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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Policy and Sociology, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA	1995-2001
A.M., Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	1987-1989
B.A., Sociology, English Minor, SUNY at Albany, Albany NY	1983-1987

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-present	Professor, Department of Public Health, Simmons University
2013-2024	Professor, Department of Sociology, Simmons University
2008-2013	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Simmons College
2003-2008	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Simmons College
2003-2003	Instructor, Heller School, Brandeis University
2000-2000	Instructor, Heller School and Department of Sociology, Brandeis University
1997-1998	Graduate Teaching Assistant and Head Teaching Assistant, Heller School, Brandeis University
1990-1990	Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
1989-1989	Head Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

09/21-06/23	Interim Dean, College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice, Simmons University
07/18-09/21	Chair, Department of Public Health, Simmons University
07/18-09/21	Director, Public Health Bachelors Program, Simmons University
07/17-06/18	Chair, Department of Sociology, Simmons College
07/11-06/17	Director/Co-director, Public Health Bachelors Program, Simmons College
07/09-06/12	Chair, Department of Sociology, Simmons College
09/03-06/11	Director, Society and Health Program, Simmons College

BOOKS

Leiter, Valerie. 2012. *Their Time Has Come: Youth with Disabilities on the Cusp of Adulthood*. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

EDITED BOOKS

Conrad, Peter, and Valerie Leiter (Eds.). 2023. *The Sociology of Health & Illness: Critical Perspectives* (11th edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

- Conrad, Peter, and Valerie Leiter (Eds.). 2018. *The Sociology of Health & Illness: Critical Perspectives* (10th edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Conrad, Peter, and Valerie Leiter (Eds.). 2012. *The Sociology of Health & Illness: Critical Perspectives* (9th edition). New York: Worth Publishers.
- Conrad, Peter and Valerie Leiter (Eds.). 2003. *Health and Health Care as Social Problems*. Totowa, NJ: Rowan and Littlefield Publishers Inc.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Leiter, Valerie. 2024. Health. In Javier Travino (ed.) *Investigating Social Problems* (4th edition). Thousand Oaks: Sage.
- Leiter, Valerie and Shelly K. White. 2022. Left to Their Own Devices: FDA Regulation and Women's Health. In Dawna Marie Thomas (ed.) *Women's Health: Readings on Social, Economic, and Political Issues*. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall Hunt Publishing.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2020. Health. In Javier Travino (ed.) *Investigating Social Problems* (3rd edition). Thousand Oaks: Sage.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2018. Health. In Javier Travino (ed.) *Investigating Social Problems* (2nd edition). Thousand Oaks: Sage.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2015. A Bricolage of Urban Sidewalks: Observing Locations of Inequality. Pp. 13-28 in Ronald Berger and Laura Lorenz (eds.) *Disability and Qualitative Inquiry: Methods for Rethinking an Ableist World*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishers.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (Student authors are bolded below.)

- Leiter, Valerie, Charlotte Powley, and **Tsion Queen**. (2024). FDA Regulation of Menstrual Devices: Increased Innovation, Decreased Oversight, and Shifting Problems. *Women's Reproductive Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23293691.2024.2380443>
- Leiter, Valerie. 2024. Signs and Symptoms: Sterilization Device Problems and Barriers to Diagnosis. *Social Science & Medicine* 351: 116963.
- White, Shelley K., Valerie Leiter, **Mi H. Le**, and **Caitlyn K. Helms**. 2023. Regulatory Scripting and Bodies of Evidence: Weighing Expertise in the Debate Over Medical Device Safety and Efficacy. *PLOS ONE* 18(2): e0281774.
- Leiter, Valerie, **Alexis Agiliga**, **Evangeline Kennedy**, and **Emma Meacham**. 2022. Pay at the Pump?: Problems with Electric Breast Pumps. *Social Science & Medicine* 292: 114625.
- Leiter, Valerie, Shelley K. White, and **Abigail Walters**. 2017. Adverse Event Reports Associated with Vaginal Mesh: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis. *Women's Health Issues* 27:279-285.
- Leiter, Valerie and Michelle K. White. 2015. Enmeshed in Controversy: Claims About the Risks of Vaginal Mesh Devices. *Health, Risk & Society* 17: 64-80.
- Leiter, Valerie and **Sarah Herman**. 2015. Guinea Pig Kids: Myths or Modern Tuskegees? *Sociological Spectrum* 35: 26-45.
- Leiter, Valerie and Pat P. Rieker. 2012. Mind the Gap: Gender Differences in Child Special Health Care Needs. *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 16:1072-80.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2011. Bowling Together: Foundations of Community Among Youth with Disabilities. *Research in Social Science and Disability* 6:3-25.
- Leiter, Valerie and **Alexandra Waugh**. 2009. Moving Out?: Residential Independence Among Young Adults with Disabilities and the Role of Families. *Marriage and Family Review* 45:519-537 (Special issue on Family and Disability).

