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**CURRICULUM VITA**

Director, Gerontology Institute  
Associate Professor, Sociology  
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*Educational and Professional Credentials*

PhD	1997	Sociology, University of Southern California.
M.A	1995	Sociology, University of Southern California
B.S.	1992	Sociology, Old Dominion University.

*Professional Experience*

January 2009 to Present	Director, Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University.
Spring 2005 to 2008	Graduate Director, Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University.
Fall 2004 to Present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.
Fall 1997 to 2004	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.
Fall 1996	Instructor, Sociology, Mt. St. Mary's College, "Research Methods"

*Areas of Specialization*

Aging and Life Course  
Sexuality and Relationships  
Intergenerational Families

*Intellectual Contributions*

Publications – Journal Articles

Forthcoming	Baunach, D.M., <b>Burgess, E. O.</b> and Muse, C. Southern (Dis)Comfort: Sexual Prejudice and Contact with Gay Men and Lesbians in the South. <i>Sociological Spectrum</i>
2008 celibate	Donnelly, D. and Burgess, E. O. The decision to remain in an involuntary relationship. <i>Journal of Marriage and Families.</i> , 70 (2), 519-535.
2006	King, S.V., Burgess, E.O., Akinyela, M., Counts-Spriggs, M. & Parker, N. The Religious Dimensions of the Grandparent Role in Three-generation African

- American Households. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality, & Aging*, 19 (1): 75-96.
- 2005 King, S.V., Burgess, E.O., Akinyela, M., Counts-Spriggs, M. & Parker, N. "Your body is God's temple:" The spiritualization of health beliefs in multigenerational African American Families. *Research on Aging*, 27 (4), 420-440.
- 2004 Bonnesen, J. and E. O. Burgess. "'Senior Moments:' The acceptability of an ageist phrase." *Journal of Aging Studies*, 18 (2), 123-142.
- 2001 Burgess, E.O., Donnelly, D., Dillard, J., and R. Davis. "Surfing for Sex: Studying Involuntary Celibacy Using the Internet." *Sexuality and Culture*, 5, 5-29.
- 2001 Donnelly, D., Burgess, E.O., Anderson, S, Davis, R., and J. Dillard. "Involuntary Celibacy: A Life Course Analysis." *Journal of Sex Research*, 38, 159-169.

Reprinted in:

- Chibucos, T. R. & R.W. Leite. (Eds.) (2005) *Readings in Family Theory*. Sage.
- Stomblor, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) (2004). *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- 1997 Bengtson, V.L., Burgess, E. O., and Parrott, T.M. "Explanation, and A Third Generation of Theoretical Developments in the Social Gerontology" *Journal of Gerontology, Social Sciences*, 52B:S72-S88.
- Reprinted in: Infeld, D.L. (Ed.). 2002. *Disciplinary Approaches to Aging. Volume Three: Sociology of Aging*. New York: Routledge.
- 1996 Bengtson, V. L., Parrott, T.M. and Burgess, E. O. "Progress and Pitfalls in Gerontological Theorizing.." *The Gerontologist*, 36:768-772.

Publications - Books/Monographs and Chapters

- 2007 Stomblor, Mindy, Dawn Baunach, Elisabeth O. Burgess, Denise Donnelly, and Wendy Simonds. (Eds) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Second Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon.
- 2007 Donnelly, Denise, Elisabeth O. Burgess, and Wendy Simonds. "Sexuality and Social Theorizing." In Stomblor, Mindy, Dawn Baunach, Elisabeth O. Burgess, Denise Donnelly, and Wendy Simonds. (Eds) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Second Edition*. New York: Allyn & Bacon

Reprinted in: Stomblor et al. (Eds.) (Forthcoming) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society*

*Reader, Third Edition.* New York: Pearson Allyn & Bacon.

