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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2008* Ph.D. in Sociology, The Ohio State University, **expected 2008*
Specializations: Educational Stratification; Educational Policy; College and Student Organizations; Higher Education; Gender, Race & Class; Criminology.
Committee: Dr. Douglas Downey (chair/advisor)
CURRENT STATUS: Pre-Candidacy
- 2004 M.A. in Sociology, University of Akron
Thesis Title: Greek Membership and Educational Attainment: Does Race Matter?
Committee: Dr. C. André Christie-Mizell (chair/advisor), Dr. Jeffrey W. Lucas, Dr. John Zipp
- 2001 B.A. in Sociology (Minor: Mathematics), Cum Laude, University of Akron

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Research Interests

Educational Outcomes
Greek-letter Social & other Undergraduate Organizations/Voluntary Associations
Educational Policy
Stratification- Race, Class and Gender
Criminology/Deviance
Political Sociology

Teaching Interests

Sociology of Education
Introduction to Sociology
Criminology
Social Stratification
Deviance
Research Methods
Qualitative Social Statistics
Quantitative Social Statistics
Sociology Theory

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught Independently

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

Summer 2007	Sociology of Education (320)
Winter 2007- Spring 2007, Summer 2006	Introduction to Sociology (101)
Spring 2006	Criminology (410)
Autumn 2005- Winter 2006	Introduction to Sociology (101)
Summer 2005	Criminology (410)
Spring 2005	Introduction to Sociology (101)

- Teaching portfolio available upon request- email severtis.2@osu.edu

Brown Mackie College (formerly AEC Southern Ohio College)

Spring 2004 (May & June Quarters)	College Mathematics (MT 1770)
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- For information regarding this employment contact Jon Roncone (300-494-1214)

Coordinator for Graduate Teaching Associates

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

Autumn 2007	Introduction to Sociology (101): Dr. Randy Hodson
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Course Responsibilities: Coordinate activities of eight recitation sections and four graduate teaching associates, lead one independent recitation section, assist mass lecture section, prepare lecture material, grade papers, presentations and tests.

Graduate Teaching Associate

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

Winter 2005	Introduction to Sociology (101): Dr. Townsend Price-Spratlen
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Course Responsibilities: Lead two independent recitation sections, assist mass lecture section, prepare lecture material, grade papers, presentations and tests.

Fall 2004 Introduction to Sociology (101): Dr. Kent Schwirian
Course Responsibilities: Lead two independent recitation sections, assist mass lecture section, prepare lecture material, grade papers and tests.

University of Akron, Department of Sociology

Summer 2003 Introduction to Sociology (100): Dr. John Zipp
Course Responsibilities: Assist lecture section, assist in-class group assignments, grade papers and in-class group assignments.

Spring 2003 Introduction to Sociology (100): Dr. John Zipp
Course Responsibilities: Assist mass lecture section, assist in-class group assignments, grade papers and in-class group assignments.

Fall 2002 Introduction to Sociology (100): Dr. Alice Fothergill
Course Responsibilities: Manage two undergraduate teaching associates, assist two mass lecture sections, prepare lecture material, grade papers and tests.

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Akron, Department of Sociology

Fall 2003-Spring 2004 Small Groups Lab: Dr. Jeffrey W. Lucas
Managed small groups laboratory, oversaw day-to-day operations, managed and scheduled undergraduate lab assistants, recruited undergraduate students for project participation, conducted laboratory appointments for forthcoming project.

PUBLICATIONS

Severtis, Ronald E., Jr., and C. André Christie-Mizell. "Greek-Letter Membership and College Graduation: Does Race Matter?" *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 34(3): 95-117. (Revision of part of Master's Thesis)

Forthcoming

Revise and Resubmit

PROJECTS

In Progress

Severtis, Ronald E., Jr., and Derrick Bryan. "Academic Achievement in Black Greek-Letter Organizations (BGLOs)." Edited volume on BGLOs, Matthew W. Hughey and Gregory S. Parks, Eds. *Invited prospectus, forthcoming January 2008*

- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “The Impact of Greek-Letter Membership on Years of Educational Attainment.”
- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “How Fraternity and Sorority Cultures Affect the Academic Activities of its Members: A Qualitative Approach.” *Portion presented NCSA, 2007.*
- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. and C. André Christie-Mizell. “Variations in Race among Postgraduate Students.”
- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “The Impact of Student-level and School-level Social Capital on Student’s Attitudes towards Reading: A Multi-level Approach.”
- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. *A Comprehensive Review of Greek Fraternities and Sororities: What Do We Know, What Do We Need to Know, Why Do We Need to Know It?* Book in Progress, adapted from “The Disappearing Present: The Past and Future of Fraternity and Sorority Research.” *Portion presented NCSA, 2005.*
- Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “The Impact of Maternal Employment on Timing of College Graduation: An Event History Approach.”

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2007. *Sessions Organizer: 1) Higher Education & Academic Outcomes; 2) Higher Education & Beyond; 3) Voluntary Organizations & Voluntary Associations.* Chicago, April
- 1) Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “How Fraternity and Sorority Cultures Affect the Academic Activities of its Members: An Exploratory Qualitative Approach.”
 - 2) Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “The Validity of Sociology Prestige Rankings: Does Author Affiliation Matter in Top-Tier Publishing?”
2005. *Session Organizer: Student Outcomes in College and Beyond.* Pittsburgh, April
Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “The Disappearing Present: The Past and Future of Fraternity and Sorority Research.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, April.
2004. Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. “Racial Variation in How Greek Membership Influences Educational Achievement.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association. Cleveland, April.

- 2003. Severtis, Ronald E., Jr., Jeffrey W. Lucas, and Michael J. Lovaglia. "Social Status, The Handicap Principle, and High Energy Displays at Sporting Events." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, April.
- 2003. Severtis, Ronald E., Jr. "An Examination of Personality Traits and Intelligence Related to Birth Order and Sibling Influence." Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, March.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2008. North Central Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Mar 27-29. Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2007. North Central Sociological Association & Midwest Sociological Society, Joint Annual Meeting, Apr 4-7. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2005. North Central Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Apr 7-9. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 2004. North Central Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Apr 1-4. Cleveland, Ohio
- 2003. American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Aug 16-19. Atlanta, Georgia
- 2003. North Central Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Mar 27-29. Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2003. Sociologists for Women in Sociology, Winter Meeting, Feb 6-9. Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
- 2002. T4 Training Seminars: Students with disabilities, Teaching international students, & Using web-based grade books. The University of Akron

AWARDS:

- 2007. Nominee, University-wide 2007 Graduate Assistant Teaching Award (10 awarded; 204 nominees). The Ohio State University.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Member:

American Sociological Association

Sections: Sociology of Education; Racial & Ethnic Minorities; Teaching & Learning in Sociology; Social Psychology; Sociology of Children and Youth; Race, Class & Gender; Sociology of Culture

North Central Sociological Association

Sociologists for Women in Society

Center for the Study of the College Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Delta

Golden Key National Honor Society

SERVICE

University Service

2003-2005. Board Member, Alumni Advisory Board, Department of Sociology, the University of Akron

2003-2004. President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Mu Chapter at the University of Akron

2002-2004. Member, Alpha Kappa Delta, Mu Chapter at the University of Akron

Graduate/Undergraduate Service

2006. Volunteer for 2 political campaigns (1 statewide, 1 local).

2006. Volunteer work for state senator.

2001-2003. Alumni Advisor, Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity, Gamma-Alpha Chapter at the University of Akron

1998-2001. Undergraduate Officer (Vice President, Scholastics, Philanthropy), Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity, Gamma-Alpha Chapter at the University of Akron

REFERENCES

Dr. Douglas B. Downey, Ph.D., Full Professor of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

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- Ph.D. Advisor, The Ohio State University, 2006-present

Dr. C. André Christe-Mizell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Kent State University.

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- M.A. Advisor, University of Akron, 2002-2004

Matthew Smydo, Legislative Aide to State Senator and former Assistant Minority Leader

Kimberly A. Zurz (D- Green; 28th District). msmydo@maild.sen.state.oh.us

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- Volunteer in State Senator Zurz's office, Summer 2007.