- Conrad, Peter, and Valerie Leiter. 2008. From Lydia Pinkham to Queen Levitra: Medicalization and Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Pharmaceuticals. *Sociology of Health & Illness* 30:825-838 (Special issue on Pharmaceuticals and Society).
- Leiter, Valerie. 2007. "Nobody's Just Normal": The Social Creation of Early Childhood Disability. *Social Science & Medicine* 65:1630-1641.
- Leiter, Valerie, **Jennifer Lutzi McDonald** and **Heather T. Jacobson**. 2006. Challenges to Independent Child Citizenship: Families, Immigration, and the State. *Childhood: A Global Journal of Child Research* 13:11-27.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2005. The Division of Labor Between Systems of Therapeutic Care for Children with Disabilities. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* 16:147-155.
- Conrad, Peter and Valerie Leiter. 2004. Medicalization, Markets and Consumers. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 45:158-176.
- Leiter, Valerie, and Marty W. Krauss. 2004. Claims, Barriers and Satisfaction: Parents' Requests for Additional Special Education Services. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* 15:135-46.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2004a. Parental Activism, Professional Dominance, and Early Childhood Disability. *Disability Studies Quarterly* 24 (Irving K. Zola Award).
- Leiter, Valerie. 2004b. Dilemmas in Sharing Care: Maternal Provision of Professionally-Driven Therapy for Children with Disabilities. *Social Science & Medicine* 58:837-849.
- Leiter, Valerie, Marty W. Krauss, Betsy Anderson, and Nora Wells. 2004. The Consequences of Caring: Maternal Impacts of Having a Child with Special Needs. *Journal of Family Issues* 25:379-403.
- Gilliam, Walter S., Carol H. Ripple, Edward F. Zigler, and Valerie R. Leiter. 2000. The Case of the Comprehensive Child Development Program: Evaluating Child and Family Demonstration Initiatives. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly* 15:41-60.
- Timmermans, Stefan, and Valerie Leiter. 2000. The Redemption of Thalidomide: Standardizing the Risk of Birth Defects. *Social Studies of Science* 30:41-71. (reprinted in Thomas Schlich and Ulrich Tröhler (Eds). 2005. *The Risks of Medical Innovation: Risk Perception and Assessment in Historical Context*. New York: Routledge).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Leiter, Valerie, and **Gracyn Delaune**. Reproductive Technology Redeemed?: IUDs from the Dalkon Shield to the Present (under review)
- Leiter, Valerie, **Tozoe Marton**, and **Kyla Botsian**. Medical Devices in Action: The Biomedicalization of Human Reproduction (in preparation)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Leiter, Valerie. 2002. Review of *Care Work: Gender, Labor and the Welfare State*. *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 64:812-813.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Fitzpatrick, Colleen and Valerie Leiter. September 2018. Simmons/FCDC Study Reveals Threats for Fenway Families. *Fenway News*.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2018. *Sociology of Disability. Core Concepts in Sociology*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons Inc.

- Leiter, Valerie. 2014. Youth Participation in Transition Planning. *Exceptional Parent*. <http://www.eparent.com/education/youth-participation-in-transition-planning/>
- Leiter, Valerie. 2007. Families and Childhood Disabilities. *Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2006. Underdiagnosis vs. Overrepresentation: Girls, Boys, and Disability. *Girl Matters*. 12(2) (www.girlscoalition.org/journal/).
- Gilliam, Walter S. and Valerie Leiter. 2003. Evaluating Early Childhood Programs: Improving Quality and Informing Policy. *Zero to Three*. 23:6-13.
- Leiter, Valerie R., Michelle Wood, and Stephen Bell. 1997. Case Management at Work for SSA Disability Beneficiaries: Process Results of the Project NetWork Return-to-Work Demonstration. *Social Security Bulletin* 60: 29-48.

