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Present Position

Assistant Professor of Sociology
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Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, Graduate Minor in Gerontology, Purdue University, 2010
Dissertation: “Exploring Patterns of Reciprocal Influence between Mothers and Daughters When Daughters Return to School in Midlife.”
Committee: J. Jill Sutor (Chair), Viktor Gecas, Jeni Loftus, Rebecca S. Powers
Graduate Certificate in Survey Research, Purdue University, 2006
M.S. in Sociology, Purdue University, 2005
M.S. in Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University Calumet, 2004
B.A. in Sociology and Clinical Psychology, with Distinction, Purdue University Calumet, 2001

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Alumni Association, University of Evansville, 2012
Chi Omega Professor of the Year, University of Evansville, 2012
Teaching Innovations and Faculty Development Award, ASA/SAGE, 2012
Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2009
Associate Fellow, The Teaching Academy, Purdue University, 2009
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants, Purdue University, 2008
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Purdue University, 2007
Ross Fellowship, Purdue University, 2004

Certificates

Protecting Human Research Participants Certificate, National Institutes of Health, Office of Extramural Research, 2012
Purdue University Center for Instructional Excellence Graduate Teacher Certificate, 2007

Teaching Interests

Marriage and Family; Globalization and the Environment; Social Problems; Introductory Sociology; Love, Sex, and Society; Death and Dying; Popular Culture

Research Interests

Educational aspirations and achievement; first-generational college students; family bereavement; parental socialization; scholarship of teaching and learning

Grants

Schroeder Family Faculty Development Grant, University of Evansville, 2012

Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Conference Grant, University of Evansville, 2012

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, Committee of the University of Evansville Alumni Association (Co-PIs: Matthew Knoester and Mari Plikuhn), 2011

Arts, Research, and Teaching Grant, Faculty Professional Affairs Committee of the University of Evansville (Co-PIs: Matthew Knoester and Mari Plikuhn), 2011

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, Committee of the University of Evansville Alumni Association (Co-PIs: Michelle Blake and Mari Plikuhn), 2010

Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Conference Grant, University of Evansville, 2010

Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence New Faculty Grant, University of Evansville, 2010

Publications and Book Reviews

Plikuhn, Mari. 2012. "Fertility and Public Policy." [Review of the book *Fertility and Public Policy: How to Reverse the Trend of Declining Birth Rates* edited by N. Takayama and M. Werding]. *International Social Science Review*, 87: 71-72.

Plikuhn, Mari, Marne Helgesen, and Juan Diego Velasquez. 2010. "One Small Step for Teaching, One Giant Leap for Scholarship: The Importance of Recognition at a Research University." *Transformative Dialogues: Teaching and Learning Journal* 4: 1-9.

Suitor, J. Jill, Jori Sechrist, Mari Plikuhn, Seth T. Pardo, Megan Gilligan, and Karl Pillemer. 2009. "The Role of Parental Favoritism in Sibling Relations in Midlife." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71: 1026-1038.

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Gwen Parks, Mari Plikuhn, and Karl Pillemer. 2009. "Intergenerational Family Relationships." In Harry T. Reis & Susan Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Suitor, J. Jill, Jori Sechrist, Mari Plikuhn, Seth T. Pardo, and Karl Pillemer. 2008. "Within-Family Differences in Parent-Child Relations across the Life Course." *Current Directions in Psychological Science* 17: 334-338.

Suitor, J. Jill, Mari Plikuhn, Megan Gilligan, and Rebecca S. Powers. 2008. "Unforeseen Consequences of Mothers' Return to School: Children's Educational Aspirations and Outcomes." *Sociological Perspectives* 51: 495-513.

Research under Revision

Plikuhn, Mari, Ashlee Niehaus, and Rebecca D. Reeves. "'65 Isn't What It Used to Be': Changes and Trends in Perceptions of Older Adults." Conditionally accepted for publication at *International Social Science Review*.

Knoester, Matthew and Mari Plikuhn. "Inquiry into the Literacy Development of First-Generation College Graduates." Under review at *Journal of Literacy Research*.

Research Presentations

Knoester, Matthew and Mari Plikuhn. 2013. "Inquiry into the Literacy Development of First-Generation College Graduates." Accepted for Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, April, San Francisco, California.

Plikuhn, Mari, Jenna Koschmeder*, Sarah Malik*, and Sarah Spalding*. 2013. "Struggle and Satisfaction with the Second Shift: Differences between Married and Cohabiting Couples." Accepted for Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, March, Chicago, IL.

Plikuhn, Mari, Jenna Koschmeder*, Sarah Malik*, Ashlee Niehaus, Rebecca Reeves, and Sarah Spalding*. 2013. "Leading and Succeeding: Collaborating with Undergraduate Student Researchers." Accepted for Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, March, Chicago, IL.

