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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute on Aging, Boston College, 2009-present.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Sociology, 2009

Minor: Human Development and Family Studies

Dissertation Title: Facing End-of-Life Together: Marital Relationship Quality and End-of-Life Health Care Preferences

Dissertation Committee: Deborah Carr (co-chair), Robert Hauser (co-chair), Cameron Macdonald, Betty Kramer, Linda Roberts

University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.S., Sociology, 2005

Thesis Title: Down but Not Out: Effects of Widowhood and Gender on Psychological Distress

Thesis Committee: John DeLamater (chair), Robert Hauser, James Raymo

Pennsylvania State University

B.S., Human Development and Family Studies, with honors and highest distinction, 2003

B.A., Psychology, with highest distinction, 2003

Thesis Title: Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood

Thesis Committee: Karen Fingerman, Alan Booth

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2009. "End-of-Life Treatment Preferences among Older Adults: An Assessment of Psychosocial Influences." *Sociological Forum* 24: 754-78.

Moorman, Sara M., Robert M. Hauser, and Deborah Carr. 2009. "Do Older Adults Know Their Spouses' End-of-Life Treatment Preferences?" *Research on Aging* 31: 463-91.

Moorman, Sara M. and Deborah Carr. 2008. "Spouses' Effectiveness as End-of-Life Health Care Surrogates: Accuracy, Uncertainty, and Errors of Overtreatment or Undertreatment." *The Gerontologist* 48: 811-9.

DeLamater, John and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2007. "Sexual Behavior in Later Life." *Journal of Aging and Health* 19: 921-45.
Reprinted in *Speaking of Sexuality: Interdisciplinary Readings*. 3rd ed. Edited by N. B. Moore, J. K. Davidson Sr., and T. D. Fisher. New York: Oxford University Press.

Moorman, Sara M., Alan Booth, and Karen L. Fingerman. 2006. "Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood." *Journal of Family Issues* 27: 1281-304.

Publications in Edited Volumes

Moorman, Sara M. and Emily A. Greenfield. Forthcoming. "Personal Relationships in Later Life." In *Aging in America*. Vol. 3, *Aging and Society*, edited by J. C. Cavanaugh and C. Cavanaugh. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Moorman, Sara M. and John DeLamater. 2007. "Sexuality." Pp. 514-517 in *Encyclopedia of Health and Aging*, edited by K. S. Markides. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Hay, Elizabeth L. and **Sara M. Moorman**. 2003. "Social Relationships in Old Age." Pp. 529-533 in *Encyclopedia of Human Ecology*, edited by J. R. Miller, R. M. Lerner, L. B. Schiamberg, and P. M. Anderson. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clío.

Manuscripts under Review

Moorman, Sara M. "Feeling Understood Following End-of-Life Discussions with a Spouse: Correlates and Consequences."

Moorman, Sara M. "The Multiple Faces of Autonomy in Older Adults' Medical Decision-Making."

Manuscripts in Preparation

Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman**. "Social Relationships and Aging." In *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, edited by R. Settersten and J. Angel. New York: Springer.

Moorman, Sara M. "Healthy Older Adults' Concern about Burdening Future Caregivers: A Gendered Approach."

Moorman, Sara M., Deborah Carr, Bernard J. Hammes, and Karin T. Kirchhoff. "Efficacy of the Respecting Choices® Advance Care Planning Intervention: An Indirect Assessment Using the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study."

COURSES TAUGHT

Aging and Society, Boston College, Fall 2009. (Undergraduate)

“Age doesn’t matter unless you’re a cheese,” quipped actress Billie Burke (the Good Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*). Nevertheless, age does matter within societies. This class will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociological study: roles and relationships (e.g., within the family), inequalities (e.g., ageism), institutions (e.g., health care), and social change (e.g., the aging of the population). By the end of the course, you will have acquired a new approach to thinking about how you and others age in the social world and the ways in which age is portrayed in the media.

Social Gerontology, Boston College, Fall 2009. (Mixed Graduate and Undergraduate)

This course provides thorough coverage of current topics in social gerontology. We’ll begin the class by discussing theories of aging and the life course from multiple social scientific disciplines. Then we will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociology: roles and relationships (e.g., within the family), inequalities (e.g., ageism), institutions (e.g., health care), and social change (e.g., the aging of the population). By the end of the course, you will have comprehensive knowledge of classic and current social gerontological literature, and you will be able to identify emerging topics of importance for future basic research and applied practice.

