

Curriculum Vitae
Christian Alexander Vaccaro
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, 2011
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Dissertation: Two Analyses of Gender from Ethnographic Field Data on the Sport of Mixed Martial Arts
Dissertation Committee: Doug Schrock (chair), Janice McCabe, Deana Rohlinger, and Amy Koehlinger
Qualifying Exam: Sociological Social Psychology

Master of Science, Sociology, 2009
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Thesis: Fighting Fear: Emotion Work in Manhood Acts
(winner of 2009 ASA Emotion Section Best Graduate Paper Award)

Master of Arts, Sociology, 2005
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA
Qualifying Exam: Sociology of Work and Organizations

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (with highest distinction), 2004
Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Honors Thesis: History, Social Class, Spirituality: An Inquiry Into Marxist Alienation

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Psychology, Gender, Deviance, Media and Culture, Qualitative Research Methods

GRANTS

External

2018 (PIs – Sean Derry, Frederick Adkins, Ben Fords, Sharon Massey) “IUSE: STEAMSHOP Promoting Diversity Through an Interdisciplinary Approach to Engaged Learning” National Science Foundation. 2,994,869 (Not Funded)

2018 (PI – Skip Campbell, Christian Vaccaro IUP Collaborator) “Collaboration with the University of Alabama for the 2018 Appalachian Leadership Institute Development.” Appalachian Regional Commission. (Proposal not selected)

2018 (PI – Christian Vaccaro) “Implementation and Formative Assessment of mHealth Technologies at Dauphin Count Drug Court” Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 149,988.31 (Not Funded)

2017(Co-PIs – Hao Tang, Christian Vaccaro, Idamarie Laquatra) “Research and Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Household Food Sanitization Systems for Aqueous Treatment of Fruits and Vegetables” 1,108,672 National Science Foundation (Not Funded)

2015 (Co-PIs – Christian Vaccaro & Cory Shay) “IUP Veteran and Military Resource Center: Building Systems of Support, Improving Success, and Raising Visibility University-Wide” 479,576.91 Department of Education (Not Funded)

2015 (Co-PIs – Christian Vaccaro & Victor Garcia) “R21 Preliminary Life-Course Perspective Research on Adult Children in Military Families” 224,890.79 National Institutes of Health (Not Funded)

2014 (Co-PIs Pearl Berman & Christian Vaccaro) “Development and Assessment of Community Violence and Trauma Prevention Conference and Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST) Program” PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Committee Grant 10,000 (Not Funded)

2012 (PI – Christian Vaccaro) “Rural Pennsylvania Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans’ Reintegration, Family Support, and Service Needs Assessment” Center for Rural Pennsylvania 77,847.11 (Not Funded)

2012 (PI – John Anderson) “Conceptualizations of the Juvenile Offender: An Assessment of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System from a Different Perspective” Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 196,023.00 (Not Funded)

Internal

2017 (PI – Christian Vaccaro) “Purchase of My New Leaf Mobile Health Application License for Research Development and Testing in Justice Settings” 24,565 (Funded)

2014 (Co-PI Christian Vaccaro and Pearl Berman) “Deans’ Initiative Support Grant for REACH Conference – Understanding and Responding to Violence and Trauma” 15,000.00 (Funded)

2013 (PI – Christian Vaccaro) “AWES Support for Increasing Federal Grant Awards at IUP” 7700.00 (Funded)

2013 (PI – Christian Vaccaro & Michele Papakie) “Qualitative Inquiry on Family Impact for Campus Veterans’ Educational Performance” University Senate Grant 6300.00 (Funded)

2012 (PI – Alex Heckert) “Community Health and Well Being – Veterans Reintegration Research Cluster” President’s Strategic Initiative 175,000.00 (Funded)

2012 (Co-PI – Christian Vaccaro & Krys Kaniasty) “Healing wounds, healing families: Multidisciplinary Conference on Veterans Reintegration” President’s Strategic Initiative 94,400.92 (Not Funded)

BOOK

Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa (2015) *Unleashing Manhood in the Cage: Masculinity, Fighting, and Mixed Martial Arts*. Lexington Books: Landham, Maryland.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa; Morrison, Shayna “Bringing the Concept of Compassion Fatigue into Sociological Focus”

Vaccaro, Christian; Rohlinger, Deana; Williams, Cynthia “Emotions as a Resource for Individual Political Action: Emails to Jeb Bush Regarding Terri Schiavo”

Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa; Niccolai, Ashley; Morrison, Shayna “We Enable them Because We Give Them Free Narcan’: The Narrative Work of Compassion Fatigue among First Responders in the Opioid Epidemic”

PUBLISHED WORKS

Lauber, Erick; Garcia, Victor; Swauger, Melissa; Vaccaro, Christian; Heckert, Alex (2019) “Rural Responses to the Opioid Crisis in Southwestern Pennsylvania” Report for The Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Vaccaro, Christian (2018) “Of Pigs and Public Sociology” *Context Magazine Online*.

