**S. Megan Smith**

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

2017 Ph.D., Sociology

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

*Exams*: Health and Criminology

*Dissertation*: Enhancing Choice, Capabilities, and Community for

Chronically Mentally Ill Persons: The Social Context of a

Faith-Based Day Program

*Committee*: Dr. Ellen Idler (Chair), Dr. Molly Perkins, Dr. Bob Agnew,

Dr. Corey Keyes

2011 M.A., Sociology

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina

*Thesis*: “Understanding How Innovations Become Institutionalized:

The Case of Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programs”

*Committee*: Dr. Yang Cao (Chair), Dr. Teresa Scheid, Dr. Wei Zhao

2001 B.A., Sociology and concentration in Anthropology

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

*Honor’s Thesis*: “Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Towards Women in the

Workplace”

*Honor’s Thesis Advisor*: Dr. Randy Thomson

*Summa Cum Laude*

**GENERAL RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Introductory Courses Gerontology Crime & Deviance

Medical Sociology Mental Health Loneliness

**PUBLICATIONS**

Scheid, Teresa and S. Megan Smith. (Forthcoming). *Sociological Insights on Mental Health and Distress*. Wiley Press.

Scheid, Teresa and S. Megan Smith. 2021. *Ties that Enable: Community Solidarity for Adults Living with Severe Mental Illness.* Rutgers University Press.

Yount, Kathryn and S. Megan Smith. 2012. “Gender and Postpartum Depression in Arab Middle Eastern Women.” *Women’s Studies International Forum* 35(4):187-193.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Department of Sociology

Assistant Teaching Professor

Introduction to Sociology (in person and online, asynchronous and synchronous)

Taught in UTOPS Program 2019- 2022

Research Methods

Social Problems

Sociological Theory (in class and online, asynchronous)

Sociology of Deviant Behavior (in class and online)

Non-writing and Writing Intensive version

Sociology of Health and Illness (in class and online)

Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (in class and online)

Non-writing and Writing Intensive version

The Experience of Loneliness in North Carolina (Gen Ed pilot course)

Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Analysis

Mental Health and Sociology

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Gerontology Program

Assistant Teaching Professor

Dying, Death, and Bereavement

Elders in the Criminal Justice System (graduate and undergraduate, asynchronous)

The Experience of Loneliness (graduate and undergraduate, asynchronous)

University of North Carolina- Wilmington, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Introduction to Sociology

Medical Sociology (asynchronous)

Criminological Theory (asynchronous)

Writing Intensive

Sociology of Mental Health

Sociology of Religion

Central Piedmont Community College

Instructor

Introduction to Sociology (in class and online, synchronous and asynchronous)

Taught in Summerbridge Scholarship Program

Sociology of the Family

Winthrop University, Department of Sociology

Instructor

Criminology

Crime and Deviance (online, asynchronous)

Sociology of Law

Queens University

Lecturer, Department of Sociology

Crime and Deviance

Introduction to Sociology

Juvenile Delinquency

Lecturer, College of General Education

Trauma and Crisis in Queens Learning Communities with Biology and Drama

Loneliness in Queens Learning Communities with Literature

York Tech Technical College, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Instructor

Introduction to Sociology (online and dual enrollment only at York Comprehensive

High School)

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Mellon Teaching Fellow

Research Methods

Mental Health and Well-Being

Emory University, Department of Sociology

Instructor

Mental Health and Well-Being

Teaching Assistant

Sociology of Law

Social Research

Juvenile Delinquency

Well-Being and Happiness

Sociology of the Family

**NOMINATIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

2023 UNCC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Theme Guide for General Education (Teaching Fellow)

2023 Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Committee on Alumni/ae and Honorary Members

2023 Quality Matters Certification earned for Deviant Behavior (SOCY 4172)

2023 Quality Matters Certification earned for Sociology of Health and Illness

(SOCY 2169)

2022 Quality Matters Certification earned for Social Problems (SOCY 2171)

2022 General Education Faculty Development Participant

2022 Interactivity Foundation grant to host IF Collaboration Coaching Certification through the UNCC Center for Teaching and Learning

2021 Atkins Faculty Engagement Award (UNCC)

2022 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2021 Interactivity Foundation grant recipient for Collaborative Learning

2021 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2020 Course Design Institute (Queens University)

2020 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2019 Nomination SGA Faculty Member of the Year (UNCC)

2019 Senior Survey Nominee “Instructor Making a Significant, Positive Contribution

(UNCC)

2019 C x C W/O Academy (UNCC)

2018 Adjunct Learning Community (UNCC)

2018 Quality Matters (UNCC)

2016-2017 Andrew F. Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Clark Atlanta University)

