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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Doctoral Student, Sociology (M.A. 2006, Ph.D. 2011)

Wagner School of Public Service, New York University (M.P.A., not completed)

Columbia College, Columbia University, B.A., History (1995)

PUBLICATIONS

- In Print** "Cultural Categories of Worth and Polish Gender Equality Policy in the Context of EU Accession." *Social Politics* Volume 18:4.
- 2010** Gerber, Alexandra. "The Letter versus The Spirit: Barriers to Meaningful Implementation of Gender Equality Policy in Poland." *Women's Studies International Forum*, Volume 33:1, 30-37.
- 2008** Gerber, Alexandra. "Some Things Are Not Negotiable: Gender, Sovereignty, and Poland's Integration into the European Union." *Advances in Gender Research*, Volume 12: 79-98.
- 2006** Gerber, Alexandra. Encyclopedia entries on "Andrea Dworkin," "Carol Leigh (a.k.a. Scarlot Harlot)," "Prostitution and Organized Crime," and "Prostitution in Prison" in *The Historical Encyclopedia of Prostitution*, ed. Melissa Ditmore. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
- 1998** Gerber, Alexandra. 1998. "Reforming New York's Criminal Sentencing Policy: Third Time's a Charm?" *The Wagner Review*, Volume 9 (Spring 1998): 18-26.

WORKING PAPERS

- In progress* "The Power of (Some) Ideas in European Integration."
- In progress* "The Transformation of 'Europe' as an Idea in Polish Political Discourse (1997-2004)."

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Rackham Graduate School One-Term Completion Fellowship (Winter).
- 2010 Competitively selected participant in the University of Washington's and Colorado's EU Center's Graduate Research Workshop.
- 2010 American Sociological Association travel award to attend the International Sociological Association meeting in Sweden.
- 2009-2010 Candidacy Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.

- 2009 Pre-doctoral Fellow (in residence), Kolleg Forschergruppe (KFG)“The Transformative Power of Europe,” Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008-2009 FLAS Fieldwork Fellowship (Poland), U.S. Dept. of Education and University of Michigan (declined second term).
- 2008 Jean Monnet Fellow, International Institute, University of Michigan.
- 2007 Fulbright Commission competitively selected participant in the Commission for Exchange between the United States, Belgium, and Luxembourg Fulbright Program.
- 2007 Dissertation Research Grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan.
- 2007-2008 U.S. Department of State Fulbright (Poland).
- 2007 Summer Research Fellowship, Center for European Studies/Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2006-2007 David L. Boren/National Security Education Program Fellowship (Polish and Ukrainian), U.S. Department of State.
- 2006-2007 FLAS Fellowship (Polish), U.S. Dept. of Education and University of Michigan.
- 2005-2006 FLAS Fellowship (Polish), U.S. Dept. of Education and University of Michigan.
- 2005 FLAS Summer Fellowship (Polish), U.S. Dept. of Education and University of Michigan.
- 2005-2006 Research Grant, Graduate Seminar in Global Transformations, International Institute at the University of Michigan.
- 2003-2004 LSA Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 “Re-examining the Relationship Between Gender Equality and the Welfare State.” Culture, History, Politics Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI; January 26.
- 2010 “Being Polish/Becoming European: Gender Equality, Ideational Change, and the Transformative Power of Europe.” Sociology Departmental Colloquium. Ann Arbor, MI; October 21.
- 2010 “Whose Truth?: Europeanization and the Diffusion of Gender Equality Norms During Poland's Accession to the European Union.” 3rd International Conference on Polish Studies. Ann Arbor, MI; September 16-18.
- 2010 “Debating Equality in the Shadow of Compliance.” International Sociological Association World Congress, Research Committee 32, Session 7. Gothenburg, Sweden; July 11-17.
- 2010 “Being Polish/Becoming European: An Introduction,” research memo presented at the University of Washington's and Colorado's EU Center's Graduate Research Workshop. Seattle, WA; May 21-22.

- 2010 “Power, Hegemony, and Epistemic Shift: Towards a Sociology of European Integration.” Culture, History and Politics Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI; Mar. 31.
- 2010 “Internal Resistance to Bottom-Up Diffusion of Gender Equality Norms.” EU Studies Graduate Student Colloquium. Ann Arbor, MI; Jan. 18.
- 2009 “Equality vs. Difference vs. Compliance.” Power History Social Change Graduate Workshop, Department of Sociology. Ann Arbor, MI; Dec. 11.
- 2008 “Barriers to Meaningful Implementation of Gender Equality Policy in Poland.” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Nov. 21.
- 2008 “Renegotiating Polish Sovereignty in the Context of European Integration.” 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. Budapest, Hungary; June 28.
- 2007 “Being Polish/Becoming European: Gender and Poland's Accession to the European Union.” European Union Studies Association Biennial Conference. Montreal, Canada; May 19.
- 2007 “Being Polish/Becoming European: Gender and Poland's Accession to the European Union.” Sociology Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI; Jan. 31.
- 2004 “Tactical Innovation Within Social Movement Organizations” Social Movement Scholar Network Conference. Ann Arbor, MI; May 8.

