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EDUCATION

PhD Sociology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, August 2008.

MPA Public Administration, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, 2003.

BS Sociology South Dakota State University, with highest honors, Brookings, South Dakota, 2000.

DISSERTATION

Title: *Speaking of Discipline: The Nexus between Discipline, Parental Type, Parental Role Strain and Achievement.*
Committee: Lala Carr Steelman (Chair), Brent Simpson, Irena Stepinakova, and Brian Powell (Indiana University)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Sociology of Family
- Sociology of Education
- Social Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family structure (with focus on parental type), social organization of schools, effects of gender and education, link between education and the family, role of public policy on the family, effect of children on parents.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2007 Rhude Patterson Fellowship

2006 Recipient of the graduate student paper of the year from the Society for the Study of Social Problems- family division.

- 2006 Recipient of University of South Carolina Graduate School travel grant.
- 2006 Inducted member of Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociology honor society.
- 2003 Inducted member of Pi Alpha Alpha, national public administration honor society
- 2000 Inducted Member of Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society
- 2000 South Dakota State University Sociology Department Honor Graduate.

PUBLICATIONS

Koch, Pamela Ray and Lala Carr Steelman. 2009. "Making Mountains out of Molehills: Investigating the Red State Blue State Stereotypes" *Cultural Sociology* 3: 165-189

Koch, Pamela Ray, Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey and Sophia Catsambis. 2008 "Naughty or Nice: The Roles of Gender and Behavior in Kindergarten Reading Group Placement." *Journal of Social Psychology of Education* 11:409-430

Steelman, Lala Carr and Pamela Ray Koch. 2008. Sibling Relationships, Childhood and Adolescence in Deborah Carr (Eds) *Encyclopedia of the Life course and Human Development* Farmington Hills Mi: Gale

Steelman, Lala Carr and Pamela Ray Koch. 2008. Birth Order: A Continuing Saga in Deborah Carr (Eds) *Encyclopedia of the Life course and Human Development* Farmington Hills Mi: Gale

Markovsky, Barry, Lisa Dilks, Pamela Koch, Shannong McDonough, Jennifer Triplett and Leia Velasquez. 2008. Modularizing and Integrating Theories of Justice." In Karen A Hegtvedt and Jody Clay-Warner (Eds.), *Advances in Group Processes*, Vol 25 New York: Elsevier Science.

Kahl, Susan, Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey, Pamela Ray Koch, Bill Dougan and Sophia Catsambis. 2007. "Revisiting Reuben Hill's Theory of Familial Response to Stressors: The Mediating Role of Mental Outlook for Offspring of Divorce." *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal* 36: 5-21

BOOK REVIEWS

Koch, Pamela Ray and Debra Swanson. 2009. Reviewed "Families in Today's World: A Comparative Approach" For *Teaching Sociology* 37: 324-325.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Mulkey, Lynn, Sophia Catsambis, Lala Carr Steelman and Pamela Ray Koch. "Early Sources of Educational Inequality in U.S. Schools: Are Boys Disadvantaged?" Revise and Resubmit from the *Elementary School Journal*.

Steelman, Lala Carr, Pamela Ray Koch, Sophia Catsambis and Lynn Mulkey. "Toward a Taxonomy of Achievement grouping." Under review.

Triplett, Jennifer, Pamela Ray Koch and Lala Carr Steelman. "Mobility Between School Types and Academic Achievement Growth." Under review

WORKING PAPERS

Koch, Pamela Ray. "Spare the Rod Spoil the Child? Investigating the Disparate Academic Results of Different Parental Discipline Strategies."

Koch, Pamela Ray. "Blood is Not Always Thicker than Water: Parental Discipline of Genetic and Non-genetic Children."

Koch, Pamela Ray and Lala Carr Steelman. "Battle at the Ballot Box: Morality Mortality and the 2004 Election."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Blood may not be Thicker than Water: Parental Discipline of Genetic and Non-genetic Children." Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association.

"Snips, Snails, and Puppy Dog Tails: Is There a Liability to being Male in Kindergarten Reading Group Placement?" Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association. With Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey and Sophia Catsambis.

"Battle at the Ballot Box: Morality Mortality and the 2004 Election" Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Political Section. With Lala Carr Steelman

"Revisiting Reuben Hill's Theory of Familial Response to Stressors: The Mitigating Role of Mental Outlook for Offspring of Divorce." Presented at the 2006 Annual Review of Sociological Association Social Psychology Roundtables. With Susan Frazier Kahl, Lala Carr Steelman, Lynne Mulkey and William Dougan.

“Disaggregating Gender Effects in Reading Group Placement in U.S. Schools” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Sociology of Education roundtables. With Sophia Catsambis, Lynn M. Mulkey, and Lala Carr Steelman.

“ Toward a Taxonomy of Achievement grouping” {presented at the 2007 Annual American Educational Research Association meetings. With Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey and Sophia Catsambis.

“School Context and Ability Grouping Practices in U.S. Kindergartens.” Presented at the 2007 Sociology of Education Association Conference. With Sophia Catasmabis, Lynn Mulkey, Lala Carr Steelman, and Anthony Butaro.

“Mobility Between School Types and Academic Achievement Growth”. Presented at the 2007 Graduate Student Day at the University of South Carolina. With Jennifer Lynn Triplett.

“Naughty or Nice: Behaviors Effect on Within Class Ability Grouping.” Presented at the 2007 Southern Sociological Society meetings. With Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey and Sophia Catsambis.

“Mobility and School Type: The Effects of Transferring on Academic Achievement”. Presented at the 2007 American Sociological Association meetings. With Jennifer Triplet and Lala Carr Steelman

“The Reading Achievement Effects of a Kinder Gentler Parent: Disciplinary techniques and academic achievement” presented at the 2007 American Sociological Association meetings.

“Pathways for Kindergartners: Educational Stratification in Early Childhood” Presented at the 2009 American Sociological Association meetings. With Lala Carr Steelman, Lynn Mulkey and Sophia Catsambis.

EMPLOYMENT

2008-Present	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hope College (Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Sociology of the Family)
2007-2008	Research Assistant, Lala Carr Steelman, University of South Carolina. Research in the areas of family structure, education, and political involvement.
2005-2007	Research Assistant to Lala Carr Steelman, principle investigator. <i>“Mapping” Tracking in the Elementary Grades: A Nationwide Longitudinal Inquiry</i> , funded by the National Institute for Child Health and Development division of the National Institutes of Health.
2006-2008	Instructor at Midlands Technical Institute (Social Problems, Introduction to Sociology)

- 2004-2008 Teaching Assistant for Lala Carr Steelman, University of South Carolina (Sociology of the family, Sociology of Childhood, Sociology of Education)
- 2004 Research assistant, Lala Carr Steelman, University of South Carolina. Research in the areas of family structure and education.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2000-2003 Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska, Claims Adjuster.
- 1999-2000 Brookings Domestic Abuse and Rape Crises Shelter, Advocate.
- 1999 South Dakota Department of Social Services, Intern.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and ACTIVITIES

American Sociological Association

Sections: Family, Education, Children and Youth

Southern Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

University of South Carolina Sociology Graduate Student Association (Treasurer 2005/2006)

REFERENCES

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