- 2004 Burgess, E.O. "Sexuality in Mid- to Later Life Couples." Pp 437-454 in J. Harvey, S. Sprecher, and A. Wenzel. (Eds). *Handbook of Sexuality in Close Relationships*. Lawrence Erlbaum.
- 2004 Stomblor, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D. and Simonds, W. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- 2001 Bengtson, V.L., Burgess, E.O., Parrott, T.M., and J. B. Mabry. Ingenting ar mer praktiskt anvandbart an en god teori. In L. Andersson. (Ed.) *Socialgerontologi*. Sweden: Studentlitteratur.
- 1998 Burgess, E.O., Schmeckle, M. and Bengtson, V. L. (1998) "Aging Individuals and Societal Contexts." In I.H. Norhus, S. Berg, G. VandenBos, & P. Fromholt (Eds.) *Clinical Geropsychology*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

#### Reviewer Projects and Other Writings

- 2007 Burgess, E.O. "Gential Cutting" In Stomblor, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Second Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon.
- Reprinted in: Stomblor et al. (Eds.) (Forthcoming) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition*. New York: Pearson Allyn & Bacon.
- 2004 Burgess, E.O. "The G-Spot and other Mysteries." In Stomblor, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- Reprinted in: Stomblor, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) (2007). *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Second Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon.
- 2002 Burgess, E.O. "Life Course Sociology Syllabus" In D. Fettes, F. Gong, S. Olafsdottir and E. Pavalko (Eds.) *The Life Course: A Handbook of Syllabi & Instructional Materials*. American Sociological Association.
- 1999 Baunach, D. M. and E. O. Burgess. "Sociology in Our Local Bookstores: The Georgia State University Perspective" *Contemporary Sociology*, 28:146-47.
- 1998 Burgess, Elisabeth O. "Studying Aging and Social Change: Conceptual and

Methodological Issues Edited by Melissa A. Hardy. Book Review.” *Contemporary Gerontology*, 5 (1): 27-28.

Professional Presentations: (Selected)

2008  
Social Invited Discussant. “Disability over the Life Course.” Society for the Study of Problems Annual Meetings in Boston, August 2008.

2008 “Gen X, Gen Y, Boom: Generational Dynamics in the Workplace” Workshop for Leadership Academy for Women, Georgia State University, February 21, 2008

2007 Burgess, E. O. and D. Donnelly. “The 40-Year Old Virgin: Fact or Fiction?” Presented at a symposium on “Sexuality over the Life Course” at American Sociological Association Annual Meetings in New York City , August 2007.

Burgess, E. O. and S.V. King. “African American Grandparents’ Attitudes about Sex.” Presented at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting in New York City, August, 2007

Marni Kahn, Dawn Baunach, and Elisabeth O. Burgess “I get by with a little help from my friends: Exploring sexual disclosure to self, family, and friends.” Presented at the Southern Sociology Society Annual Meetings, April 2007.

2005 Courtney Muse, Dawn M. Baunach, and Elisabeth O. Burgess. “Can you keep a secret? Self-disclosure to family and friends” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Mid-South/Eastern Region November 2005, Atlanta, GA.

Kahn, Marni, Dawn.M. Baunach, and Elisabeth O. Burgess. “It’s Who You Know: The Effects of Homosexual Contact on Sexual Prejudice.” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Mid-South/Eastern Region November 2005, Atlanta, GA.

Burgess, Elisabeth O. and Elisabeth A. Sheff. “Research: Creating a Sex Positive Academic Environment” Panel Presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Mid-South/Eastern Region November 2005, Atlanta, GA.

2003 S.V. King, E. Burgess, M. Akinyela, M. Counts-Spriggs, & N. Johnson. ““Your Body Is God’s Temple’: Religion and Health Values in Multigenerational African American Families.” Presentation at Gerontology Society of America Annual Meeting, November 2003. San Diego, CA.

E. Burgess, S.V. King, M. Akinyela, M. Counts-Spriggs, & N. Johnson. “The

Influence of Elders on Health Locus of Control in Multigenerational African American Families.” Presentation at Gerontology Society of America Annual Meeting, November 2003. San Deigo, CA.

