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## **EDUCATION**

- 2008      Ph.D., Sociology, Syracuse University  
Dissertation: The Practice and Organization of Sign Language Interpreting in Video Relay Service: An Institutional Ethnography of Access.  
Advisor: Professor Marjorie L. DeVault
- 2005      Certificate of Advanced Study: Disability Studies, Syracuse University
- 2004      M.A., Sociology, Syracuse University
- 2003      M.S., Justice and Social Inquiry, Arizona State University – Main  
Thesis: “The Muted Citizen: d/Deaf People, Ruling Relations and the Institutions of Law.” Advisor: Professor Doris Marie Provine
- 2000      Sociology (Cum Laude), Arizona State University – West

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Sociology of Work and the Professions  
Qualitative and Feminist Methodologies  
Sociology of Sign Language Interpreting  
Institutional Ethnography  
Sociology of Disability  
Sign Language Interpreting

## **CURRENT POSITIONS**

- 2008 -      Assistant Professor of Sociology, Gallaudet University  
2008 -      Research Consultant, Sorenson Communications, Inc.  
2006 -      Diagnostician/Diagnostic Trainer, Sorenson Communications, Inc.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- 2006      Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY
- 2006 – 2008      Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY

2006 – 2008 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY  
2003 – 2006 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY  
2000 – 2003 Teaching Assistant, Department of Justice Studies, Arizona State University,  
Tempe, AZ

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

2005. “Signs of Inclusion: The Use of a Sign Language Interpreter in a Post-Secondary Setting.” Pp. 165-176, in Liat Ben-Moshe et. al. (eds.), *Building Pedagogical Curb Cuts: Incorporating Disability in the University Classroom and Curriculum*. The Graduate School: Syracuse University.

### **REFEREED ARTICLES**

2006. “Commentary on the Professional Status of Sign Language Interpreters: An Alternative Perspective.” *Journal of Interpretation*. Pp. 2-10.

2008. “Your Case Will Now Be Heard: Sign Language Interpreters as a Problematic Accommodation in a Legal Encounter. Based on my M.S. thesis, this manuscript explores the role of sign language interpreters in the negotiations deaf people face when in a legal setting. *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*. Vol. 13: 77-91.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

(In press). “Southeastern Community College v. Davis” (co-authored with Holly M. Manaseri and Steve J. Taylor). In Susan Burch (ed.), *Encyclopedia of American Disability History*.

(In press). “Board of Education v. Rowley” (co-authored with Holly M. Manaseri and Steve J. Taylor). In Susan Burch (ed.), *Encyclopedia of American Disability History*.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Reasons for Working in Video Relay Service: What Interpreters aren’t getting outside Video Relay Service Centers.” This paper explores the motivations behind working in video relay service.

“The Work of Deaf People in Accessing Video Relay Service.” This paper explores the work that is left out of the institutional record and thus made invisible that deaf people do as they attempt to take advantage of video relay service.

“The Practice and Organization of Sign Language Interpreting: An Institutional Ethnography of Access.” This manuscript is based on my dissertation research.

“The Sociology of Interpreting: Looking Beyond the Immediate to Understand our Work.” This manuscript is based on data gathered for my dissertation. It explores, theoretically, the multiple layers that organize sign language interpreting.

“Gaining Access: The Social Construction of Identity of Sign Language Interpreters in the Deaf Community.” This paper explores the ways in which sign language interpreters come to understand their role(s) vis-à-vis the Deaf community.

“Peace Keeping Through Silence: The Work Deaf People Perform While Using Video Relay Service.” This paper explores the work, broadly defined, that deaf people perform as they work to gain access through video relay service.

“Interpreters and their Work in Video Relay Service: Doing Our Work Differently.” This paper addresses the material ways in which the work of sign language interpreting is different in video relay service than it is in in-person interpreting.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Visually Experiencing a Phone Call: The Work of Deaf People as They Use Video Relay Service,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, MA, 2008

“Deaf People’s Invisible Work in Video Relay Service,” Western Social Science Association, Denver, CO, 2008

“The Practice and Organization of Sign Language Interpreting in Video Relay Service,” Scholars Series and Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Region III Conference, Columbus, OH, 2008

“Exploring the Ethics of Sign Language Interpreting: Connecting Our Work to Social Structures,” Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Region III Conference, Columbus, OH, 2008

“Putting the Federal ‘Functional Equivalency’ Directive into Everyday Practice: Interpreter Accountability in Video Relay Services,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2007, New York, NY

“The ‘Practice’ of Interpreting: An Institutional Ethnography of Access,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA. 2005

Roundtable Facilitator: American Sociological Association, 2004, San Francisco, CA.

