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CURRENT POSITION

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Assistant Professor/Assistant Research Scientist
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EDUCATION

2006 **Ph.D. in Sociology**, Duke University.

Dissertation Title: *Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms Over Time: A Nuanced Investigation of Gender, Age, Resources, Status Duration and Living Arrangements*
Committee: Linda George (Chair), Angela O'Rand, Mary Elizabeth Hughes, and Victor Marshall (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill).

2004 **Graduate Certificate in Public Health Policy**, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University.

Project Title: *Should Medicare Require all Beneficiaries to Have a Living Will?*

2003 **M.A. in Sociology**, Duke University.

Preliminary examinations: Medical Sociology (with distinction) and Life Course/Aging

2001 **M.S. in Family Ecology and Practice**, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta.

Thesis Title: *The Contributions of Non-kin Informal Caregivers*

Committee: Norah Keating (Chair), Janet Fast, and Priscilla Koop.

2001 **University Teaching Services (UTS) Certification**, University of Alberta

Teaching Certification program involving 50 hours of pedagogy, teaching mentoring and video taped and evaluated teaching sessions.

1998 **B.A. in Sociology** (*1st Class Honors*), McGill University.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Medical Sociology
- Life Course
- Quantitative Methods
- Family Studies/Family Demography
- Gerontology/Aging
- Health Policy

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2008 **New Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas**
- 2006 **Teaching Grant, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Kansas.**
With Meredith Kleykamp. Grant to develop teaching videos for undergraduate statistics course.
- 2006 **Vorsanger-Smith Scholar, Department of Sociology, Duke University.**
Award given annually to one graduate student in Duke University's Department of Sociology for overall excellence.
- 2005-2006 **Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences Graduate Fellowship, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University.**
One of four year-long fellowships for senior graduate students drawn from across the social sciences at Duke University with interests in advanced quantitative research theories and methods.
- 2005 **Helen Haller Scholarship, Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation**
This is an internationally competitive scholarship awarded to the top graduate student applicant
- 2005 **Boone Summer Research Fellow, Graduate School, Duke University**
Competitive summer research funding awarded by the graduate school to a limited number of PhD students in arts and science, humanities and social science programs.
- 2003-2005 **Conference Travel Awards Funding, Graduate School, Duke University**
- 2000-2004 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [SSHRC] Doctoral Fellowship** (grant no. 752-2000-1352).
Nationally competitive dissertation fellowship from one of Canada's three major research grant agencies.
- 2000-2001 **Graduate Award Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University**
- 2000 **Silver Jubilee Scholarship, Canadian Home Economics Association**
Nationally competitive scholarship awarded annually to a graduate in home economics, Human Ecology, or consumer studies, who is proceeding to a higher degree in the field
- 2000 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Travel Grant**
- 1999-2000 **Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta**
Applicants are assessed according to their academic record, letters of appraisal, statement of program, research, potential contributions to research, and other technical experience.
- 1999 **J. Gordon Kaplan Graduate Student Award, University of Alberta**
Awarded to full-time doctoral and master's students in support of approved travel expenses related to research.
- 1999 **Graduate Student Research Award, Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics**
One award annually to recognize exemplary research at the Master's or Doctoral level within Home Economics or a related program.
- 1998 **Engberg Graduate Scholarship in Home Economics, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta**
Awarded annually to a full-time student in a graduate degree program in Human Ecology whose research concerns global issues which affect families.
- 1998 **Golden Key International Honor Society Membership**
Membership awarded to top 15% of students in each Faculty.
- 1998 **J.W. McConnell Bursary, McGill University**
Scholarship award based on academic standing and financial need.
- 1997 **Alpha Omicron Pi Centennial Scholarship, Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation**
Internationally competitive undergraduate award for members of Alpha Omicron Pi offered once in honor of Alpha Omicron Pi's Centennial and funded by Past International Presidents.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hughes, Mary Elizabeth, Linda Waite, Tracey A. LaPierre, and Ye Luo. (2007) "All in the Family: The Impact of Caring for Grandchildren on Grandparents' Health." *Journal of Gerontology, Social Sciences*, 60: S108-119.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2002). "Domestic violence: The bigger picture." *Canadian Home Economics Journal*, 51(2):25-28.

BOOK CHAPTERS

LaPierre, Tracey A., and Mary Elizabeth Hughes. (Forthcoming) "Demography of Aging in the United States and Canada". Chapter 10 in the Encyclopedia of Aging, Peter Uhlenberg (Editor).