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

Adrian College, Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2010
 Adrian College, Corrections and Rehabilitation, Fall 2010
 University of Michigan, Contemporary Social Issues: Vice, Spring 2010

Graduate Student Instructor (Teaching Assistant):

University of Michigan, Criminology, Winter 2005
 University of Michigan, Sociology of Sexuality, Fall 2004

Grader:

University of Michigan, Culture and Consumption, Fall 2006

Undergraduate Mentorship:

Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (SURO) Mentor, Fall 2004. Supervised two undergraduate sociology concentrators' work on a qualitative research project in which they transcribed and analyzed videotaped interview footage with street-based sex workers and sex workers' rights activists.

Graduate Mentorship:

Writing tutor/thesis editor, Center for Social Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, 2007-2009. Provided substantive and formal feedback to 25 non-native English speaking Master's students preparing a thesis to satisfy their degree requirement.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Researcher, dissertation fieldwork in Poland, 2007-2008. Spent 18 months in Poland collecting original data and conducting interviews in support of my dissertation project.

Research Assistant, Associate Professor Sherrie Kossoudji (University of Michigan, School of Social Work and Department of Economics), Fall 2006. Prepared weekly research reports on citizenship policy and legislation in the European Union and member states.

Research Assistant, Professor Andrei Markovits (University of Michigan, Departments of Political Science and Germanic Language and Literature), 2004-2005. Co-authored paper. Analyzed survey research data on gender differences in participation in sports culture amongst University of Michigan undergraduate athletes and non-athletes.

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

JusticeWorks Community, Grantwriter (Jan 1998 - Feb 1999)

Responsible for fundraising and writing/preparing grant applications and foundation progress reports on behalf of this non-profit alternatives to incarceration advocacy organization. Funders included: Bristol-Myers Squibb, Open Society Foundation, and New York Archdiocese.

Foundation for Research on Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Grantwriter (May – Oct 1997)

The Foundation is a non-profit social service organization that operates mobile STI testing and condom distribution, needle exchange, and transitional housing facilities for people living with AIDS. My responsibilities included fundraising and writing/preparing grant applications and foundation progress reports. Funders included: New York City Human Resources Administration, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Federal Ryan White Care Act Title III.

Fresh Start, Inc., Administrative Assistant/Grantwriter (March 1996 – Sep 1997)

Fresh Start's mission was to provide vocational training programs for non-violent offenders incarcerated on Riker's Island in New York City. My responsibilities included assisting the Executive Director with administrative tasks; preparing grant applications and progress reports for funders; and serving as organizational liaison with the Human Resource Administration as part of the implementation of a municipal WEP (Work Experience Program) project. Funders included: New York City Department of Correction, Open Society Institute, and the Pfizer Foundation.

Stop Prisoner Rape, Inc., Administrative Assistant (February 1996 – Sep 1997)

Board of Directors member (Sep 1997 – Sep 1998)

Stop Prisoner Rape (renamed Just Detention International, is a prisoner support and public advocacy organization which seeks to end rape in prison. As an Administrative Assistant I supported the Executive Director in managing prisoner correspondence, developing additional

informational materials, maintaining financial records, and meeting with policy makers and law enforcement officials. As a member of the Board of Directors, I organized and facilitated a 3-day board of directors retreat, set organizational priorities, raised funds for the organization, and participated in identifying a new Executive Director.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Gender & Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *European Journal of Women's Studies*, and *Advances in Gender Research*

Student Representative, Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2005-2006

Co-chair, Sociology Graduate Students, University of Michigan, 2004-2005

Co-organizer, Social Movement Scholar's Network Conference, University of Michigan, May 8-9, 2004

Co-founder, Social Movement Scholars Network, University of Michigan, 2004-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

European Union Studies Association

International Sociological Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English (native); Polish (proficient reading, advanced intermediate spoken/written); Spanish (proficient reading, intermediate spoken/written); German (intermediate reading, advanced beginner speaking); French (beginner); Ukrainian (beginner).