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Department of Sociology  
Sam Houston State University  
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**EDUCATION**

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ph.D. in Sociology	Yale University New Haven, CT	1995
M.Phil. in Sociology	Yale University New Haven, CT	1993
M.A. in Sociology	Yale University New Haven, CT	1989
B.A. in Sociology	Smith College Northampton, MA	1987

**CURRENT ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date</u>
Associate Chair	Department of Sociology Sam Houston State University	2014-present
Director	Center for Community Engagement Sam Houston State University	2014-present
Interim Associate Dean	College of Humanities & Social Sciences Sam Houston State University	2013-2014
Associate Professor	Department of Sociology Sam Houston State University	2011 - present
Assistant Professor	Department of Sociology Sam Houston State University	2005-2011

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date</u>
Director, Program Division/Consultant	Brethren Colleges Abroad, Study Abroad Consortium Elizabethtown, PA.	2002 to 2005
Adjunct Instructor/ Coordinator of Internship Program	Dickinson College, Center for European Studies Bologna, Italy.	1997 to 2002
Coordinator in Italy	UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Office) Joint Project For Small and Medium Enterprise Cluster Development, Bologna, Italy	1997 to 1998
Researcher/ Assistant to Scientific Coordinator	Nomisma. Economic Research Institute, Bologna, Italy	1995 to 1997
Research Assistant	University of Bologna Department of Economic Sciences Bologna, Italy	1994 to 1995
Guest Researcher	Fondazione Giovanni Agnelli Human & Social Science Research Institute, Turin, Italy	1991 to 1992
Graduate Student Representative	Yale University, Yale Alumni Fund Board of Directors, New Haven, CT	1989 to 1991

## **AREAS OF SPECIALTY**

Sociology of Disaster  
Community/Social Organization  
Scholarship of Teaching  
Economic Sociology

## **COURSES**

### **Undergraduate**

Introduction to Ethnic Studies  
Principles of Sociology

Introduction to Community Leadership  
Gender and Inequality  
Social Movements  
Sociology of Disaster  
Socialization, Social Control and Social Deviance  
Writing in Sociology  
The Culture and Institutions of Italy  
Internship in Applied Sociology  
Honors Seminar in American Culture (team taught)

### **Graduate**

Social Inequality (online)  
Social Impact Assessment & Program Evaluation (online)  
Sociology of Disaster (online)

### **New Courses**

Internship in Applied Sociology  
Sociology of Disaster (in person and online)  
Writing in Sociology (in person and online)  
Introduction to Community Leadership (in person)

## **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Submitted**

Denham, Magdalena and Lee M. Miller. 2018. "Community-Centric Risk Reduction: Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) as Local Partners." Revise and Resubmit in **Local Government Studies** special issue on Disaster and Emergency Management.

Mehta, Sanjay S., Lee M. Miller and Joyce McCauley. "Measuring the Impact of Community Engagement: Development of the BACE Scale." Revise and Resubmit at the **International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement**.

### **Journal Articles**

Denham, Magdalena and Lee M. Miller. 2018. "Partnering for Resilience: An Innovative Approach to Child-Centered Risk Reduction." Forthcoming in **International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters**.

Davis, Mary Ann and Lee M. Miller. 2014. "The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on the U.S. Foster Care System" **Children, Youth and Environments**. 24(1): 82-107.

Prelog, Andrew J. and Lee M. Miller. 2013. "Perceptions of Disaster risk and Vulnerability in Rural Texas." **Journal of Rural Social Sciences**. 28(3): 1-31.

- Miller, Lee M. 2012. "Controlling Disasters: Recognizing Latent Goals in Katrina's Aftermath." **Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management**. Wiley-Blackwell. Volume 36(1): 122-139.
- Miller, Lee M., Robert J. Antonio and Alessandro Bonanno. 2011. "Hazards of Neoliberalism: Delayed Electric Power Restoration after Hurricane Ike" **The British Journal of Sociology**. Volume 62(3): 504-522.
- Miller, Lee M. and Karen Manges Douglas. 2010. "Collective Thinking Keeps Us Safe: Lessons from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike." American Sociological Association 2009 Annual Conference Proceedings.
- Miller, Lee M. 2008. "Cooperazione e Capitale Sociale nei Disastri" (Cooperation and Social Capital in Disasters) in **Rivista della Cooperazione** Rome, Italy: Istituto Luzzatti.
- Miller, Lee M. 2007. "Collective Disaster Responses to Katrina and Rita: Exploring Therapeutic Community, Social Capital and Social Control." **Southern Rural Sociology**. Special Issue on Communities and Disasters.
- Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller. 1996. "Innovation and Collective Action: An Essay on the Dynamics of Change" in **Structural Change and Economic Dynamics**. Oxford University Press.
- Miller, Lee M. and Roger Sugden. 1995. "Small-Firm Webs and Innovation Processes" in **New Economy**, (June, 1995). London: Academic Press.

