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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute on Aging (courtesy appointment, Graduate School of Social Work), Boston College, 2009-present.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Sociology, 2009

Minor: Human Development and Family Studies

Dissertation Title: Facing End-of-Life Together: Marital Relationship Quality and End-of-Life Health Care Preferences

Dissertation Committee: Deborah Carr (co-chair), Robert Hauser (co-chair), Cameron Macdonald, Betty Kramer, Linda Roberts

University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.S., Sociology, 2005

Thesis Title: Down but Not Out: Effects of Widowhood and Gender on Psychological Distress

Thesis Committee: John DeLamater (chair), Robert Hauser, James Raymo

Pennsylvania State University

B.S., Human Development and Family Studies, with honors and highest distinction, 2003

B.A., Psychology, with highest distinction, 2003

Thesis Title: Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood

Thesis Committee: Karen Fingerman, Alan Booth

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Moorman, Sara M., Deborah Carr, Bernard J. Hammes, and Karin T. Kirchhoff. Forthcoming. "An Assessment of Social Diffusion in the Respecting Choices® Advance Care Planning Program." *Death Studies*.

Moorman, Sara M. 2011. "The Importance of Feeling Understood in Marital Conversations about End-of-Life Health Care." *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 28(1): 100-16.

Moorman, Sara M. 2011. "Older Adults' Preferences for Independent or Delegated End-of-Life

Medical Decision-Making.” *Journal of Aging and Health* 23(1): 135-57.

Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2009. “End-of-Life Treatment Preferences among Older Adults: An Assessment of Psychosocial Influences.” *Sociological Forum* 24: 754-78.

Moorman, Sara M., Robert M. Hauser, and Deborah Carr. 2009. “Do Older Adults Know Their Spouses’ End-of-Life Treatment Preferences?” *Research on Aging* 31: 463-91.

Moorman, Sara M. and Deborah Carr. 2008. “Spouses’ Effectiveness as End-of-Life Health Care Surrogates: Accuracy, Uncertainty, and Errors of Overtreatment or Undertreatment.” *The Gerontologist* 48: 811-9.

DeLamater, John and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2007. “Sexual Behavior in Later Life.” *Journal of Aging and Health* 19: 921-45.

Reprinted: 2009. *Speaking of Sexuality: Interdisciplinary Readings*. 3rd ed. Edited by N. B. Moore, J. K. Davidson Sr., and T. D. Fisher. New York: Oxford University Press.

Moorman, Sara M., Alan Booth, and Karen L. Fingerman. 2006. “Women’s Romantic Relationships after Widowhood.” *Journal of Family Issues* 27: 1281-304.

Publications in Edited Volumes

Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2011. "Social Relationships and Aging." Pp. 145-160 in *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, edited by R. Settersten and J. Angel. New York: Springer.

Moorman, Sara M. and Emily A. Greenfield. 2010. “Personal Relationships in Later Life.” Pp. 20-52 in *Aging in America*. Vol. 3, *Societal Issues*, edited by J. C. Cavanaugh and C. K. Cavanaugh. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Moorman, Sara M. and John DeLamater. 2007. “Sexuality.” Pp. 514-517 in *Encyclopedia of Health and Aging*, edited by K. S. Markides. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Hay, Elizabeth L. and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2003. “Social Relationships in Old Age.” Pp. 529-533 in *Encyclopedia of Human Ecology*, edited by J. R. Miller, R. M. Lerner, L. B. Schiamberg, and P. M. Anderson. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clío.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Moorman, Sara M. “Gender, Masculinity Attitudes, and End-of-Life Planning Behaviors and Attitudes.”

† **Moorman, Sara M.** and Megumi Inoue. “Age, Self-Reported Health, and End-of-Life Planning among Young and Middle-Aged Americans.”

Moorman, Sara M., Dawn Loughlin, and Lori Simon-Rusinowitz. “Hiring Relatives as Caregivers: Associations with Strain and Caregiver/Recipient Relationship Quality.”

Moorman, Sara M. and Cameron Macdonald. “Intensity of Care and Caregiver Strain: Results from the Cash and Counseling Demonstration and Evaluation Study.”

† Norstrand, Julie and **Sara M. Moorman**. “The Relationship between Social Capital and Physical Health: The Role of Social Inequality.”

† Tov, Elizabeth and **Sara M. Moorman**. “Positive and Negative Caregiving Experiences: Considering Dyadic Influences.”

