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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

“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 Grants

“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.

#### Professional Publications and Reports

“Youth Alcohol Survey: Key Findings Report”, Benjamin Franklin Middle School. November 2007.

“Real Deal Survey: Key Findings Report”, Farrell Area High School. March 2008.

“Parent Survey: Key Findings Report”, Farrell Area High School. March 2008.

“Youth Survey: Key Findings Report”, Career Prep High School. March 2008.

“Youth Survey: Key Findings Report”, Aztec and Vista Nueva High Schools. April 2008.

“Youth First Alcohol Survey: Key Findings Report”, Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. June 2008.

“Youth Survey: Key Findings Report”, Everglades High School. June 2008.

“Youth Survey Comparison: 2005 to 2008”, Everglades High School. June 2008.

“Youth Alcohol Survey: Key Findings Report”, Shafer Middle School. August 2008.

“Youth Alcohol Survey: Key Findings Report”, Snyder Middle School. October 2008.

“Youth Alcohol Survey: Key Findings Report”, Benjamin Franklin Middle School.  
February 2009.

### 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 Activities

Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Scholars Program project for Dustin Stoltz, Fall 2008 – present.

Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Scholars Program project for Jenny Folsom, Summer 2004 – Spring 2005

Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Scholars Program project for Tai Takenaka, Spring 2004 – Fall 2004.

Advisee Management software development. Developed and maintained MS Access-based program to manage advisor assignments for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Fall 2005 to present.

Waitlist Management software development. Developed and maintained MS Access-based program to manage student waitlists for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Spring 2004 to present.

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

Co-advisor, Women's Studies Program Senior Project for Misty Barton, Spring 1998.

Academic advisor to 15 students in 1996-97, and approximately 30 students per semester since 1997.

### Instruction-related Grants

Core 2.0 Development grant for Inquiry course. Developed proposal for Sociological Inquiry (SOC 101) course. \$1500.

### 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

University Undergraduate Studies Committee. Fall 2007 to present.

University Academic Advising Committee. Spring 2005 to present.  
Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects). August 2005 to present.

Member, CLS 101 Course Committee. Fall 2006 – present.

Member, OCHE Transferability FLOC for Sociology. 2008.

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

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

Faculty Council, 1997 to 1999. Department alternate.

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

Department Representative to MSU Library, 1998.

### Departmental Service

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.

Enrichment Sequence Committee, 1998 to 2000. Member.

Committee on Annual Review Procedures, Spring, 1997. Member.

### Professional Service/Affiliations

Research Associate, MOST of US, Montana State University. Fall 2008 to present.

Senior Research Associate, Local Government Center, Montana State University. Fall 2005 to Spring 2008.

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.