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Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

2016 – Present

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology,
Geography and Sociology, Stephen F. Austin State University

2015 – 2016

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Psychological and Social
Sciences, Pennsylvania State University in Abington

EDUCATION

2015

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Missouri
Dissertation: *Suspicion, Coping, and Competence in Preschool Teachers' Identity Work*
Committee: Jaber F. Gubrium (chair), Wayne Brekhus, Jason Rodriguez,
Candace Kuby (College of Education)

2012

Comprehensive Exams: Culture and Identity, Social Control and Deviance

2009

M.A. Sociology, University of Memphis
Thesis: *Damned if you Doom, Damned if you Don't: Emerging Discourses in Peak Oil*

2005

B.A. Sociology, University of Memphis

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2015

- 2014
Pruit, John C. 2015. "Preschool Teachers and the Discourse of Suspicion." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44(4):510-534.
- 2012
Pruit, John C. 2014. "Preconstructing Suspicion and Recasting Masculinity in Preschool Settings." *Qualitative Research in Education* 3(3):320-44.
- 2012
Pruit, John C. 2012. "Peak Oil and the Narrative Construction of Unmarked Identities." *Symbolic Interaction* 35(4):438-55.
- 2011
Pruit, John C. 2012. "Peak Oil and the Everyday Complexity of Human Progress Narratives." *Narrative Works* 2(2):69-91.
- 2011
Pruit, John C. 2011. "Considering Eventfulness as an Explanation for Locally Mediated Peak Oil Narratives." *Qualitative Inquiry* 17(2):197-203.

Textbooks

- 2016
Bah, Ablo and **John C. Pruit**. 2016. *Writing About Sociology*. St. Louis, MO: Veritacit Inc.
- Brent, Edward and **John C. Pruit**. 2016. *Sociology Online*. Columbia, MO: The Idea Works, Inc.

Other Publications

- 2016
Pruit, John C. 2016. "Getting Dressed." Pp. 155-163 in *Popular Culture as Everyday Life*, edited by Dennis Waskul and Phillip Vannini. New York: Routledge.
- 2014
Pruit, John C. 2014. "Identity Work." Pp. 358-61 in *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*, edited by C. J. Forsyth and H. Copes. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 2011
Rambo, Carol and **John C. Pruit**. 2011. "Erotic Dancing." Pp. 397-402 in *Routledge Handbook of Deviant Behavior*, edited by C. Bryant. New York: Routledge.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Between Teaching and Caring in the Preschool. (Under contract - Lexington Books)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017

College of Liberal and Applied and Arts Faculty Grant Competition, Stephen F. Austin State University (\$2000)
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Travel Grant, Stephen F. Austin State University (\$750)
College of Liberal and Applied Arts Travel Grant, Stephen F. Austin State University (\$175)

2016

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University in Abington (\$4,000)

2015

Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Missouri (declined)
Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society (\$100)
Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)

2014

Habenstein Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$1,000)
Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)
Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (\$200)
Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)
Graduate Professional Council Travel Award, Graduate Professional Council, University of Missouri (\$400)
Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)
Professional Presentation Travel Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Missouri (\$400)
Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)
Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society (\$100)

2013

Professional Development Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (\$200)

2010

Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (\$200)

2009

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis (\$500)

Graduate Student Association Travel Award, Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis (\$364)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016

Lion Ambassador's Luncheon, Special Guest, Penn State University Abington

2013

Beta Theta Pi Teacher Appreciation Dinner, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, University of Missouri

2012

Oliver C. Cox Graduate Student Paper Competition (winner), Missouri Sociological Association (\$75)

2009

Graduate Assistant Meritorious Teaching Award (finalist), University of Memphis

2008

Faculty Appreciation Award, University of Memphis Volleyball Team, University of Memphis

2006

W.E.B. Du Bois Undergraduate Paper Competition (winner), Department of Sociology, University of Memphis (\$150)

INVITED TALKS

2012

"Peak Oil, Biographical Work, and the Future of Society." Missouri Sociological Association (October 12-13).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVITY

2017

"Ending the Story in Preschool Teaching." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting (August 11 – August 13).

