

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. *Michigan State University*, 1994 (Sociology)
Dissertation: “Environmental Controversies, News Media, and the State: The Case of Synthetic Organic Pesticides in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s”
- M.S. *Texas A&M University*, 1985 (Sociology)
Thesis: “Environmental Conflicts in Texas Coastal Communities, 1977-1983”
- B.A. *Southwestern Oklahoma State University*, 1982 (Sociology/Psychology)
Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Conflicts
Sustainable and Inclusive Communities
Sociology of Knowledge
Systems Theory
Symbolic-Ecological Perspective
Framing in Social Movements and Media
Intersections of Social Identity and Place
Generalized Trust
Scholarly Writing

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social and Organizational Theory
Political Sociology
Environmental Sociology
Community Studies
Globalization and Risks
Sociology of Religion
Sociological/Professional Writing
Disability Studies
Sociology of Religion

WORK IN PROGRESS

Gunter, Valerie J. *Dissertation Proposal Workbook for Social Science Projects with Limited Up-Front Focusing: Strategies to Help you Get Started and to Help you Move Forward When You Get Stuck*. Prospectus and substantial drafts of Chapters 1 and 2 submitted to Helen Salmon, Senior Acquisitions Editor, Research Methods, Statistics, and Evaluation, Sage Publishing, in July, 2019.

Miernicki-Nojunas, Jennifer and Valerie Gunter. "Constructing Strength-Based Practices in Applied Settings: Social Work and the Troubled Person Industry." Manuscript being prepared for submission to the journal *Social Problems*.

Crosky, Joseph and Valerie Gunter. "Rumination and Mindfulness Practice: Can a Four-Week Workshop Help College Students Cope with Stress?" Manuscript being prepared for submission to the journal *Sociological Spectrum*.

Gunter, Valerie J. *The Wretched Beyond* (a novel).

PUBLICATIONS

Electronic – IUP

Gunter, Valerie, Beth Mabry, and Bryna Siegel Finer. 2019. *Department of Sociology Departmental Writing Plan*.

Electronic Compilations

Gunter, Valerie J. 2015. "News Media and Technological Risks: The Case of Pesticides after *Silent Spring*." In Eric Kojla (ed.), *There's Research on That: Corporate Denial of Climate Change Risks*. Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota: The Society Pages.

Books in Print

Gunter, Valerie and Steve Kroll-Smith. 2007. *Volatile Places: A Sociology of Communities and Environmental Controversies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Kroll-Smith, Steve, Phil Brown and Valerie Gunter (eds.). 2000. *Illness and the Environment: A Reader in Contested Medicine*. New York: New York University Press.

Book Chapters

Brown, Phil, Steve Kroll-Smith and Valerie J. Gunter. 2000. "Knowledge, Citizens, and Organizations: An Overview of Environments, Diseases, and Social Conflict." Pp. 9-28 in S. Kroll-Smith, P. Brown, and V. Gunter (eds.), *Illness and the Environment: A Reader in Contested Medicine*. New York: New York University Press.

Busch, Lawrence, Keiko Tanaka and Valerie J. Gunter. 2000. "Who Cares if the Rat Dies? Rodents, Risk, and Humans in the Science of Food Safety." Pp. 108-119 in S. Kroll-Smith, P. Brown and V. Gunter (eds.), *Illness and the Environment: A Reader in Contested Medicine*. New York: New York University Press.

Kroll-Smith, Steve and Valerie J. Gunter. 1998. "Legislators, Interpreters and Disasters: The Importance of How as well as What is Disaster." Pp. 152-176 in Henry Quarantelli (ed.), *What is a Disaster? Perspectives on the Question*. London: Routeledge.

Kroll-Smith, Steve and Valerie J. Gunter. 1998. "A Plea for Heterodoxy: Response to Perry's Remarks." Pp. 229-230 in E.L. Quarantelli (ed.), *What is a Disaster? Perspectives on the Question*. London: Routeledge.

Refereed Journal Articles

Widener, Patricia and Valerie J. Gunter. 2007. "Recovery in the Media: An Alaskan Native Perspective on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill." *Society & Natural Resources* 20:767-783. (1.C.1.a)

Gunter, Valerie J. 2005. "News Media and Technological Risks: The Case of Pesticides After *Silent Spring*." *The Sociological Quarterly* 46:671-98.

Kroll-Smith, Steve and Valerie Gunter. 2005. "Governing Sleepiness: Somnolent Bodies, Discourse, and Liquid Modernity." *Sociological Inquiry* 75:346-71.

Kroll-Smith, Steve, Valerie Gunter and Shirley Laska. 2000. "Theoretical Stances and Environmental Debates: Reconciling the Physical and the Symbolic." *The American Sociologist* 31:44-61.

