

## Abigail L. Richardson

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### Education

- 2008 Ph.D.** University of Georgia, Sociology (expected)  
*Dissertation:* “To Diet or To Eat (Healthy): Women’s Food Negotiations Across the Life Course in the context of Body, Culture, and Identity”  
Committee: Dr. James Dowd (chair), Dr. Linda Grant, Dr. Leigh Willis  
*Comprehensive Exam Area:* Culture and Social Psychology
- 2003 Graduate Certificate** University of Georgia, Women’s Studies
- 2002 M.A.** University of Georgia, Sociology  
*Thesis:* “The Effect of Television on Body Dissatisfaction”  
Committee: Dr. Linda Grant (chair), Dr. Jody Clay-Warner, Dr. David Smilde
- 2000 B.A.** Tulane University, Sociology and Psychology

### Teaching Interests (\* indicates courses taught)

Sociology of Culture*	Medical Sociology	Social Problems
Sociology of Gender	Social Theory	Interdisciplinary Courses
Social Psychology*	Research Methods	Introductory Women’s Studies
Introduction to Sociology*	Qualitative Methods	

### Research Interests

Sociology of Culture	Social Psychology	Medical Sociology
Sociology of Gender	Life Course	Media and Popular Culture
Sociology of the Body		

### Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Sociology of Culture -- Fall 2005 -- 40 students

Instructor, Institute of Women’s Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Introduction to Women’s Studies -- 11 sections, 2004-2007, approx. 40 students each

Instructor, Dept. of Social Sciences, Gainesville College, Oconee Campus, Watkinsville, GA  
Introduction to Sociology -- Spring 2005, Fall 2004 -- approx. 28 students each

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, Piedmont College Athens Center, Athens, GA  
Cultural Anthropology -- Fall 2004 -- 7 students  
Social Psychology -- Summer 2004 -- 28 students

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia; Athens, GA

Sociology of Medicine                      Dr. Leigh Willis                      Spring 2004

Race & Ethnicity in America              Dr. Leigh Willis                      Spring 2004

Duties for both above classes included: Maintained Attendance and Web CT Discussion participation records. Graded assignments and book reviews. Led class discussion of readings. Taught two class periods in each class. Met with students to review for exams.

Introduction to Sociology

Dr. James Dowd:                      Fall 2000

Dr. Woody Beck:                      Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2003

Dr. William Finlay:                      Spring 2002

Mr. Todd Krohn:                      Fall 2002

Duties included: Lead four weekly discussion groups of 25 students each, Assisted in lecture facilitation, and graded essay exam questions. Constructed teaching and discussion activities. Please see Teaching Portfolio for examples.

### **Honors and Awards**

Graduate School Dean's Award, University of Georgia 2007 (\$1,000)

Selected to attend the Graduate School Future Leaders Program, University of Georgia, October 2007

Teaching Assistant Mentor Nominee, University of Georgia, Institute for Women's Studies 2006

Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, Institute for Women's Studies 2006

Departmental Research Fund, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology, 2002 (\$250)

### **Articles Under Review**

Richardson, Abigail L. "Body Dissatisfaction Among Men: Muscles and Cultural Mediators"  
*American Journal of Men's Health*

### **Presentations**

2007 Richardson, Abigail L. "Eating-Related Health Behaviors: Creation of the new Health Behaviors Decision and Enactment Model." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, New York.

2005 Richardson, Abigail L. "Anorexia as a Lifestyle: Pro-Anorexia Websites." Paper presented at the Women's Studies Friday Speaker Series, Athens Georgia.

2005 Richardson, Abigail L. and Elizabeth Cherry. "Anorexia as a Lifestyle: Agency through Pro-Anorexia Websites." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 2005 Richardson, Abigail L. and Elizabeth Cherry. "Pro Anorexia Websites: A Postmodern Form of Agency." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 2004 Richardson, Abigail L. "Men and Muscularity: Cultural Mediators of Body Dissatisfaction." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2003 Richardson, Abigail L. "Body Dissatisfaction Among Men: Muscles and Cultural Mediators." Paper presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture and Institutions, Athens, Georgia.
- 2002 Richardson, Abigail L. "The Effect of Television on Body Dissatisfaction." Paper presented at the Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Student Sociological Society Student Symposium, Athens, Georgia.
- 2001 Richardson, Abigail L. "Lifetime: Television for Women?" Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Papers in Progress**

Richardson, Abigail L. and Elizabeth Cherry. "Anorexia as a Lifestyle: Agency through Pro-Anorexia Websites." (in preparation for submission)

Richardson, Abigail L. "Eating-Related Health Behaviors: Creation of the Health Behaviors Decision and Enactment Model"

### **Teaching Engagement**

"How to be an Effective TA" – Presentation for New Graduate Student Orientation for Sociology Graduate Students 2005, 2006

"Teaching Tips and Techniques" – Invited Co-Presentation for Graduate Student Pro-Seminar September, 2006

Creation and Maintenance of Teaching Sociology WebCT Site for Graduate Students 2005-2007

### **Additional Training**

#### **Professional Workshop Attendance:**

Georgia Workshop on Culture and Institutions, University of Georgia, 2002-2007

Teaching About Controversial Subjects, American Sociological Association, August 2005

Teaching About Inequality, North Carolina State University, April 12, 2003

#### **Survey Researcher (Summer 2002)**

Traveled to drug and alcohol rehabilitation sites to interview directors for National Treatment Center Study under the direction of Dr. Paul Roman, University of Georgia

### **Professional Associations**

American Sociological Association

*Sections: Sex & Gender, Culture, Aging, Medical Sociology, Social Psychology*

Sociologists for Women in Society

Southern Sociological Society

### **Service**

Manuscript Reviewer: *Gender & Society*

*Sociology of Health & Illness*

Women's Studies Graduate Student Association

Organizer and Co-President 2007-2008

Proposal Reviewer: Women's Studies Student Symposium, March 2006

Institute for Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2006-2008

Session Presider: Couch-Stone Symposium for Symbolic Interactionism, Spring 2006

Session Title: What Do We Mean by the Concept "Identity"?

Culture/Social Psychology Sub-Area Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2003

Invited Co-Presentation to the Graduate Student Pro-Seminar, November 2003

Title: "How to Finish Your Thesis On Time"

Sociology Graduate Society, University of Georgia

Representative to Faculty Meetings 2006-2007

"How to be an Effective TA" – Presentation for New Graduate Student Orientation 2005, 2006

Creation and Maintenance of Teaching Sociology WebCT Site for Graduate Students 2005

Graduate Student Seminar Creator and Coordinator 2004

Symposium Committee Chair 2002-2003

Social Committee Chair 2000-2002

### **References**

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Dr. Leigh Willis, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, 315 Baldwin Hall, Athens, Georgia, 30602. Telephone: 706-542-3196. email: [lawillis@uga.edu](mailto:lawillis@uga.edu)

Dr. Chris Cuomo, Director, Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia, 1200 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens, Georgia, 30602. Telephone: 706-542-2846. email: [cuomo@uga.edu](mailto:cuomo@uga.edu).