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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2002.

Dissertation: *Performance Measurement and Human Service Organizations: The Impact of Evaluation Processes on Organizational Programs and Practices*. Advisor: Dr. Gordana Rabrenovic

Current Specialty Areas: Qualitative and quantitative research methods, social inequality, applied sociology, and online instruction.

Master of Arts, Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 1993

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 1990. *Magna cum Laude*

Academic Experience

Senior Instructor, Criminal Justice, University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs, August 2018 to the present.

Director of Internships and Clinical Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology, January 2017 to August 2018.

Adjunct Faculty, Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology, January 2013 to 2017

Lecturer, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, September 2012 to 2017

Assistant Professor, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2006 to May 2012.

Visiting Faculty, Zhejiang Police College, Hangzhou, China, October 2009.

Assistant Research Scientist, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University, 2002-2006.

Research Assistant to Associate, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University, 1998-2001.

Interim Bachelor of Arts Program Coordinator and Instructor, Department of Sociology,
Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1995-1996.

Lecturer, Sociology, Northeastern University and Northeastern University College (Adult Education), 1993-1995

Instructor, Northeastern University, Department of Sociology, Boston, MA, 1992-1994

Courses Taught

Graduate

Criminal Justice Research Methods
Criminological Theory
Program Evaluation (face-to-face and online)
Public Administration/ Non-profit Capstone (two-semester research practicum)
Criminological Theory
Race, Class, Gender and Crime

Undergraduate

Crime and Popular Culture (upper-level, writing enhanced)
Crime in the Media (upper level)
Criminology
Criminological Theory
Deviance and Social Control
Drug Use and Abuse (upper level)
Human Service Organizations (upper level)
Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminology
Introduction to Sociology
Juvenile Delinquency (upper-level)
Marriage and Family (upper-level, face-to-face and online)
Prejudice and Discrimination
Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Religion in Cross-Cultural Perspective (core curriculum; upper level)
Race, Class, Gender and Crime
Social Problems
Social Stratification and Inequality (upper level)
Social Theory (upper-level)
Sociology of Organizations (upper-level)
Sociology of Popular Culture (upper-level)
Sociology of Religion (upper-level)

Selected Undergraduate Student Projects

May 2020: Sponsored and mentored two students in research that culminated in presentations to the Spring Research and Creative Activities Symposium. This included work by Jessica Valdez on Bail Reform and Maria Mize Diaz on media representations of former offenders.

2017: Mentored undergraduate students in research that culminated in a co-authored professional presentation.

Burns, S., S. Brown, and M. Tackett-Gibson (2017). "Hamilton: A Study of Race, Class and 'High Art'". Undergraduate presentation at the Southwest Popular

2017: Supervised four undergraduate service projects in response to Hurricane Harvey. Students participated in direct services to residents of Houston's emergency shelters. This service-learning project was coordinated for students in Social Inequality and Community Leadership courses.

Graduate Student Projects

2014-2015: Supervised a capstone study at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M. The study examined the impact of after-school program participation on disciplinary infractions during school hours among middle

school students. Client: Harris County Department of Education, Houston, TX. The project culminated in a report and recommendation white paper.

2014-2015: Supervised a capstone study at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M. This capstone examined the attributes of effective food policy coalitions. Based on original qualitative data analysis culminated in the development of an evaluative scorecard for use by the coalitions for assessment of management practices. It also produced food coalition best practices report.

2013-2014: Supervised a capstone study at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M. This capstone provided a cost-benefit analysis of after-school care programs in Harris County. It culminated in a widely disseminated report on the benefits of after-school care on future earnings and educational outcomes.

Monographs

Murguia, E., M. Tackett-Gibson, A. Lessem, eds. (2007). *Real Drugs in a Virtual World: Drug Discourse and Community Online*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Book Chapters

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2011). Prescription drug abuse. In W. Chambliss (Ed.), *Key Issues in Crime and Punishment: Crime and criminal behavior*. (pp. 168-184). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Refereed Articles

Maxwell, J., M. Tackett-Gibson, J. Dyer and K. Buchanan. (2006). Drug and Alcohol Use in Urban and Rural School Districts in Texas, *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*, Volume 13, Number 4 / August.