## **Book Chapters**

- Miller, Lee M. 2012. "Women and Risk: Commercial Wastewater Injection Wells and Gendered Perceptions of Risk" pp. 91-104 in TG Measham and S Lockie (eds.) **Risk and Social Theory in Environmental Management**. Collingwood, Victoria, Australia.
- Miller, Lee M. 2012. "Katrina Evacuee Reception in Rural East Texas: Rethinking Disaster 'Recovery.'" In Weber, L. and L. Peek. Eds. **Displaced: Voices from the Katrina Diaspora**. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.
- Miller, Lee M. 2012. "Receiving Communities and Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina" In Weber, L. and L. Peek. Eds. **Displaced: Voices from the Katrina Diaspora**. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.
- Bianchi, Patrizio. 1995. "Collective Action, Strategic Behaviour and Endogenous Growth" pp. 183-194 in Groenewegen, J. Pitelis, C. and Sjostrand, S.E., Eds. **On Economic Institutions - Theory and Applications**. Edward Elgar.

## **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book chapters**

Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller. 1999. "Innovacion, accion colectiva y crecimiento endogeno: un ensayo sobre las instituciones y el cambio estructural." (Innovation, collective action and endogenous growth: an essay on institutions and structural change) in **El Nuevo Rol del Territorio Para la Competitividad de las Empresas en el Espacio Global: Conocimiento, Aprendizaje e Interaccion**. Argentina: Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento.

### **Book - edited**

Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller, eds. 1999. **Innovation y Territorio, Políticas Para las Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas**. (Innovation and Territory: Policy for Small and Medium Enterprises) Mexico City: Centro Lindavista.

### **Monographs**

Citizen Residents Opposed to Wells and Lee M. Miller. 2010. "White Paper on Class I Non-Hazardous Injection Wells." Montgomery County, Texas.

Belliti, Carlo, Lee M. Miller and Paola Papini. 1998. "Small-firm Consortia: An Instrument for Economic Development." Vienna: UNIDO.

UNIDO. 1997. **SME Cluster Case Studies**. Monograph Series. Vienna: UNIDO.

Bianchi, Patrizio, Lee M. Miller and Silvano Bertini. 1997. "Executive Summary. The Italian SME Experience and Possible Lessons for Developing Countries." Vienna: UNIDO.

Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller. 1995. "SMEs in the frame of integration processes with particular references to small countries: examples from the European Union." Vienna: UNIDO.

Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller. 1994. "Innovation, Collective Action and Endogenous Growth: an Essay on Institutions and Structural Change" IDSE - Istituto di Ricerca sulla Dinamica dei Sistemi Economici - CNR, Milano.

Bianchi, Patrizio and Lee M. Miller. 1993. "Collective Action, Strategic Behavior and Endogenous Growth" Collana Rapporti Scientifici, Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, Università degli Studi di Bologna, no. 160, (febbraio 1993).

### **Encyclopedia Entry**

Miller, Lee M. 2008. "Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation" in the **Encyclopedia of Rural America**. Millerton, NY: Grey House Publishing.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2006-2017)**

2017 "Innovative Community Engagement Models for Student Career Development" roundtable, March 23, 2017, Gulf South Summit. Greensboro, North Carolina.

"Believe in Possibilities: Partnering to Prepare Young People for Careers" Lee M. Miller, Joyce McCauley, and Stephanie Sanders, March 24, 2017, Gulf South Summit. Greensboro, North Carolina.

"Seeing the Forest Despite the Trees: Exploring High-Impact Practices" April 13, 2017, University of Houston Downtown (keynote address). Houston, Texas;

"Measuring What Counts: Leveraging ACE", August 17, 2017, SHSU Teaching and Learning Conference.

2016 "Systemic Risk: Increased Technological Hazards and Current Regulatory Frameworks in the U.S." International Sociological Association, July 10-14, 2016, Vienna, Austria.

