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Degrees Earned

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2002.
Master of Arts, Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 1993
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Magna cum Laude, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 1990

Professional Licensure and Certifications

N/A

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

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Dyer, J. and M. Tackett-Gibson. (2006-2007). Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: Urban Texas Counties. \$150,000: Contracted by the Department of State Health Services, Substance Abuse Division. Grantee: Public Policy Research Institute

Dyer, J. and M. Tackett-Gibson. (2004-2005). Texas College Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use. \$80,000: Contracted by the Department of State Health Services, Substance Abuse Division. Grantee: Public Policy Research Institute

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Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

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Tackett-Gibson, M. (2008). Examining the use of online information and perceptions of drug use harm. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

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Tackett-Gibson, M. (2006). Reputation Matters: Drugs, Drug Use and Online Credibility. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

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Tackett-Gibson, M. (2006). Prescription Drug Use among Young Adults: Preliminary Analysis of the Texas College Survey. Presentation at the Southwestern Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX.

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Tackett-Gibson, M. (2004). The Unintended Consequences of Funder-Initiated Performance Evaluation. Presentation at the Southwestern Sociological Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2004). Getting Ritalin: Online Discourse of ADHD and Prescription Stimulant Use. Presentation at the Southwestern Sociological Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2003). 'What You Don't Know Can Hurt You': Risk and Ambivalence in Drug Use Discourse. Southwestern Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX.

Carmichael, D.J., M. T. Gibson, and L. P. Martinez (2001). University-Government Partnerships to Evaluate Juvenile Justice Interventions. Presentation at the Statewide Safe and Drug-Free Schools Conference. Waco, TX.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (2000). The Use of the Internet in Data Collection and Program Evaluation. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, Austin, TX.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (1999). A Survey of Health and Environmental Conditions in Texas Border Counties and Colonias. Presentation at the Texas/Mexico Border Health Association, San Antonio, TX.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (1996). Religious Organizations and the Development of Cross-Class Alliances for Community Action. Presentation at the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Tackett-Gibson, M. (1994). A Case Study of Religious Ideology and Organizational Change. Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.

Work or Professional Experiences

Assistant Professor, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2006 to present.

Assistant Research Scientist, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University, 2002-2006.

Research Assistant to Associate, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University, 1998-2001.

Acting Bachelor of Arts Program Coordinator and Instructor, Department of Sociology,
Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1995-1996.

Lecturer, Sociology, Northeastern University and Northeastern University College (Adult Education),
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Research Assistant, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Boston, MA, Summer 1994

Instructor, Northeastern University, Department of Sociology, Boston, MA, 1992-1994

Honors and Awards

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Other Competencies

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