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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	May 2007	Sociology-University of Delaware
M.A.	May 2002	Sociology-University of Delaware
B.S.	August 1999	Sociology-Towson University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of Delaware, Fall 2007-present.
Full-time Instructor, University of Delaware, Fall 2005-Spring 2007.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of Risk
Medical Sociology
Social Problems
Survey Research

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Popular Epidemiology
Childhood Illness
Medical Disability/Diversity
Geo-Spatial Disease Mapping
Measurement Validity

TEACHING INTERESTS

Research Methods and Statistics
Introduction to Sociology
Health and Social Behavior
Sociology of Risk
Social Problems

PUBLICATIONS

Perez, Victor W. 2010. "The Rhetoric of Science and Statistics in Claims of an Autism Epidemic." Pp. 203-221 in *Advances in Medical Sociology*, vol. 11, *Understanding Emerging Epidemics: Social and Political Approaches*, edited by Ananya Mukherjea. United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.

Perez, Victor W. 2010. (Book Review) *Conceiving Risk: Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder*, by Elizabeth M. Armstrong (2003). *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* 41(1):14-17.

Perez, Victor W. 2005. "The Relationship Between Seriously Considering, Planning, and Attempting Suicide in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey." *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* 35(1):35-49.

Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin, Victor W. Perez, Druetta Nichols-Jennings and Alison R. Gray. 2002. "Drug Court Participants' Satisfaction with Treatment and the Drug Court Experience." *Drug Court Review* 4(1):39-82.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Perez, Victor W. and Ray Maratea. "Virtual Popular Epidemiology? A Case Study of the Vaccine-Induced Autism Hypothesis on the Internet." Under review at ASA peer-reviewed journal.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Geo-Spatial Mapping of Autism Diagnoses: How Social Networks Influence Diagnostic Clusters.

A Web-Based Survey of Perceived Risk of Childhood Vaccines: Perspectives of Parents of Children with Autism.

GRANT PROPOSALS IN PROGRESS

Perez, Victor W. 2010. General University Research Program [Intramural]. Working title: "Popular Epidemiology in Delaware City: Pollution, Exposure, and Citizen Science in the State of Delaware."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "Social Movement Formation in Cyberspace: The Online Network of the Autism Collaboration." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 2010.
- Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "How Individual Web Spaces Create a Social Movement: Mapping the Network of the Autism Blogosphere." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
- Perez, Victor W. "Stability of Correlates of Suicidal Thought and Behavior in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, March 2009.
- Perez, Victor W. "The Implications of Medicalization and Risk for the Prevention Movement in the Social Sciences." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 2008.
- Perez, Victor W. "Perceived Risk of Harm and Disapproval as Mechanisms of Social Control in Youth Marijuana Use." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2007.
- Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Alison R. Gray. "Success in Drug Court: Does Criminal History Matter?" Annual meeting of the American Criminal Justice Society, Las Vegas, NV, March 2004.
- Perez, Victor W. "Tattoo Removal: How Modern Laser Treatment Has Influenced Exiting the Deviant Career." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 2004.
- Perez, Victor W., Christine A. Saum, Alison R. Gray and Frank R. Scarpitti. "The Influence of Drug Court Participation on Exiting the Criminal Career: A Comparison of Drug Court and Treatment-Only Participants with Criminal Histories." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 2004.
- Gray, Alison R., Christine A. Saum, Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Clifford A. Butzin. "Drug Court Treatment Programs: Predictors of Successful Completion." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO, November 2003.

Perez, Victor W. "The Influence of Gender Role Socialization on the Relationship between Forced Sexual Intercourse and Deviant Behavior." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 2003.

Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin and Victor W. Perez. "Drug Court Project: Client Satisfaction Survey." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 2002.

Perez, Victor W. "Measuring Suicidal Ideation Using Risk Behaviors." Annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Bethesda, MD, April 2002.

