

## VITA

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### Education

**Ph.D in Sociology**

Indiana University, 1992.

**M.A in Sociology**

Indiana University, 1988.

**B.A in History**

Anderson University, 1985.

### Employment

**Professor**, Ohio State University, 2006-present.

**Associate Professor**, Ohio State University, 2000-2006.

**Assistant Professor**, Ohio State University, 1994-2000.

**Assistant Professor**, Wichita State University, Fall 1992-1994.

### Publications

Yucel, Deniz, and Douglas B Downey. 2010. "Assessing the advantages of a multi-method approach: Measuring mothering with data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study—Birth Cohort." *Social Science Research* 39:894-911.

Dufur, Mikaela J., Nyssa C. Howell, Douglas B. Downey, James W. Ainsworth, and Alice J. Lapray. 2010. "Sex Differences in Parenting Behaviors In Single-Mother and Single-Father Households." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72:1092-1106.

Downey, Douglas B. and Benjamin G. Gibbs. 2010. "How Schools Really Matter" *Contexts* 9 (2):50-54.

Downey, Douglas B., James Ainsworth, and Zhenchao Qian. 2009. "Rethinking the Attitude/Achievement Paradox Among Blacks" *Sociology of Education* 82:1-19.

Downey, Douglas B., Paul T. vonHippel, and Melanie Hughes. 2008. "Are 'Failing' Schools Really Failing? Using Seasonal Comparison to Evaluate School Effectiveness" *Sociology of Education* 81: 242-270.

*James Coleman Award*, Best Article in 2007-09, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.

Downey, Douglas B. 2008. "Black/White Differences in School Performance: The Oppositional Culture Explanation." *Annual Review of Sociology* 34:107-126.

Downey, Douglas B. 2008. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Confirming Oppositional Culture Theory." Pp. 298-311 in *Minority Status, Oppositional Culture, & Schooling*. Edited by John Ogbu. New York, New York: Routledge.

Downey, Douglas B. and Heather Boughton. 2007. "Childhood Obesity in America: Do Schools Make it Better or Worse?" *New Directions in Youth Development* 114:33-43.

Von Hippel, Paul, Brian Powell, Douglas B. Downey, and Nicholas Rowland. 2007. "Changes in Children's Body Mass Index (BMI) During School and Summer" *American Journal of Public Health* 97:696-702.

Downey, Douglas B. and Anastasia S. Vogt-Yuan. 2005. "Sex Differences in School Performance During High School: Puzzling Patterns and Possible Explanations." *Sociological Quarterly*.

Downey, Douglas B., Paul von Hippel, and Beckett Broh. 2004. "Are Schools the Great Equalizer? Cognitive Inequality During the Summer Months and the School Year." *American Sociological Review* 69:613-635.

*Willard Waller Award*, Best Education Article 2002-2004, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.

Downey, Douglas B. and Shana Pribesh. 2004. "When Race Matters: Teachers' Evaluations of Students' Classroom Behavior." *Sociology of Education* 77:267-282.

Downey, Douglas B. and Dennis J. Condran. 2004. "Playing Well With Others in Kindergarten: The Benefits of Siblings at Home." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66:333-350.

Downey, Douglas B. 2002. "Parental and Family Involvement in Education." Pp. 113-134 in *School Reform Proposals: The Research Evidence*. Alex Molnar (Ed.). Greenwich, Conn: Information Age Publishing, Inc.

Downey, Douglas B. and James W. Ainsworth-Darnell. 2002. "The Search for Oppositional Culture Among Black Students." *American Sociological Review* 67:156-164.

Downey, Douglas B. 2001. "Number of Siblings and Intellectual Development: The

Resource Dilution Explanation." *American Psychologist* 56:497-504.

Pribesh, Shana and Douglas B. Downey. 1999. "Why are Residential and School Moves Associated with Poor School Performance?" *Demography* 36:521-534.

Downey, Douglas B., Brian Powell, Lala Carr Steelman, and Shana Pribesh. 1999. "Much Ado About Siblings: Change Models, Sibship Size and Intellectual Development." *American Sociological Review* 64:193-198.

Downey, Douglas B., James W. Ainsworth-Darnell, and Mikaela Dufur. 1998. "Sex of Parent and Youths' Well-Being in Single-Parent Households." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 60:878-893.

*Reuben Hill Award*, Best Family Article in Previous Year, National Council on Family Relations.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. and Douglas B. Downey. 1998. "Assessing the Oppositional Culture Explanation for Racial/Ethnic Differences in School Performance." *American Sociological Review* 63:536-553.

Powell, Brian and Douglas B. Downey. 1997. "Living in Single-Parent Households: An Investigation of the Same-Sex Hypothesis." *American Sociological Review* 62:521-539.

Downey, Douglas B. 1995. "When Bigger Is Not Better: Number of Siblings, Parental Resources, and Educational Performance." *American Sociological Review* 60:746-761.

Downey, Douglas B. 1995. "Understanding Academic Achievement Among Children in Stepparents: The Role of Parental Resources, Sex of Stepparent, and Sex of Child." *Social Forces* 73(3):875-894.

Downey, Douglas B., Jackson, Pamela Braboy, and Brian Powell. 1994. "Sons Versus Daughters: Sex Composition of Children and Maternal Views on Socialization." *The Sociological Quarterly* 35:33-50.

