 2016)

COLLEGE SERVICE:

Member, Women's and Gender Studies Minor Steering Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (January 2017 – Present)

Member, LGBT&Q Minor Steering Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 2016 –Present)

Member, Women's and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (October 2014 – June 2016)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE:

Program Coordinator, Master's in Sociology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2018 – Present)

Faulty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2018 – December 2018)

Member, Chair's Advisory Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2018 – Present)

Member, ALS Doctoral Advisory Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2018 – Present)

Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 2017 – Present)

Member, Master's Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2016 – Present)

Chair, Search and Screen Committee for Academic Department Associate, Department of Sociology & Social Work and World Languages, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (December 2015 – February 2016)
Member, Search and Screen Committee for Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (December 2015 – February 2016)
Faculty Advisor, Sociology and Social Work Organization, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (September 2014 – June 2016)

DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEES

Committee Member, Carla Conrad – (April 2019 – Present)
Committee Member, Deborah Rotella – Social Movements Theme (April 2018 – Present)

MASTER'S STUDENT COMMITTEES

Chair, Sarah Waters – Cat Calling Experiences (April 2019 – Present)
Chair, Tysheema Fletcher – Portfolio (November 2018 – Present)
Chair, Shelby Mostoller – Educational Preparation for Higher Education (October/November 2018 – Present)
Committee Member, Kylie Smith – “Emotional Labor of Faculty Members” (May 2018 – Present)
Chair, Mariah Pampeno – “Media Portrayals of Black Lives Matter” (May 2018 – Present)
Committee Member, Alex MacCarelli – “An Exploratory Study: LGB People of Faith and Social Involvement” (July 2017 – Present)

GRANTS AND FUNDING:

Applicant, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Special Projects, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Awarded July 2018 - \$2000)
Applicant, Social Justice Teaching Circle Mini-Grant, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Awarded October 2017 - \$500)
Co-Applicant, Cross-Disciplinary Teaching Circle Mini-Grant, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Awarded October 2017 - \$500)
Co-Applicant, Teaching Circle Mini-Grant, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Awarded December 2016 – \$500)

AWARDS:

Recipient, Kay Snyder and Thomas Nowak Meritorious Service Award, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (May 2019)
Fellow, PI Mentorship Academy, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April 2018)
Active Member, Reflective Practice Project 2018-2019, Center for Teaching Excellence, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April 2019)
Active PLUS Member, Reflective Practice Project 2017-2018, Center for Teaching Excellence, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April 2018)
Active Member, Reflective Practice Project 2016-2017, Center for Teaching Excellence, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April 2017)

INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Certification, Teaching Online Certification Course, Kutztown University (June 25, 2019)
Certification, Program in Graduate Student Supervision, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Winter 2019)
Certification, The Elephant in the Classroom - Diversity and Inclusion Training, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (May 7, 2019)
Attendee, The Rise of Advising and its Impact on Student Success, Presented by Dr. Fai Howard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (January 25, 2019)

- Co-Facilitator and Member**, Integrating Social Justice Inclusivity in the Classroom: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches (September 2017 – Present)
- Member**, Racial Justice Coalition for Change Teaching Circle for Diversity and Inclusion, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (January 2017 – May 2017)
- Member**, Newer Faculty Teaching Circle, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 2016 -Present)
- Member**, Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Teaching – Teaching Circle, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 2016 - Present)
- Attendee**, *Strategies for Creating an Effective Undergraduate Methods Course*, Presentation by Dr. Robert White, Hosted by Florida Society of the Social Sciences & Career Resource Center. (February 10, 2012)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Participant**, Controversial Topics and Difficult Dialogues: Effectively Engaging Students in Critical Conversations in the Classroom Train the Trainer Session, Presentation by Libby Blume, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (May 20-24, 2019)
- Participant**, Controversial Topics and Difficult Dialogues: Effectively Engaging Students in Critical Conversations in the Classroom, Presentation by Libby Blume, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (February 28-March 1, 2019)
- Participant**, Social Media Marketing for Higher Ed Course, Course offered by HigherEdExperts.com (September 10 – Present)
- Participant**, Social Media Measurement for Higher Ed Course, Course offered by HigherEdExperts.com (July 16 - August 12)
- Attendee**, *Proposal Development Workshop*, Presented by Dr. Cedric Williams, Lock Haven University (May 17-18, 2018)
- Attendee**, *Your Best Year Ever: Managing Your Mission, Yourself, and Your Time*, Presented by Susan Robinson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 16, 2017)
- Attendee**, *Writing Practices of Peak Performing Professors*, Presented by Susan Robinson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (September 15, 2017)
- Attendee**, *Participatory Program Evaluation Practices to Support Public Policy*, Presentation by Mary Crave and Kerry Zaleski, Hosted by The National Council on Family Relations. (November 18, 2014)
- Attendee**, *Introductory Stata Workshop*, Presentation by Dr. Robert White. (January 27, 2012)
- Attendee**, *Introductory MAXQDA Training Workshop*, Presentation by Aine Humble, Hosted by The National Council on Family Relations. (November 15, 2011)