Session Organizer. “Life Course” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 2003, Atlanta, GA.

Baunach, D.M. and E.O. Burgess. “The Fluidity of Sexuality: Reckoning Sexual Behavior and Identity.” Presentation at Annual Meetings of Society for the Study of Social Problems, August, 2003, Atlanta, GA.

N. Johnson, S.V. King, E. O. Burgess, M. Akinyela, & M. Counts-Spriggs. “Generational Differences in Religious Attitudes and Practices in Multigenerational African American Families.” Presentation at Association for Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, August 2003. Atlanta, GA.

Emerson, M., Baunach, D. M., and E. O. Burgess. “Fathers’ Influence on Reducing High-Risk Sexual Behaviors.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, March 26-29, New Orleans, LA.

“‘I don’t want to be sick like grandmom:’ Health attitudes and behaviors in multigenerational African American families.” With S.V. King, M. Akinyela, M. Counts-Spriggs & N. Johnson. National Council for Black Studies Annual Meeting, March 21, Atlanta, Georgia.

2002 “Gender, Sex, and Involuntary Celibacy.” With D. Donnelly. Women’s Studies Network Association (UK/Western Europe) Conference, September, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

“Celibate, But Not by Choice.” With D. Donnelly. Invited community lecture, May, sponsored by the Women’s Studies Centre, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

2001 “Stigma and Stereotype: An Analysis of Adult Involuntary Virgins.” With J. Dillard and D. Donnelly. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 7-9, Atlanta, GA.

“‘When you are married you expect a little sex:’ The paradox of marital celibacy” With D. Donnelly and S. Anderson. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 7-9, Atlanta, GA.

"Ethical Dilemmas in Conducting Sexuality Research on the Internet: Examples from a Study of Involuntary Celibacy." With D. Donnelly. Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. November 2001. San Diego, CA.

- 2000 “‘Having a Senior Moment:’ A content analysis of the media’s use of the term ‘senior moment.’” With Jaye Shaner. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, November 17-21, Washington D.C.
- “Southeastern Council on Family Relations Survey.” With D. Donnelly and D. Gregory. National Council on Family Relations Annual Meetings, November 9-12, Minneapolis, MN.
- “Domestic Violence.” Discussant. Family Section Roundtables. American Sociological Association, August 2000, Washington, D.C.
- “Sexuality Derailed: A Life Course Analysis of Involuntary Celibacy.” With D. Donnelly, S. Anderson, R. Curry, and J. Dillard. Society for the Scientific Study of Social Problems Annual meetings, August 11-14, Washington, D.C.
- “Involuntary Celibacy: Comparisons and Contrasts between Virgins, Single Celibates, and Marrieds.” With D. Donnelly, R. Curry, J. Dillard, and S. Anderson. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 4-7, New Orleans, LA.
- “Building Scholars: The transition from Graduate Student to Faculty Member.” Panel Member. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 4-7, New Orleans, LA.
- 1999 “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction: Dimension of Involuntary Celibacy.” Denise Donnelly, Elisabeth O. Burgess, and Sally Anderson. Paper Presented at the Southern Sociological Society for presentation at 1999 Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN.
- 1998 “The Quality of Marriage in Later Life.” Paper presented at the Gerontology Center Research Seminar Series, Georgia State University. October 16, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Moderator. “Harassment and Women’s Insurance Issues” Panel during Women’s Political Voices, Georgia State University. September 16, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Generation X: A Radical Shift in the Experiences of Young Adulthood or Another Generation of Rebellious Youth?” Paper presented at the Sociology Department Colloquium Series, Georgia State University. May 22, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Similarities and Differences in the Early Life Course Trajectories and Value Orientations of Generation Xers and Their Baby Boomer Parents” with Timothy Biblarz. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society, April 1998, Atlanta, Georgia

Invited Discussant. "Paper Session" Southeastern Council of Family Relations, February, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.

