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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

Refereed Publications

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

“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 Grants

“Petit Jean State Park Litter-Prevention Survey.” June – September 2006.

“Bozeman Government Study Commission Survey.” April – May 2006.

“Development of measures to assess the quality of sibling interaction patterns.” July 2001 to June 2002.

“Development of computer-based senior exit interview.” Summer 1999.

#### Teaching Presentations and Contributions

Contributor, “Resource Material for Teaching about Family Violence.” American Sociological Association, 1998 and 2002.

Contributor, “Resource Material for Teaching Social Psychology.” American Sociological Association, 1998.

“American families: Myths and realities.” Teaching Excellence Award Seminar at Montana State University-Bozeman, July 1999, July 2001, July 2003, June 2004, June 2005.

“Speaking up: Domestic violence in our communities.” Panelists on *Montana Profiles*, produced by Montana Public Television, October 1999.

#### Instruction-related Grants

Core 2.0 Development grant for Inquiry course. Developed proposal for Sociological Inquiry (SOC 101) course.

#### Undergraduate Teaching

SOC 101	Sociological Inquiry
SOC 202	Introduction to Theory and Analysis
SOC 212	Social Problems
SOC 218	Quantitative Techniques

SOC 303 Social Psychology  
SOC 307 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence  
SOC 314 Family and Society  
SOC 318 Research Methods  
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  
CLS 101 Freshman Seminar

### University Service

New Faculty Mentor Program, Mentor. 2006-2007.

University Academic Advising Committee. Spring 2005 to present.

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

Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects). August 2005 to present.

Faculty Council, 1997 to 1999. Department alternate.

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

Department Representative to MSU Library, 1998.

### Departmental Service

Member, Search Committee, Political Science tenure-track position, 2006.

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.

Department Head Search Committee, 1999. Member.

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

Professional Service/Affiliations

Senior Research Associate, Local Government Center, Montana State University. Fall 2005 to present.

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

Reviewer, Journal of Marriage and the Family.

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

Member, Gallatin County Community Corrections Board, August 2000 to August 2004.

Chair, Gallatin County Community Corrections Board, July 2002 to August 2004.