

Lisa Dodson
Research/Areas of Specialization

Areas of Specialization: Women, Families, and Poverty, Carework, Work and Family, Policy Analysis/Public Policy, Qualitative Methodology

Research: Professor Dodson teaches and conducts field research about everyday knowledge and survival strategies of low-income people particularly focusing on women raising children amidst growing inequality. Current areas of research include the creative care strategies that mothers devise while working in low-wage labor market, discussed in forthcoming paper *Wage Poor Mothers and Moral Economy* (2007) and on methodological issues explored in a new project, *Researching Inequality*. Courses include *Poor Law to the Working Poor*, *Care and Inequality*, and *Research at the Margins*. Dodson conducted extensive research during the years before, during and after welfare reform resulting in the book, *Don't Call Us Out of Name: The Untold Lives of Women and Girls in Poor America* (1999).

Current Projects: Currently working on a field-based study in New York City on a labor and management collaboration, established by Service Employees International Union, towards strengthening care services and developing jobs that provide workers with a living and opportunity for advancement.

2003-2005 Collaborative research with Brandeis University, multi-method inquiry examining *Better Jobs Better Care*, funded by the R.W. Johnson and Atlantic Philanthropy Foundations, focusing on the perspectives of careworkers in long-term care facilities.