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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Mississippi State University, Expected May 2019.

Specialization: Criminology

Graduate Gender Studies Certificate

Dissertation: "Americans' Perceptions and Media Depiction of Terrorism in the U.S."

Major Professor: Dr. Raymond Barranco

Committee Members: Dr. Kimberly Kelly, Dr. David May, & Dr. Leslie Hossfeld

Dissertation Prospectus Defense Date: Aug. 17, 2018

Master of Science in Sociology, Valdosta State University, May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Psychology, Georgia Southwestern State University,
May 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminology (Crime Rates)

Culture

Terrorism

Media (Crime depictions in media)

Stratification (Class, Gender, Race)

PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, K. R., McKinley, K., Hossfeld, L., Oliver, B., Jones, C., Kerr, L., & Trinh, M. (2018).

"God Always Provides": Challenges and Barriers in Food Assistance Delivery in Mississippi. *Community Development* 49(1), 2-17.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Barranco, R. E., Rader, N. E., & Trinh, M. T. Ticket sales and violent content in popular movies (accepted in *Deviant Behavior*)

Trinh, M. & Barranco, R. Explaining macro-level rape with routine activities theory: An approach using backlash hypothesis, social disorganization theory, and evolutionary psychology. (ready to be sent out for review)

Trinh, M. Racial and gender depictions in the videogame *League of Legends* (editing paper).

Trinh, M. Videogame trends. (data collection nearly completed)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Mississippi State University, May 2018-Jul. 2018

Research Assistant, Valdosta State University, June 2013-May 2014

“Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity: Client Satisfaction with Required Homebuyer Educational Classes and Exploration of Client Foreclosure Risk Patterns”

“National Hunger Study”

“Keep Thomas County Beautiful Litter Project.” Presented Final Report to Thomas County Board of Commissioners

“Metropolitan Climate Activism: Examining the Impact of the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.” Paper Presented to 2015 *Annual Meeting of Southern Sociological Society*

Research Intern, Valdosta State University

Cook County Family Connection Diet and Exercise Study

Cook County Family Connection’s Cook County Population Density, Stores, and Parks Maps

Cook County Family Connection’s Cook County Health Indicators

Cook County Family Connection’s “Cookies Are Not the Answer: A Meta-Analysis on Effectiveness of Health Messages in Various Forms of Media.”

Personal Previous Projects, Valdosta State University

“Effects on Educational Quality of Life in Relation to Health Quality of Life and Unequal Income Distribution in Georgia Counties.”

Personal Previous Projects, Georgia Southwestern State University

“The Correlation Between Relationship Expectations and Masculine and Feminine Traits.”

“How Gender Affects Relationship Behaviors and Expectations in College Students.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018 “Explaining macro-level rape with routine activities theory: An integrative approach using backlash hypothesis, social disorganization theory, and evolutionary psychology,” Maria Trinh and Raymond Barranco. Paper scheduled at the *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology*. November, Atlanta, GA.

2018 “What’s in a champion? Racial depictions in the videogame *League of Legends*.” Maria Trinh. Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. April, New Orleans, LA.

2017 “Violence and Popular Media: Examining the Relationship between Movie Violence and Ticket Sales,” Raymond Barranco, Nicole Rader, & Maria Trinh. Paper presented at the *Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Conference*, October, Chattanooga, TN.

2016 “Exploratory Study on How US Counties' Rape Rates Vary by Demographics,” Maria Trinh & Sierra Nelson. Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. April, Atlanta, GA.

2016 “Food Insecurity Panel,” Laura Jean Kerr & Maria Trinh. Presented at *Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Conference*. February, Jackson, MS.

- 2016 “The Relationship Between Perceived Risk and Fear of Terrorism and Proximity to Terrorist Targets.” Maria Trinh. Paper presented at *Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Conference*. February, Jackson, MS.
- 2016 “Exploratory of Rape Rates in the United States.” Maria Trinh & Sierra Nelson. Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. April, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 “Effects on Educational Quality of Life in Relation to Health Quality of Life and Unequal Income Distribution in Georgia Counties.” Maria Trinh. Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association*. October, Jekyll Island, GA.
- 2013 “Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity: Client Satisfaction with Required Homebuyer Educational Classes and Exploration of Client Foreclosure Risk Patterns.” *Dr. Gregory P. Domin Graduate Research Conference*, October, Columbus, GA.
- 2012 “The Correlation Between Relationship Expectations and Masculine and Feminine Traits.” Poster presented at *Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology*. April, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2011 “How Gender Affects Relationship Behaviors and Expectations in College Students.” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association*. October, Savannah, GA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Mississippi State University, 2017-Present

Teaching Assistant, Mississippi State University, August 2014-May 2017

Adjunct Instructor, South Georgia Technical College, May 2013-Aug. 2013

Teaching Assistant, Valdosta State University, 2012-2014

Instructor of Record:

Crime & Justice in America (2 Sections) (online and face-to-face)

Global Teaching Index: 4.1

Introduction to criminological theories while providing a brief overview of types of crime, types of data, and the criminal justice system.

Introduction to Sociology (7 Sections)

Global Teaching Index Ranged from 4.1-4.4

Introduction to basic sociological concepts and broad overview of the sociology discipline.

Contemporary Social Problems (1 section)

Global Teaching Index: 3.5

Describes the social problems that are prevalent in current society while applying sociological concepts with the social problems discussed.

Basic Psychology (2 Sections) (online)

Global Teaching Index: No evaluation done

Introduction to basic psychological concepts and broad overview of psychology discipline.

TEACHING INTERESTS (*indicates courses taught)

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| Introduction to Sociology* | Gender |
| Crime & Justice in America* | Race and Ethnicity |
| Social Problems/Inequality* | Culture/Media |
| Criminology | Crime in Media |
| Sociological Statistics | Deviance |
| Research Methods | |

HONORS & AWARDS

2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Mississippi State University Department of Sociology

2018 Semi-finalist, The Data Incubator Fellowship, 2018, Qualified for Scholar Program

2018 Marion T. Loftin Conference Travel Grant for *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Mississippi State University (\$1,000).

2018 Marion T. Loftin Data Collection Grant (\$109).

2018 Mississippi State University's College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Support for *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology* (\$200).

2018 Conference Travel Grants, Mississippi State University Department of Sociology for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$250) and *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology* (\$100).

2016 Conference Travel Grants, Mississippi State University Department of Sociology for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$100) & *Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Conference* (\$100)

2015 Conference Travel Grants, Mississippi State University Department of Sociology for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$100)

2018 Alpha Kappa Delta Student Travel Grants for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$221.89)

2016 Alpha Kappa Delta Student Travel Grants for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$310.36)

2015 Alpha Kappa Delta Student Travel Grants for *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society* (\$178.58)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association (2016-2017)
American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
Georgia Sociological Association (2011-2013)
Southern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society-South

AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, Member 2013-Present, President, 2016-2017, Secretary/Treasurer, 2017-2018
Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Member 2014-Present
Georgia's Cook County Family Connection, Researcher, 2013-2014
PSI CHI, International Honor Society of Psychology Member, 2011-12
Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society Executive Member, 2011-12

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

Mississippi State University's Online Teaching Certification
Mississippi State University's Safe Zone LGBTQ Ally Training

REFERENCES

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