"Community Engagement 2.0: Developing Curriculum through Community Partnerships" Gulf South Summit, April 13-15, 2016, Savannah, Georgia.

"Learning from Children in Disasters" introduction to Plenary Speaker. Midwest Sociological Society, March 23-26, 2016, Chicago, IL.

"Sociology under Siege" co-presider/moderator. Midwest Sociological Society, March 23-26, 2016, Chicago, IL.

"Academic Community Engagement and Partnerships for Community Health" Medicine-Humanities-Social Sciences Round Table Symposium, March 18, 2016.

"The Future of Academic Community Engagement in Texas" organized and led panel, Texas Association of Chief Academic Officers, January 20, 2016, Austin, TX.

2015 "ACE and the Deans: What A Dean Should Know" Joyce McCauley, Lee Miller TADLAS, February 5, 2015. SHSU.

"Community Engagement: Can This Happen Within a Virtual Environment?" Lee Miller, Joyce McCauley, Li-Jen Shannon. Gulf South Summit. March 11-13, 2015. Little Rock, Arkansas.

“Measuring the Power of Community Engagement: Developing a Scale that Works”  
Joyce McCauley, Sanjay Mehta, Lee Miller, Michael Bosquez. Gulf South Summit.  
March 11-13, 2015. Little Rock, Arkansas.

“Measuring Student Learning in Community Engagement Courses: A Multi-Disciplinary  
Tool That Works.” Lee Miller, Sanjay Mehta, Joyce McCauley. Midwest Sociological  
Society. March 26-29, 2015. Kansas City, Missouri.

“Encouraging Reflection: Writing to Further Thinking” Joyce McCauley, Sanjay Mehta,  
Lee Miller. 2015 Annual SHSU Teaching Conference. August 20, 2015. SHSU

“What’s the Single Most Important Factor in Student Learning?” Mary Robbins, Joyce  
McCauley, Lee Miller 2015 Annual SHSU Teaching Conference. August 20, 2015.  
SHSU

- 2014 “Building Bridges between Town and Gown” with Joyce McCauley, Sanjay Mehta,  
Karen Miller and Jeffery Wozniak. SHSU Founders Day. April 26, 2014.

“Grassroots Curriculum Building: Minor in Community Leadership” with Joyce  
McCauley and Abbey Zink. Center for Community Engagement Advisory Board  
meeting. Fall 2014.

“Developing the next generation of Leaders: Minor in Community Leadership” with  
Joyce McCauley and Abbey Zink. Huntsville Rotary Club. Fall 2014.

- 2013 “The Safety Commons” with Karen Manges Douglas. Society for the Study of Social  
Problems, New York, August 9-11, 2013.

“Perceptions of Disaster Risk and Vulnerability in Rural Texas” with Andrew J. Prelog.  
Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, August 9-11, 2013.

“Covering Your Bases: How ACE Courses Advance Your Teaching, Research and  
Service” with V. Titterington, B. Greybeck, M. Henderson, L.J. Shannon, J. McCauley  
and S. Mehta. Panel Session at the SHSU Teaching Conference, August 22, 2013.

- 2012 “Virtual Mentors: Exploring a Mentoring/Peer Review Process for Online Teaching”  
SHSU Faculty Innovations in On-Line Education, CHSS Teaching Conference, August  
23, 2012.

“Understanding Disaster Impacts on U.S. Foster-Care System: A Case for an Ecological  
Approach” with Mary Ann Davis. American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.  
August 19, 2012.

