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Education:

December 2008
(expected)

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Dissertation: "Expert Service Work: Gender, Intimate Labor, and the Pursuit of Professional Legitimacy."

December 2008
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Ph.D. certificate, Women's Studies Doctoral Emphasis, University of California, Santa Barbara

2005

M.A., with honors, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2002

B.A., with honors, Sociology, University of Denver

Areas of Specialization:

Sociology of Work and Occupations, Gender, Qualitative Methods, Social Psychology, Sociology of Sport, and Culture

Additional Teaching Interests:

Deviance and Delinquency, Sociological Theory (Classical and Contemporary), Research Methods, Race/Class/Gender, Social Stratification and Inequality, Sociology of the Body, Sociology of the Family, Economy and Society, Social Movements

Publications:

2008

George, Molly. "Interactions in Expert Service Work: Demonstrating Professionalism in Personal Training." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 37(1): 108-31.

2005

George, Molly. "Making Sense of Muscle: Body Experiences of Collegiate Women Athletes." *Sociological Inquiry* 75(3):317-345.

Under Review:

"The Professionalization of Intimate Labor: Life Coaching and the Commodity Frontier."
Manuscript submitted to *Work and Occupations*.

Awards and Grants:

2008	Fee Fellowship, Fall Quarter, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara
2008	Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara
2008	Doctoral Student Travel Grant, Academic Senate, UC Santa Barbara
2006	First Place, Braverman Award, Graduate Student Paper Competition, Labor Studies Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
2005	Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara
2002	First Place, Undergraduate Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Association
2002	First Place, Undergraduate Paper Competition, Pacific Sociological Association
2002	Second Place, Undergraduate Paper Competition, Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honors Society).
2002	Willbert E. Moore Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of Denver

Teaching Experience:**Instructor***Scheduled to Teach:*

Winter 2009	Soc 170: Deviant Behavior
Winter 2009	Soc 108ST: Ethnography and In-depth Interviewing
Spring 2009	Soc 154A: Sociology of the Family

Taught:

Spring 2007	Soc 170: Deviant Behavior
Fall 2006	Soc 153: Women and Work
Fall 2005	Soc 4: Research Methods

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2008	Soc 108: Content Analysis/Statistics
Spring 2008	Soc 108: Studying People Firsthand: In-depth Interviewing
Winter 2008	Soc 151: Gender in Film and Television
Fall 2007	Soc 108: Studying People Firsthand: Ethnography
Winter 2007	Soc 151: Gender in Film and Television
Spring 2006	Soc 155b: Sociological Perspectives on Women
Winter 2006	Soc 154a: Sociology of the Family
Fall 2005	Soc 4: Research Traditions

Summer 2005	Soc 174: Law and Society
Winter/Spring 2005	Soc 4: Research Methods
Fall 2004	Soc 153: Women and Work
Summer 2004	Soc 185G: Theories of Gender Inequality
Spring 2004	Soc 1: Lead TA, Introduction to Sociology
Winter 2004	Women's Studies 40: Issues in Humanities
Fall 2003	Soc 136i: Analysis of Interaction in Institutional Settings
Summer 2003	Soc 4: Research Traditions
Fall 2002-Spring 2003	Soc 1: Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2002	Soc 2260: Deviance and Society (at the University of Denver)

Presentations:

2008	"Occupational Development on the Service Frontier: The Rise of Personal Training and Life Coaching." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, August.
2008	"Life Coaching and the Commodity Frontier: A Case Study of a Pioneering Semi-Profession." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, April.
2007	"Gender, Life Coaching, and the Commodification of Interpersonal Services." Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Intimate Labors, UC Santa Barbara, October.
2007	"The Construction of Expertise in Semi-professional Service Work." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, April.
2005	"Building Bodies, Building Respectability: The Professionalization of Personal Trainers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August.
2005	"Gendered Expertise: Masculinized and Feminized Professionalism in Personal Training." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, April.
2005	"Body Work: Personal Trainers, Interactional Strategies, and Respect." Paper presented at the Couch-Stone Symposium for the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Boulder, CO, February.
2004	"Launching a Sociological Investigation." Invited talk given at the Undergraduate Sociology Association meeting, UC Santa Barbara, November.
2003	"Performance vs. Appearance: Body Negotiations of Collegiate Women Athletes." Paper presented at the Graduate Student Contemporary Qualitative Research Conference, UCLA, April.
2003	"Exploring Research Methods." Invited Lecture, Introduction to Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, May.

2002 "Performance vs. Appearance: Body Negotiations of Collegiate Women Athletes." Paper presented at an Undergraduate Roundtable at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, March.

Professional Activities:

Reviewer

2003-2008 Reviewer for Academic Journals: *Sociology of Sport Journal*,
Sociological Studies of Youth and Children
Reviewer of Book Manuscript: *Pearson Allyn & Bacon Publishers*

University Service

2006 Graduate Student Representative, Athletic Policy Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara

Department Service

2005-2006 Lead TA, TA Training Committee. Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2002-2006 Teaching Assistant Training Committee Member. Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2005 Graduate Student Representative to the Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2003-2004 Graduate Mentor, Minority Opportunity for Scholars in Training (MOST Program), University of California, Santa Barbara.

2004 Lead Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Professional Association Memberships:

American Sociological Association ♦ Pacific Sociological Association ♦ Midwest Sociological Association ♦ Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction ♦ Sociologists for Women in Society

References:

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