“Your Case Will Be Heard Now,” American Sociological Association, 2004, San Francisco, CA.

“Sign Language Interpreting: Moving Towards Professionalization,” Embodied Workers Conference, 2004, Syracuse, NY

Brother Outsider: the Life of Bayard Rustin, Society for the Study of Social Problems – Commentator, 2003, Atlanta, GA

“The Muted Citizen: d/Deaf people: Ruling Relations, and the Institutions of Law,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2003, Atlanta, GA

“Economic Justice: The Deafened Population,” American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2002, Las Vegas, NV

“Gaining Access: Membership in the Deaf Community,” Pacific Sociology Association Conference, 2000, San Diego, CA

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Understanding the Work of Sign Language Interpreters in Video Relay Service: Implications for Training Interpreters,” Conference of Interpreter Trainers, San Juan, PR, 2008

“Cognitive Processing in English: Expanding and Strengthening Your Vocabulary,” Lansing, MI, Sorenson Center, 2008

Working versus Waiting: Processing Techniques for Sign Language Interpreters”, El Paso, TX, Sorenson Center, 2008

“Cognitive Processing in English: Expanding and Strengthening Your Vocabulary,” Omaha, NE, Sorenson Center, 2008

“State of the Organization Address,” PARID Conference, Gettysburg, PA, 2008

“Professionalizing practices,” Rochester Institute of Technology, 2008

Keynote Address, West Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf’s inaugural State Conference, December 2007.

“The Professionalization of Sign Language Interpreting: Examining the Implications for Our Work,” Community Interpreting Forum, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2006.

“Preparing for Comprehensive Exams,” Graduate Students, Syracuse University, 2005

“Qualitative Research with People with Disabilities,” Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse University, 2005/2006

“Qualitative Research and Marginalized Populations,” Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse University, 2003/2004

“Accommodating in a Judicial Setting,” Crime and Justice, Arizona State University, 2002

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Race, Gender, Justice and Disability

Race, Gender, and Justice

Ethnic Inequalities and Intergroup Relations

Qualitative Research Methods

Introduction to Sociology

American Society

Capstone I

Juvenile Delinquency

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Doctoral Award Recipient, 2008, Syracuse University  
Dissertation Fellowship, 2007-2008, Syracuse University, Department of Sociology  
Graduate Student Representative Nominee, SSSP Board of Directors, 2006-2008  
Outstanding TA Award Recipient, 2005-2006  
Creative Dissertation Grant Award, \$700.00  
National Honor Society, 1998  
Golden Key Honor Society, 2000  
Dean's List, 1998 – 2000  
Rombach Scholarship, 2002  
Regents Graduate Academic Scholarship, 2001 – 2003  
Master's Paper Competition winner, "Economic Justice: The Deafened Population", Arizona State University, School of Justice Studies, 2003 - \$500.00

## **AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association, 1997 – present  
Conference of Interpreter Trainers, 2000 – present  
National Alliance of Black Interpreters, 1998 – present  
National Association of the Deaf, 1995 – present  
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, 1995 – present  
Society for Disability Studies, 2005 – present  
Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1998 – present  
Potomac Chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, 2008 - present

## **UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

University Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Studies, Gallaudet University, 2008 – present  
Strategic Bylaws Challenges Review Task Force, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, 2008 – present  
Region I Representative, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, 2007 – 2008  
Editorial Board, The Maxwell Review, 2005 - 2006  
Elections Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2005  
Graduate Student Representative, Syracuse University, 2005 - 2006  
Graduate Student Mentor, Syracuse University, 2005 - 2006  
University Senate on LGBT concerns, Syracuse University, 2003 – 2006  
M.S. Graduate Student Representative, Arizona State University, 2001-2003  
Constitutional Committee Member, Arizona State University, 2002  
Justice Studies, Hiring Committee, IT Professor, 2002  
Accommodations Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002-2003  
Panel Discussant on "Interpreters: Let's Talk About Us" DVD Produced by Treehouse Productions, LTD.  
Reviewer, The RID Press, 2008 – pres.

## **LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

Certification of Interpreting awarded in 1997  
Certification of Transliteration awarded in 1998