1997 "Happily Ever After? Marital Satisfaction over the Life Course." Elisabeth O. Burgess and Vern L. Bengtson. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, November, 1997, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Social Institutions and the Family" Invited Discussant. Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Society, April, 1997, San Diego, CA.

1996 "Desire for Change in the Distribution of Housework at Different Life Stages." Elisabeth O. Burgess and Roseann Giarrusso. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 1996, Washington, D.C.

"This Is How You Watch TV: A Critical Look at Media Literacy Training for Children." Karen Sternheimer and Elisabeth O. Burgess. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 1996, New York, New York.

1995 "The Intergenerational Transmission of Gender Role Ideology." Elisabeth O. Burgess, S. Carlos Royal and Vern Bengtson. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 1995, Los Angeles, California.

"The Gendered Division of Household Labor: What Role Do Children Play?" Elisabeth O. Burgess and Roseann Giarrusso. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 1995, Los Angeles, California.

"Gender and Aging." Elisabeth O. Burgess. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, March 1995, San Francisco, California.

1994 "The Third Generation of Theory in Social Gerontology" Vern L. Bengtson, Tonya M. Parrott and Elisabeth O. Burgess. Paper presented in the Presidential Symposium at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 1994, Atlanta, Georgia.

### *Grants and Contracts*

#### On-Going Research Support

R21 AG030171-01 Burgess, E.O. (PI)

2008-2010

NIH/NIA

"Negotiating Sex and Intimacy in Assisted Living" The purpose of this two-year qualitative study is to examine how sexuality and intimacy are negotiated in assisted living facilities (ALFs).

Role: PI

R01 AG030486-01 Ball, M.M. (P.I) 2008-2011  
NIH/NIA  
“Negotiating Social Relationships in Assisted Living: The Resident Experience” The purpose of this study is to learn how resident negotiate and manage their relationships with other residents in an assisted living setting.  
Role: Co-Investigator

Completed Research Support

Burgess, E.O. (PI) 2007-2008  
Georgia State University, University Research Services  
TEAM Grant  
“Teen Pregnancy Prevention in Grandparent-headed Families” This project is designed to prepare a grant proposal for external funding to research cross-cultural comparisons on sexual education from a diverse population of grandparents.  
Role: PI

King, S. (PI) 2006-07  
Georgia State University Office for Advancement of Women  
Faculty Mentorship Grant  
“African American Grandparents’ Attitudes about Sexuality and Sexually-transmitted Infections: What are They Telling Their Grandchildren?” This project is designed to explore grandparents’ attitudes regarding sexuality and sex education.  
Role: Mentor/Co-investigator

R03 AG021209-01, King, S. (PI) 2002-03.  
NIH/NIA  
"Religion and Health in Multigenerational Black Families." This grant was designed to explore the transmission of values regarding religion and health in multigenerational black families.  
Role: Co-Investigator

GSU Research Foundation, Donnelly and Burgess (Co-Investigators) 2000-01  
“Dimensions of Involuntary Celibacy” This Research Initiation Grant allowed us to collect Internet data on involuntary celibacy.  
Role: Co-Investigator

*Projects Accepted or Under Review*

Amy Palder, Dawn Baunach, and **Elisabeth O. Burgess**. “Sexual Morality and Network Chains: A Network Analysis” (Revised and Resubmitted, *Sociological Perspectives*)

Stompler, Mindy, Dawn Baunach, **Elisabeth O. Burgess**, Denise Donnelly, Wendy Simonds and Elroi Windsor. (Eds) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon. (Forthcoming, 2009)

**Burgess, E.O.** and Amy Palder “The G-Spot and other Mysteries.” In Stompler, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon. (Forthcoming, 2009)

Elizabeth Cavalier and **Elisabeth O. Burgess**. “Too Young to Consent.” In Stompler, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon. (Forthcoming, 2009)