- “The Politics of Waste: Engaged Research on a Waste Disposal Siting Dispute” Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN. March 31, 2012.
- 2011 “Disaster Waiting to Happen: How Neoliberalism Shapes Disaster Recovery and Mitigation” CHSS Dean’s Colloquium Presentation, March 2011.
- “Where Do Babies Go? U.S. Post-Disaster Adoptions and Foster-Care Placements after Hurricane Katrina and the 2010 Haitian Earthquake” with Mary Ann Davis. Midwest Sociological Society. St. Louis, Missouri. March 2011.
- Panel member. Author Meets Critics Session for Lori Peek, *Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans After 9/11*. March 2011.
- “The Sociology of Disaster” SHSU Bearkats Read to Succeed Program. October, 2011.
- 2010 “Community Responses to Toxic Hazards: Acceptance versus Resistance to Injection Wells in Two Texas Communities.” International Sociological Association World Congress, Sweden.
- “Women and Disaster: Safeguarding Texas Communities from Technological Disaster.” SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Conference (Poster).
- “Technological Disasters and the Emergent Roles of Women” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago.
- 2009 “Hurricane Katrina’s Receiving Communities” part of the Thematic Session “Reconsidering Community in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- “Collective Thinking Keeps Us Safe: Lessons from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- “We Are Only as Safe as Our Most Vulnerable Residents: The Evolving Definition of Special Needs Populations and Policies to Help Them In Emergency Situations.” Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2008 “Rural/Urban Partnering in Disaster Response: Challenges and Opportunities” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston.
- “Controlling Disasters: Recognizing Latent Goals in Katrina’s Aftermath.” Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis.
- 2007 “Collective Thinking Keeps Us Safe: Lessons from Hurricane Response and Environmental Resource Management” Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City. Co-authored with Karen Douglas, SHSU.



“Factors Shaping Evacuee Reception in Host Communities.” Natural Hazards Annual Workshop and Researchers’ Conference, Boulder, CO.

“Quando Conta Davvero: L’Innovazione nei Disastri.” Centro di Ricerca sull’Economia dell’Innovazione e della Conoscenza. Univeristy of Ferrara, Italy.

“Exploring the Social Determinants of Disaster Response: A Case Study from East Texas.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.

“Expanding the Commons: Cases from Resource Management and Emergency Planning” Society for Applied Anthropology Conference, Tampa, FL. With Karen Manges Douglas, SHSU.

“Who You Gonna Call? How Social Ties Shape Emergency Response.” Southwestern Sociological Association, Albuquerque, NM. Co-authored with David Webb, SHSU-LEMIT.

“Disaster and Water Resources Planning: Convergence and Divergence.” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Albuquerque, NM.

“Panel on Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina.” Sociologists for Women in Society, New Orleans.

Social Science Research Council Task Force on Hurricane Katrina.  
Working Group on Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina  
San Francisco, August 2009  
Boston, August 2008  
New Orleans, February 2008  
New York City, August 2007  
New Orleans, February 2007  
Montreal, August 2006

- 2006 “Social Capital and Community Resilience: Lessons from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center. Texas A&M University.

“Social Capital and Critical Incidents.” Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas – LE MIT. Sam Houston State University.

“When the Big One Hits: Preliminary Considerations on Social Capital, Social Control & Emergency Preparedness.” American Sociological Association, Montreal.

“Hurricane Responses: Flexible Specialization, Innovation and Social Capital” Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio.

“Social Capital and Social Control in Emergency Response.” Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio.

## **GRANTS**

- 2017      Assessing and Improving Political Learning and Engagement on Campus, American Association of State Colleges and Universities. \$2,000. Co-PI: Lee Miller.
- 2015      “Walker County Food for Life” Entergy Grant. 2015. \$5,000. PI: Lee Miller.
- 2012      “Virtual Mentors: Exploring a Mentoring/Peer Review Process for Online Teaching” CHSS Online Innovation Grant. Summer/Fall 2012. \$5,000. PI: Lee Miller
- 2008-2009      “Social Capital and Community Response to Toxic Hazards” Spring 2008 SHSU Faculty Enhancement Grant for Professional Development. \$11,335. Principal Investigator: Lee Miller
- 2007-2008      “Hurricane Katrina Evacuee Reception in Rural East Texas.” Social Science Research Council. \$8,722. Principal Investigator: Lee Miller
- 2007      Quick Response Grant. December 2007. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder. \$3,100. Principal Investigator: Lee Miller
- 2006      “Social Capital and Community Response to Critical Incidents.” Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. \$6,000. Principal Investigator: Lee Miller

## **SERVICE**

### **Department**

Associate Chair, fall 2011 to fall 2013; fall 2014 - present.

Departmental DPTAC committee member, fall 2011 - present.

Sociology Research Stipend Committee Chair, 2016 - present;

Sociology Department Budget Committee member, 2016 - present;

Departmental mentor to Jeff Gardner 2017 – present;

Search committee, Chair, community position, fall 2017;

Search committee member, Assistant Professor, class position, fall 2017;

Search committee, Chair, statistics and family position, summer 2017;

Departmental committee on Graduate Studies committee member, 2011-2013, 2015-2017.

Search Committee, Director of Internships, fall 2016.

