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<u>Education</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date of Graduation</u>
University of Kansas	Ph.D. Sociology	May 22, 2005
Bowling Green State University	Master's Sociology	August 8, 1992
Bowling Green State University	B.S. Physical Education	May 9, 1987

Teaching Experiences

- 2024 - 2017 Ball State University. Sociology Assistant Teaching Professor.
Classes taught: Principles of Sociology, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Social Change, Inequality, Sociology and the Environment, Deviance, Sociology of LGBTQA Studies (Designed Course), The Sociology of the Lesbian Nation, Sociology of Gender, Human Sexuality, The Sociology of Hip Hop (Designed Course)
- 2008 - 2017 Edgewood College. Lecturer in Ethnic Studies for the School of Integrative Studies. Lecturer in the Social Sciences Department. Classes taught: Ethnic Studies Internship, Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Diverse Landscapes in U.S. Culture, Introduction to Sociology, Family and Society, Education and Society, Theories of Deviance, Research Methods, Class, Social Change and Revolution, and Introduction to Women's Studies and Gender Studies.
- 2008 – 2017 Madison College. Adjunct Instructor. Classes taught: Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary American Society, Introduction to Diversity Studies Accelerated, Social Problems, Marriage and Family, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender.
- 2014 University of Wisconsin Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin.
Class taught: Introduction to Women's Studies and Gender Studies.
- 2007-2008 University of Missouri-St. Louis Sociology Department. St. Louis, Missouri. Visiting Lecturer. Classes taught: Urban Sociology and Sociology of Minority Groups, Women in Contemporary Society and Undergraduate Seminar in Sociology: Landscapes, Environments, and U.S. Culture (Summer 2008).

- 2006-2007 University of Minnesota Duluth Sociology and Anthropology Department. Duluth, MN. Adjunct Instructor. Classes taught: Cultural Anthropology, Women in Cross Cultural Perspective, Landscapes, Environments, and US Culture.
- 2006 - 2005 Kutztown State University Anthropology and Sociology Department. Kutztown, PA. Assistant Professor. Classes taught: Principles of Sociology, Urban Sociology, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Sociology of Gender.
- 2006 - 2005 Reading Community College Social Sciences Department. Reading, PA. Adjunct Instructor. Classes taught: Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems.
- 2005 Upward Bound Program, Cleveland, Ohio. Instructor. Class taught: Foreign Cultures.
- 2004 – 2000 St. Cloud State University Sociology and Anthropology Department. St. Cloud, MN. Classes taught: Sociology of Gender, Race and Ethnic Relations in the US, Social Problems.
- 1995-2000 University of Kansas Sociology Department Teaching Fellowship. Lawrence, KS. Classes taught: Principles of Sociology, Social Problems.
- 1989-1994 Bowling Green State University Sociology and Ethnic Studies Department Teaching Fellowship. Bowling Green, Ohio. Classes taught: Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Introduction to Ethnic Studies.
- 1987-1989 Physical Education Coordinator at the Mayfield Jewish Community Center. Taught physical education classes to diverse populations including students with autism, people with severe arthritis (deep water jogging), adult with severe mental illnesses, and hyperactive children.

Publications

2000. Intimacy and Alienation: Estrangement in Female/Male Relationships, coauthored with Arthur G. Neal, 2000. New York and London: Garland Publishing, Inc.

2022. "The Unique Subculture of Lesbians: From Underground to Dinah." SOC 100 Reader Making the Invisible Visible: Applying Sociology to the World.

2000. "Writing the Other, Inscribing the Self." Carol A.B. Warren (with Deborah Archer, Beverly Broderick, Sara Collas, Debra Dobbs, Gloria Flores, Robert Futtrell, Laurie Grow, Jennifer Hackney, Tracy X. Karner, Douglas Kivett, Richard Johnson, Lourdes Pereira-Nunez, Erin Reilly, and Christine Robinson). Qualitative Sociology 23, 183-199.

Dissertation

2005. Collas, Sara. Conflict and Community in a Lesbian Feminist Space: An Auto Ethnography of Workerville at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Kansas.

Professional Development Experiences

Professional Development Courses Madison College

#69 Educational Diversity 6/12/2014 to 6/6/2014

#50 Curriculum & Course Instruction 6/3/2013 to 6/7/2013 #55

#55 Guidance & Counseling 7/10/2012 to 7/31/2012

#52 Accelerated Teaching Methods 11/9/2012 to 11/17/2012

Faculty Mentoring (Faculty Mentor) 2011 and 2012

Telepresence Training

Participated in the Hip Hop in the Heartland Workshop: Educator and Community Leader Training Institute. University of Wisconsin, Madison. 7/22/2013 – 7/26/2013

Invited Panelist at Edgewood College. The panel spoke about teaching practices that involved active learning techniques. Fall 2014

CETL Teaching Workshop, Madison College "Don't Push Me I'm Close to the Edge: Using Music in Teaching and Learning." Presented to instructors at Madison College during the Arts and Sciences Brown Bag Series. March 28, 2014 and April 30, 2014.

