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EDUCATION

- 2005-Present Doctoral program, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology
Ph.D. expected May 2008
Dissertation: "A Comprehensive Analysis of Rape Law Reform"
Comprehensive Exam: Crime, Law, and Deviance
- 2007 **Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies**, University of Georgia
- 2003-2005 Pre-doctoral program, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology
M.A. Sociology (2005)
Thesis: "Marital Rape Laws, 1976-2002: From Exemptions to Prohibitions"
- 1996-2000 University of Georgia
B.S. Psychology, Summa Cum Laude
B.A. Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude and with Honors
Honors Thesis: "Explaining the Link Between Child Abuse and
Criminality: The Role of Social Service Placement and Family
Characteristics"

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2007-2009 Verizon Research Fellow
- 2006 Council of Southern Graduate Schools Best Thesis Award (Social Sciences,
Education, and Business),
- 2006 Outstanding TA Award, University of Georgia
- 2005 Graduate Student Paper Award, American Society of Criminology's Division on
Women and Crime
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2000 Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, UGA Chapter
- 2000 UGA Criminal Justice Program: Best Paper Award
- 2000 UGA Criminal Justice Program: Academic Excellence Award
- 2000 Governor's Internship Program

GRANTS

“Doctoral Dissertation Research: Diffusion and the Law Formation Process – A Comprehensive Analysis of the Spread of Rape Law Reforms in the United States.” (co-PI) with Jody Clay-Warner (co-PI). **National Science Foundation**. # 0820649. Submitted January 2008. \$9030.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

McMahon, Jennifer, Jody Clay-Warner, and Linda Renzulli. “Criminalizing Spousal Rape: The Diffusion of Legal Reforms.” Under Review at *Social Problems*.

Clay-Warner, Jody and Jennifer McMahon. “Reporting Rape: Classic Rape and the Behavior of Law.” Under Review at *Violence and Victims*.

McMahon, Jennifer and Jody Clay-Warner. (2007). “Rape: Overview.” *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Clay-Warner, Jody and Jennifer McMahon. 2007. “From the Bassinet to the Bar: The Effect of Motherhood on Women’s Advancement in the Legal Profession” in *It’s a Crime: Women and Justice* (4th edition), edited by Roslyn Muraskin. New York: Prentice Hall.

McMahon, Jennifer and Jody Clay-Warner. 2002. “Child Abuse and Future Criminality: The Role of Social Service Placement, Family Disorganization, and Gender.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 17 (9), 1002-1019.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Clay-Warner, Jody, Jennifer McMahon, and Jackson Bunch. “Victimization and Changes in Routine Activities.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, 2007. Atlanta, GA.

McMahon, Jennifer. “Marital Rape Laws, 1976-2002: From Exemptions to Prohibitions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2007. New York.

Clay-Warner, Jody, Callie H. Burt, and Jennifer McMahon. “Reporting rape: Testing Black’s Theory of the Behavior of Law.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, 2005. Toronto, Ontario.

McMahon, Jennifer and Jody Clay-Warner. “Child Abuse and Future Criminality: The role of social service placement, family disorganization, and gender. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, 2001. Atlanta, GA.

McMahon, Jennifer. “Social Contributions to Rape and Paraphilias.” Paper presented at the Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, 2000. Athens, GA.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Clay-Warner, Jody, Jackson Bunch, and Jennifer McMahan. "Victimization and Changes in Routine Activities."

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2005-2006 **Research Assistant/Project Coordinator** for Dr. Rex Forehand
Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia
Coordinated and managed interviews for a large multi-site project that investigates the effectiveness of a parenting program designed to improve communication between parents and their pre-adolescent children in regards to healthy and risky sexual behaviors.

Summer 2004 **Research Assistant** for Dr. Jody Clay-Warner
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia,
Assisted with literature reviews and grant writing for a study examining the relationship between negative police reactions and posttraumatic stress, self-esteem and depression in a sample of victims of sexual assault.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2003-2007 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
Duties included independent responsibility for 4 weekly break-out sections with 25 students each. Also assisted professor with classroom management including taking attendance, proctoring exams, and assisting students with class related questions and concerns. Final three semesters were spent as lead TA.

SOCI 1101: Introductory Sociology

Summer 2007 & 2005, Fall 2004 & 2005, Dr. Woody Beck

Spring 2006, Todd Krohn

Spring 2005, Dr. Jim Dowd

Fall 2003, Dr. Stephanie Bohon

SOCI 3860: Sociology of Alcohol and Drug Use

Spring 2004, Dr. Paul Roman

2006-2007 **Writing Intensive Teaching Assistant**
After receiving special training through the Writing Intensive Program at UGA, I assisted students in developing discipline-specific writing skills through the writing of a scholarly research paper on a sociologically relevant topic. I delivered lectures on the writing process, provided detailed written feedback to students on their writing, and held individual meetings with students.

SOCI 2470: Deviance and Social Control

Fall 2006, Dr. Martha Myers

SOCI 3280: Sociology of Gender

Spring 2007, Dr. Linda Grant

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2007-present Reviewer, Journal of Criminal Justice
2007-present Graduate Student Representative, New Hire Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
2007 Presentation on Writing a Thesis, Pro-seminar, Department of Sociology, UGA
2005-2007 Presentation on Time Management, Pro-seminar, Department of Sociology, UGA
2005-2007 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, UGA
2005-2007 Guest Lecture, "Quantitative Analysis and Feminist Research Methods" in Dr. Patricia Richards' WMST 4011: Research in Women's Studies
2003-2007 Graduate Student Representative, Academic Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2003-present American Society of Criminology
Section Affiliation: Division on Women and Crime
2003-present American Sociological Association
Section Affiliations: Crime, Law, and Deviance; Sex and Gender
2003-present Southern Sociological Society

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- 2007-present Women's Advocate, Project Safe, Inc., Athens, GA
2004-2007 Victim Advocate, Sexual Assault Center of NE Georgia, Athens, GA
2000-2002 Victim Advocate, Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center, Duluth, GA

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