Schrock, Douglas; McCabe, Janice; Vaccaro, Christian (2018) “Narrative Manhood Acts: Batterer Intervention Program Graduates’ Tragic Relationships” *Symbolic Interaction*.

Christian Vaccaro (2017) “Report on Juvenile Probation Systems in a Global Context” Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian; Sessions, Miriam; Mauney, Heather. (2015) “Identity Claims-Making in the Terri Schiavo Case” *Social Currents*. 2(4): 361-376

Martin, James; Vaccaro, Christian; Heckert, Alex; Heasley, Robert. (2015) “Epic Glory and Manhood Acts in Dagorhir” *Journal of Men’s Studies*.

Vaccaro, Christian; Luckey, Rhonda; Shay, Cory (2015) "Impact Report: Military Resource Center" Division of Student Affairs Internal Report.

Belakova, Vendula; Vaccaro, Christian. (2013) "'A friend with weed is a friend indeed': understanding the relationship between friendship identity and market relations among marijuana users" *Journal of Drug Issues*. 43(3): 289-313.

Vaccaro, Christian; Schrock, Doug; McCabe, Janice. (2011) "Managing Emotional Manhood: Fighting and Fostering Fear in Mixed Martial Arts" *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 74: 414-437.

* Reprinted in Cahill; Spencer, Sandstrom, Kent; Froyum, Carissa. (2013) *Inside Social Life: Readings in Sociological Psychology and Microsociology*. 7th ed. New York: Oxford University Press

Vaccaro, Christian. (2011) "Male Bodies in Manhood Acts: The Role of Body-Talk and Embodied Practice in Signifying Culturally Dominant Notions of Manhood" *Sociology Compass*. 5(1): 65-76.

Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian. (2012) "Mass Media and Social Movements" in *The Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, edit by David Snow.

Vaccaro, Christian. (2011) "Inclusive Masculinities: The Changing Nature of Masculinity" by Eric Anderson. *Book Review for Gender and Society*. 25(1): 124-125.

PRESENTATIONS

2019 Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa; Niccolai, Ashley; Morrison, Shayna "'We Enable them Because We Give Them Free Narcan': The Narrative Work of Compassion Fatigue among First Responders in the Opioid Epidemic" *Pennsylvania Sociological Society*, Elizabethtown, PA.

2019 Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa; Niccolai, Ashley; Morrison, Shayna "'We Enable them Because We Give Them Free Narcan': The Narrative Work of Compassion Fatigue among First Responders in the Opioid Epidemic" *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, New York, NY

2019 Vaccaro, Christian; Rohlinger, Deana; Williams, Cynthia "Emotions as a Resource for Individual Political Action: Emails to Jeb Bush Regarding Terri Schiavo" *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY

2019 Vaccaro, Christian; Swauger, Melissa; Niccolai, Ashley; Morrison, Shayna "'We Enable them Because We Give Them Free Narcan': The Narrative Work of Compassion Fatigue among First Responders in the Opioid Epidemic" *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA

2019 Machado, Crystal; Hsiao, Pao-Ying; Vaccaro, Christian; Baker, Christine “Entering the Social Media Stratosphere: College Professors' Varied use of Social Media across four Disciplines” Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education, Las Vegas, NV

2018 Vaccaro, Christian “Applying Public Sociology as a Small-Town Elected Official: “What Did I Get Myself Into?!” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore MD

2017 Hsiao, Pao Ying; Vaccaro, Christian; Machado, Crystal; Baker, Christine “The Social Media SWOT Team: Tweets, Likes, Selfies and Pins” Center for Teaching Excellence, Indiana PA

2017 Vaccaro, Christian “Applying Public Sociology as a Small-Town Elected Official: “What Did I Get Myself Into?!” Pennsylvania Sociological Society, Pittsburgh, PA

2015 Farester, Erika; Heckert, Alex; Anderson, John; Vaccaro, Christian; Siegel, Michael “Assessing Stress and Coping among Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Officers” American Society of Criminology