Introduction to Sociology, Madison Area Technical College, Spring 2009. (Undergraduate)

This course provides an overview of current major topics in sociology. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, sociology is “The study of human social behavior, especially the study of the origins, organization, institutions, and development of human society.” We’ll begin the class by discussing this and other definitions of sociology. Then we will cover specific topics in four general areas of sociological study: the foundations of society (e.g., culture), social inequality (e.g., poverty), social institutions (e.g., the family), and social change (e.g., population growth). By the end of the course, you will have acquired a new approach to thinking about how you and others participate in the social world and the ways in which social issues are portrayed in the media.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Moorman, Sara M. 2009. “Healthy Older Adults’ Concern about Burdening Future Caregivers: A Gendered Approach.” To be presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Moorman, Sara M. 2008. “The Multiple Faces of Autonomy in Older Adults’ Medical Decision-Making.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Moorman, Sara M. 2008. “Feeling Understood Following End-of-Life Discussions with a Spouse: Correlates and Consequences.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

- Moorman, Sara M.** 2007. "Discussion of End-of-Life Medical Care Preferences among Young-Old Married Persons." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Moorman, Sara M.** and Deborah Carr. 2007. "Spouses as End-of-Life Health Care Surrogates: Concordance, Uncertainty, and Errors of Overtreatment or Undertreatment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- *Carr, Deborah and **Sara M. Moorman.** 2007. "End-of-Life Treatment Preferences among the Young-Old: An Assessment of Psychosocial Influences." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Moorman, Sara M.** 2006. "Effects of Widowhood on Men's and Women's Psychological Well-Being." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.
- Moorman, Sara M.,** Deborah Carr, and Robert M. Hauser. 2006. "Do Spouses Know Each Other's End-of-Life Treatment Preferences? Evidence from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.
- *DeLamater, John and **Sara M. Moorman.** 2005. "Sexual Behavior in Later Life." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.
- Moorman, Sara M.** 2004. "Down But Not Out: Effects of Widowhood and Gender on Psychological Distress in the National Survey of Families and Households." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Moorman, Sara M.,** Karen L. Fingerman, and Alan Booth. 2003. "Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.
- Hay, Elizabeth L., **Sara M. Moorman,** and Karen L. Fingerman. 2002. "Still the Same after All These Years? Generational Discrepancies in Parent-Adult Child Perceptions of Influence." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

* Research presented by Sara M. Moorman.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Graduate Research Traineeship, University of Wisconsin-Madison through the National Institute on Aging (T32-AG000129), 2004-2007; 2008-2009.

Funded participant, National Institute on Aging Technical Assistance Workshop, November 2006. Workshop on grant proposals for emerging scientists and students seeking careers in aging research.

University Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison through the University of Wisconsin Graduate School, 2003-2004.

Completed Undergraduate Research Award, American Psychological Association Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging), 2003. Awarded for the submission of "Women's Romantic Relationships after Widowhood."

Human Development and Family Studies Student Marshal, Pennsylvania State University, 2003. Recognizes the department valedictorian at graduation.

Evan Pugh Scholar, Pennsylvania State University, 2003. Recognizes the top 1/2% of the senior class.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Organizer, Chair. "New Directions in Caregiving Research: The Perceptions of Care Recipients." Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA, 2009.

Student Representative, Nominations Committee, Council for the Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association, 2008-2009.

Elected Student Representative, Council for the Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association, 2006-2008.

Reviewer, Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Pilot Grant proposals, 2006-2008. Annual competition that awards \$10,000 grants to two Ph.D.-level new users of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study.

Organizer, Chair. "Approaching End-of-Life: Social Strengths, Social Vulnerabilities." Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Reviewer, *Journal of Marriage and Family*; *Personal Relationships*.

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Aging and Health*.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2009-2010.

FORMAL MENTORING

Dissertation Committee Member, Melissa Brown, School of Social Work, Boston College, in progress.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, 2004-present. Current section memberships: Aging and the Life Course, Social Psychology, Medical Sociology.

Gerontological Society of America, 2002-present.

International Association for Relationship Research, 2004-present.