Plikuhn, Mari and Antoinette Fafara*. 2012. "What's In a Name: The Use of Given Names in Verbal Communication, Technology, and Social Cohesion." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, October, Gary, Indiana.

Plikuhn, Mari. 2012. "The 'A' Word: Improving and Developing Curricular Assessment in the Face of Resistance." Presented at the Teaching and Learning Seminar of the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, Denver, Colorado.

Plikuhn, Mari and Matthew Knoester. 2012. "First-Generation College Graduates and the Discourses Needed for Academic Success." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, April, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Plikuhn, Mari, Ashlee Niehaus*, and Rebecca D. Reeves*. 2011. "'65 Isn't What It Used to Be': Changes and Trends in Perceptions of Older Adults." Presented at the Annual Scientific Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November, Boston, Massachusetts.

Plikuhn, Mari, Michelle Emory Blake, Daniel Caruana*, Ashlee Niehaus*, and Rebecca D. Reeves*. 2011. "Childlessness and Life Satisfaction in Later Adulthood." Presented at the Annual Scientific Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November, Boston, Massachusetts.

Plikuhn, Mari. 2011. "Mom Matters: How Mothers' Attitudes Play a Role in Daughters' College Success." Presented at the Gender and Women's Studies Brown Bag Series, University of Evansville, September, Evansville, IN.

Plikuhn, Mari. 2011. "The Role of Mothers' Attitudes on Their Daughters' Completion of College in Midlife." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Plikuhn, Mari. 2011. "Using Students' Concepts of Ideal Marriage and Divorce in Reflection Papers to Encourage Discussion." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, March, St. Louis, Missouri.

- Plikuhn, Mari, Marne Helgesen, and Juan Diego Velasquez. 2010. "We Need the Basics, Too!": Assessment of Faculty Participation and Development in Teaching Workshops." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, October, Liverpool, United Kingdom.
- Plikuhn, Mari, J. Jill Suito, and Rebecca S. Powers. 2009. "Mother's Support for Education: Intergenerational Socialization after Daughters' Return to School." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Suito, J. Jill, Mari Plikuhn, Tamara Pardo, Jori Sechrist, and Karl Pillemer. 2007. "The Role of Parental Favoritism in Childhood and Adulthood on Siblings' Closeness and Contact in Midlife." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November, San Francisco, California.
- Plikuhn, Mari, J. Jill Suito, Megan Gilligan, and Rebecca S. Powers. 2007. "Unforeseen Consequences of Mothers' Return to School: Children's Educational Aspirations and Outcomes." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, New York, New York.
- Suito, J. Jill, Shirley Keeton, Mari Plikuhn, Megan Gilligan, and Rebecca Powers. 2007. "Changes in Women's Networks across the Decades: A 25-Year Study of the Enduring Effects of Higher Education on Interpersonal Relations." Presented at the Annual Sunbelt Social Networks Conference, May, Corfu, Greece.
- Plikuhn, Mari G. 2005. "Graduate Instructors: Learning to Teach, Teaching to Learn." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, March, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Indicates student co-author/co-presenter*

Research in Progress

- Knoester, Matthew and Mari Plikuhn. "Social Aspects of Literacy Development in the Lives of First-Generation College Graduates." Submitted for presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 2013, New York, NY.
- Plikuhn, Mari and Matthew Knoester. "First-Generation College Graduates and the Literacies and Discourses Needed for Academic Success." In progress.
- Plikuhn, Mari and James E. Doane. "Improving and Developing Curricular Assessment in the Face of Resistance." In preparation for submission to *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*.
- Doane, James E. and Mari Plikuhn. "For Us or For Them?: Why We Develop the Student-Faculty Connection." In preparation for submission to *International Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*.
- Plikuhn, Mari. "When the Baby Never Comes: Stillbirth, Miscarriage, and Social Support." In preparation for submission to *OMEGA: Journal of Death and Dying*.
- Plikuhn, Mari and J. Jill Suito. "The Role of Mothers' Attitudes on Their Daughters' Completion of College in Midlife." In preparation for submission to *Sociology of Education*.