2015 Papakie; Michele; Vaccaro, Christian “Military Family Strengths and Struggles” Western Pennsylvania Veterans Health Administration Combat Stress Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA

2015 Shay, Cory; Vaccaro, Christian “Impact Report: Military Resource Center” University President’s Cabinet Meeting, Indiana, PA

2014 Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian; Sessions, Miriam; Mauney, Heather “Identity Deployment, Social Movements, and the Battle over Terri Schiavo” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA

2014 Vaccaro, Christian; Papakie, Michele; Heckert, Alex “The Invisible Work of Veteran Reintegration in the University Setting” Veterans in Higher Education Conference, Slippery Rock, PA

2014 Vaccaro, Christian; Papakie, Michele; Heckert, Alex “The Invisible Work of Veteran Reintegration in the University Setting” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore

2013 Vaccaro, Christian “The Gender Embodiment Cycle in Mixed Martial Arts” American Sociological Association, New York.

2013 Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian; Sessions, Miriam; Mauney, Heather “Identity in Action” American Sociological Association, New York.

2013 Heckert, Alex; Vaccaro, Christian “Ritualism is the New Conformity: Testing Merton’s Anomie Theory Using MIDAS Data” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

2013 Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian; Sessions, Miriam; Mauney, Heather. "Please Mr. Bush: The Strategic Use of Role-Identities in Political Communication." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA

2012 Rohlinger, Deana; Vaccaro, Christian; Sessions, Miriam; Mauney, Heather. "Please Mr. Bush: The Strategic Use of Role-Identities in Political Communication." Pennsylvania Sociological Society. Pottsville, PA

2012 Vaccaro, Christian. "The Gender Embodiment Cycle in Mixed Martial Arts" North-Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, PA

2012 Martin, James; Vaccaro, Christian. "Social Awkwardness, Nerdism, and Manhood Acts in a Campus LARPing Group" North-Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, PA

2012 Kahle, Lindsay; Vaccaro, Christian. "Testing the Effects of Bullying and Cyberbullying on Delinquency Using the Pennsylvania Youth Survey" North-Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, PA

2012 Vaccaro, Christian. "The Gender Embodiment Cycle in Mixed Martial Arts" Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY

2012 Martin, James; Vaccaro, Christian. "Social Awkwardness, Nerdism, and Manhood Acts in a Campus LARPing Group" Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY

2012 Kahle, Lindsay; Vaccaro, Christian. "Testing the Effects of Bullying and Cyberbullying on Delinquency Using the Pennsylvania Youth Survey" Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY

2011 Vaccaro, Christian. "Gender Structure and Framing Men's Actions in the Sport of Mixed Martial Arts" Pennsylvania Sociological Society Meeting. Greensburg, PA

2011 Vaccaro, Christian. "Sociology for the Purpose of Service: Assimilating, Agitating, and Leading." Invited Lecture for Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony. Indiana, PA

2011 Vaccaro, Christian; Rogers, Kyle; Erdemli, Serkan; Rohlinger, Deana. "How are Emotions Linked to Social Movement Framing?: The Case of Terri Schiavo" Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA

2011 Vaccaro, Christian. "Walking the Tight-Rope: Manhood Acts, Gender Structure, and Men's Negotiated Signification of their Actions as Dangerous and Safe in the Sport of Mixed Martial Arts" Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL

2010 Belakova, Vendula; Zabransky, Tomas; Vaccaro, Christian. "Marijuana Markets in The Czech Republic and the United States: Different Drug Policies, Markets, and Harms" Mid-Southern Sociological Association. Baton Rouge, LA.

2010 Schrock, Doug; McCabe, Janice; Vaccaro, Christian. “‘Reformed’ Batterers’ Tragic Narratives: Othering Women, Transforming Genres, and Reproducing Men’s Violence” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA

2010 Vaccaro, Christian; Rogers, Kyle; Erdemli, Serkan; Rohlinger, Deana. “Media Framing, Emotion Resonance, and Political Activism: The Case of Terri Schiavo” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

2010 Vaccaro, Christian. “Using Online Materials to Supplement Ethnographic Research” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA

2009 Schrock, Doug; McCabe, Janice; Vaccaro, Christian. “The ‘Other’ in Self-Narratives: Batterer Intervention Program Graduates’ Construction of Blameworthy Victims” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism, San Francisco, CA

2009 Vaccaro, Christian. “Fighting Fear: Emotion Work in Manhood Acts” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA

2009 Vaccaro, Christian. “Inconsistent applications: Comparing Connell’s definition of hegemonic masculinity to others’ use of the term” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA

2009 Vaccaro, Christian. “Integrating Vertical, Horizontal, and Group-Process Models of Expertise: Developing a Symbolic Interactionist Approach to Embodiment Processes” Florida Society of Social Science, Gainesville, FL

2008 Vaccaro, Christian. “Mixed Martial Arts and Masculine Emotion Work” Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, VA

POSITIONS

- 2016-Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2017-Present Director of Training, Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for
Community Behavior Health
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2017-Present Undergraduate Merit Scholarship Advisor
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2012-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2011-2017 Research Associate, Mid-Atlantic Addiction Research and Training Institute
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

2011-2012 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2010 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology
University of North Florida
2005-2007 Instructor, Department of Sociology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2007 Adjunct Faculty, Division of Undergraduate Studies
Pennsylvania State University
2005 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

COURSES TAUGHT

Qualitative Methods for the Social Sciences SOC 765/865
Contemporary Social and Organizational Theories (Graduate) SOC 803
Cook Honors College Seminar HRNC 102C
Cook Honors College Seminar HRNC 102D
Introduction to Sociology SOC 151
Delinquency and Youth SOC 333
Sociology of Deviance SOC 269
Sociology of Deviance (Graduate) SOC 744
Theories of Sociological Social Psychology (Graduate) SOC 781
Introduction to Poly-Victimization (Graduate) SOC 781/881 & PSYC 981
Interpersonal Dynamics SOC 345
Sociology of Mass Media (Online) SOC 421
Understanding and Responding to Violence and Trauma SOC 481 & PSYC 481
Social Psychology (Online) SYO 3000
Social Problems SOC 231

STUDENTS MENTORED

Daniel Wethli, Fulbright Scholarship, China (2018) Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Daniel Wethli, Boren Scholarship, Taiwan (2019) Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Kaitlin LaManna, Honors (in progress) Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Chair

Lindsay Kahle, MA (2012) Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Chair
James Martin, MA (2013) Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Chair
Kristy Notestine, MA (2013) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
David Borton, MA (2017) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Chelsea Clark, MA (2018) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
PJ Gillece, MA (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Katelyn Denton, MA (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Kaitlin LaManna, Honors (in preparation)

Don Kaminski, PhD (2018) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Lisa Crouch, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair

Kacy Crowley, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Jill Oblak, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Bryan Seal, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Matthew Godissart, (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Chair
Brian Farester, PhD (2015) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Erika Farester, PhD (2016) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Jessica Baum, PhD (2018) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Todd McKeever, PhD (2018) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Terrence Mitchell, PhD (2019) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
John Cookus, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Kevin Foster, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Patricia Lawton, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Lisa Layden, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Laura Julius, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Vincent Kemp, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Andrea Moore, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Rebecca Sarver, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Samaila Sidikou (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Timothy Shick (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member
Bill Zimmerman, PhD (in preparation) Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Committee Member

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

University Merit Scholarship Advisor 2017-present
Frederick Douglass Institute Board Member 2017-present
Chair, Department Student Learning Outcomes Evaluation Committee 2018-present
Chair, Online Education Committee, Sociology Department 2017-present
REACH Conference Organizer Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2013-2014
Coordinator Veterans Research Cluster Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2013-2015
Veterans Outreach Group, Chair of Research and Assessment Committee 2013-2015
APSCUF Legislative Executive Committee 2019
APSCUF Legislative Chairperson 2019
APSCUF Legislative Co-Chairperson 2015-2018
APSCUF Legislative Committee Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2012-2015
APSCUF Department Representative 2013-2014
Northpointe Faculty Senate Representative 2013-2015 (Development and Finance Committee)
Sociology Master's Committee Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2013-2015
Department Website Advisor 2013-2015
Co-Advisor, Undergraduate Sociology Club 2013-2015
Search Committee (3 successful hires), Sociology Department 2012-2013
Undergraduate Committee Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2011-2012
Departmental Awards Committee Florida State University 2009-2010
Colloquium Committee Florida State University 2008-2009
Graduate Program Committee Florida State University 2008-2009
Qualitative Research Group, co-chair Florida State University 2008-2011

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Occasional Reviewer for The Sociological Quarterly
Occasional Reviewer for Symbolic Interaction
Occasional Reviewer for Social Psychology Quarterly

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Elected Councilman, Borough of Leechburg 2013-2018
Board of Directors, Leechburg Library 2015-2018
Board of Directors, My New Leaf Addiction Recovery Tech 2016-2018