2013-2015 Path Less Taken (University of Delaware)

2012 Well-Being Scale Development for the Centers of Disease Control (CDC)

2011 Health Services Research Academy, Best Master’s Level Paper

“HIV and Co-Occurring Substance Use: Social Stressor Theory in an HIV

Population” (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

2001 Sigma Xi Undergraduate Symposium Finalist for the College of Humanities

and Social Sciences, “Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Toward Women in the

Workplace” (North Carolina State University)

2001 Phi Beta Kappa

2001 Alpha Kappa Delta

2001 Golden Key National Honors Society

2001 Pi Kappa Phi

**SERVICE**

2023 Interactivity Foundation, Collaboration Discussion Project Training, Cultural Responsiveness to the Collaboration Discussion Coaching Certification Cohort

2023 Sigma Phi Omega International Honors Society Co-Advisor

2023 Gerontology Club Co-Advisor

2022 Hosted workshop at UNCC CTL Humanizing Your Online Course: 30 Practical Tips for Connecting with Your Online Students (April)

2022 Hosted three workshops at UNCC CTL “Introducing the IF Collaboration Toolkit” in conjunction with the Interactivity Foundation (3 sessions in January and April)

2022 QM Faculty Mentor through the Center for Teaching and Learning

2022 Active Learning Faculty Advisor through the Center for Teaching and Learning

2022 Undergraduate Committee Member, Department of Sociology

2020-2022 Online Faculty Mentor Sociology Department at UNCC

2020-2021 CLASS Part-Time Representative Alternate at UNCC

2020 Faculty Fellows Interview Committee for Center for Teaching and Learning

Excellence (CTLE) at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)

2020-2022 Advisory Board for CTLE at CPCC

2020-2022 Sage Publications Faculty Advocate Program (Founding Faculty Member)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Considerations in Teaching the Experience of Loneliness Among Older Adults”

Southern Gerontological Association, April 2023, Norfolk, VA

“Best Practices for Teaching Dying, Death, and Bereavement during the COVID Pandemic”

Southern Gerontological Association, April 2023, Norfolk, VA

“Considerations in Teaching the Experience of Loneliness Among Older Adults”

NC Association on Aging, March 2023, Charlotte, NC

“A Community Based Approach to A Placed Called Home”

Global Alliance's for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Coming Together for

Action Conference, October 2020, Virtual Conference

“Mediating Structures: The Case for Faith-Based Day Programs for the Chronically Mentally Ill”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2019, Atlanta, GA

“Religion, Coping, and Meaning”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2016, Atlanta, GA

“Engagement in Life through Religion and Social Relationships”

Gerontological Society of America, November 2013, New Orleans, LA

“Qualitative Methods and Vulnerable Populations”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2013, Atlanta, GA

“Social Networks, Mental Health, and the Aging”

Sunbelt Conference, March 2012, Redondo Beach, CA

Southern Sociological Society, March 2012, New Orleans, LA

“Collecting Informal Data”

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“Social Networks and Mental Health”

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“HIV and Co-Occurring Substance Use: Social Stressor Theory in an HIV Population”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2011, Jacksonville, FL

University of North Carolina-Charlotte Colloquia, April 2011, Charlotte, NC

“Understanding How Innovations Become Institutionalized: The Case of Interdisciplinary

PhD Programs”

Southern Sociological Society, April 2011, Jacksonville, FL

University of North Carolina-Charlotte Colloquia, April 2011, Charlotte, NC

Georgia Sociological Association, October 2011, Savannah, GA

“Out of the Kitchen: Attitudes Toward Women in the Workplace”,

Southern Sociological Society, April 2010, Atlanta, GA

University of North Carolina- Charlotte Colloquia, April 2010, Charlotte, NC

**INVITED TALKS**

“Considerations for Mental Health in Community Work.” Junior League of Charlotte, June 2023

“The Current Public Health Crisis of Loneliness.” University of North Carolina-Charlotte,

June 2023

“Aging Un-Lonely: Staying Socially Connected for Your Health.” North Carolina Retired

Governmental Employees’ Association in conjunction with AARP and the NC

Department of Health and Human Services, June 2023

“Combating Isolation through Social and Educational Activities.” Carolina Foundation for

Jewish Seniors Annual Summit, April 2023

“Let’s Talk About Mental Health.” Junior League of Charlotte Management Team Retreat, April

2023

“How SAGE Vantage can Help with Your QM Online Course Certifications.” Sage Publications,

April 2023

“Collaboration Discussion Toolkit by the Interactivity Foundation” workshops held at UNCC in

January, February and April 2022.

“Humanizing your Online Course: Practical Steps to Connecting with your Online Students

Throughout the Semester.”

