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**EDUCATION**

- 2008           **Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Georgia  
(expected)       Dissertation: "The Effects of Childcare on the Economic and Educational Outcomes of Mothers"  
                          Committee: Dr. Linda Grant (Chair), Dr. Linda Renzulli, Dr. Jeremy Reynolds  
                          Comprehensive Exams taken in the Race, Class, and Gender Inequality
- 2006           **Certificate** Women's Studies, University of Georgia
- 2006           **Certificate** Nonprofit Management, University of Georgia
- 2004           **M.A.** Sociology, University of Georgia  
                          Thesis: "Educating Latino Children in Georgia: Accountability, Accommodation, and School Organization"  
                          Committee: Dr. Linda Grant (Chair), Dr. Stephanie Bohon, Dr. William Finley
- 2002           **B.S.** Sociology, College of Charleston Honors College  
                          Magna Cum Laude

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Bohon, Stephanie and Heather Macpherson. 2007 (forthcoming). "The Myth of Millions: The Social Construction of the Illegal Immigration Problem in Georgia." *Below the Belt: Race, Ethnicity, Labor and Politics in a Changing Sunbelt*. Charles A. Gallagher and Cameron Lippard, eds. Athens: University of Georgia Press.
- Bohon, Stephanie, Heather Macpherson, and Jorge Atilas. 2005. "The Future of Education for New Latinos in the Southeast." *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 4(1), 43-58.
- Macpherson, Heather. 2002. "Rape Crisis Volunteerism." *Chrestomathy: Annual Review of Undergraduate Research at College of Charleston*, 1, 101-114.

**PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

- Renzulli, Linda, Heather Macpherson, and Irene Beattie. "Are Charter Schools Satisfying?: The Effects of Racial Composition and School Type on Teacher Satisfaction"
- Macpherson, Heather. "No Child Left Behind: Promoting Tracking in Elementary Schools?"

## PRESENTATIONS

Bohon, Stephanie and Heather Macpherson. "The Myth of Millions: The Social Construction of Illegal Immigration in the South." *Southern Sociological Society Meetings*, New Orleans, LA, March 22-25, 2006.

Macpherson, Heather. "Educating Latino Children in Georgia: Are Children Being Left Behind?" *Southern Sociological Society Meetings*, Charlotte, NC, April 14-16, 2005.

Macpherson, Heather. "Educating Latino Children in Georgia." *University of Georgia Colloquium Series: Spotlight on Latinos in the South*, University of Georgia, March 3, 2004.

Macpherson, Heather. "A Cross-Cultural Study of Bereavement: the US and Spain." *Southern Sociological Society Meetings*, Baltimore, MD, April 1-5, 2002.

## TEACHING INTERESTS (\*indicates courses taught)

Sociology of Gender\*

Race and Ethnicity

Social Stratification

Sociology of Education

Women's Studies

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems\*

Qualitative Research Methods\*

Quantitative Research Methods

Feminist Theories

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

- SOCI 3280: Sociology of Gender (Spring 2006, Fall 2006)
- SOCI 3590: Qualitative Research Methods (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, Gainesville College

- SOCI 1160: Social Problems (Spring 2005)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia (2002-2005)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Linda Renzulli, Charter School Research using SASS (Summer 2006 - Spring 2007)

Research Assistant, Dr. Linda Grant, Status on Women in Sociology ASA Report (Summer 2004)

Research Assistant, Dr. Bernedette Musetti, UGA Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (Fall 2003)

## HONORS

Teaching Assistant Mentor Nominee, University of Georgia, 2005

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, 2005

Member of AKD, Sociology Honors Society 2000 – 2002

Departmental Honor Award in Sociology, College of Charleston, 2002

Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi Nominee, College of Charleston, 2002 and 2004

Golden Key Club, College of Charleston, 1999-2001

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipient, 1998-2002

College of Charleston Foundation Scholarship Recipient, 1998-2002

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

Sections: Sociology of Education, Sex and Gender, Inequality

American Educational Research Association

National Women's Studies Association

Southern Sociological Association

Sociology for Women in Society

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2007 Graduate Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

2006 Graduate Student Selection Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

2004 Conference Presider, Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Athens, Georgia.

2003 Community Service Committee for Sociology Graduate Society, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

### **SOCIAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

**Project Safe, Inc.**, Athens, GA

*Intern*, May 2004 – September 2004;

*Staff*, September 2004 – present

- Complete general shelter tasks, such as covering the hotline, completing intake packets for new residents, providing peer support for current residents, and helping with various other shelter and resident needs.
- Lead a weekly domestic violence support group for women staying in the domestic violence shelter.
- Completed child intakes with mothers in the shelter, trained interns, conducted support groups, assisted in enrolling children in school, connected children with community counseling resources, and spent extensive one-on-one time with families while acting as the interim Children's Advocate.

**Atwater Counseling Center**, Charleston, SC

*Residential Counselor*, January 2002 – June 2002

- Helped physically and sexually abused children with living skills and therapeutic counseling.

**People Against Rape, Charleston, SC**

*Victim Advocate/AmeriCorps Volunteer, November 1998 – May 2002*

- Provided victim assistance, including hospital accompaniment, court accompaniment, crisis counseling, and victim follow-up
- Helped to organize such service projects as “Take Back the Night 2000” and “The Clothesline Project”
- Conducted puppet shows and speaking engagements on the topics of rape and sexual assault
- Acted as Child Victim Advocate, Volunteer Coordinator and On-call Staff Back-Up during lengthy periods of staff turn-over

**Caritas, Trujillo, Spain**

*Intern, January 2001 – May 2001*

- Helped teach teenagers who, for various reasons, were not incorporated into the regular school systems. While I assisted with other subjects, teaching English was my primary focus and contribution.

**Juvenile Justice Department, Charleston, SC**

*Intern, August 2000 – December 2000*

- Assisted probation officers in case management and placement of juveniles in alternative learning, living, and/or rehabilitation facilities

**REFERENCES**

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