**S. Megan Smith**

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

2017 Ph.D., Sociology

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

*Exams*: Health and Criminology

*Dissertation*: Enhancing Choice, Capabilities, and Community for

Chronically Mentally Ill Persons: The Social Context of a

Faith-Based Day Program

*Committee*: Dr. Ellen Idler (Chair), Dr. Molly Perkins, Dr. Bob Agnew,

Dr. Corey Keyes

2011 M.A., Sociology

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina

*Thesis*: “Understanding How Innovations Become Institutionalized:

The Case of Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programs”

*Committee*: Dr. Yang Cao (Chair), Dr. Teresa Scheid, Dr. Wei Zhao

2001 B.A., Sociology and concentration in Anthropology

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

*Honor’s Thesis*: “Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Towards Women in the

Workplace”

*Honor’s Thesis Advisor*: Dr. Randy Thomson

*Summa Cum Laude*

**GENERAL RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Introductory Courses Gerontology Crime & Deviance

Medical Sociology Mental Health Research Methods

**PUBLICATIONS**

Schied, Teresa and S. Megan Smith. 2021. *Ties that Enable: Community Solidarity for Adults Living with Severe Mental Illness.* Rutgers University Press.

Yount, Kathryn and S. Megan Smith. 2012. “Gender and Postpartum Depression in Arab Middle Eastern Women.” *Women’s Studies International Forum* 35(4):187-193.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Department of Sociology

Instructor

Introduction to Sociology (in person and online, asynchronous and synchronous)

Taught in UTOPS Program 2019- 2022

Research Methods

Social Problems

Sociological Theory (in class and online, asynchronous)

Sociology of Deviant Behavior (in class and online)

Non-writing and Writing Intensive version

Sociology of Health and Illness (in class and online)

Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (in class and online)

Non-writing and Writing Intensive version

Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Analysis

Mental Health and Sociology

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Gerontology Program

Instructor

Elders in the Criminal Justice System (graduate and undergraduate, asynchronous)

The Experience of Loneliness (graduate and undergraduate, asynchronous)

University of North Carolina- Wilmington, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Introduction to Sociology

Medical Sociology (asynchronous)

Criminological Theory (asynchronous)

Writing Intensive

Sociology of Mental Health

Central Piedmont Community College

Instructor

Introduction to Sociology (in class and online, synchronous and asynchronous)

Taught in Summerbridge Scholarship Program

Sociology of the Family

Winthrop University, Department of Sociology

Instructor

Criminology

Crime and Deviance (online, asynchronous)

Sociology of Law

Queens University

Lecturer, Department of Sociology

Crime and Deviance

Introduction to Sociology

Juvenile Delinquency

Lecturer, College of General Education

Trauma and Crisis in Queens Learning Communities with Biology and Drama

Loneliness in Queens Learning Communities with Literature

York Tech Technical College, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Instructor

Introduction to Sociology (online and dual enrollment only at York Comprehensive

High School)

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Mellon Teaching Fellow

Research Methods

Mental Health and Well-Being

Emory University, Department of Sociology

Instructor

Mental Health and Well-Being

Teaching Assistant

Sociology of Law

Social Research

Juvenile Delinquency

Well-Being and Happiness

Sociology of the Family

**NOMINATIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

2022 Interactivity Foundation grant to host IF Collaboration Coaching Certification through the UNCC Center for Teaching and Learning

2021 Atkins Faculty Engagement Award (UNCC)

2022 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2021 Interactivity Foundation grant recipient for Collaborative Learning

2021 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2020 Course Design Institute (Queens University)

2020 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2019 Nomination SGA Faculty Member of the Year (UNCC)

2019 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2019 C x C W/O Academy (UNCC)

2018 Adjunct Learning Community (UNCC)

2018 Quality Matters (UNCC)

2016-2017 Andrew F. Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Clark Atlanta University)

2013-2015 Path Less Taken (University of Delaware)

2012 Well-Being Scale Development for the Centers of Disease Control (CDC)

2011 Health Services Research Academy, Best Master’s Level Paper

“HIV and Co-Occurring Substance Use: Social Stressor Theory in an HIV

Population” (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

2001 Sigma Xi Undergraduate Symposium Finalist for the College of Humanities

and Social Sciences, “Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Toward Women in the

Workplace” (North Carolina State University)

2001 Phi Beta Kappa

2001 Alpha Kappa Delta

2001 Golden Key National Honors Society

2001 Pi Kappa Phi

**SERVICE**

2022 Hosted workshop at UNCC CTL Humanizing Your Online Course: 30 Practical Tips for Connecting with Your Online Students (April)

2022 Hosted workshop at UNCC CTL “Introducing the IF Collaboration Toolkit”

in conjunction with the Interactivity Foundation (3 sessions in January and April)

2022 QM Faculty Mentor through the Center for Teaching and Learning

2022 Active Learning Faculty Advisor through the Center for Teaching and Learning

2022 Undergraduate Committee Member, Department of Sociology

2020-2022 Online Faculty Mentor Sociology Department at UNCC

2020-2021 CLASS Part-Time Representative Alternate at UNCC

2020 Faculty Fellows Interview Committee for Center for Teaching and Learning

Excellence (CTLE) at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)

2020-2022 Advisory Board for CTLE at CPCC

2020-2022 Sage Publications Faculty Advocate Program (Founding Faculty Member)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“A Community Based Approach to A Placed Called Home”