DiNitto, D., N. Busch, K. Bender, H. Woo, M. Tackett-Gibson, J. Dyer. (2008). Testing Telephone and Web-based Survey Methods for Studying Men's Sexual Assault Perpetration Behaviors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Volume 23, Number 10/ October.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2008). Constructions of Risk and Harm in Online Discussions of Ketamine Use. *Addiction Research and Theory*. Volume 16, Issue 3.

Selected Reports and Technical Papers

Tackett-Gibson, M. and C. Henderson. (2007). *Baseline Characteristics of Harris County Residential Treatment Program Participants: Young Men About Change and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility*. Prepared for David and Ivory Ministries, Inc. and the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. December.

Carmichael, D., M. Tackett-Gibson, M. Vodoulakis (2006). *Evaluating the Impact of Direct Electronic Filing in Criminal Cases: Closing the Paper Trap*. Prepared for the State Justice Institute and the Texas Office of Court Administration.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2006). *Narcotics Task Force Performance In Texas: Outcomes 2006*. Prepared for the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Tackett-Gibson, M (2005). *Assessing Narcotics Task Force Performance In Texas: A Summary of Recent Oversight Reforms and Preliminary Data*. Prepared for the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Carmichael, D., M. Tackett-Gibson (2000). *CJD Evaluation Data Collection Instruments and Protocols*. Prepared for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Dutton, R.J., M. Weldon, C. Bowcock, M. Tackett-Gibson, C.H. Blakely, J. Dyer, & B. Jayasuriya (1999). *A Survey of Health and Environmental Conditions in Texas Border Counties and Colonias*. Final Report prepared for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Carmichael, D., M. Tackett-Gibson, L. O'Dell, R. Menon, B. Jayasuriya, J. Jordan (1998). *Texas Dual Diagnosis Pilot Project 1997-1998 Evaluation Report*. For the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Proposals, Grants and Contracts

Teaching Enhancement Grant, “Exploring the Use of High Impact Practices in Criminal Justice Research Methods Courses”, University of Colorado, Denver. \$3,000. 2020 (Deferred allocation)

Henderson, C. and M. Tackett-Gibson (January 2008 - June 2009). Evaluation of Court-Ordered Residential Substance Abuse Services in Harris County, TX. \$41,300: Contracted by David and Ivory Ministries (Lt's House).

Dyer, J. and M. Tackett-Gibson. (2006-2007). Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: Urban Texas Counties. \$150,000: Contracted by the Department of State Health Services, Substance Abuse Division. Grantee: Public Policy Research Institute

Dyer, J. and M. Tackett-Gibson. (2004-2005). Texas College Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use. \$80,000: Contracted by the Department of State Health Services, Substance Abuse Division. Grantee: Public Policy Research Institute

Murguia, E., M. Tackett-Gibson, S. Gatson. (2001-2003). Youth, Technology and the Proliferation of Drug-Use. \$300,000; National Institute of Drug Abuse, NIH. Grantee: Public Policy Research Institute

Selected Presentations

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2021). “Collaborative Curricula: Forging Student Partnership in the Development of a Course on Race, Crime and Culture”, Southwest Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2020). “‘Upgraded’: The Cybermen and Gendered Violence in Doctor Who and the Torchwood Series”. Southwest Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Burns, S., S. Brown, and M. Tackett-Gibson (2017). “Hamilton: A Study of Race, Class and ‘High Art’”. Undergraduate presentation at the Southwest Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2017). “Two Men and a Baby: Representations of Gay Fathers in Advertisements”. Southwest Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2016). “The Doctor must ... turn away in shame”: Examining Human Nature, Violence and Victimization Through the *Torchwood* Series. Southwest Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2015). Freedom (Academic and Otherwise): Public and Legislative Assumptions of Campus Life and Work in the Campus Carry Debate. Cultural Studies Association, Riverside, CA.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2010). Teaching Crime and the Media. High School Criminal Justice Instructors Training, Huntsville, TX.

