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## EDUCATION:

PhD, Sociology, expected 2010.

Dissertation Title: "Passing the Burden? Parental Experiences with Consumer Debt and Their Children's Status Attainment."

Committee: Robert L. Kaufman (co-chair), Rachel E. Dwyer (co-chair)

Doctoral Candidacy Exams in Sociology, 2007. The Ohio State University.

Areas of Examination: Social Stratification and Economic Sociology with a focus in Consumption.

M.A., 2006, Sociology, The Ohio State University;

Thesis Title: "Race and Debt: Differences in Credit Card Balances among Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics."

B.A. with High Honors in Sociology, 2003, University of Cincinnati. Magna Cum Laude.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW:

Dwyer, Rachel E., Laura McCloud, and Randy Hodson. "Youth Debt, Mastery, and Self-Esteem: Class Stratified Effects of Indebtedness on Self-Concepts" *Revise and Resubmit at Social Problems*

McCloud, Laura and Rachel E. Dwyer. "Borrowing Trouble: The Impact of Hardship on Debt Problems." *Revise and Resubmit at Sociological Quarterly*

## PUBLICATIONS:

Miller, Amanda and Laura McCloud. 2008. *Instructor's Resources Manual*, a supplementary piece to accompany *Our Social World: Introduction to Sociology 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* by Jeanne Ballantine and Keith Roberts. Sage Publications. Includes lecture notes, classroom activities, suggested media, test bank, student study side, and teaching tips.

McCloud, Laura. 2008. "Review of 'In Debt We Trust: America Before the Bubble Bursts.'" *Journal of Consumer Culture* 8(2).

## **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

### **University of Cincinnati**

Horace J. Wolf prize for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Sociology, 2003.

Magna Cum Laude, 2003.

Inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, 2003.

### **The Ohio State University**

Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Methods Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, The Ohio State University, Summer 2009. \$4500.

Summer Methods Award for Specialized Training, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, Summer 2009. \$1500.

Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2008-2009.

Outstanding Service Award, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2008-2009.

Graduate Associate Teaching Award Winner, The Ohio State University, 2007-2008. \$1500.

Teaching Excellence Award Winner, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 2007-2008.

Outstanding Instructor, Nominee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2007-2008.

Outstanding Instructor, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Honorable Mention, 2006-2007.

Graduate Associate Teaching Award Nominee, The Ohio State University, 2004-2005.

Graduate Associate Teaching Award Nominee, The Ohio State University, 2005-2006.

## **EMPIRICAL PAPERS IN PROGRESS:**

McCloud, Laura. "Passing the Burden: The Impact Parental Indebtedness on Their Young Adult Children's Indebtedness."

McCloud, Laura. "The Impact of Parent's Debt Histories on Financial Contributions to Their Young Adult Children."

Malackany, Paul and Laura McCloud. "Happy Workers or Indebted Servants? The Impact of Credit Holding on Job Satisfaction in Young Adults."

McCloud, Laura. "Debt and Pro-Social Behavior: The Impact of Indebtedness on Organization and Political Participation."

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

- McCloud, Laura. "Passing the Burden: The Impact Parental Indebtedness on Their Young Adult Children's Indebtedness." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2009.
- McCloud, Laura and Rachel Durso. 2009. "Erving Goffman is in Your Extended Network: Using MySpace and facebook to Make Goffman Resonate with Undergraduate Students." *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, April 2009.
- McCloud, Laura and Paul Malackany. "Happy Workers or Indebted Servants? The Impact of Credit Holding on Job Satisfaction." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, April 2008.
- McCloud, Laura. "Debt and Pro-Social Behavior: The Impact of Indebtedness on Organization and Political Participation." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2008.
- McCloud, Laura and Rachel E. Dwyer. "Charging Unequally into Debt: The Role of Income and Income Disruption on Consumer Credit Outcomes." *Consumer Studies Research Network Annual Meeting*, August 2007.
- Downey, Doug, Paul Malackany, Laura McCloud, and Alexa Trumpy. 2008. "Responding to Student Work: Effective Strategies for Grading." Brownbag Presentation. The Ohio State University.
- McCloud, Laura. "Status Inconsistency and Consumer Credit." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2007.
- McCloud, Laura and Richard Petts. 2007. "Building a Lecturing Style from Existing Strengths." Presented at Departmental Orientation, The Ohio State University.
- McCloud, Laura. "Race and Debt: Differences in Credit Card Balances among Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2006.
- Shafer, Kevin M., Laura McCloud, Robert L. Feldmann, III and James W. Moody. "The Impact of Neighborhood Interaction: Examining the Role of Social Trust, Pro-Social Behavior and Networks on Perceived Disorder." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2006.
- McCloud, Laura and Kevin Shafer. 2005. "Preparing for the First Day of Class." Presented at Departmental Orientation, The Ohio State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Summer 2006: Drs. Ruth Peterson and Lauren Krivo

Autumn 2009 – Summer 2010: Drs. Rachel E. Dwyer and Randy Hodson

*Methodological Proficiencies:* Developmental Trajectory Analysis, Content Analysis, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Event History Analysis, Advanced Multiple Regression.

### **Graduate Teaching Associate, Independent Instructor**

Summer 2005 – Winter 2007, Summer 2007, Autumn 2007, Summer 2008:

Independent Instructor Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2007, Spring 2008: Independent Instructor Sociology 463: Social Stratification: Race, Class, Gender

Autumn 2008 – Spring 2009: Independent Instructor Sociology 608: Race, Class, and Gender in the Mass Media

### **Graduate Teaching Associate Sociology 101**

Autumn 2003 – Summer 2004: Recitation Leader

Autumn 2004: TA Coordinator for Dr. J. Craig Jenkins

Winter 2005, Winter 2008: TA Coordinator for Dr. Townsend Price-Spratlen

Spring 2005: TA Coordinator for Dr. Angelo Alonzo

### **Graduate Tutor Assistant, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.**

Spring 2006: Tutor for 487, 488, 549. Overseen by Dr. Timothy Curry

## **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:**

### **Research Interests**

Social Class Stratification/Mobility

Consumer Debt and Consumption

Inequalities

Mass Media

### **Teaching Interests**

Social Stratification and Inequalities

Introductory Sociology

Research Methods and Statistics

Mass Media

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **Ad Hoc Reviewer:**

Journal of Family Issues

Journal of Consumer Culture

American Sociological Review

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, continued:**

**Departmental Service:** Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), member, 2003-2009  
Social Committee Chair, SGSA 2009-2010  
Cohort Representative, SGSA 2008-2009  
External Review Committee, Graduate Student Representative, 2008-2009  
Executive Council, Vice President of Financial Affairs, SGSA 2007-2008  
Teaching Committee Chair, SGSA 2005-2007  
Elections Committee Member, SGSA 2004-2005, 2008-2009

**Member:** American Sociological Association  
Consumer Studies Research Network  
ASA Section on Economic Sociology  
ASA Section on Race, Class, and Gender  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Southern Sociological Society  
Social Inequalities Research Group (working group),  
Teaching Sociology Research Group (working group)

## **REFERENCES:**

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