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Education

Ph.D., Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2016

Dissertation: *Marital Quality and Mental Health following Breaks from Employment for Childbearing*

MA, Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2012

Thesis: *'Single' and Looking? The Role of Facebook in the Initiation of Romantic Relationships in College*

BA, Sociology, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, 2008

Experience

Instructor **The Pennsylvania State University** **2013 – Present**

- Developed syllabi and wrote and delivered daily lectures
- Created assignments, developed and administered exams, and managed gradebook
- Communicated with students via email and the course management sites
- Wrote letters of recommendation on students' behalf and communicated with academic advisors
- Mentored students in office hours and during appointments
- Courses taught: Introductory Sociology (Summer 2013, Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Spring 2020, Fall 2021*), Social Problems (LEAP Summer 2021), Sociology of Pop Culture (LEAP Summer 2018, Summer 2020*), Sociology of the Family (Summer 2015), Research Methods

Instructor **Penn State University, World Campus** **2016 – Present**

- Explained weekly assignments and communicated expectations via course management system
- Assisted students via email and course management system message
- Managed gradebook
- Facilitated discussion boards
- Graded and provided feedback on student work
- Monitored student progress and communicated with students about concerns

Course Content Creator **Penn State University, World Campus** **2020 – Present**

- Collaborated with World Campus Instructional Designer to develop Sociological Research Methods course for online learning
- Wrote all substantive content for online lessons
- Developed assessment tools and assignments

Learning Services Program Assistant **The Morgan Academic Center** **2016 – 2017**

- Facilitated tutor and mentor programs which serves more than 800 student-athletes and employs roughly 200 student tutors
- Designed and updated training manual for new tutor and mentor hires
- Coordinated student-athlete and tutor/mentor appointments and communications
- Completed recertification portfolio for Tutor Program certification
- Assisted with the coordination and completion of tutor trainings

Academic Mentor **The Morgan Academic Center** **2016 – 2017**

- Mentored at-risk student athletes from diverse backgrounds and with varied learning needs on academic skills in one-on-one mentorships
- Assisted student athletes with goal setting, time management, organization, note-taking, reading, study and test preparation, self-monitoring, self-advocacy and critical thinking/problem-solving
- Wrote mentor reports and communicated with academic advisors
- Attended monthly trainings and meetings

Graduate Research Assistant **The Pennsylvania State University** **2010 – 2016**

- Completed research assistantships supervised by two professors in two departments on campus
- Lead participant recruitment and collected data via interviews and survey research
- Conducted data analysis including inductive and deductive quantitative and qualitative research
- Presented findings of research at academic conferences
- Completed literature and assisted with writing, editing and synthesis of results
- Co-wrote book chapter

Lab Instructor **The Pennsylvania State University** **2010 – 2014**

- Taught six separate semester-long social science labs
- Developed lectures and lab materials including assignments and study guides
- Instructed students on statistical and data analyses techniques
- Mentored and tutored students in office hours and one-on-one appointments

Graduate Teaching Assistant **The Pennsylvania State University** **2010 – 2014**

- Completed general teaching assistant assignments for three professors in Sociology
- Instructed students in lectures
- Developed tools for student assessment
- Mentored students during office hours and led study sessions
- Trained undergraduate teaching assistants and prepared materials for future graduate TAs
- Guided students individually on semester-long research projects

Teaching Certificates and Trainings

- 2017 *OL 2000: Essentials of Online Teaching*, World Campus Online Faculty Development, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016 *Graduate School Teaching Certificate*, The Graduate School, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2015 Schreyer Teaching Institute Course in College Teaching

Research Experience

- 2014-2016 **Research Assistant, Dr. Sarah Damaske**
Topic: Gender and Unemployment, NSF Project
Duties: Participant recruitment, data collection via Interviews, data analysis, synthesis of results, writing and editing
- 2011-2013 **Research Assistant, Dr. Paul Amato**
Topic: Impact of Divorce on Children's Outcomes
Duties: Review of the divorce literature with a focus on articles that use fixed effects models

Topic: Couples in LAT (Living Apart, Together) Relationships

Duties: Review of the international literature on couples who live apart, synthesis of findings, writing and editing

Topic: Differences among Blacks and Whites in Divorce

Duties: Review of the divorce literature with a focus on differences between Black and White couples

2008-2009 **Research Assistant**, Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition Needs Assessment Grant, *Dr. Michelle Janning, project leader*
Topic: Assessment of Resources Accessed by Parents Readyng their Children for Kindergarten
Duties: Data collection, data analysis, synthesis of results, writing and editing

Publications

Book Chapter

Amato, Paul R. and **Lydia N. Hayes**. "Alone Together Marriages and Living Apart Together Relationships." *Contemporary Issues in Family Studies*. Angela Abela and Janet Walker (Eds). 1st, New York: Wiley, 2013.

Reviewlets

2011 **Hayes, Lydia N.** "The Lifestyle Puzzle." *Contemporary Sociology* 40(4): 511-512.

2011 **Hayes, Lydia N.** "Misframing Men." *Contemporary Sociology* 40(2): 244-245.

Academic Presentations

2014 **Hayes, Lydia N.** "'Single' and Looking? The Role of Facebook in the Initiation of Romantic Relationships in College." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

2009 **Hayes, Lydia N.** "Everybody's Doing It?!: The Emergence of Hooking Up as a Gendered and Often Misunderstood Institution." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Academic Service

2016 – Present Peer-Reviewer for various academic journals, including *Teaching Sociology*

2014 – 2016 Sociology Undergraduate Committee member

2014 – 2015 Child Maltreatment Faculty Search Committee, Graduate Student Rep

2013 – 2016 Teaching Sociology Committee member

2012 – 2013 Sociology Student Paper Competition Committee member and reader

2012 – 2013 Graduate Student Concerns Committee member

References

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