Center for Teaching and Learning, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, April 2022

“Learning How to Learn” MAN UP Sessions, Central Piedmont Community College,

August 2021

"Effective Strategies for Designing Writing Intensive Courses: Increasing Engagement and

Improving Writing Skills,” Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina- Charlotte, October 2020

“Faith Communities, Older Adults, and COVID-19,” with Cynthia Hancock, PhD to the United

Methodist Church of NC, June 2020

“Community Based Participatory Research,” Queens University, June 2020

“Managing Isolation During COVID 19,” Whole30 Food Freedom Group, April 2020

“Effective Strategies for Designing Writing Intensive Courses: Increasing Engagement and

Improving Writing Skills,” University of North Carolina- Charlotte, April 2020

“The Social Relationships of Chronically Mentally Ill Adults in a Faith-Based Day Program,”

Emory University, November 2014

“Field Research Methods,” Emory University, March 2013

“Juvenile Delinquency and Mental Health,” Emory University, March 2013

“How the DSM-III Shaped Our Ideas About Mental Health,” University of North Carolina-

Charlotte, May 2011

“The Effect of Perceived Social Support on Help Seeking Behavior,” University of North

Carolina- Charlotte, July 2011

“Goffman and Popular Culture,” University of North Carolina Charlotte, July 2010

**ELECTED and APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Academic: Undergraduate Coordinator Gerontology Program, 2022-current

Phi Beta Kappa, Chair on Committee on Alumni/ae and Honorary Members

General Education Theme Guide for CLAS, 2022-2023

Online Faulty Mentor, UNCC, Sociology Department, 2020-2022

Secretary, Student Coalition of Graduate Students, Sociology Department,

2013-2014

Parliamentarian, Graduate Student Government Association, Emory University,

2012

Student Government Legislator, Governance Committee member, Graduate

Student Government Association, Emory University, 2011-2012

President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Eta chapter, University of North Carolina-

Charlotte, 2010-2011

Community: Junior League of Charlotte, President-Elect, 2023-2024

Little Black Dress Initiative highest individual

fundraiser

Presidential Appointed Task Force Co-Chair, 100th

Anniversary, 2022-2023

Presidential Appointed Task Force Committee

Member, Service Together Task Force, 2022-2023

Sustainer Council Member, Co-Chair Community

Events, 2022

Sustainer Council Member, Co-Chair Reid Park

Service Project, 2021-2023 (raised over $12,000

Sustainer Mentor, 2021-2022

Foundation Board Member, 2009-2010

Investments Chair, 2009-2010

Finance Committee, 2008-2010

Provisional Advisor, 2007-2008

Junior League of Atlanta, Transfer Chair, 2014-2016

Historian, 2013-2014

Community Agency Director, 2012-2013

Junior League of Raleigh, Outstanding First Year (Provisional), 2002-2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Association

Gerontological Society of America

Phi Beta Kappa

Sigma Phi Omega International Honors Society

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Habitat for Humanity (2009-2010), Volunteer in Development Office, Charlotte, NC

* Reviewed all previous grants awarded to chapter. Created a “Foundations” database to determine potential funding sources. Worked with staff to promote marketing for fundraising efforts of the “Young Professionals” group.

Fifth Third Bancorp (2008-2009), Commercial Banker, Charlotte, NC

* Recruited to participate in the new Business Banking unit and develop and put into practice marketing plans to increase existing book of business of $7 million

Wachovia Bank, N.A. (2006-2008), Small Business Banker, Charlotte, NC

* Successfully managed Small Business banking portfolio by accurately assessing customer’s needs. Established and strengthened relationships with financial

center employees to receive referrals and create loyal customer base. Supervised

portfolio of 100+ customers with annual sales $5 million and under.

Wachovia Bank, N.A., (2005-2006), Financial Sales Leader, Austin, NC

* Hired as first Financial Specialist Sales Manager in the Austin, TX market.

Coordinated 14 financial center openings with construction, sales, and management teams in DeNovo (markets with no pre-existing brand recognition) locations. Managed over 65 financial center employees.

Wachovia Bank, N.A. (2002-2005), Financial Specialist, Wilmington, NC

* Consistently succeeded in accomplishing and surpassing sales goals while establishing business relationships with existing and acquired customer base both in a financial center and surrounding community market.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING**

Junior League of Charlotte (2006-2011, 2017-2018, 2021-current)

Mental Health America (current)

Classroom Central (2022-current)

Red Cross (2020-current)

Junior League of Atlanta (2011-2017)

Volunteer, The Friendship Center Day Program (2012-2017)

Mentor, Decatur High School Senior Community Service Project (2012-2013)