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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Anticipated May 2008

University of Notre Dame

Dissertation: *Does Getting A's Really Matter? A Conceptualization of Grades as a Measure of Educational Outcomes*

Areas of Concentration: Sociology of Education (Comprehensive Exam passed with distinction), Stratification (Comprehensive Exam), Ethnographic Methods

Master of Arts, Sociology, July 2004

University of Notre Dame

Thesis: *The Impact of Social and Academic High School Experiences on College Graduation by Gender*.

Thesis Advisor: Maureen T. Hallinan, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 2000

Bachelor of Arts, History, 2000

Montana State University – Billings

PUBLICATIONS

Hallinan, Maureen T. and Brandy J. Ellison. 2007. "Curricular Tracks." in Kathryn M. Borman, Spencer E. Cahill, and Bridget A. Cotner (eds.) *The Praeger Handbook of American High Schools*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Hallinan, Maureen T. and Brandy J. Ellison. 2006. "The Practice of Ability Grouping: Sector Differences in Implementation." in Maureen T. Hallinan (ed.) *School Sector and Student Outcomes*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

Ellison, Brandy J. and Maureen T. Hallinan. 2004. "Ability Grouping in Catholic and Public Schools." *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice* 8:107-129.

Ellison, Brandy J. "Tracking." in Richard T. Schaefer (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Sage Reference Publication. Forthcoming.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Ellison, Brandy J. and Maureen T. Hallinan. 2007. "The Role of Social Connections in Students' School Preferences." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Carbonaro, William and Brandy J. Ellison. 2007. "Explaining the Gender Gap in College Entry and Completion." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2006. "The Role of Resettlement Workers in the Refugee Employment Process." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec.

Loveland, Matthew T. and Brandy J. Ellison. 2006. "Creativity as Sense Making: A Symbolic Interactionist Theory of Creativity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ellison, Brandy J. and William Carbonaro. 2005. "The Contribution of High School Experiences to Gender Differences in College Graduation Rates." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2005. "The Lasting Effects of High School Experiences on College Graduation by Gender." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Quebec.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2005. "The Roles of Social and Cultural Capital in the Refugee Resettlement Process." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2005. "The Impact of High School Experiences on the Likelihood of College Graduation by Gender." Paper presented at Center for Research on Educational Opportunity Seminar, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2004. "The Formation and Effects of Parental Aspirations by Gender." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society, San Francisco, California.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2004. "The Effects of Parental Aspirations on Educational Attainment by Gender." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, Missouri.

Ellison, Brandy J. 2003. "Levels of Body-Esteem as a Predictor of Anti-gay Prejudice." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Ellison, Brandy J. and Jonathan Hill. 2003. "The Classroom Effects of Spirituality within the Alliance for Catholic Education." Paper presented at Center for Research on Educational Opportunity Seminar, Notre Dame, Indiana.

GRANTS

Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, The Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D. Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant, 2005. \$5,000. *Addressing the Challenges of Refugee Resettlement: Analyzing and Improving Employment Outcomes.*

Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, Joseph F. Downes Memorial Travel Grant, 2005. \$500. Support to attend Spanish language training in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

RESEARCH

January 2005 – present

"The Long-Term Impact of High School Experiences on College Graduation." With William Carbonaro. Manuscript in progress. Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

December 2004 – present

"Creativity as a Social Process." With Matthew Loveland. Research in progress. Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

September 2004 – present

"Refugee Employment Outcomes." Manuscript in progress. Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

May 2003

National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 Database Training Seminar sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics. Potomac, Maryland.

April 2006

American Educational Research Association Division C Graduate Student Seminar. San Francisco, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Cultural Influences on Children's Lives, Fall 2006, Alliance for Catholic Education English as a New Language Certification Program, University of Notre Dame.

Instructor, Social Problems, Fall 2006, St. Mary's College.

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2006, St. Mary's College.

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2005, St. Mary's College.

Teaching Assistant, Understanding Societies (taught by Michael Emerson, Ph.D.), Spring 2005, University of Notre Dame.

Teaching Assistant, Understanding Societies (taught by David Hachen, Ph.D.), Fall 2004, University of Notre Dame.

Guest Lecturer, Introductory Sociology, Spring 2004, Indiana University South Bend.

Guest Lecturer, Introductory Sociology, Spring 2004, Ivy Tech, South Bend.

Guest Lecturer, Introductory Sociology, Spring 2003, Indiana University South Bend.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Teaching Fellowship. 2007 – present.
University Writing Program, University of Notre Dame.

Dissertation Year Fellowship. 2006 – 2007.
Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

John J. Kane Memorial Award for the Most Outstanding Student in Sociology. 2006.
Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

Outstanding Graduate TA Award. 2006.
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame.

Superb Commendation. 2003, 2004, and 2005.
Annual Progress Evaluation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

Presidential Fellowship. 2002 – 2006.
Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

Tuition Scholarship. 2002 – Present.
Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

Outstanding Sociology Graduate. 2000.
Montana State University – Billings.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Midwest Sociological Society
Eastern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Educational Research Association

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D. Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant, Center for Social Concerns – Reviewer. 2007.
Career Center Graduate School Forum – Panel Member. 2006.
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning “Helpful Hints for New TAs” Panel Discussion – Panel Member. 2006.
Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D. Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant, Center for Social Concerns – Reviewer. 2006.
Department of Sociology External Review – Consultant. 2006.
Graduate School Peer-Mentor Program – Mentor. 2005-2006.
Department of Sociology Faculty Search Committee – Graduate Student Representative. 2005.
Graduate Student Union Quality of Life and Human Diversity Committee – Chair. 2004 – 2005.
Laboratory for Social Research External Review – Consultant. 2004.
Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology – Graduate Student Liaison. 2003 – 2005.
Graduate Student Union Human Diversity Committee - Member. 2002 – 2003.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

‘Bend Area Service, Social, and Sports Club – Service Committee Chair. 2007.
East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity – Volunteer. 2006 and 2007.
‘Bend Area Service, Social, and Sports Club – Service Committee Co-Chair. 2006.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County – School Mentor Program
Volunteer. 2003 – 2006.**

**‘Bend Area Service, Social, and Sports Club – Service Committee Member.
2004 – 2005.**