BOOK REVIEWS

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2007). "Women and Depression: A Handbook for the Social, Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences". *Contemporary Sociology*, 36(3):279-280.

WORK UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

LaPierre, Tracey A. "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms: Age and Gender Variations." Under review at *Family Relations*.

LaPierre, Tracey A., and Norah Keating. "Friends and Neighbors as Distinct Groups of Informal Caregivers: Understanding How Much They Do and Why They Do It." Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Gerontology, Social Sciences*.

LaPierre, Tracey A., Christopher Conover, James W. Henderson, J. Allen Seward, and Beck A. Taylor. "Estimating the Impact of State Health Insurance Mandates on Premium Costs Using the Community Tracking Survey." Under Review at the *Journal of Insurance Regulation*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

LaPierre, Tracey A. "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms: The Relative Importance of Hypothesized Pathways." Manuscript to be submitted to *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

LaPierre, Tracey A. "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms Over Time: Modeling the Effects of Status Duration." Manuscript to be submitted to *Family Relations*.

LaPierre, Tracey A. "Health Selection into Marriage in Later Life." Manuscript to be submitted to *The Gerontologist*.

LaPierre, Tracey A. "Hierarchy of Care: Are Non-Kin Really at the Bottom?" Manuscript to be submitted to *Research on Aging*.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2007, November). "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms: The Relative Importance of Hypothesized Pathways." Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2007, March). "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms Over Time: Modeling the Effects of Status Duration." Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, New York.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS - CONTINUED

Hughes, Mary Elizabeth, Ye Luo, Tracey A. LaPierre and Linda Waite. (2006, November). "Grandparents Providing Care to Grandchildren: Who Becomes a Caregiver?" Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas.

Thomas, Patricia A., and Tracey A. LaPierre. (2006, March). "Adult Children's Helping Behaviors Towards their Parents: The Role of Reciprocity." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hughes, Mary Elizabeth, Linda Waite, Tracey A. LaPierre, and Ye Luo. (2005, August). "All in the Family: The Impact of Caring for Grandchildren on Grandparents' Health." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LaPierre, Tracey A., and Miles G. Taylor. (2005, April). "Marital Discord Differences Between Parents and Non-Parents: Does Age at Parenthood Make a Difference?" Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2005, March). "Family and Household Composition: Moderators and Mechanisms Over the Life Course." Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2004, November). "Health Selection into Marriage in Later Life." Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

LaPierre, Tracey A., and Norah Keating. (2004, August). "Informal Caregiving to the Frail Elderly: Is the Care Provided by Non-Kin Substantial?" Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2004, August). "An Investigation of the Role of Age and Life Stage in the Moderation and Mediation of the Effect of Marital Status on Depression." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2004, April). "Hierarchy of Care: Are Non-Kin Really at the Bottom?" Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Hughes, Mary Elizabeth., Linda Waite, Tracey A. LaPierre, and Ye Luo. (2004, February). "Providing Support to Grandchildren and Health in Later Life." Paper presented at the HRS Research Conference on Older Families, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

LaPierre, Tracey A., Brenda Munro, and Maryanne Doherty. (2000, May). "Human Ecology Model of Smoking and Smoking Cessation: The Case of Socially Disadvantaged Female Smokers and Young Pregnant Smokers." Paper presented at the Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics [CARHE] 2000 Annual Conference, Edmonton, Alberta.

Munro, Brenda, Maryanne Doherty, and Tracey A. LaPierre. (2000, May). "The Development of a Smoking Cessation Intervention for Hard-to-Reach Multiple Substance Abusing Males: A Comic Book as the Central Component." Paper presented at the Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics [CARHE] 2000 Annual Conference, Edmonton, Alberta.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2000, October). "Friends and Neighbours as Distinct Groups of Informal Caregivers for the Frail Elderly." Paper presented at the 29th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association of Gerontology, Edmonton, Alberta.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (1999, June). "Domestic Violence: The Bigger Picture." Paper presented at the Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics [CARHE] 1999 Annual Conference, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Munro, Brenda, Maryanne Doherty, Henry Madsen, and Tracey A. LaPierre. (1999, September). "Behavioral Change Intervention Model: Testing and Implications." Paper presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Montreal, Quebec.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS - CONTINUED

Doherty, Maryanne, Brenda Munro, Spencer Schneider, and Tracey A. LaPierre. (1999, September). "A Comparison of the Sexual Behaviour of Youth in Alberta and Japan." Paper presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Montreal, Quebec.