† Research collaboration with a graduate student.

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Statistics, Boston College, Spring 2010. (Graduate)

Course Description: This applied course is designed for students in sociology, education, nursing, organizational studies, political science, psychology, or social work with a prior background in statistics at the level of SC 703: Multivariate Statistics. It assumes a strong grounding in multivariate regression analysis. The major topics of the course will include hierarchical linear modeling and structural equation modeling. We will use HLM and LISREL to conduct the analyses.

Ageing and Society, Boston College, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011. (Undergraduate Core)

Course Description: “Age doesn’t matter unless you’re a cheese,” quipped actress Billie Burke (the Good Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*). Nevertheless, age does matter within societies. This class will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociological study: roles and relationships (e.g., within the family), inequalities (e.g., ageism), institutions (e.g., health care), and social change (e.g., the aging of the population). By the end of the course, you will have acquired a new approach to thinking about how you and others age in the social world and the ways in which age is portrayed in the media.

Introduction to Sociology, Madison Area Technical College, Spring 2009. (Undergraduate)

Course Description: This course provides an overview of current major topics in sociology. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, sociology is “The study of human social behavior, especially the study of the origins, organization, institutions, and development of human society.” We’ll begin the class by discussing this and other definitions of sociology. Then we will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociological study: the foundations of society (e.g., culture), social inequality (e.g., poverty), social institutions (e.g., the family), and social change (e.g., population growth). By the end of the course, you will have acquired a new approach to thinking about how you and others participate in the social world and the ways in which social issues are portrayed in the media.

Social Gerontology, Boston College, Fall 2009, Spring 2011. (Mixed Graduate and Undergraduate)

Course Description: This course provides thorough coverage of current topics in social gerontology. We’ll begin the class by discussing theories of aging and the life course from multiple social scientific disciplines. Then we will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociology: roles and relationships (e.g., within the family), inequalities (e.g., ageism), institutions (e.g., health care), and social change (e.g., the aging of the population). By the end of the course, you will have comprehensive knowledge of classic and current social gerontological literature, and you will be able to identify emerging topics of importance for future basic research and applied practice.

Survey Methodology, Boston College, Spring 2011. (Mixed Graduate and Undergraduate)

Course Description: You’ve heard the saying “Lies, damn lies, and statistics.” Yet statistics comprise much of the daily news: 47% of voters approve of the president. Two-thirds of adults are obese. More than 50% of marriages end in divorce. In this course, you will become “survey-literate,” learning how to understand and evaluate such statistics. You’ll also learn how to design, field, and analyze your own survey, and how to report accurate, comprehensible results. This is a course in social science research methods, not statistics; no prior background is required.

Topics in Multivariate Statistics, Boston College, Fall 2010, Fall 2011. (Graduate)

Course Description: This applied course is designed for students in sociology, education, nursing, organizational studies, political science, psychology, or social work with a prior background in statistics at the level of SC703: Multivariate Statistics. It assumes a strong grounding in multivariate regression analysis. The major topics of the course will include OLS regression diagnostics, binary, ordered, and multinomial logistic regression, models for the analysis of count data (e.g., Poisson and negative binomial regression), treatment of missing data, and the analysis of clustered and stratified samples. All analyses in the course will be conducted using Stata, but no previous Stata experience is necessary.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tov, Elizabeth and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2011. "Positive and Negative Caregiving Experiences: Considering Dyadic Influences." To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Moorman, Sara M. and Cameron Macdonald. 2011. "Intensity of Care and Caregiver Strain: Results from the Cash and Counseling Demonstration and Evaluation Study." To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Moorman, Sara M., Dawn Loughlin, and Lori Simon-Rusinowitz. 2010. "Paying Family Caregivers: Associations with Strain and Caregiver/Recipient Relationship Quality." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Moorman, Sara M., Deborah Carr, Bernard J. Hammes, and Karin T. Kirchhoff. 2010. "Evaluating the Respecting Choices® Advance Care Planning Program." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Norstrand, Julie and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2010. "The Relationship between Social Capital and Physical Health: The Role of Social Inequality." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Moorman, Sara M. 2009. "Healthy Older Adults' Concern about Burdening Future Caregivers: A Gendered Approach." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Moorman, Sara M. 2008. "The Multiple Faces of Autonomy in Older Adults' Medical Decision-Making." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Moorman, Sara M. 2008. "Feeling Understood Following End-of-Life Discussions with a Spouse: Correlates and Consequences." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

