

CURRICULUM VITA

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CURRENT POSITION:

Research Professor
Poverty Studies and Research Methodology
Department of Sociology, Boston College

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 1993 Social Research and Public Policy, Heller School, Brandeis University
M.P.H. 1983 Maternal and Child Health, Boston University School of Public Health
Nursing License 1979 Massachusetts General Hospital Degree School
B.A. 1975 Political Science with honors, Boston University

AWARDS

Book

Don't Call Us Out of Name: The Untold Lives of Women and Girls in Poor America
(Beacon Press, 1999)
Toth Award for Best Single Author Study of American Culture, 1999
Boston Authors Club Award, 1999

Research

2001-2002, Harvard Law School Fellowship
2000-2001, Research Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
1997-1999, Policy Fellowship, Radcliffe Public Policy Center
1990-1991, Peter Heller Fellowship Award, Brandeis University

Teaching

2000, Nominated for *Joseph R. Levenson Academic Excellence and Teaching Award*,
Harvard University

Public Policy

1988, *Women's Health Achievement Award*, Massachusetts State Government
1987, *Alfred E. Frechette Award for Outstanding Public Health Service*, Massachusetts
Association of Public Health
1986, *Innovations in American Government Award*, Kennedy School at Harvard
University and Ford Foundation, Finalist

APPOINTMENTS

ACADEMIC

2002-present, Research Professorship, Sociology Department, Boston College
2000-2002, Lecturer, Sociology Department, Harvard University
1999-2002, Lecturer, Committee on Degrees on Women's Studies, Harvard University
1996-2002, Policy Fellow, Radcliffe Public Policy Center
1993-1996, Senior Research Associate, Urban Health Institute at Tufts University

SENIOR MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC POLICY

1981-1988, Founder and Director of the Division of Women's Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

1988, Appointed to Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence by Michael Dukakis.
1988, Appointed as Advisor to Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy on *Blueprint 2000: Human Support Committee*

TEACHING POSITIONS AND COURSES TAUGHT

Boston College, Department of Sociology, 2002-present

Poor Law to Working Poor (Undergraduate)

Research at the Margins: Field Research Methods (Graduate)

Carework and Inequality (Mixed level course)

Inequality Close Up: Families & Communities in Low-Income America
(Undergraduate)

Research Practicum (Graduate)

Harvard University, Department of Sociology

Poverty, Policy and Controversy, 2001-2002

Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in Women's Studies

Women, Girls and Poverty, 1999-2002

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Boston College

Currently pending final review: Principal Investigator, 2008-2010

Advancement of low-wage careworkers: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *Job to Career* Program.

Principal Investigator, 2005-2007

Engaging Workers and Improving Care: Interdisciplinary research sponsored by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Commonwealth Foundation.

Senior Researcher, 2004 - 2005

Better Jobs and Better Care: Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropy with Brandeis University.

Principal Investigator, 2001-2003

Lower-Income Work and Family Research Project: Funded by the Ford Foundation.

Harvard University

Principal Investigator, 1999-2001

Across the Boundaries: A national 2-year, mixed-method study on work, family and community life in three cities, collaborating with 9to5, National Association of Working Women and funded by the Ford and Annie E. Casey Foundations.

Principal Investigator, 1998-1999

Welfare in Transition: Qualitative study of single-mother families during welfare reform funded by Cities of Cambridge and Boston.

Principal Investigator, 1996-1999

Post-doctoral research on low-income girls and family work roles funded through Radcliffe Public Policy Center grant.

Selected previous sponsored research

Senior Research Associate, 1994-1996

Tobin Family Support Program: Funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation and in collaboration with Brigham's and Women's Hospital in Mission Hill, Boston.

Senior Research Associate 1993-1994

Healthy Transitions/Healthy Futures: W.K. Kellogg Foundation research project of the Urban Health Institute of New England Medical Center that examined the career development of a young people from low-income urban neighborhoods.