LaPierre, Tracey A., Norah Keating, Janet Fast, and Dorothy Forbes. (1999, November). "The Contributions and Consequences of Informal Care to Frail Seniors by Non-Kin." Paper presented at the 28th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association of Gerontology, Ottawa, Ontario.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2007, December). "Parenting a Second Time Around: Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren." Paper presented at the Sociology Department Colloquium, University of Kansas.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2007, April). "Caregiving." Presentation to the Prime-Timers Group at the Free Methodist Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2006, December). "Informal Caregiving." Presentation to the Older Women's League of Lawrence, Kansas.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2006, October). "Informal Caregiving to Frail Older People: The Roles of Friends and Neighbors." Paper presented at the Gerontology Center Faculty Colloquium, University of Kansas.

LaPierre, Tracey A. (2005, October). "Marital Status and Depression: Variations Over the Life Course." Paper presented at the Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences Seminar Series, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University.

LaPierre, Tracey A., and Chris Conover. (2005, June). "Estimating the Impact of State Health Insurance Mandates on Premium Costs Using the Community Tracking Survey." Paper presented at the Health Sector Management Research Seminars, Fuqua School of Business, Duke University.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2005-2006 **PROJECT: COST OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION.**
Research associate with **Chris Conover**, Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, Duke University.
- 2002-2005 **PROJECT: THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, LONELINESS, STRESS, AND HEALTH.**
One of three projects in National Institute on Aging PO1AG18911
Research assistant for **Mary Elizabeth Hughes**, Department of Sociology, Duke University, and **Linda Waite**, University of Chicago.
- 2003 **PROJECT: THE BABY BOOM AT THE MILLENIUM.**
Research assistant for **Mary Elizabeth Hughes** and **Angela O'Rand**, Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 1999-2000 **PROJECTS: ELDERCARE IN CANADA: CONTEXT, CONTENT AND CONSEQUENCES; ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HEALTH, INCOME SECURITY AND LABOUR POLICIES ON INFORMAL CAREGIVERS OF FRAIL SENIORS.**
Research assistant for **Norah Keating** and **Janet Fast**, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta.
Data analysis, technical support, literature searches and library work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas

The Sociology of Death and Dying: Spring 2007, Fall 2007

Elementary Statistics and Data Analysis: Fall 2006, Summer 2007, Spring 2008

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Duke University

The Changing American Family: Summer 2004

Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences: Summer 2003

Social Problems: Summer 2002

Laboratory Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Duke University

Introduction to Sociology: Spring 2002

Laboratory Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant, Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences, Duke University

Introduction to Statistics: Spring 2001, Fall 2001 & Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta

Family Well-Being: Fall 1999

Family Challenges: Winter 2000

SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2008 Assessment of General Education Interviewer, University of Kansas
- 2007-2008 Honors Curriculum Committee, University of Kansas
- 2007 Grant Reviewer for the National Science Foundation
- 2007 Presider/Discussant for the "Long Term Care" paper session at the Carework Conference, New York City, NY.
- 2007-2008 Sociology Department Colloquium Committee
- 2006-2008 Academic Misconduct Committee, University of Kansas
- 2006-2007 Faculty Library Liaison, Department of Sociology
- 2006-2007 Reviewer for Social Thought and Research
- 2003-2007 Reviewer for Research on Aging.
- 2005-2006 Co-organizer of speakers for the PARISS (Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences) series on Advanced Quantitative Methods.
- 2004-2006 Reviewer for Social Biology.
- 2004 Presider/Discussant for the "*Educational Engagement and Educational Outcomes*" paper session at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2003-2004 Department of Sociology student representative to the Graduate and Professional Student Council, Duke University.
- 1999-2004 Executive Member of the Student Connection, Canadian Association on Gerontology, *President* and *Immediate Past President*.
- 2003 Moderator for the Social Sciences Panel at the Spring Ph.D. Career Symposium, Duke University.

SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED

- 2001-2002 Graduate Student Representative Coordinator, Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 2000-2001 Graduate Student At-Large Representative, Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 1999-2000 Member of the Program Planning Committee and the Student Events Committee for the Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics [CARHE] 2000 Annual General Meeting and Conference.
- 1999-2000 Department of Human Ecology student representative to the Graduate Students Association, University of Alberta.
- 1999-2000 Co-Organizer of the Department of Human Ecology Research Seminars

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Council of Family Relations
Gerontological Society of America
Population Association of America
American Sociological Association (Sections: family; medical sociology; life course/aging).

REFERENCES:

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