Organizer and Presider, Identity Work as a Story. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting (August 11 – August 13).

Organizer and Presider, Storying Identity Work. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting (August 11 – August 13).

"Preschool Teaching and Emotion Management." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 30 – April 2).

2016

(with Victoria Pirenoglu) "The Narrative Construction of the College Student Experience." ACURA Undergraduate Student Poster Fair, Penn State University Abington (April 11-12).

(with Victoria Pirenoglu) "I Wish My Teacher Knew: Tension and Belonging in the University." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 23-26).

2015

Organizer and Presider, Analyzing the Context of Education. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 26-29).

"Gender, Competence, and Identity in the Preschool." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 26-29).

2014

Organizer and Presider, Disrupting Identity Hegemony in the Context of Gender, Race, and Pathology. Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting (October 15-17).

"Constructing Preschool Teacher Competence Using Gender and Naturalization." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting (October 15-17).

"Piled On: Preschool Teachers' Unsuccessful Emotion Displays." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting (August 15-17).

"Males and the Discourse of Suspicion: Minimizing Suspicion in Early Childhood Education." Tenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (May 21-24).

"The Discourse of Suspicion: Males and Early Childhood Education." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (April 3-6).

2013

"Peak Oil and the Doomer Identity Code." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings (March 27-30).

Organizer and Presider, Narrative, Force, and Interaction. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 27-30).

Organizer and Presider, Narrative and Interaction. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (March 27-30).

2010

“Peak Oil and the Everyday Complexity of Human Progress Debate.” Couch/Stone Symposium (March 11-13).

2009

“Damned if you Doom, Damned if you Don’t: Emerging Discourses in Peak Oil.” Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (May 20-23).

Campus/Department Talks

2016

Guest lecture, Sociology of Gender (Dianne Dentice). “Masculinities in Everyday Life” (October 13, 2016).

Guest lecture, Professional Seminar (Bob Szafran). “Applying to graduate Programs” (October 3, 2016).

2015

“Biography, Research, and Teaching.” Psychology Club Colloquium, Psychological and Social Sciences, Penn State Abington (October 30).

2014

“Piled On: Preschool Teachers’ Unsuccessful Emotion Displays.” Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri (March 13).

2009

“Applying to Masters and Ph.D. Programs, University of Memphis Sociology Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis (February).

“Professional Service Work.” Social Pupils Lecture Series, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis (March).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stephen F. Austin State University

Introduction to Sociology
Racial and Ethnic Relations

Penn State Abington

Sociology of Education
Race and Ethnic Relations
Urban Sociology
Sociology of Deviance
Self, Language, and Society

University of Missouri

Introduction to Sociology
Social Psychology (online)

Moberly Area Community College – Columbia

General Sociology (hybrid)

University of Memphis

Introduction to Sociology

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2017

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Meeting Planning
Committee

2010 – 2012

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Aging Studies*

2010 – 2011

Editorial Assistant, *Societies Without Borders*

2007 – 2009

Managing Editor, *Symbolic Interaction*

Occasional Manuscript Reviewer

Qualitative Sociology
Oxford University Press
Narrative Works
Qualitative Sociology Review
Social Psychology Quarterly
Symbolic Interaction

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
Midwest Sociological Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH

2011 – 2012

Secretary, Board of Directors, Columbia Montessori School, Columbia,
MO

2010 – 2011

Member, Board of Directors, Columbia Montessori School, Columbia,
MO

EXTRACURRICULAR DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2016 Safe Space faculty member, Stephen F. Austin State University

2015 Safe Zone faculty member, Penn State Abington

2009 – 2010 Editor, *Communiqué*, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri