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Academic Positions

Associate Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Montana State University
August 2002 to present
(Assistant Professor August 1996 - July 2002)

Education

Bowling Green State University	Ph.D.	1996	Sociology
Bowling Green State University	M.A.	1994	Sociology
Marian College	B.A.	1991	Sociology

Publications

Pittendrigh, A., Borkowski, J., Swinford, S., & Plumb, C. (2016). Knowledge and community: the effect of a first-year seminar on student persistence. *Journal of General Education*, 65, 1, 48-65.

Ward, N.J., Otto, J., Swinford, S., Keller, S., & Linkenbach, J. (2015). The Traffic Safety Culture Paradigm. In A. Smiley. (Ed.) *Human Factors and Traffic Safety*. Lawyers & Judges Publishing, Tucson, AZ.

Swinford, S. (2015). City of Dillon Study Commission Survey Report.

Swinford, S. (2015). City of Valier Study Commission Survey Report.

Howard, E., Cooper, C., Wittie, M.P., Swinford, S., & Yang Q. (2014). Cascading Impact of Lag on Quality of Experience in Cooperative Multiplayer Games. 13th Annual Workshop on Network and Systems Support for Games.

Otto, J., Ward, N., Swinford, S., Linkenbach, J. (2014). Engaging worksite bystanders to reduce risky driving. *Transportation Research Part F*, 26, 370-378.

Linkenbach, J., Keller, S., Otto, J., & Swinford, S. (2012). Media Messages and Tools to Reduce Serious Single Vehicle Run- Off-the Road Crashes Resulting from Impaired Driving. Prepared for Idaho Transportation Department Research Program.

- Over 50 Key Findings Reports through Center For Health and Safety Culture, Western Transportation Institute, Montana State University. (2008-2012).
- FY 2011 Montana Municipality Salary and Benefit Survey. (2010). Local Government Center, Montana State University.
- FY 2008 Montana County Salary and Benefit Survey. (2008). Local Government Center, Montana State University.
- Swinford, S. (2007). 2006 NorthEast Neighborhood Association survey final report. City of Bozeman, MT.
- Swinford, S. & Jelinski, J. (2006). Survey regarding the employment status of Montana's City Attorneys. Local Government Center, Montana State University.
- Swinford, S. P., DeMaris, A., Cernkovich, S. A., & Giordano, P. C. (2000). Harsh physical discipline in childhood and violence in later romantic involvements: The mediating role of problem behaviors. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 62, 508-519.
- Giordano, P. C., Cernkovich, S. A., Groat, H. T., Pugh, M. D., & Swinford, S. P. (1998). The quality of adolescent friendships: Long term effects. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 39, 55-71.
- Groat, H. T., Giordano, P. C., Cernkovich, S. A., Pugh, M. D., & Swinford, S. P. (1997). Attitudes toward childbearing among young parents. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 59, 568-581.
- DeMaris, A., & Swinford, S. P. (1996). Female victims of spousal violence: Factors influencing their level of fearfulness. *Family Relations*, 45, 98-106.

Professional Presentations

- “Preventing Someone from Driving while Intoxicated: The Role of Social Distance in the Decision to Intervene.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL March 2013.
- “Shifting Perceptions and Attitudes about Alcohol Use among Adolescents: Increasing the Accuracy of Normative Perceptions to Decrease Alcohol Use” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL March 2013.
- “Cross-disciplinary Humanities: Does a First-Year Humanities Seminar Influence Intellectual Skills and Behaviors?” Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI January 2012.

- “Accuracy and Distinctiveness of Drug Use Measures.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2010.
- “Sex, Alcohol, and the Production of College Manhood” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2010.
- “Impact of Presentation Format of Open-Ended Survey Questions on Response Quality.” American Statistical Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, July 2007.
- “Open-Ended Questions on Surveys: Does Presentation Format Make a Difference?” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2007.
- “Using Surveys to Evaluate Community Improvement Efforts” Keep America Beautiful National Conference, December 2007.
- “Age and gender differences in sibling interaction patterns” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, April 2005.
- “Developing surveys to assess sibling interaction patterns” Improvement of Rural and Agricultural Sample Survey Methods Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, March 2004.
- “Development of measures to assess sibling interaction patterns.” Midwest Sociological Society meetings, Chicago, IL, April 2003.
- “Long term impacts of parental control techniques on adolescents.” Midwest Sociological Society meetings, St. Louis, MO, April 2001.
- “Question Order Effects: A Cautionary Tale.” Improvement of Rural and Agricultural Sample Survey Methods Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, February 2000. With Lorenz, F., Robertson, R., and Saltiel, J.

Funded Projects as Principal Investigator

- “City of Dillon, MT Study Commission Survey.” \$4435. April - June 2015
- “Town of Valier, MT Study Commission Survey.” \$583. March - June 2015
- “Petit Jean State Park Litter-Prevention Survey.” \$705. June – September 2006.
- “Bozeman Government Study Commission Survey.” \$2450. April – May 2006.
- “Development of measures to assess the quality of sibling interaction patterns.” \$2750. July 2001 to June 2002.
- “Development of computer-based senior exit interview.” \$6,000. Summer 1999.

Undergraduate Teaching

SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 110	Honors Introduction to Sociology
SOC 202	Introduction to Theory and Analysis
SOC 212	Social Problems
SOC 218	Quantitative Techniques
SOC 303	Social Psychology/Society and the Individual
SOC 307	Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
SOC 314	Family and Society
SOC 318	Research Methods
SOC 374	Sociology of Culture
SOC 400	Survey Methodology
SOC 414	Family Violence
SOC 451	Senior Capstone Seminar
SOC 489	Life Course Perspectives on the Family
SOC 489	The Work of Erving Goffman
SOC 489	Advanced Data Analysis
SOC 499	Senior capstone Seminar
CLS 101	Knowledge and Community
CLS 201	Knowledge and Community (for non-freshmen)
UH 400	Ethics and Technology
UH 494	Sociobiology

Teaching Awards

Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Letters and Science, Montana State University. 2009.

Honorable Mention, Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award. 2010 and 2007.

Instruction-related Activities

Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Scholars Program project for three students between 2004-2010.

Supervisor for 11 student interns at Gallatin County Victim-Witness Office, Battered Women's Network of Bozeman, and AWARE. 1998 to present.

Academic advisor to approximately 30 students per semester since 1997.

University Service

Co-chair, SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) Coalition. January 2016-present.

Member, Advisory Board, HELPS Lab. 2015-present.

Member, CLS Strategic Plan Committee. February 2016-April 2016.

Advisor, Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society. Spring 2013-present.

Advisor, Table Top Gaming Club. Spring 2014-present.

Faculty Senate representative for Department of Sociology & Anthropology, 2012-2016.

Member, Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects). August 2005-May 2016.

Member, UpDating Advising committee, 2014-2015.

Member, Presidential Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention (PCSAP). 2012-2015.

Member, University US Core Committee. 2012-2013.

Member, University Computing Needs Committee, 2012-2014.

Member, University Undergraduate Studies Committee. Fall 2007-Spring 2011.

Member, University Academic Advising Committee. Spring 2005-Spring 2011.

Member, CLS 101 Course Committee. Fall 2006-Spring 2011.

Member, OCHE Transferability FLOC for Sociology. 2008.

Member, Search Committee, Local Government Center Assistant Director position, 2009.

Member, Search Committee, Political Science tenure-track position, 2007.

Member, Search Committee, Research Compliance Officer. Office of Research, Creativity, and Technology Transfer. Fall 2005.

Department alternate, Faculty Senate, 1997-1999.

University Teacher Education Committee (UTEC), 1998-2000. Member.

Department Representative to MSU Library, 1998.

Departmental Service

Chair, NTT Search Committee, Sociology, Summer 2016.

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2016-2017.

Chair, NTT Search Committee, Sociology, Summer 2015.

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2014-2015.

Member, Search Committee, Sociology tenure-track position, 2014.

Member, Search Committee, Sociology tenure-track position, 2012.

Member, Search Committee, Political Science tenure-track position, 2008.

Chair, Search Committee, Sociology tenure-track position, 2002.

Chair, Search Committee, Justice Studies tenure-track position, 2002.

Chair, Search Committee, Sociology tenure-track position, 2001.

Member, Search Committee, Sociology tenure-track position, 2000.

Member, Department Head Search Committee, 1999.

Implementation of senior exit interview and advising assessment software for department graduates (with Jack Gilchrist), 1999 - 2003.

Professional Service/Affiliations

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Health and Safety Culture, Montana State University. October 2015-present.

Research Scientist, Center for Health and Safety Culture/MOST of US, Montana State University. Fall 2008-September 2015.

Senior Research Associate, Local Government Center, Montana State University. Fall 2005-Spring 2011.

Member, Improvement of Rural and Agricultural Sample Survey Methods. US Department of Agriculture Grants W-183, WCC1001, and WERA 1010. 1999-present.

Reviewer, Journal of Marriage and the Family.

Member, Gallatin County Victim/Witness Program Board, August 1997-present.

Member and Chair, Gallatin County Community Corrections Board, August 2000-August 2004.