- Tackett-Gibson, M. (2008). An overview of the evaluation of the Harris County Residential Treatment Program Participants: Young Men About Change and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. Presentation to the Community Supervision and Corrections' Residential Treatment Facility Directors Meeting, August. Harris County Texas.
- Tackett-Gibson, M., R. Sarver III, and W. Johnson. (2007). Immigration, Fear and Social Action: Examining Print Media Coverage of the Minutemen Project. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Titterington, V., M. Tackett-Gibson and H. Joo. (2007). Lethal and Non-lethal Victimization of Elders; Evidence from The National Incident-Based Reporting System. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Tackett-Gibson, M. (2007). Gender Difference in Drug Information Procurement: Findings from an Online Survey of Drug Users. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Tackett-Gibson, M. (2007). Assessing Mental Health Court Performance: The Current State of Research. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA.
- Dyer, J. and M. Tackett-Gibson. (2006). A Comparison of Methodologies for Conducting Surveys of College Students. Presentation at the Southwestern Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Tackett-Gibson, M. (2004). Applied Sociology and Public Accountability in Governmental Organizations: A Case Study of Narcotics Task Forces and Organizational Change in Texas. Presentation at the Society for Applied Sociology, Bethesda, MD.
- Carmichael, D.J., M. T. Gibson, and L. P. Martinez (2001). University-Government Partnerships to Evaluate Juvenile Justice Interventions. Presentation at the Statewide Safe and Drug-Free Schools Conference. Waco, TX.
- Tackett-Gibson, M. (2000). The Use of the Internet in Data Collection and Program Evaluation. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, Austin, TX.
- Tackett-Gibson, M. (1999). A Survey of Health and Environmental Conditions in Texas Border Counties and Colonias. Presentation at the Texas/Mexico Border Health Association, San Antonio, TX.

Selected Professional Activities and Service

Member, Diversity Committee, School of Public Affairs, UC Denver, 2020-2021

Member, Exemplar Action Team, Equity Task Force, UC Denver, 2021

Bridge Network Representative, University of Colorado Denver Association of Lecturers and Instructors (UCDALI), UC Denver, 2019-2020

Assistant Board Member/Volunteer Domestic Programs – Evaluation Team, Global Orphan Initiative, 2020. In this capacity I consulted with program volunteers to develop a pilot program targeting at-risk girls; developed a program attribute assessment, consulted on developing program fidelity guidelines, developed and conducted focus group activities at the pilot program

Faculty Judge, Research and Creative Activities Symposium, UC Denver, Spring and Summer 2019-2020

Faculty Judge, Diversity in Academic Research Expo (D.A.R.E.), UC Denver, Fall 2020

Member, Ad Hoc Conference Planning Committee, Southwest Popular Culture Association, Spring 2019

Judge, Peter C. Rollins Book Award, Southwest Popular Culture Association 2019-2020 – Reviewed 40 monographs for Association’s annual award.

Area Chair/Moderator: “Crime and Popular Culture,” Southwest Popular Culture Association, 2020-present.

Area Chair/Moderator: “Advertising and Consumer Culture,” Southwest Popular Culture Association, 2017-present.

Area Chair/Moderator: “Doctor Who and Whoverse Studies,” Southwest Popular Culture Association, 2020.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, Fall 2018.

Member, Sam Houston State University Food Pantry Advisory Board, 2016 – 2018.

Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2010.

Member, Student Development Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2009.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2006-2008.

Selected Invited Lectures and Presentations

Presenter, Social Justice Teach-in. “We Can’t Breathe”, May 2020, “Reflecting on Strategies for Criminal Justice Reform”. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, UC Denver.

Guest Lecturer in the course Comparative Public Administration, "An Overview of the Criminal Justice System in the US", May 2020. School of Public Affairs, Shandong Cohort Program, UC Denver.

Professional Memberships

American Criminological Society, 2007-2011; present

Southwest Popular Culture Association, 2015-present

Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 2019-present

Cooperative Education and Internship Association, 2017-2018

Southern Association of Colleges and Employers, 2017-2018

SHSU Food Pantry Advisory Board, 2015-2018

Cultural Studies Association, 2014-2015

Society of Applied Sociology, 1999-2006.

Women's Studies Advisory Board, Northeastern University, 1993-1996.

Interfaith Chaplain's Association, Northeastern University, 1990-1992.