Elroi J. Windsor and **Elisabeth O. Burgess**. “Sex Matters: Future Visions for a Sex-Positive Society.” In Stompler, M., Baunach, D., Burgess, E., Donnelly, D., and W. Simonds. (Eds.) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition*. New York: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon. (Forthcoming, 2009)

**Burgess, E.O.** & Donnelly, D. Desperately Seeking Sex: Involuntary celibacy in the middle years. In Laura Carpenter and John DeLamater (Eds) *Sexualities over the life course: Emerging perspectives. (Under Contract)*

#### Projects in Process (Selected)

Dawn M. Banauch and Elisabeth O. Burgess. “Sexual Fluidities: Reckoning Sexual Behavior and Identity”

Elisabeth O. Burgess, Dawn M. Banauch, Jennifer Chandler and Kirstin McMillen. “Gay Friendly? Contact with Homosexual Community and Attitudes towards Homosexuality.”

Elisabeth O. Burgess & Denise Donnelly. “The 40 Year Old Virgin: Fact or Fiction”

Elisabeth O. Burgess, Sharon V. King & Jennifer Griffith. “African American Grandparents’ Attitudes about Sex”

#### *Courses Taught*

##### Undergraduate

SOCI 3030: Sociological Theory

SOCI 3101: Families and Society

SOCI 3156: Sexuality and Society

SOCI 4116: Aging and Society

WMST 2010: Introduction to Women’s Studies

##### Graduate

SOCI 8101: Family Sociology

SOCI 8102: Life Course Sociology

SOCI 8116: Sociology of Aging

SOCI 8156: Sociology of Sexuality

SOCI 8900: Special Topics: Sociology of Sport  
SOCI 8900: Special Topics: Sexual Identities

*Supervision of Individual Students (Sociology, unless noted otherwise)*

Alexis Bender, PhD Dissertation (Chair), in progress  
Elizabeth Cavalier, PhD Dissertation (Chair), in progress  
Jenn Chandler, PhD Dissertation (Member), in progress  
Evelina Sterling, PhD Dissertation (Member), in progress  
Kristin Wilson, PhD Dissertation (Member), in progress  
Victoria Foster, PhD Dissertation Nursing (Member), in progress  
Jeff Duvall, PhD Dissertation (Member), in progress  
B. Maggie Luo, PhD Dissertation (Member) in progress  
Michael Lepore PhD Dissertation (Member), August 2008  
Amy Palder, PhD Dissertation (Member), Aug 2008  
Bentley Ponder, PhD Dissertation (Member) May 2007  
Jiali Ye, PhD Dissertation Communication (Member) December 2006  
Regina Davis-Sowers, PhD Dissertation (Member) August 2006  
Cristina Gheorgui, PhD Dissertation (Member) August 2005  
Emilie Khair, PhD Dissertation (Chair) August 2003  
Michael Williams, PhD Dissertation (Member) May 2003  
Roger Cochran, PhD Dissertation (Member) December 2002.  
Molly Perkins, PhD Dissertation (Member) December 2002.  
Linda Verrill, PhD Dissertation (Member) May 2002.  
Bess Combs, PhD Dissertation (Member) May 2002.  
Donald Gregory, PhD Dissertation (Member) December 2000  
Sharon V. King, PhD Dissertation (Member) December 1998

Danelle Hubbard, MA Thesis Gerontology (Chair), in progress  
Kyle Pulner, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member), in progress  
Tiffany Young, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member), in progress  
Margaret Fletcher, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member), in progress  
Elena Weiss, MA Thesis Women's Studies (Member), in progress  
Dianne O'Donnell, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member), December 2008  
Jennifer Griffith, MA Thesis Gerontology (Chair) December 2008  
Robert Young, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member) August 2008  
Daniela Ruz Herenandez, MA Thesis (Chair), August, 2008  
Charlene Graham, MA Thesis Women's Studies (Member), Dec 2007  
Karen Armstrong, MA Thesis Gerontology (Member) Dec 2007  
Daisuke Ito, MA Thesis (Member) August 2007  
Jennifer Simon, MA Thesis (Member) August 2007  
Neela Lakatoo, MA Thesis (Member) December 2006  
Staci Bolton, MA Paper (Chair) December 2006  
Kendra Sandman, MA Paper (Member) December 2006