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 Pathfinders Mentor for Dr. Tze-Li Hsu;

Search Committee, Assistant/Associate Professor, fall 2011.

Sociology Scholarship Committee Chair, fall 2005 – 2013.

Textbook Adoption Committee for Introduction to Ethnic Studies, spring 2010.

Textbook Adoption Committee for Principles of Sociology, spring 2009.

Search Committee – Assistant Professor, spring 2009.

Textbook Adoption Committee for Principles of Sociology, spring 2007.

Destination Graduation – recruiting for graduate program, fall 2006, spring 2007.

Department Newsletter, 2006-2007.

Search Committee – Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, fall 2006/spring 2007.

Internship in Applied Sociology – identify the parameters for an internship program in applied sociology, survey undergraduate interest in program, review SHSU policy on internships, draft departmental policy on internships, submit to faculty for review, supervise internships beginning in fall 2006.

Field School in Italy – student recruitment, trip and course organization, preparation and delivery of course, three-week travel with students, May 2006. *Pro bono*.

Search Committee – Assistant Professor in Gender Inequality, spring 2006

Sociology Club – Faculty Co-Advisor as of fall 2005. Activities include: weekly meetings, Population Awareness Day, Pizza with Profs, food drive for the Good

Shepherd Mission, basic needs drive for the SAAFE House women's shelter, Homesteaders Project (low-income housing), registration of residents for grant money through C.O.M.E. Center and United Way.

Textbook Adoption Committee for Introduction to Ethnic and Racial Studies, spring 2006.

## **College/University**

CHSS Advisory Board, Faculty Representative (2016-present);

CHSS P & T Advisory committee;

Assessing and Improving Political Learning and Engagement project co-Chair;

Student Enrollment Management Student Attributes **60x30** Committee on Marketable Skills fall 2016);

Founders Day Committee member (founding-present);

SHSU Carnegie Classification writing committee;

ACE Coordinator Committee Chair;

EWCAT/THNK Committee – new CHSS minor (2016);

Designed new interdisciplinary minor in Community Leadership for SHSU, 2016.

Organized and presented at The Gathering on Community Engagement in November 2015 which hosted representatives from 17 Texas universities to SHSU.

Conducted pilot assessment of social responsibility outcomes with the Office of Planning and Assessment 2015.

CHSS Online Teaching Committee, Chair, September 2013 to July 2014.

CHSS Curriculum Committee, Chair, September 2013 to July 2014.

University Curriculum Committee, September 2013 to July 2014;

Meta-Assessment Committee, September 2013 to July 2014;

Council of Associate Academic Deans, September 2013 to July 2014.

Hosted new faculty luncheon to introduce Academic Community Engagement 2014 – present.

Held Workshop on Research Opportunities for ACE Faculty.

Participated in two meetings with AASCU/ADP representatives when they visited SHSU.

Presented new Minor in Community Leadership to SAM Center Advisors.

Met with ELITE program participants to inform them of community engagement opportunities and describe the Minor in Community Engagement.

CHSS Workshop on Academic Civic Engagement, fall 2011, spring 2011, fall 2010.

Co-authored SHSU application for Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, 2010.

CHSS Opening Ceremonies Committee, spring 2009.

Engaged Scholars Committee, January 2009 – present (now ACE Coordinators Committee).

CHSS Peer Review of Teaching Committee, January 2009 – 2010.

Sociology Department liaison for Annual Campaign, September 2007 – 2014

Faculty Women's Advisory Committee, September 2007 – 2010.

American Democracy Project Steering Committee, August 2007 – 2014.

Co-taught HON 475 Seminar in American Cultures, spring 2007.

Dean's Working Group on Middle Eastern Studies Minor, spring 2007.

Italian Table – fall 2005 - 2007, a university-wide Italian conversation group with participants from Sociology, Research and Sponsored Programs, Foreign Languages, English, Music, Political Science and Criminal Justice.

## **Profession**

Midwest Sociological Society, Secretary 2013-2016, 2016-present

Midwest Sociological Society, Executive Board Member

Midwest Sociological Society, Membership Committee, Chair

Midwest Sociological Society, Nominations & Elections Committee

NSF ad hoc reviewer 2017, 2018

Panel organizer and moderator. “Political Economy of Disasters” at the International Sociological Association conference in July 2016 in Vienna.