Gunter, Valerie, Marilyn Aronoff and Susan Joel. 1999. "Toxic Contamination and Communities: Using an Ecological-Symbolic Perspective to Theorize Response Contingencies." *The Sociological Quarterly* 40:623-640.

Seydlitz, Ruth, Pam Jenkins and Valerie Gunter. 1999. "Impact of Petroleum Development on Lethal Violence." *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* 17 (2):115-131.

Gunter, Valerie J. and Craig K. Harris. 1994. "Noisy Winter: The DDT Controversy in the Years before *Silent Spring*." *Rural Sociology* 63:179-198.

Aronoff, Marilyn and Valerie Gunter. 1994. "A Pound of Cure: Facilitating Participatory Processes in Technological Hazard Disputes." *Society and Natural Resources* 7:235-252.

Busch, Lawrence, Valerie Gunter, Theodore Mentele, Masashi Tachikawa, and Keiko Tanaka. 1994. "Socializing Nature: Technoscience and the Transformation of Rapeseed into Canola." *Crop Science* 34:607-614.

Aronoff, Marilyn and Valerie Gunter. 1992. "Defining Disaster: Local Constructions for Recovery in the Aftermath of Chemical Contamination." *Social Problems* 39:201-221.

Aronoff, Marilyn and Valerie Gunter. 1992. "'It's Hard to Keep a Good Town Down': Local Recovery Efforts in the Aftermath of Chemical Contamination." *Industrial Crisis Quarterly* 6:83-97.

Gunter, Valerie and Barbara Finlay. 1988. "Influences on Group Participation in Environmental Conflicts." *Rural Sociology* 53:498-505.

Gunter, Valerie J., Robert B. Ditton, and Steve G. Olson. 1987. "An Assessment of Beach Access and Management Issues on Galveston Island." *Coastal Management* 15:247-260.

TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses Taught at IUP

SOC 320 Sociological Theory
SOC 337 Society, Globalization and Risk
SOC 352 Sociology of Religion
SOC 458 Political Sociology
SOC 452 Disability and Society
SOC 481 Special Topics: Community Studies
SOC 481 Special Topics: Environment and Society

Graduate Courses Taught at IUP

SOC 552 Disability and Society
SOC 709 Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 754 Social Inequality
SOC 765/865 Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 802 Classical Social and Organizational Theory
SOC 803 Contemporary Social and Organizational Theory
SOC 881 Special Topics: Advanced Qualitative Methods
LDRS 900 Dissertation Seminar

New Courses and Course Revisions

SOC 300 Skills for Using Sociology in Your Career and Community (approved by IUP University Senate March, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Fall, 2007-Present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Fall, 1999-Spring, 2007	Associate Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans

Spring-Fall, 2006	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University
Fall, 2005	Visiting Adjunct Associate Professor, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University
Fall, 2000-Spring, 2007	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans
Fall, 1998-Fall, 1999	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, and Managing Director, Environmental Social Science Research Institute, University of New Orleans
Fall, 1996-Summer, 1998	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, and Managing Director, Environmental Social Science Research Institute, University of New Orleans
Fall, 1994-Summer, 1996	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans
Fall, 1992-Summer, 1994	Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans
Fall, 1986-Summer, 1992	Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University
Fall, 1982-Summer, 1985	Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology and the Texas Sea Grant Program, Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE SINCE FALL, 2007

Consultantships (Last Five Years)

Reviewer: *Sociological Inquiry* (approximately 1 to 2 article/year)
 Society and Natural Resources (approximately 1 article/year)

Leadership Activities

National

Member, C. Wright Mill's Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2007.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE SINCE FALL, 2007 RELEVANT TO SABBICAL REQUEST

Member, University-Wide Graduate Committee (Spring, 2018-present AND Fall, 2009-Spring,

2011)

Faculty Judge at IUP Undergraduate and Graduate Scholars Forum, most years, 2012-present

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE SINCE FALL, 2007

Member, UEC, Fall 2011-present

WAC Liaison for the Sociology Department. 2016-present

MA Coordinator, Fall 2008-Spring 2011

Chair, Masters Committee (Fall, 2008 to Spring, 2011)

Member, Masters Committee (Fall, 2007-Spring, 2008)

Member, ALS Committee (Fall, 2008 to Spring, 2011)

DISSERTATION AND THESIS ADVISEMENT SINCE FALL, 2007

Dissertation Major Advisor, Completed

Mierniki-Nojunas, Jennifer Marie. 2019. *Exploring the Credentials for Strength-Based Family Workers and its Practical Implication for the Field.*

Kush, Jennifer Mahon. 2019. *Successful Pedagogical Strategies for First-Generation College Students.*

Creswell-Yeager, Tiffany. 2012. *Influences That Affect First Generation College Students' College Choice: A Qualitative Inquiry.*

Wilson, Jackie. 2012. *The Development of Racial Identity Versus a Life Without Permanence: A Comparative Analysis Regarding the Willingness of African-American Youth to be Placed Trans-Racially in White Adoptive Homes.*

Smith, Lana. 2012. *The Nursing Faculty Shortage: The Untold Story.*

Volger, William. 2011. *Humor and Work: Toward a More Contextual Understanding of Humor and the Workplace.*

Dissertation Major Advisor, Dissertation Defense Passed, Final Revisions in Progress

Crosky, Joseph. 2019. *Undergraduate College Students' Knowledge of and Experience with Mindfulness Practices at a Public Mid-Atlantic University*. Dissertation Proposal Defense passed summer, 2018. Expected date of graduation: August, 2019.