Downey, Douglas B. 1994. "The School Performance of Children from Single-Mother and Single-Father Families: Economic or Interpersonal Deprivation?" *Journal of Family Issues* 15:129-147.

Downey, Douglas B. and Brian Powell. 1993. "Do Children in Single-Parent Households Fare Better Living with Same-Sex Parents?" *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 55:55-71.

Downey, Douglas B. 1990. "Family Size and Occupational Opportunities in Indianapolis, 1860-1880." *Sociology and Social Research* 74:197-201.

Reprinted in *Social Science Research*. Robert F. Szafran (Ed.) Pyrczak Publishing.

## Book Reviews

*Passing the Torch: Does Higher Education for the Disadvantaged Pay Off Across the Generations?* By Paul Attewell and David E. Lavin. 2009. *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 1860-1862.

## Awards

*Harlan Hatcher Arts and Sciences Distinguished Faculty Award*, Ohio State University, 2011

*Outstanding Faculty Service Award, Arts and Sciences*, Ohio State University, 2010

*Sociological Research Association* 2007--present.

*Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching*, Ohio State University, 2007.

*Faculty Teaching Award*, Ohio State University Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1999

*Excellence in Teaching Award*, Ohio State Alumni of Greater Cleveland, 1998

*Faculty Teaching Award*, The Ohio State University Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1998

## Grants

*"Does NWEA Data Support the Provocative Claims from Seasonal Comparison Research?" with Paul von Hippel, Kingsbury Center Data Award, Northwest Evaluation Association, June 2010.*

*"Summer Learning Loss: Dissemination of Implications for Educational Accountability" Nellie Mae Foundation (\$20,557), June 1, 2009—May 30, 2010.*

*"Gender Gaps in Cognitive Skills Throughout Childhood" American Education Research Association (\$20,000), January 2009—June 2009. Co-Pi with Benjamin Gibbs.*

*"When and Why Does the Black/White Gap in Cognitive Skills Emerge?" Spencer Foundation Small Grant (\$39,471), June 2008-December 2008. Co-Pi with Benjamin Gibbs.*

*"Using Seasonal Comparisons to Measure School Effectiveness", Spencer Foundation Major Grant (\$101,000), January 2006-December 2006. Co-Pi with Paul von Hippel.*

*"Early Childhood Development: A Working Group" Initiative in Population Research, Ohio State University (\$3,500), August 2005. Co-Pi with Claudia Buchmann.*

*"Measuring School Effectiveness" P-12 Scholars Program, Ohio State University (\$20,000), June 2004.*

*"School and Non-School Influences on Children's Rates of Learning" National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, (\$147,500), June 2004.*

*"Measuring School Effectiveness: Implications for the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," John Glenn Institute, (\$25,000), December 2003.*

*"SPSS Missing Value Model for Education Research" Small Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (\$1,000), 2003*

“Are School the Great Equalizer?” *The Spencer Foundation* (\$35,000), 2003

“When the Time is Right: Delayed Entry to Kindergarten and its Consequences for Stratification.” *American Education Research Association Grants Program* (\$24,350), 2000

“Are Schools the Great Equalizer? Gains in Cognitive Skills During the Kindergarten Year Across Racial and Socioeconomic Subgroups.” Special Grant, *College of Social and Behavior Sciences* (\$4,560), 2000

“Student/teacher racial matching and teachers’ evaluations of students’ classroom behavior.” *Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship* (\$40,000), 1995-97

## **Professional Activities**

Chair, Pierre Bourdieu Book Award Committee, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association 2009-2010

Distinguished Book Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association 2007-2008 (Chair, 2008)

Deputy Editor, *American Sociological Review* 2006-2009

Chair, Willard Waller Sociology of Education Book Award Committee 2005-06

Council, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association 2005-08.

Manuscript reviewer (*American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology Social Forces, Sociology of Education, Journal of Marriage and the Family, Journal of Family Issues, Demography, Social Problems, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Sociological Quarterly, Child Development, Social Psychology Quarterly*).

Grant reviewer (*National Science Foundation, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Spencer Foundation*).

Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education, Demography, Journal of Family Issues, Child Development*.

Goode Book Award Committee, 1998

## **Service**

Department:

Promotion and Tenure Chair, 2010--

Search Committee, 2007-08

Search Committee Chair, 2006

Salary and Workload Committee, 2006, 2010-11

Undergraduate Studies Committee 1996–2009

Honors Coordinator 1997–2009

Advisor, *Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society* 2005–2009

Executive Committee, 2003-04

Affirmative Action Representative, 2002-03

Senior Search Committee 1997-98, 2002-03  
Brownbag Coordinator 2001-02  
Grade Grievance Committee 1996-97  
Graduate Admissions Committee 1995-96  
Salary/Workload Committee 1994-95

College:

Promotion and Tenure Committee 2010--  
Social and Behavioral Sciences Survey Research Committee  
Oversight Board, 2006--  
Public Policy Minor Oversight Committee 2007--  
Committee on Clinical Faculty, 2005-06  
Committee to Create a Minor in Public Policy 2005-06

University:

Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, 2010--  
Honors Advisory Committee 2004-09, Chair 2006-09  
Battelle Scholars and Glenna Joyce Scholarship Interviewer 2004-05  
Report to President Holbrook, "High School Graduation Rates in the Columbus  
School Districts" 2005