

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Preparation:

2006 Master of Arts in Sociology, East Carolina University

2004 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Philosophy, East Carolina University

Research and Teaching Interests:

Social Movements and Collective Action

Sociolinguistics

Research Methods

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Sociology of Culture

Demography

Applied Research:

2005: Research Assistant, Scientific Record Keeping and Responsible Research Conduct. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation (\$125,000.00).

2006-Present: Research Assistant, The "New" New Orleans: evaluating preferences for rebuilding plans after Hurricane Katrina. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation SGER (\$172,596.00).

Outreach and Community Organizing:

2000-2006: Community Liaison, North Carolina Student Rural Health Coalition. Greenville, NC.

2003-2006: Co-founder and Organizer, Democracy Alliance of Eastern North Carolina, Greenville, NC.

2003: Community Organizer, Democracy North Carolina. Carrboro, NC.

Research Submitted And In Preparation:

“Creating Commitment: Frequent Volunteering Among High School Students.” Mooney, Linda A., Bob Edwards, and Maria Khorsand Dillard. Submitted to *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

“Women's Leadership and Participation Rural Community Organizations in Lithuania.” Edwards, Bob, Maria K. Dillard, and Arunas Juska.

“Predicting Media Coverage Among Peace Movement Organizations: The Impact of Organizational Characteristics and Orientations.”

“An Ethnographic Study of the Women of Hobgood.”

“Social Movement Research: A Creative Approach to Methods for Studying the Local Social Movement Sector.”

“Social Movement Organizations in Pitt County.”

Grants and Awards:

2004. “Language Attitudes in Hobgood, N.C.” Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Committee. East Carolina University. \$800.

Papers Presented:

“A New Look at Language Attitudes.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 14-17, 2004.

“Social Movement Organizations in Pitt County.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 14-17, 2004.

“Language Attitudes Revisited.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC. April 13-16, 2005.

“Social Movement Research: A Creative Approach to Understanding the Local Social Movement Sector.” Presented at the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 13-16, 2005.

“Women's Leadership and Participation Rural Community Organizations in Lithuania.” Co-authors: Arunas Juska and Bob Edwards. Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Annual Conference. Budapest, Hungary. September 8-10, 2005.

“The U.S. Peace Movement: Predicting Media Coverage of Organizations Working for Peace.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. March 22-25, 2006.

Professional Experience:

2004-2006: Research Assistant, East Carolina University Department of Sociology.

2001-2003: Undergraduate Research Assistant, East Carolina University Department of Philosophy.

Professional Memberships:

Southern Sociological Society

American Sociological Association

Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section-ASA