PRESENTATIONS

- Leiter, Valerie, and **Gracyn Delaune**. 2024. Reproductive Technology Redeemed?: IUDs from the Dalkon Shield to the Present. Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Leiter, Valerie, and **Julia Lyberger**. 2023. Risks and Regrets: Complications Associated with a Female Sterilization Device. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Philadelphia.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2022. Invited panelist on “Author Meets Critic” Session on *The Biomedical Empire: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Los Angeles.
- White, Shelley K., Valerie Leiter, and **Mi Le**. 2022. Regulatory Scripting and Bodies of Evidence: Weighing Expertise in the Debate Over Medical Device Safety and Efficacy. Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting. Boston, MA.
- Leiter, Valerie and **Maude Elovitz**. 2021. Patient Problems: Adverse Event Reports on FDA-Approved Female Sterilization Devices. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting (virtual).
- Leiter, Valerie. 2021. Invited panelist on “Author Meets Critic” Session on *Allies and Obstacles: Disability Activism and Parents of Children with Disabilities*. Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting (virtual).
- Leiter, Valerie. 2019. Medical Devices: Finding Cinderella’s Second Slipper. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, New York City.
- Leiter, Valerie, **Zoe Lefkowitz**, **Margaret Hamilton**, and **Sidney Jean**. 2019. The Enemy Within: Women’s Problems with an Implanted Sterilization Device. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, New York City.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2018. Leiter, Valerie and **Shelden Goodwin**. Essure Problems: An Analysis of Medical Device Adverse Events. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Philadelphia.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2018. Abolishing Barriers to Access at SSSP. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Philadelphia (invited panel).
- Leiter, Valerie. 2015. Reflections on the Rights of Disabled Individuals in Institutions. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Chicago (invited panel).
- White, Shelley and Valerie Leiter. 2015. Regulatory Scripting and Vaginal Mesh. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Chicago.
- White, Shelley and Valerie Leiter. 2015. Risk, Regulation and Women’s Bodies. American

- Sociological Society annual meeting, Chicago.
- Leiter, Valerie and Shelley White. 2014. Enmeshed in Controversy: Locating and Regulating Risk. American Sociological Society annual meeting, San Francisco.
- Leiter, Valerie, and **Sarah Herman**. 2014. Guinea Pig Kids: Myths or Modern Tuskegees? American Sociological Society annual meeting, San Francisco.
- Leiter, Valerie, and **Sarah Herman**. 2013. Guinea Pig Kids: Distrust, Rumors, and Recent Experiments Involving African American Children. Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2012. Getting to Work: Mixed Methods Evidence on Employment Preparation Among Youth with Disabilities. Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2010. Participation and Voice: Youth Exiting Special Education. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Atlanta.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2010. College-Bound: Students' Hesitance to Use Disability Rights. Society for Disability Studies annual meeting, Philadelphia.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2010. Impermanent Markers: Youth with Disabilities' Assessment of Traditional Markers of Adulthood. Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2009. Community Contexts for Youth with Disabilities. American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco (invited paper).
- Leiter, Valerie and Patricia Rieker. 2008. Mind the Gap: Gender Differences in Child Health. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Boston.
- Leiter, Valerie and **Alexandra Waugh**. 2008. Moving Out?: Transition to Adulthood Among Youth with Disabilities and the Role of Families. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Boston.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2007. Fortune Tellers: Youth's Educational Aspirations and Expectations and the Role of Disability. American Sociological Association annual meeting, NYC.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2007. No Gold Standard: The Policy Construction of Childhood Disability in the U.S. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, New York City.
- Conrad, Peter, and Valerie Leiter. 2005. From Lydia Pinkham to Levitra: A Century of Medicalization. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2005. Disability, Race, and Poverty: Exploring African American Children's Overrepresentation in Special Education. Society for Disability Studies annual meeting, San Francisco.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2004. Creating Developmental Deviance: Mothers, Professionals, and Early Childhood Disability. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2004. Parental Activism, Professional Dominance, and Early Childhood Disability. Society for Disability Studies annual meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- Leiter, Valerie, **Jennifer Lutzi McDonald** and **Heather T. Jacobson**. 2003. Contingent Child Citizenship?: Eclipsing Effects of Parents' Citizenship Status. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2003. Ecology or Empowerment: Two Faces of Family-Centered Care. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Leiter, Valerie, and Marty W. Krauss. 2003. Filling the Gaps: Secondary Health Coverage Among Privately Insured Children with Special Health Care Needs. Society for Disability Studies annual meeting, Bethesda, MD.
- Leiter, Valerie, Marty W. Krauss and Stephen Gulley. 2002. Navigating Multiple Systems of Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Challenges to the Concept of a