Leuschel, Steve. 2019. *Mentoring the Toyota Way: A Qualitative Study of the Sensei Protégé Relationship at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky*. Dissertation Proposal Defense passed Summer, 2018. Expected date of graduation: August or December, 2019.

Dissertation Major Advisor, Dissertation in Progress

Soni, Bina. Dissertation Topic: Organizational Leadership and the Chakra System. Dissertation proposal in progress.

Dissertation Committee Member, Completed

Himes-Bissooonette, Deborah. *Psychological Empowerment of CNAs: Impact on Organizational Outcomes*.

Smith, Heather, *From HIPAA to HITECH: A Policy Analysis of the Policy Shift Concerning the Handling of Non-Criminal Privacy Violations and Stakeholder Influences Regarding the Policy Shift*.

Kiley, Wendi J. 2017. *The Impact of Principal Mentoring Programs on the Moral Judgement of School Principals*.

Chippo, Sherri. 2016. *A Study of the Relationship Between Transportation Infrastructure and Criminal Behavior*.

Berger, Travis. 2016. *Presenting a Framework and Process for Designing Leadership Development Programs as Sustainable Competitive Advantages: A Case Study at Hershey's Entertainment and Resorts*.

Wallitsch, Jennifer, 2016. *The Emergence of Servant Leadership in a State Government Human Services Agency*.

Springer, John. 2015. *Investigating the Impact of Early Union Socialization Experiences and Union Justice on Union Commitment and Participation*.

Rainey, Paul. 2015. *The National Labor Relations Act: Structuration and the Interaction of Policy and the Hermeneutics of Case Law*.

Mukherjee, Sue. 2015. *Analysis of Employee-Related Policies That Seek to Increase the Economic Security of America's Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers*.

Thomas, Gregory. 2014. *The Influence of Homeland Security on Policing*.

Staples, Hillary. 2014. *Faculty Perceptions of Mentoring First-Generation/Low Income and Underrepresented College Students at Predominantly White Institutions: An Exploratory Study.*

Bloom, Renee. 2014. *Leading the Way in Radiography: Radiography Students' Perceptions of Leadership in the Field, Leadership Opportunities, and Themselves as Future Leaders.*

Reinsfelder, Tom. 2013. *Academic Administrator Influence on Institutional Commitment to Open Access of Scholarly Research.*

Bretz, Brenda. 2012. *Personal and Social Identity Development: Experiences of Social Mobility.*

Minnick, Wanda. 2012. *Organizational and Personal Characteristics That Influence Role Conflict and Role Ambiguity in the Safety Professional.*

Castellino, Lisa. 2012. *Who Are Community College Transfer Students? A View Through Faculty Lens.*

Yoder, Marian. 2011. *Degree Pursuit by Very At-Risk Students: Examining Characteristics Factors Leading to Degree Completion.* .

Rossman, Therese L. 2011. *Older Home Health Registered Nurses: Work Perceptions and Satisfaction.*

Kemeny, M. Elizabeth. 2010. *Staff Development of Direct Care Workers in Pennsylvania Relationship of Organizational Structure and Culture and Best Practices in Training.*

Dupnock, Lisa M. 2010. *Independent Restaurant Employee Job Satisfaction in College Towns.*

Dissertation Committee Member, Dissertation in Process

Benfield, David C. Dissertation topic: Identify the Impact of a YMCA, a “Third Place,” on a Healthy Community. Dissertation proposal in progress.

Moore, Andrea. Dissertation Topic: Religiosity and Organizational Leadership. Comprehensive exam in progress.

Bert, Jonathon. Dissertation Topic: University Staff Experience with a Civil Rights Tour. Comprehensive exam in progress.

Thesis Committee Chair, Completed

Astorino, Joseph Anthony. 2009. *Urban Sprawl, Breathing Room, and Glimpses of the Space Age: Constructing the Pennsylvania Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act*. Student went on to complete a Ph.D. in sociology from Washington State University.

Cottingham, Marci D. 2009. *The Terrible Towel and Fair-Weather Fans: An Exploration of Steeler's Nation as a Quasi-Religion*. Student went on to complete a Ph.D. in sociology from University of Akron.