

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- May 2012 Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
(expected)
- 2009 M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Thesis: "What's in a Relationship?: Testing Theories of Social Capital Using Data
from Mentoring."
Committee: Karolyn Tyson (chair), Douglas L. Lauen, and Ted Mouw.
- 2007 B.B.A., Management Information Systems, University of Georgia, Cum Laude.
- 2007 A.B., Sociology, University of Georgia, Cum Laude.

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Education, Education Policy, Race and Ethnicity, Quantitative Methods, and Social Stratification/Inequality

Papers Under Review

Gaddis, S. Michael. "What's In a Relationship? Examining Race, Class, and Contact Time as Determinants of Social Capital in Mentoring Relationships."

- Winner of the 2010 Odum Award for outstanding graduate student paper by the Southern Sociological Society.

Papers in Preparation

Lauen, Douglas L., and S. Michael Gaddis. "Contagion, Institutions, or Selection? The Effect of Peer Poverty on Student Test Score Growth."

Lauen, Douglas L., and S. Michael Gaddis. "Shining a Light or Fumbling in the Dark? The Effects of NCLB's Subgroup-Specific Accountability Pressure on Disadvantaged Student

Performance.”

Gaddis, S. Michael. “Examining the Effect of the Racial Composition of Schools on Black Students' Test Scores.”

Gaddis, S. Michael. “Re-Examining Oppositional Culture Theory in the Context of School Racial Composition.”

Conference Presentations

April, 2010. “Contagion, Institutions, or Selection? The Effect of Peer Poverty on Student Test Score Growth.” Accepted at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO. (co-presenter with Dr. Douglas L. Lauen)

April, 2010. “What's In a Relationship? Examining Race, Class, and Contact Time as Determinants of Social Capital in Mentoring Relationships.” Accepted at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

February, 2010. “Contagion, Institutions, or Selection? The Effect of Peer Poverty on Student Test Score Growth.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association, Monterey, CA. (co-presenter with Dr. Douglas L. Lauen)

August, 2009. “Examining the Effect of the Racial Composition of Schools on Black Students' Test Scores.” Informal discussion roundtable chair at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

August, 2008. “Getting the Most out of Mentoring: Factors that Lead to Increased Academic Achievement and Attainment.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

February, 2008. “What Matters about Mentoring? Increasing Academic Achievement for At-Risk Youth.” Accepted at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association, Monterey, CA.

Research Experience

2008-current Research Assistant for Dr. Douglas Lauen
Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2006 Research Assistant for Dr. Jeremy Reynolds
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

2005-2006 Research Assistant for Dr. Stephanie Bohon
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

Teaching Experience

Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Teaching Fellow, SOCI 101 – Sociological Perspectives, Summer 2009, Spring 2010
Teaching Fellow, SOCI 251 – Measurement and Data Collection, Fall 2009,
Summer 2010
Teaching Assistant, SOCI 250 – Social Theory, Fall 2007
Teaching Assistant, SOCI 252 – Data Analysis, Spring 2008

Department of Management Information Systems, University of Georgia

Teaching Assistant, MIST 2190H – Introduction to Information System (Honors Section),
Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, MIST 2090 – Introduction to Information Systems, Spring
2006 (2 sections), Summer 2006 (1 section), Fall 2006 (4 sections), Spring
2007 (3 sections), Summer 2007 (1 section)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2010 Odum Award for outstanding graduate student paper, Southern Sociological
Society.

2007 Distinguished Research Award, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology.

Competitive Travel and Conference Awards

2010 Invited Participant to the American Educational Research Association Institute on
Statistical Analysis for Education Policy

2009 Conference Fee Grant, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Education
section, “New Directions in the Sociology of Education” mini-conference

Other Presentations

October, 2009. “Contagion, Institutions, or Selection? The Effect of Peer Poverty on Student
Test Score Growth.” Paper presented in the Department of Sociology, Culture and
Politics Seminar, UNC-CH. (co-presenter with Dr. Douglas L. Lauen)

August, 2009. Summer Reading Discussion Section Leader for the Carolina Summer Reading
Program. Book: A Home on the Field by Paul Cuadros.

March, 2009. “Using the Emerald Cluster Computing Resources.” Workshop presented
to graduate students and faculty in the Department of Sociology, UNC-CH.

November, 2008. “Using the Emerald Cluster Computing Resources.” Workshop
presented to graduate students in the Department of Public Policy, UNC-CH.
(co-presenter with Dr. Douglas L. Lauen)

March, 2008. “What Matters about Mentoring? Increasing Academic Achievement for At-
Risk Youth.” Paper presented at recruitment weekend for the Department of Sociology,
UNC-CH.

Service and Other Professional Activities

2009-current Associate Editor, *Social Forces*

2009-current Graduate Student Campus Liaison, American Educational Research Association

2008-2009 Co-President, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professional Memberships

Alpha Kappa Delta
American Educational Research Association
 Division G – Social Context of Education Section
 Sociology of Education SIG
American Sociological Association
 Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section
 Sociology of Education Section
Southern Sociological Society

References

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