- “Medical Home.” American Public Health Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2002. Placing the Family at the Center of Care(giving). Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Leiter, Valerie, Marty W. Krauss, Betsy Anderson and Nora Wells. 2001. The Consequences of Caring: Maternal Impacts of Having a Child with Special Needs. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- Leiter, Valerie. 2001. Gentle Intrusions: Family-Centered Care in Early Intervention. Dissertation Symposium of the Academy on Mental Retardation annual meeting, Denver.
- Leiter, Valerie, Marty W. Krauss, and Betsy Anderson. 2000. Oral Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Findings from the Family Partners Project. The Face of a Child: Surgeon General’s Conference on Children and Oral Health, Washington, D.C.
- Leiter, Valerie. 1999. A Portrait of Working Poor Families with Children. 40th Anniversary Conference of the Heller School, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- Leiter, Valerie, and Stefan Timmermans. 1999. The Redemption of Thalidomide: The Standardization and Normalization of Risk. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Leiter, Valerie. 1999. The Construction of Parental Rights in the Early Intervention Program. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Leiter, Valerie. 1999. Understanding Parental Rights in the Early Intervention Program. Society for Disability Studies annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Leiter, Valerie. 1994. Conditions of Confinement in Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facilities. American Society of Criminologists annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
- Waters, Mary C. and Valerie Leiter. 1989. The Intergenerational Transmission of Race Identity in the 1980 Census. American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Simmons University Toby Sloane Award for Undergraduate Teaching, 2019
- Simmons College Dean's Award for Exceptional Undergraduate Advising, 2010
- Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies, Society for Disability Studies, 2004
- Graduate Student Paper Prize, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002
- Instructorship Award, Brandeis University, 1999-2000
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Brandeis University, 2000
- Danforth Center Teaching Award, Harvard University, 1990
- Phi Beta Kappa, State University of New York at Albany, 1987
- President’s Award for Undergraduate Research, State University of New York at Albany, 1987
- Alpha Kappa Delta, 1987 (International Sociology honor society)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Simmons University, Undergraduate Faculty-Student Collaborative Fellowship Award 2023-2024 (\$2,200)
- Simmons University, Undergraduate Faculty-Student Collaborative Fellowship Award 2019-2020 (\$3,000)
- Simmons College, Fund for Research 2018-2019 (\$2,500); 2015-2016 (\$2,490); 2005-2005 (\$1,340)

Simmons College Undergraduate Research Experience Program, 2013-2014 (\$1,200)
Spivack Program in Community Action Research Initiative, American Sociological Association 2012-2013 (\$2,684)

Simmons College President's Fund for Faculty Excellence 2012-2013 (\$8,043)

William T. Grant Foundation Scholar Award 2006-2012 (\$340,000)

Fellow, Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, 2001-2002

Merck Dissertation Scholar, Merck Fund, 1998-1999

National Research Service Traineeship, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 1996-1997

Peter Heller Scholar, Heller School, Brandeis University, 1995-1996

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

07/01-06/03 Senior Research Associate, Heller School, Brandeis University

04/99-03/01 Research Analyst, Heller School, Brandeis University

09/90-01/96 Senior Analyst, Abt Associates Inc.

06/88-08/90 Graduate Student Research Associate, Murray Research Center, Radcliffe College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Eastern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Society for Disability Studies

Society for Social Studies of Science

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

08/23-present Member, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee

08/23-08/24 Chair, By-laws Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/24-08/25 Chair, Committee on Committees, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/22-present Member, Committee on Committees, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/22-08/23 Member, By-laws Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/17-08/22 Chair, By-laws Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/18-08/19 Chair, Accessibility Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/17-08/18 Chair-Elect, Accessibility Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/18-08/20 Member, Editorial and Publications Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/17-08/19 Chair, Awards Committee, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association

08/17-08/18 Member, Publisher Search Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/16-08/17 Vice President, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/16-08/17 Chair, Joseph P. Gittler Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/16-08/17 Chair, Social Action Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/16-08/18 Chair, Research Review Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/15-08/16 Vice President-Elect, Society for the Study of Social Problems

08/14-08/18 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Social Problems

01/14-12/16 Member, Committee on Professional Ethics, American Sociological Association