APPLIED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant May-July 2005
Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine,
Johns Hopkins University [Baltimore, MD]

Research Assistant June-December 2001; June 2002-May 2004
Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware [Newark, DE]

Survey Administrator/Survey Team Leader January 2001
Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware

Research Assistant November 1999-August 2000
Center for Studies on Alcohol, Westat [Rockville, MD]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor at the University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Introduction to Sociological Research (4 credits), Fall 2007-present

Introduction to Sociology (honors and non-honors) (3 credits), Fall 2007-present

Full-Time Instructor at the University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Introduction to Sociological Research (4 credits), Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Introduction to Sociology (3 credits), Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Independent Instruction as a Funded Graduate Student at the University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Social Deviance (3 credits), Summer 2004

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2004

Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2003

Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2003

Statistics Lab Instructor as a Funded Graduate Student at the University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Introduction to Sociological Research (1 credit), Fall 2001, Fall 2002

Teaching Assistant at the University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Criminology (3 credits), Spring 2003

Introduction to Sociological Research (3 credits), Fall 2002

Introduction to Sociological Research (3 credits), Spring 2001 (two sections)

SERVICE

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware

Master's thesis committee member. "Skating the Metaphorical Edge: An Ethnographic Study of Female Roller Derby Athletes," by Melody Cotterill. Planned defense Fall 2010.

Department Liaison for the Honors Program, September 2009-present.

Undergraduate Sociology Club, Faculty Advisor, January 2008-present.

Chair, Jan Burrows Graduate Educator Award search committee, April 2004.

New graduate student informational seminar, September 2002 and September 2003.

Graduate Policy Committee graduate student representative, September 2002-May 2003.

Senator and department representative, Graduate Student Senate, September 2001-May 2003. Graduate Student Senate website development subcommittee member, February 2003-May 2003.

New graduate student mentor, September 2001-May 2002.

Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Delaware

Co-presenter with Rashida Davis, "Assisting Students in Computer Labs," session at annual conference for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, August 2005.

Co-facilitator with Michael Walegur, "De-Mystifying the TA Experience: A Discussion-Oriented Session for First-Time Graduate Teaching Assistants," Center for Teaching Effectiveness sponsored session, February 2004.

Co-presenter with Michael Walegur, "On the Journey through Graduate School: Making the Most of It," Center for Teaching Effectiveness sponsored session, October 2003.

Co-presenter with Harry Shipman, "Being Part of An Instructional Team: Working with Your Faculty Supervisor," session at annual conference for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, August 2002.

Co-presenter with John Barber and Kelly Johnson, "Making the Most of Office Hours: What Works for You and Your Students," session at annual conference for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, August 2002.

Co-presenter with Ellen Carr and Karen Pickard, "Graduate Student Life: A Juggling Act," session at annual conference for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, August 2001.

Other Service at the University of Delaware

Invited Speaker. "Organizing Group Projects and Other Unconventional Teaching Strategies." SOCI 667 graduate level course *Teaching Sociology and Criminology*, Spring 2010.

Invited Presenter. "Strategies of the Academic Job Search in a Weak Academic Market." UNIV 603 graduate level course, Winter 2010 and Winter 2009.

Presenter and Facilitator, "Responsible Conduct of Research," 2-day course sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, February 2008.

Discussant, 2004 CAA Undergraduate Research Conference "The Wide World of Research: Discovery in Academia and Beyond," Undergraduate Research Program, February 2004.

Eastern Sociological Society

Annual conference discussant, Roundtable 80-Gender and Crime, Philadelphia, PA, February 2003.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

University of Delaware

Excellence in Teaching Award [nominee], 2004, 2008, 2009
University Graduate Fellows Award (Fellowship), Fall 2004-Spring 2005
Graduate Assistantship (Instructor), Fall 2003-Spring 2004
Presidential Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2002-Spring 2003
Presidential Fellowship, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2000-Spring 2001

Towson University

Most Distinguished Scholar in Sociology, 1999
Dean's List, Spring 1998 and Spring 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Eastern Sociological Society
Alpha Kappa Delta
Golden Key National Honor Society

COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Windows OS, Macintosh OS; downloading and formatting most data formats from numerous internet resources; adept with most online published literature resources; Microsoft Office, iWork, FileMaker Pro, Adobe Acrobat; MicroCase, PASW, AMOS, MathType; WebCT, MyCourses, SAKAI; pen tablet, Sony digital recorder.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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