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CURRENT POSITION

2008 to present: Assistant Professor at Southern Connecticut State University

EDUCATION

- 2008 Dissertation: "From Temporary to Permanent? A Qualitative Study about Settlement Decisions of German Professionals and Their Families on Assignment in the U.S." Adviser: Dr. Richard Alba.
A qualitative study based on 68 interviews with husbands and wives about motivations, experiences, and gender differences regarding migration, settlement, and return migration decisions.
- 2005 Research Proposal Defense
- 2002 Comprehensive Exam II: Political Sociology (including migration)
- 2001 Comprehensive Exam I: Sociology of Gender
- 2000 **M.A. in Sociology**, University at Albany, SUNY
Thesis: "Infertility Transition to Non-Parenthood?"
- 1999 **B.A. in Sociology** (Magna Cum Laude), University at Albany, SUNY, Minor: Political Science
- 1997 **A.A. in Liberal Arts** (with Honors),
Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, New York
- 1988 **Degree in Nursing Education**, College of Nursing, Agnes Karll,
Frankfurt a. M., Germany
- 1983 **Registered Nurse**, State-board Exam, School of Nursing, Lutheran Hospital,
Unna, Germany

RESEARCH INTEREST

Sociology of International Migration/Globalization, Gender, Aging and the Life-course,
Medical Sociology, Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Eich-Krohnm, Astrid. 2007. "Make it or Break it-Women's Career Interruptions in the Age of Professional Migration." *International Journal of Sociology* 37, (2):75-93.

Sulik, Gayle and Astrid Eich-Krohnm. 2008. "No Longer a Patient: The Social Construction of the Medical Consumer." In *Patients, Consumers and Civil Society. Advances in Medical Sociology*, edited by Melinda Goldner and Susan Chambré, Vol. 10, Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Eich-Krohnm, Astrid. 2008. "Immigrant Households and Gender Dynamics." In *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, edited by Jodi A. O'Brien, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

MANUSCRIPTS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"What does it mean to be "Elite" in Germany?"

This paper looks at two issues transforming Germany's higher education system and the public discourse about emerging elites as a result of it. The transforming issues are the "excellent initiative" by Germany's ministry of education and the impact of the Bologna agreement of the European Union on Germany's universities. Both processes are meant to make German higher education more compatible in a global world but at the same time question the place of Elites in a social democracy.

"Why do they move? German highly skilled migrants and global brain circulation."

The analysis focuses on the motives for German highly skilled migrants and their families to temporarily move to the US. German highly skilled migrants are part of the global brain circulation who are interested in job offers from abroad for other reasons than economic ones. The motivations of these migrants call into question established arguments of push and pull factors and instead point to a transformation of migration motivations at the start of the 21st century.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of International Migration/Globalization, Gender, Family, Aging and the Life-course, Medical Sociology, Sociological Theory, and Qualitative Research Methods

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2008 Assistant Professor of Sociology
Southern Connecticut State University
- 2003 - 2007 Sociology Instructor
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2003 - 2004 Sociology Instructor
Department of Sociology, College at New Paltz, SUNY
- 2000-2003 Managing Editor,
Gender & Society, Editor Dr. Christine E. Bose,
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2000 – 2002 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology,
University at Albany, SUNY

COURSES TAUGHT

Southern Connecticut State University

- Fall 2009 Undergraduate: Sociological Seminar, Classical Sociological Theory,
and Research Methods
Graduate Course: Society and the Individual
- Spring 2009 Undergraduate: Sociology of Gender, Contemporary Sociological
Theory, and Qualitative Research Methods (two courses)
- Fall 2008 Undergraduate: Sociology of Gender, Classical Sociological Theory,
and Research Methods,

State University at Albany New York

- Fall 2007 Sociology of Aging
Fall 2004 Sociology of Gender
Fall 2003 Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2003 Sociology of Aging

State University at New Paltz New York

- Spring 2004 Sociology of Aging
Fall 2003 Sociology of Gender

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN GERMANY

- 1992-1994 Assistant Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Educator,
Huysens Foundation, Essen, Germany
1989-1991 Nursing Educator, Nursing School Duisburg, Germany

Courses Taught:

- 1989 – 1994 Nursing – General and Special, Theories of Nursing, History of Nursing,
Principles of Health, Hygiene, Anatomy and Physiology

Registered Nurse:

1986-1987 Alexianer Hospital Krefeld for Psychiatry and Neurology, Germany

1984-1986 Ludwigs Maximilians University Munich, Internal Medicine, Germany

1983-1984 Federal Army Hospital, Hamm, Surgery Germany

1989 – 1994 Nursing – General and Special, Theories of Nursing, History of Nursing, Principles of Health, Hygiene, Anatomy and Physiology