Global Alliance's for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Coming Together for

Action Conference, October 2020, Virtual Conference

“Mediating Structures: The Case for Faith-Based Day Programs for the Chronically Mentally Ill”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2019, Atlanta, GA

“Religion, Coping, and Meaning”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2016, Atlanta, GA

“Engagement in Life through Religion and Social Relationships”

Gerontological Society of America, November 2013, New Orleans, LA

“Qualitative Methods and Vulnerable Populations”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2013, Atlanta, GA

“Social Networks, Mental Health, and the Aging”

Sunbelt Conference, March 2012, Redondo Beach, CA

Southern Sociological Society, March 2012, New Orleans, LA

“Collecting Informal Data”

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“Social Networks and Mental Health”

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“HIV and Co-Occurring Substance Use: Social Stressor Theory in an HIV Population”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2011, Jacksonville, FL

University of North Carolina-Charlotte Colloquia, April 2011, Charlotte, NC

“Understanding How Innovations Become Institutionalized: The Case of Interdisciplinary

PhD Programs”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2011, Jacksonville, FL

University of North Carolina-Charlotte Colloquia, April 2011, Charlotte, NC

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Toward Women in the Workplace”,

Southern Sociological Society, April 2010, Atlanta, GA

University of North Carolina- Charlotte Colloquia, April 2010, Charlotte, NC

**INVITED TALKS**

“Learning How to Learn” MAN UP Sessions, Central Piedmont Community College,

August 2021

"Effective Strategies for Designing Writing Intensive Courses: Increasing Engagement and

Improving Writing Skills,” Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina- Charlotte, October 2020

“Faith Communities, Older Adults, and COVID-19,” with Cynthia Hancock, PhD to the United

Methodist Church of NC, June 2020

“Community Based Participatory Research,” Queens University, June 2020

“Managing Isolation During COVID 19,” Whole30 Food Freedom Group, April 2020

“Effective Strategies for Designing Writing Intensive Courses: Increasing Engagement and

Improving Writing Skills,” University of North Carolina- Charlotte, April 2020

“The Social Relationships of Chronically Mentally Ill Adults in a Faith-Based Day Program,”

Emory University, November 2014

“Field Research Methods,” Emory University, March 2013

“Juvenile Delinquency and Mental Health,” Emory University, March 2013

“How the DSM-III Shaped Our Ideas About Mental Health,” University of North Carolina-

Charlotte, May 2011

“The Effect of Perceived Social Support on Help Seeking Behavior,” University of North

Carolina- Charlotte, July 2011

“Goffman and Popular Culture,” University of North Carolina Charlotte, July 2010

**ELECTED and APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Academic: Online Faulty Mentor, UNCC, Sociology Department, 2020-2022

Secretary, Student Coalition of Graduate Students, Sociology Department,

2013-2014

Parliamentarian, Graduate Student Government Association, Emory University,

2012

Student Government Legislator, Governance Committee member, Graduate Student Government Association, Emory University, 2011-2012

President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Eta chapter, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 2010-2011

Community: Junior League of Atlanta, Transfer Chair, 2014-2016

Historian, 2013-2014

Community Agency Director, 2012-2013

Junior League of Charlotte, Sustainer Board Member, 2021-2023

Centennial Celebration Co-Chair, 2022-2023

Sustainer Mentor, 2021-20

Foundation Board Member, 2009-2010

Investments Chair, 2009-2010

Finance Committee, 2008-2010

Provisional Advisor, 2007-2008

Provisional of the Year, 2002-2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Association

Gerontological Society of America

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Habitat for Humanity (2009-2010), Volunteer in Development Office, Charlotte, NC

* Reviewed all previous grants awarded to chapter. Created a “Foundations” database to determine potential funding sources. Worked with staff to promote marketing for fundraising efforts of the “Young Professionals” group.

Fifth Third Bancorp (2008-2009), Commercial Banker, Charlotte, NC

* Recruited to participate in the new Business Banking unit and develop and put into practice marketing plans to increase existing book of business of $7 million

Wachovia Bank, N.A. (2006-2008), Small Business Banker, Charlotte, NC

* Successfully managed Small Business banking portfolio by accurately assessing customer’s needs. Established and strengthened relationships with financial

center employees to receive referrals and create loyal customer base. Supervised

portfolio of 100+ customers with annual sales $5 million and under.

Wachovia Bank, N.A., (2005-2006), Financial Sales Leader, Austin, NC

* Hired as first Financial Specialist Sales Manager in the Austin, TX market.

Coordinated 14 financial center openings with construction, sales, and management teams in DeNovo (markets with no pre-existing brand recognition) locations. Managed over 65 financial center employees.

Wachovia Bank, N.A. (2002-2005), Financial Specialist, Wilmington, NC

* Consistently succeeded in accomplishing and surpassing sales goals while establishing business relationships with existing and acquired customer base both in a financial center and surrounding community market.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING**

Junior League of Charlotte (2006-2011, 2017-2018, 2021-current)

Red Cross (2020-current)

Junior League of Atlanta (2002-2017)

Volunteer, The Friendship Center Day Program (2012-2017)

Mentor, Decatur High School Senior Community Service Project (2012-2013)

**REFERENCES**

Cynthia Hancock, Teaching Professor, Director of Gerontology Program

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University of North Carolina-Charlotte

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Scott Fitzgerald, Professor, Department Chair

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