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Degrees Earned

Ph.D. in Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2005
M. A. in Sociology, Louisiana State University, 1988
B.S. in Sociology, Texas A&M University, 1995

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions**Articles**

Kirk, Amy Manning, Daniel Eckstein, Sheryl A. Serres, and Sallie Helms. 2007. "A Dozen Commitment Considerations for Couples." *The Family Journal*, Volume 15:3, Pages 271-276.

Feld, Scott L., Katherine Brown Rosier, and Amy Manning. 2002. "Christian Right as a Civil Right: Covenant Marriage and a Kinder Gentler Moral Conservatism." *Review of Religious Research*, Volume 44:2, Pages 173-183.

Chapters

Kirk, Amy Manning. 2008 – Forthcoming. "Lemons or Lemonade?: Commitment as a Predictor of How Couples Will Cope with Adversity" In Daniel Eckstein (ed.) *Relationship Repair*. Five Star Publishing, Glendale, Arizona.

Kirk, Amy Manning, Daniel Eckstein, Sheryl A. Serres, and Sallie Helms. 2008 - Forthcoming. "When Couples Consider Commitment." In Daniel Eckstein (ed.) *Relationship Repair*. Five Star Publishing, Glendale, Arizona.

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Feld, Scott L., Katherine Brown Rosier, and Amy Manning Kirk. Forthcoming. "Divorce Politics in the U.S.: From Restriction to Choice." Chapter 2 in Scott L. Feld and Katherine Brown Rosier (eds.) *Regulating Morality by Choice: Politics and Personal Choice in the Case of Covenant Marriage*. Rose Monograph Series of the American Sociological Association, Russell Sage Foundation.

Funded External Grants

Research Assistant to Co-P.I.'s Scott L. Feld and Katherine Brown Rosier on "Covenant Marriage: Diffusion of a Social Innovation" (1998). Funded by the National Science Foundation. SBR-9807379 – designed interview schedules and interviewed or co-interviewed Louisiana state politicians and Christian conservative activists who were instrumental in passing the 1997 Louisiana Covenant Marriage Act.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

Kirk, Amy Manning. 2007. "Committed to Constraints: A Preliminary Look at Ten Years

of Covenant Marriage Rhetoric.” Presentation at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Marriage and Family Roundtable, Family Narratives. New York, New York, August 12th.

Kirk, Amy Manning. 2007. “Why is Commitment Important to Marital Quality?: Notions of Commitment Over Time.” Presentation at the Southwestern Sociological Association Meetings. Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 13th.

Weil, Frederick D, Troy Blanchard, and Amy Manning. 2001. “Social Capital in Context: Sociability and Trust in Different Regional and Community Settings.” Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Anaheim, CA.

Manning, Amy, Troy C. Blanchard, Frederick D. Weil, and Charles M. Tolbert. 2001. “What if the South has Plenty of Social Capital, But Not the Kind that Benefits It?: The Case of Baton Rouge.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

Feld, Scott, Christine Horne, Amy Manning, and Katherine Brown Rosier. 2001. “Covenant Marriage: Louisiana’s Family Experiment.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

Rosier, Katherine Brown, Amy Manning, and Scott Feld. 1998. “The (D)Evolution of American Divorce: The Political Origins of Louisiana’s Covenant Marriage.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section Roundtable, Social Policies and Their Origins and Outcomes, San Francisco, CA.

Work or Professional Experiences

2006

(September) –

Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

2004 – 2006 Adjunct Sociology Instructor, North Harris Montgomery Community College District (Kingwood College)

1998 – 2005 Research Consultant, Survey Communications, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2000 – 2001 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

1997 – 2000 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

1996 – 1998 Legislative Aide, Jefferson Parish Legislative Delegation, Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1994 (Fall) Public Affairs Assistant, Smithsonian Associates, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

Other Competencies

Sociology Department website coordinator, (work includes a reconstruction of the Sociology website to meet the criteria of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the needs of the department), Sam Houston State University.

Academic Challenge Judge: Sam Houston State University (University Service), November 2006/March 2007

Member: Sociology Department and University Advancement Survey to determine student's selection of Sam Houston State University (Departmental Service), Sam Houston State University, Fall 2006

Member: Search Committee to find an Associate-level Graduate Advisor (Departmental Service), Sam Houston State University, Fall 2006

Presenter: Brown Bag Series (Sam Houston State University Sociology Department): "Effectively Teaching Online," November 2006

Distance Learning Teacher Certification, Level 1 (WebCT) – North Harris Montgomery Community College District, 2005

Attendee: Service Learning and course web-page development workshops, North Harris Montgomery Community College District, 2005

Co-Advisor: Baton Rouge Area Foundation, Forum 35 on Social Capital; coordinated Robert Putnam's Baton Rouge Lecture in which he discussed *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. 2000-2001