Previous Positions

Purdue University, Graduate Instructor, Department of Sociology

Purdue University, Graduate Assistant, Center for Instructional Excellence

Purdue University Calumet, Graduate Instructor and Advisor, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Courses Taught

University of Evansville, Department of Law, Politics, and Society

Introductory Sociology

Introductory Sociology – Honors

Social Problems in the Modern World

Social Research Methods

Marriage and Family

Popular Culture

Aging and Society

Globalization and the Environment

Death and Dying

Principles of Sociological Theory

Purdue University, Department of Sociology

Introductory Sociology

Introductory Sociology – Online

Introductory Sociology – Online for Indiana rural high school students

Social Psychology of Marriage and the Family

Purdue University Calumet, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Introductory Sociology

Teaching Presentations*

Plikuhn, Mari. 2013. “Developing Innovative Teaching Strategies.” Presented at the 18th Annual Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Bill, Robert L., David Nelson, and Mari Plikuhn. 2010. “Are Your Students Cheating? Identification, Prevention, and Response.” Presented at the College Teaching Workshop Series, Purdue University, April, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Clawson, Rosalee, Mari Plikuhn, and F. Thomas Turpin. 2010. “The Nuts and Bolts of Setting Rules for Your Course.” Presented at the College Teaching Workshop Series, Purdue University, February, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Plikuhn, Mari. 2009. “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, October, Bloomington, Indiana.

Clawson, Rosalee, Sara J. Coffman, and Mari Plikuhn. 2009. “Student-Teacher Relationships: Building Rapport with Your Students.” Presented at the College Teaching Workshop Series, Purdue University, September, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Payne, Lindsey and Mari Plikuhn. 2009. “Teaching in the Laboratory.” Presented at the All-Campus Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Purdue University, August, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Calahan, Charles A., Sara J. Coffman, and Mari Plikuhn. 2009. “Designing a Course from Scratch.” Presented at the College Teaching Workshop Series, Purdue University, May, Purdue University.

Bill, Robert L., Mari Plikuhn, and F. Thomas Turpin. 2009. "The Nuts and Bolts of Structuring Your Course: University Procedures Related to Teaching." Presented at the College Teaching Workshop Series, Purdue University, May, West Lafayette, Indiana.

*All presenters share equal contribution and are listed alphabetically.

University and Departmental Service

University of Evansville

Member, Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee, 2012
Member, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee, 2012
Member, Schroeder Family Faculty Development Grant Committee, 2012-current
Member, Institutional Diversity Council, 2011-2012
Member, Institutional Diversity Council Diversity Assessment Sub-Committee, 2011-2012
Faculty Advisor, Society for Social Research, 2011-current
Advisor, Major Discovery Program, 2011-current
Member, University Facilities Master Plan Focus Group, 2011
Member, Gender and Women's Studies Program Committee, 2012-current
Member, Student Success Team, 2011-current
Member, Faculty Senate Athletic Committee, 2011-2014
Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate, 2011-2013
Corresponding Secretary, Faculty Senate, 2012
Senator, Faculty Senate, 2012
Member, Faculty Senate Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, 2011, 2012
Research Advisor, Student Diversity Assessment Team, Office of Diversity, 2011
Faculty Advisor, Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society for the Social Sciences, 2010-current
Department Representative, Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR), 2011
Department Representative, Open House Academic Fair and Academic Session, 2010-current
Marshal, Commencement, 2011, 2012
Marshal, Presidential Inauguration, 2010

Purdue University

Selection Committee Member, 2010 Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award, 2010
Student Representative, Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants, 2009-2010
Affiliate Coordinator, Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) Institutional Leadership Program, 2009-2010
Student Representative, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2009-2010
Committee Chair, Departmental New Student Orientation, 2006, 2007
Representative, Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, 2006-2007

Purdue University Calumet

Academic Advisor, Department of Behavioral Sciences, 2002

Professional Service

Facilitator, “Developing Your Teaching Self,” American Sociological Association Pre-Conference Teaching and Learning Workshop, Denver, CO, August 2012

Judge, Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society, 2012

Program Committee, Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2010-2011

Session Organizer, “Quick Hits: Effective Teaching Techniques,” Section on Teaching and Learning, American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 2011

Reviewer, *International Social Science Review, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Transformative Dialogues; Teaching Sociology*

Roundtable Presider, “Teaching and Technology,” Section on Sociology of Education, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2009

Editorial Assistant, *JAI Interpersonal Relations across the Life Course. Advances in Life Course Research*, Vol. 11, Timothy Owens and J. Jill Sutor, Editors. 2005 – 2007

Duties: Correspondence with reviewers and authors; creation of publicity materials; manuscript management; organization of volume; copy editing

Memberships in Professional Organizations

Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society

American Educational Research Association
Member: Sociology Interest Group

American Sociological Association
Section Memberships: Aging and the Life Course
Family
Teaching and Learning in Sociology

Gerontological Society of America

Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Member: Sociology Interest Group

Kappa Omicron Nu, the Honor Society in the Human Sciences

Midwest Sociological Society

Phi Kappa Phi, Interdisciplinary Honor Society

Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society of the Social Sciences