Moorman, Sara M. 2007. "Discussion of End-of-Life Medical Care Preferences among Young-Old Married Persons." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Moorman, Sara M. and Deborah Carr. 2007. "Spouses as End-of-Life Health Care Surrogates: Concordance, Uncertainty, and Errors of Overtreatment or Undertreatment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman.** 2007. "End-of-Life Treatment Preferences among the Young-Old: An Assessment of Psychosocial Influences." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Moorman, Sara M. 2006. "Effects of Widowhood on Men's and Women's Psychological Well-Being." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

Moorman, Sara M., Deborah Carr, and Robert M. Hauser. 2006. "Do Spouses Know Each Other's End-of-Life Treatment Preferences? Evidence from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

DeLamater, John and **Sara M. Moorman.** 2005. "Sexual Behavior in Later Life." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Moorman, Sara M. 2004. "Down But Not Out: Effects of Widowhood and Gender on Psychological Distress in the National Survey of Families and Households." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Moorman, Sara M., Karen L. Fingerman, and Alan Booth. 2003. "Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Hay, Elizabeth L., **Sara M. Moorman,** and Karen L. Fingerman. 2002. "Still the Same after All These Years? Generational Discrepancies in Parent-Adult Child Perceptions of Influence." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

As a Faculty Member

Principal Investigator. Spring 2011. “Age and Adults’ Knowledge of their Partner’s Medical Treatment Preferences.” Aging Research Incentive Grant sponsored by the Institute on Aging at Boston College. \$13,370.

Principal Investigator. 2010. “Factors Affecting Adults’ Knowledge of their Partner’s Medical Treatment Preferences.” Co-Investigator: Deborah Carr. Couple-Based Measurement Pilot Data Collection sponsored by the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University.

As a Student

Graduate Research Traineeship, University of Wisconsin-Madison through the National Institute on Aging (T32-AG000129), 2004-2007; 2008-2009.

Funded participant, National Institute on Aging Technical Assistance Workshop, November 2006. Workshop on grant proposals for emerging scientists and students seeking careers in aging research.

University Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison through the University of Wisconsin Graduate School, 2003-2004.

Completed Undergraduate Research Award, American Psychological Association Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging), 2003. Awarded for the submission of “Women’s Romantic Relationships after Widowhood.”

Human Development and Family Studies Student Marshal, Pennsylvania State University, 2003. Recognizes the department valedictorian at graduation.

Evan Pugh Scholar, Pennsylvania State University, 2003. Recognizes the top ½% of the senior class.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Volunteer Coordinator for the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, 2011.

Organizer, Chair. “End-of-Life Issues in Understudied Subgroups of the U.S. Population.” Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, 2011.

Organizer, Chair. “New Directions in Caregiving Research: The Perceptions of Care Recipients.” Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA, 2009.

Student Representative, Nominations Committee, Council for the Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association, 2008-2009.

Elected Student Representative, Council for the Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association, 2006-2008.

Reviewer, Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Pilot Grant proposals, 2006-2008. Annual competition that awards \$10,000 grants to two Ph.D.-level new users of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study.

Organizer, Chair. “Approaching End-of-Life: Social Strengths, Social Vulnerabilities.” Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *The Gerontologist; Journal of Aging and Health; Journal of Applied Gerontology; Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; Medical Decision Making; Personal Relationships.*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, AY 2009-2010.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, AY 2010-2011.

Liaison to the Department of Social Work, Department of Sociology, Boston College, AY 2010-2011.

FORMAL MENTORING

Dissertation Chair:

- Elizangela Storelli, Department of Sociology, Boston College, in progress.
- Elizabeth Tov, Department of Sociology, Boston College, in progress.

Dissertation Committee Member:

- Elyssa Besen, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, in progress.
- Melissa Brown, Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College, in progress.
- Megumi Inoue, Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College, in progress.
- Susan Legere, Department of Sociology, Boston College, in progress.
- Julie Norstrand, Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College, in progress.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:

- Margaret Borman, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2011. “When Do Charter Schools Work? A Study of Autonomy in Boston Charter Schools.” Co-advised with Patrick McQuillan.

CONSULTING

Statistical Consultant, Sloan Center on Aging and Work, Boston College, Summer 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging)
American Sociological Association
Gerontological Society of America