Erica Kitchen, MA Thesis (Chair) August 2006  
B. Maggie Luo, MA Thesis (Member) May 2006  
Elroi Waszkiewicz, MA Thesis (Member) May 2006  
Yuka Abe, MA Thesis (Member) December 2005  
Ramani Sambharai, MA Thesis Women's Studies (Chair) August 2005  
Lynnell Cadray, MA Thesis Women's Studies (Member) August 2005  
Courtney Muse, MA Thesis (Member) December 2004  
Stephanie Medley, MA Thesis (Chair) May 2004  
Charissa Carstarphen, MA Paper (Chair) May 2004  
Jennifer Osborne, MA Thesis (Chair) May 2004  
Elona Holdhusen, MA Thesis Women's Studies (Member) December 2002.  
Allison Alavi, MA Thesis (Member) December 2002  
Robin Bartlett, MA Paper (Chair) August 2002  
Melissa Bussler, MA Paper (Member) May 2002  
Katherine Danner, MA Thesis (Member) May 2002  
Joy Dillard, MA Paper (Member) May 2002  
Thomas Stockdale, MA Paper (Chair) May 2002  
Regina Curry, MA Thesis (Member) August 2000  
Karen Wright Black, MA Paper (Member) August 1999  
Stephanie Uhlin, MA Paper (Chair) May 1999  
Ashraf Esmail, MA Paper (Chair) May 1998

*Service* (Selected since 2004)

Departmental Level (Sociology unless noted)

Faculty Recruitment Committee (chair 2008; member 2004)  
Technology Committee (2006-2007)  
Teaching Committee (2006 to Present)  
Diversity Committee (2002-2006, chair; 2008 member)  
Executive Committee (2006-2008)  
Undergraduate Committee (2002-2004; 2006)  
Qualifying Exam Committee, Theory (2004-2008)  
Library/Sociopath Committee (2004)  
Faculty Mentor for Elisabeth Sheff (2005-Present)  
Faculty Mentor for Erin Ruel (2007 to Present)

Gerontology, Graduate Director (2005 to present)  
Gerontology, Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2004- Present)  
Gerontology, Admissions Committee (2005-Present)  
Gerontology, P&T Manual Ad-Hoc Committee (2007-2008)  
Gerontology, Tri-annual Evaluation of Director (Chair, 2007)  
Gerontology, Awards Committee (2006)  
Gerontology, Faculty Recruitment Committee (2007, Chair – Hired Candace Kemp)  
Gerontology, Self Study Committee (2004-2005)

Women's Studies Institute, Affiliate Faculty (1997 to Present)  
Women's Studies Institute, Search Committee for Director

### University Level

University Senator (2004 to Present)  
Student Life and Development (SL&D) Committee, University Senate (2004 to Present)  
Chair, SL&D (Fall 2007 to Present)  
Member, SL&D (2004-2007)  
Member, Subcommittee on Student Code of Conduct Revisions (2006-2008)  
Cultural Diversity Committee University Senate (2004 to Present)  
Member (2004-Present)  
Member, Subcommittee on Racial Attitudes (2006)  
  
Co-Chair, Search Committee for Vice President for Student Affairs (2006)

### Discipline

#### Memberships:

American Sociological Association  
Gerontological Society of America  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Southern Gerontology Society

#### Occasional Reviewer

National Science Foundation  
*Gender & Society*  
*The Gerontologist*  
*Journal of Applied Gerontology*  
Allyn Bacon and Longman

### Community

Local School Council, Burgess-Peterson Academy (Member, 2008-2010)  
Volunteer Coordinator, KaBoom Playground Build, Burgess Peterson Academy (2006-2007)  
Occasional Contributor, *Porch Press* (Neighborhood Paper, 2007-Present).