Teaching Us Series at Madison College organized by CETL Presented the workshop, "Beyond Lecturing: Using Music, Art, and Poetry in Sociology Courses. October 8, 2014

Teaching for Diversity Series, Edgewood College. October 16, 2014. I was part of a panel of educators from Edgewood College that discussed their pedagogical practices related to teaching courses on race and ethnicity.

2019-2020 Member of the Active Learning Academy Ball State University

Served as a Diversity Associate from 2017-2018 and 2019-2020. During this period, I designed a new course for the BSU Sociology Department, SOC 499: From the Gay Ghetto to the Trans Movement. The course was taught Spring 2018 for BSU. The course has become a permanent part of the Sociology curriculum.

Member of Ball State University (BSU) Summer 2018 Faculty Academy

The participation involved meeting with a diverse group of educators at BSU. During this period, I designed a new Sociology course for the BSU Sociology Department, SOC 499: The Sociology of Hip Hop.

Invited Panelist Latinx Faculty Speaking to Latinx High School Students – June 13,

2019

Served on a panel with other Latinx educators from Ball State University speaking with Latinx high schoolers about the college experience.

Invited Panelist Teaching First Year Students Creating an Engaging Classroom Experience “Why Sociology Matters.” Presented on September 17, 2019 at Ball State

Student Research Experiences

May 2020. I served as the Advisor for Rina Krikorian’s Honor’s Thesis, “The Intersection of Mental Illness in Freshmen and LGBTQ Students. Ball State University.

Spring 2021. I served as the Advisor for Clover Caldwell’s Honor’s Thesis, “Effects of Double

Minority Stress on the Alcohol Consumption of Sexual Minority People of Color”. Ball State

University.

April 2023. Ball State University Teacher Scholar Program.

Served as the Mentor for Finn McCleese’s project, “The Future is Non-Binary”. April 2023.

Served as the Mentor for Hannah Beck’s project, “Why Should Sesame Street Be Included in Sociology Classrooms”. April 2023. Ball State University Teacher-Scholar Program.

Student Mentoring Research Experiences

Spring 2024 I served as the Mentor for Lilly Lewison’s research project, “Feminism and Consumerism”. Ball State University Teacher-Scholar Program.

Spring 2024. I served as the Mentor for Arianna Foster’s research project, “The

Presentation of Non-Binary Individuals.” Ball State University Teacher-Scholar Program.

References

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Academic Paper Presentations at Sociology Conferences

March 30, 2024 “What Can We Learn from Trash?” To be presented at the 2024 North Central Sociological Association Meetings. Columbus, Ohio.

February 16, 2024 ‘What Can Trash Tell Us About Society? Innovative Assessments in an Introductory Sociology Classroom.’ Presented at 2024 Provost’s Faculty Summit: Minding the Equity Gap. Ball State University.

April 2023 “Don’t Let Anyone Take Away Your Bubbles at the 31st Dinah.” North Central Sociological Association Meetings. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

April 2023 Participated/Session Leader in the Alpha Kappa Delta Teaching Workshop. “Honoring Wanda Coleman and Audre Lorde: Creating a Feminist Poem.”

April 2022 “The Unique Subculture of Lesbians”: From Underground to Diinah” Midwest Sociological Society Meetings. Chicago, Illinois.

April 2022. “The Sociology of Raps.” Presented at the 2022 North Central Sociological Association Meetings. Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 2019 Ain’t Dissin’ Black English Up in Here: A Story of Teaching the Sociology of Hip Hop” presented with Myla Townsend. North Central Sociological Association Meetings.

March 2019 A Lesbian Drama: A Story of Love, Loss, and Death. Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Meetings.

March 2019 “Why Do Assessments Have to be a Drag?” Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Meetings.

April 5, 2018 “Queer Centered Sociology: Teaching About the Gay Ghetto, Lesbian Nation Building and the Trans Moment.” Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Meetings to be held in Pittsburgh, PA.

February 15, 2018. “The Production of Thin Bodies and Destruction in the Subculture of Female Long-Distance Running. Presented for the Forum Big Questions, Big Ideas. Muncie, Indiana