01/14-08/22 Chair, Bylaws Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems
 10/13-08/17 Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Early Intervention
 08/13-08/15 Member, Nominations Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems
 08/13-08/15 Nominations Chair, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association
 08/12-08/13 Chair, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association
 08/10-08/13 Member, Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems
 08/09-08/11 Chair, Disabilities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
 08/08-08/11 Member, Council, Sociology of Children and Youth section, American Sociological Association
 08/08-08/10 Acting Secretary/Treasurer, Disability and Society Section (in formation), American Sociological Association
 08/05-08/07 Co-chair, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

10/15-present Member, Public Health Steering Committee
 05/14-08/14 Acting Director, SURPASs Program
 10/13-present Member, Sustainability Minor Advisory Committee
 09/13-09/14 Member, CAS Workload Taskforce
 09/13-06/18 Member, Health Professions Advisory Committee
 12/12-06/13 Member, Hazel Dick Leonard Seminar Selection Committee
 12/11-06/13 Member, CAS Faculty Scholarship Taskforce
 11/11-02/12 Chair, Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee
 09/11-06/13 Member, Bachelor of Social Work Advisory Committee
 09/11-12/11 Member, Master in Public Policy Faculty Search Committee
 07/11-06/18 Member, Master in Public Policy Steering Committee
 02/11-06/13 Member, Phi Beta Kappa Application Committee
 02/11-06/12 Member, All-College Post-Tenure Multiyear Review Advisory Committee
 01/10-05/10 Member, Ad Hoc Writing Assessment Committee
 01/07-06/13 Faculty Representative, Psi of Massachusetts chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society)
 06/05-09/21 Member, Institutional Review Board (member 2005-2006; primary reviewer 2006-2011; co-chair 2011-2018; primary reviewer 2018-19; co-chair 2019-2021)
 09/05-08/06 Member, Fellowship Committee
 01/05-06/06 Member, Honors Steering Committee
 09/03-06/18 Member, CAS Dean's Academic Council

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

08/20-07/23 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Section, Society for the Study of Social Problems
 08/20-08/21 Organizer and Presider, Session on Youth, Aging, and Life Course Theory-Research, Practice, and Policy, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
 08/11-06/12 Member, Planning Committee, Fourth US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Queens University, Belfast Ireland

- 08/11-08/12 Co-organizer and co-president, Thematic Session of Disability, Participation and Voice, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 08/10-08/11 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Disability Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 08/10-02/11 Organizer and President, Thematic Session on Intersectionality in Disability Studies, Eastern Sociological Society
- 08/09-08/10 Chair, Nominations Committee, Children and Youth Section, American Sociological Society
- 08/08-08/09 Organizer and President, Thematic Session on Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 03/07-07/08 Member, Planning Committee, Third US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Simmons College, Boston
- 08/07-07/08 Co-organizer, Panel on Disability and Family, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 03/07-07/08 Participant, Family-Professional Partners Institute, New England SERVE
- 01/07-05/08 Member, Transition Advisory Group, Massachusetts Consortium for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- 10/05-08/06 Organizer and President, Panel on Consumption of Pharmaceuticals, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 10/04-08/05 Organizer and President, Panel on Children and Youth, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 10/03-08/04 Organizer and President, Thematic Session on Cultures of Care: Familial and Formal Systems, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference
- 08/03-07/04 Member, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 10/01-08/02 Organizer and President, Panel on Interactions Between Formal and Informal Care, Third Annual Carework Conference
- 09/01-02/02 Chair and President, Conference on Immigrant Children and Families, Heller School, Brandeis University

CONSULTING

- 04/18-06/23 Statistical Consultant, Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth

REVIEW WORK

National Science Foundation, Science, Technology, and Society Program
Contemporary Sociology
Children's Geographies
Contexts
Current Sociology
Demography
Gender & Society
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Journal of Early Intervention
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Journal of Marriage and the Family
The Milbank Quarterly
Our Bodies, Ourselves: A Book for and by Women
Qualitative Health Research (International Advisory Committee, Sage Publications)
Research in Social Science and Disability
Sociological Forum
Social Problems
Social Science & Medicine
The Sociological Quarterly
Sociology of Health and Illness
Teaching Sociology
Youth and Society

COMMUNITY SERVICE

07/23-12/23 Volunteer, Food for Free, Somerville, MA
01/21-09/21 Volunteer, Brookline Food Pantry, Brookline MA
02/19-09/19 Community Yoga Teacher, MCI Framingham
06/18-05/20 Member, Massachusetts Prison Yoga Project