Senior Research Associate 1990-1991

Basta Program: Funded by the National Office of Substance Abuse Prevention for Casa Myrna Vazquez, the largest domestic violence sheltering network in Massachusetts.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

2004-present, *Boston College Institutional Review Board Member (IRB)*

COMMUNITY BASED AND ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

1979-1981, Obstetrical and Gynecological Nurse
Codman Square Health Center, Dorchester, Massachusetts

1975-1977, Shop Steward, AFLCIO, Massachusetts

JOURNAL REVIEWER

Journal of Marriage and Family
Gender and Society

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Under contract with *The New Press* to write a book (working title) ***Class Stands: How ordinary people act against an unfair economy*** (for submission fall of 2008) based on seven years of research with middle-class managers & professionals and working-poor parents.

Don't Call Us Out of Name: The untold lives of women and girls in poor America (Beacon Press, 1999) Based on seven years of qualitative research, this book examines the life course of poor women and families in the context of welfare reform policy.

Articles and Book Chapters

Dodson, L. and R. Zinbarg. (2008) "It's Like a Family: Caring Labor, Exploitation and Race in Nursing Homes" Forthcoming *Gender & Society*.

Dodson, L. (2007) "Wage Poor Mothers and Moral Economy" *Social Politics: International Journal of Gender, State & Society* 14(2).

Dodson, L., D. Piatelli, and L. Schmalzbauer. (2007) "Researching Inequality through Interpretive Collaborations: A discussion of methodological efforts to include the interpretive voices of participants in research findings" *Qualitative Inquiry* 13(6).

Dodson L., D. Piatelli and L. Schmalzbauer. (2006) "Behind the Scenes" A conversation about interpretive focus groups in *Feminist Research Practices*, Editors Hesse-Biber and Leavy, Sage Publications.

Dodson, L. (2006) "After Welfare Reform: My Children Come Before this Job" *Focus: Journal of the Institute for Research on Poverty* 24(3) University of Wisconsin.

Dodson, L. and L. Schmalzbauer. (2005) "Poor Women and Habits of Hiding: Participatory Methods in Poverty Research". *Journal of Marriage and Family: Special Issue on Theory and Methodology* 67.

Dodson, L. and E. Bravo. (2005) "Managing Work and Family: Why It's Not Working for the Bottom Third" in *Work, Family and Democracy*, Editors Heymann and Beem, The New Press.

Dodson, L. and J. Dickert. (2004) "Girls' Family Labor in Low-Income Household: A Decade of Qualitative Research" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66.

D. Belle and L. Dodson. (2004) "Poor Women and Girls in a Wealthy Nation" in *Handbook of Women's and Girls' Psychological Health*. Editors Worell and Goodheart, Oxford University Press.

Dodson, L. and O. Cole. (2002) "On Acting White: Mother-Daughter Talk" in *When Race Becomes Real: Black and White Writers Confront Their Personal Histories*. Editor Singly, Lawrence Hill Books.

Dodson, L. (2000) "At the Kitchen Table: Poor Women Making Public Policy" in *Women and Welfare: Theory and Practice in the United States and Europe*. Eds. Hirschmann and Liebert, Rutgers University Press.

Dodson, L. (1999) “This River Runs Deep: Single Mothers in Poor America” in *Lost Fathers: The Politics of Fatherlessness*. Editor Daniels, St Martins Press.

Dodson, L. (1996) “We Could Be Your Daughters” Girls, Sexuality and Pregnancy in Low-Income America, *Radcliffe Public Policy Publications*, Harvard University.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Leutz W., C. Bishop, and L. Dodson. (2007) “*Labor-Management collaboration for worker advancement*,” Findings from the Engaging Workers and Improving Care collaboration with Service Employees International Union and Brandeis University.

Dodson, L. (2004) “*Working Hard and Still Living Poor*,” Findings from the Lower Income Work and Family study funded by the Ford Foundation.

Dodson, L., T. Manuel, and E Bravo. (2002) “Keeping Jobs and Raising Families in Low-Income America: It Just Doesn’t Work” Report on the Across the Boundaries study, Funded by the Ford Foundation, Radcliffe Public Policy Center Publications, Harvard University.

Dodson, L., P. Joshi, and D. McDonald. (1998) “*Welfare in Transition: Consequences for Women, Children and Communities*,” Radcliffe Public Policy Center Publications, Harvard University.

NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONIES

2007, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Provided oral and written testimony at the request of the EEOC in Washington DC on, “*Equal opportunity and best employment practices for low-income families*”

2002, United States Congress

Provided testimony in congressional briefings, caucus presentations and committee testimony based on research on low-wage work and family care needs.

Democratic and Republican House Ways and Means Committee Staff,

House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the Senate Finance Committee. Briefings to staff or congresspersons, including: Senators Hilary Clinton (D-NY), Christopher Dodd (D-CT), James Jeffords (I-VT), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Herb Kohl (D-WI), and Paul Wellstone (D-MN), and Representatives Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Sander Levin (D-MI), John Tierney (D-MA), and Lynn Woolsey (D-CA).

Additionally, presented research at a congressional briefing organized by the Democratic Task Force on Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program with Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Patsy Mink (D-HI), co-chairs of the task force, and Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

2007

University of Massachusetts

Keynote speaker "Gathering at the Well" address

"All the World's Kin: Carework as Social Transformation"

2007

Keynote Panel, Graduate Consortium on Women's Studies

"Bridging Academia and Activism"

2004

Boston College Women's Law Center

"Human Rights, the Working poor and Welfare Reform"

2002

The Harvard Club, Boston

"When Work Doesn't Pay" Real Life in Low-Income American Families

2001

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Symposium at Harvard University

"Ordinary Heroines: Family and Work in Low-Income America"

2000

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado, Texas

"The Customs of the Country: Counting Our Riches in People"

1999

Albert Sacks Research Fellows Distinguished Scholars Series

Harvard Law School

"Don't Call Us Out of Name"

1996

Massachusetts Law Reform

Annual Conference on Welfare Policy
“Who We Count as Poor”

1996

Alliance for Young Families, Boston Massachusetts
Annual Conference on Public Policy on Teen Parenting
“We Could be Your Daughters”

SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS & TALKS

2007

Yale University, School of Nursing, Office of Scholarly Affairs
“The Challenges of Serving Low-Income Mothers and Families”

Barnard College, Center for Research on Women
Class and Work/Family Dilemma
“Sustainable Incomes as a Work and Family Issue”

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference
“Wage-Poor Mothers and Moral Economy”

2006

Harvard Graduate School of Education
Research Seminar Series on Families and Inequality
“Social Research as Acts of Democracy”

Brandeis University
Heller Scholars series
“Researching Inequality: Methods of Inquiry, Ethical Dilemmas and Personal Challenges”

American Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems: Session on Carework
“Of Hearts and Markets: Fictive kinship, Caring and Exploitation in Long-Term Care Industry”

2005

University of Wisconsin, Madison
Institute for Research on Poverty
“Livelihood and Family Life: Maternal Strategies among Low-Wage Workers”

Center for Family Policy and Practice, San Francisco
Annual Conference: Race, Domestic violence and Fatherhood
“Family Life and the Effects of Low-Wage Work”

2004

Harvard Law School Seminar

“Work and Family Care in Low-Wage America”

Hestia Foundation

“Work and Family Care in Low-Wage America”

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference

Poor Women, Interrogatory Histories and Poverty Research: “You got to be careful what you say”

2003

Harvard Civil Rights Project of Harvard University

Surviving Poverty, Work, and Bias in Post-Welfare America: How Black and Latino Mothers Try to Cope with the Continuing Legacy of the Color Line
(Co-authored by Tiffany Manuel)

Business and Professional Women’s Foundation and Women’s Studies

Research Center of Brandeis University

From 9-to-5 to 24/7: How Workplace Changes Affect Families, Work, and Communities
Orlando, Florida

2002

Loyola University, Chicago

The Third Annual Care Conference: “Linking Formal and Informal Carework” (Co-authored by Jillian Dickert)

The Bookings Institution, Washington DC

“Living On and Off Welfare: Ethnographic Research on Low-Income Families”

Institute for Women’s Policy Research, Annual Conference

“Work, Family, and Community in Low-Income America” (Co-author, Tiffany Manuel)

2001

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Symposium at Harvard University

“Ordinary Heroines: Family and Work in Low-Income America”

The Cambridge Forum, Cambridge

“Children’s Work: Subsidizing the Nation’s Economy”