Organized Thematic Session “Teaching Sociology Through Community Engagement: How Do We Know It’s Working” Midwest Sociological Association, Kansas City, Missouri 2015.

Executive Board, Gulf South Summit on Community Engagement and Service Learning. 2015-present.

Organized paper session “Disaster Capitalism: Exploring the Political Economy of Disaster” at XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan 13-19 July 2014.

Associate Editor. **Rural Sociology**, January 2011-2014.

Associate Editor. **Natural Hazards Review**. Spring 2011-2014.

Invited Session Coordinator, “Risk Perceptions, Risk Management and Blame,” **American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago 2011.

International Research Committee on Disaster International Sociological Association World Congress 2010 Session Chair, Session Discussant.

International Research Committee on Disaster (International Sociological Association) Prince Dissertation Award Committee 2009 – 2011.

Midwest Sociological Society Social Action Committee, 2007 – 2012. Chair 2010-2012.

Guest Assistant Editor. **Natural Hazards Review**, 2008 - 2011.

Natural Hazards Workshop, Panel Organizer and Chair “Faith-based organizations and Disaster,” July 2008.

Reviewer. **Natural Hazards Review**, 2008 – present.

Reviewer. Special Issue on Children and Disasters (volume 18, Number 1, 2008) of **Children, Youth and Environments**.

Reviewer. Textbook on Social Movements. Routledge. 2007.

Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 5-7, 2007  
Panel Chair: Globalization, Governance and Resistance II.

Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 15-17, 2007; Panel  
Chair: Culture and Health Seeking Behaviors

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS). New Orleans, February 1-3, 2007. Co-  
organized panel presentation of Social Science Research Council Working Group on  
Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

## **Community**

Collaborative on Community-Based Research in Health organized by Episcopal Health  
Foundation (2016 – 2017).

Promoting Our Positives (Community organization) Attended monthly meetings to  
strengthen community and community-SHSU collaboration.

Huntsville Independent School District's District of Innovation Committee member  
(2016-2017).

Huntsville Independent School District's Career and Technical Education Advisory  
Board (2016-present).

Huntsville Independent School District's Strategic Design Team member (50 hours to  
collectively re-design 5-year strategic plan) (2015-2016).

First United Methodist Church – Church Council member (2016).

Human Trafficking Awareness Ministry, First United Methodist Church (2015)

Neighborhood Watch (organizer and captain). Liaison with law enforcement, organize  
the annual National Night Out event. Promote awareness of issues in the neighborhood,  
disseminate information.

Faculty advisor to the Sociology Club (2005-2008) I helped organize and run the annual  
food drive for the Good Shepherd Mission, the annual basic needs drive benefitting the  
Huntsville SAAFE House, build houses for the Homesteaders Project (for low-income  
families), and volunteer at the Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor  
(C.O.M.E.) center registering low-income people for grant money towards utility bills  
and cleaning, sorting donations once a month.

Walker County Relay for Life, American Cancer Society fundraiser 2006 – 2010.

Board of Directors, Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor 2006-2008.

## **HONORS**

**Sam Houston State University – CHSS**  
Outstanding Engaged Scholar Award 2010-2011

**Sam Houston State University – CHSS**  
Departmental Excellence in Service 2009-2010

**Sam Houston State University**  
Recognition of Service Learning and Civic Engagement  
American Democracy Project 2006-2007

**Alpha Kappa Delta**  
International Sociology Honor Society 2007

**Yale University Alumni Fund Chairman's Award**  
Yale Graduate School 1990 - 1991

**Phi Beta Kappa**  
May 1987

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

**Yale Graduate School Fellowship**  
September 1992 - May 1993

**Yale Center for International & Area Studies Fellowship**  
January 1992 - May 1992

**Giovanni Agnelli Foundation Fellowship**  
April 1991 - January 1992

**Yale University Mellon Fellowship**  
Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University 1991 - 1992

**Smith College Wahrsager Scholar**  
1985-1988

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Midwest Sociological Society  
Society for the Study of Social Problems



American Sociological Association  
International Sociological Association  
International Research Committee on Disasters

**FOREIGN  
STUDY**

Research Fellow, Institute for Industrial Policy Studies, Ferrara, Italy. Joint appointment at the University of Ferrara, Italy and the University of Birmingham, England. Three-year honorary position. May 1997 - May 2000.

**LANGUAGES**

English (mother tongue)  
Italian (fluent)  
Spanish (reading)  
French (elementary)