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2005 *Baghdad Burning: Girl Blog from Iraq*, by Riverbend and *Baghdad Bulletin: Dispatches on the American Occupation*, by Enders, David. *MultiCultural Review*, 14(4): 95.
- 2005 *Wars of the 21st Century: New Threats, New Fears*, by Ramonet, Ignacio and *An Ordinary Person's Guide to Empire*, by Roy, Arundhati. *MultiCultural Review*, 14(1): 91-92.
- 2004 *Intimate Citizenship: Private Decisions and Public Dialogues*, by Plummer, Ken. *Gender & Society*, 18(5): 667-668.
- 2004 *Louder than Bombs: Interviews from "The Progressive Magazine,"* by Barsamian, David. *MultiCultural Review*, 13(4): 76-77.
- 2004 *Women and War*, by Matthews, Jenny and *We are Everywhere: The Irresistible Rise of Global Anticapitalism*, by Notes from Nowhere, ed. *MultiCultural Review*, 13(2): 82-83.
- 2004 *Gender and U.S Immigration: Contemporary Trends*, by Hondagneu-Sotelo, Pierrette, ed. *MultiCultural Review*, 13(1): 87.
- 2003 *Empire of Knowledge: Culture and Plurality in the Global Economy*, by Lal, Vinay and *Globalization and its Terrors: Daily Life in the West*, by Brennan, Teresa. *MultiCultural Review*, 12(3): 91-92.
- 2003 *Detained: Immigration Laws and the Expanding I.N.S. Jail Complex*, by Welch, Michael. *MultiCultural Review*, 12(1): 88.
- 2002 *Forging Radical Alliances Across Differences: Coalition Politics for the New Millennium*, by Bystydzienski, Jill M. and Schacht, Steven P., eds. and *Joining Hands: Politics and Religion Together for a Social Change*, by Gottlieb, Roger. *MultiCultural Review*, 11(4): 91-92.
- 2002 *Moving from the Margins: A Chicana Voice on Public Policy*, by De la Torre, Adela. *MultiCultural Review*, 11(4): 91-92.
- 2002 *Migration, Transnationalization, and Race in a Changing New York*, by Cordero- Guzmán, Héctor R.; Smith, Robert C.; and Grosfoguel, Ramón, eds. and *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America*, by Waldinger, Roger, ed. *MultiCultural Review*, 11(2): 85-86.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2009 Paper Presentation: "Motivation for Highly Skilled Migration: a Fresh Look at the Economic Argument," American Sociological Association 104th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 Paper Presentation: "What does it mean to be Elite in Germany?" Eastern Sociological Society 79th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2009 Paper Presentation: "Commentaries to Internet Blogs: The New Public Sphere?" with Undergraduate Students Maureen Brophy and Rebecca Corso, Eastern Sociological Society 79th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2009 Paper Presentation: "The Bologna Project and its Impact on American Higher Education," Connecticut State University Research Conference, Connecticut
- 2007 Dissertation Presentation: "From Temporary to Permanent? A Qualitative Study about Settlement Decisions of German Professionals and Their Families in the U.S.", Past, Present and Future – From Women's Studies to Post-Gender Research, Umeå Sweden, June 14 - 17
- 2007 Paper Presentation: "The Meaning of Social Networks Among German Migrant Families in the United States", Eastern Sociological Society 77th Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA
- 2006 Session Organizer and Presenter at "The Dissertation Process: Things You Need to Know, but Haven't Want to Ask" SWS Summer Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2005 Paper Presentation: "Success Rates and Short-Term/Long-Term Health Risks of Infertility Treatment" Women and Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2005 Paper Presentation with Gayle Sulik: "What Do Breast Cancer and Infertility Have in Common? Women Responses to Medicalization Across Two Research Studies," American Sociological Association 100th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2004 Paper Presentation: "Motherhood or Womenhood – Representations of Working Women in the Press," Eastern Sociological Society 74th Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2003 Roundtable Presentations:
- (1) "Changing Immigration Laws and Implications for Immigrants in Germany and the United States."
 - (2) "Infertility: Transition to Non-Parenthood?"
- Eastern Sociological Society, 73rd Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 Paper Presentation: "The Elderly as Portrayed in Commercials in the United States and Germany: A Blip on the TV-Screen?" American Sociological Association 97th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

WORKSHOPS

2007 Presentation: "Recruiting Participants by Using Social Networks and the Internet," organized by the Student Concerns Committee of Sociologists for Women in Society, Summer Meeting New York City, NY

2005 Presentation: "The Dissertation Process" and "Issues in Qualitative Research" for Students of Sociology (SOS), student group of the department of sociology SUNY Albany

2006 Presentation: "How to Successfully Attend Conferences" for SOS

AWARDS AND HONORS

2006 Alan E. Liska Dissertation Award, Sociology Department, SUNY Albany

1999 Senior Sociology Student with Highest Grade Point Average, Sociology Department, SUNY Albany

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Manuscript and Book Reviewer for *Gender & Society*

Manuscript Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*

Book Reviewer for *International Sociological Review*

Book Reviewer for *MultiCultural Review*

Member of the American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society, and Sociologists for Women in Society

Member of the International Committee of Sociologists for Women in Society