

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., 1999, Sociology, The Ohio State University.

Dissertation: "Does It Take a Village?: How Neighborhood Context Affects School Performance Across Racial Groups." Committee: Professors Douglas Downey, Lauren Krivo, and Vincent Roscigno

M.A., 1993, Sociology, San Diego State University.

Thesis: "The Educational Adaptation of Filipino and Mexican Children of Immigrants". Committee: Professors Rubén Rumbaut, Kenji Ima, and Valerie Pang

A.B., 1989, Political Science, University of Southern California.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (I.E. RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS):**

Social Stratification and Inequality  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Sociology of Education  
Statistics and Research Methods

**AWARDS:**

1999 Reuben Hill Award for the best paper published in 1998 that combined research and theory. Awarded by the National Council on Family Relations for the article "Sex of Parent and Children's Well-Being in Single-Parent Households."

American Educational Research Association, Dissertation Grant, "How Neighborhood Context Affects Academic Performance Across Racial Groups." \$20,000, January 1998 through June 1999.

Georgia State University Research Initiation Grant "Assessing Structuralist Versus Individualist Explanations for Sex Differences in Behavior by Comparing Single Mother and Single-Father Households" \$9,500, July 2002 through June 2003.

**AWARDS (CONTINUED):**

Writing Across the Curriculum grant to enhance the writing expectations in my Social Research Methods course, \$2,000.

1997-98 Clyde Franklin Award for the outstanding student paper on race and/or gender within the Ohio State sociology department, \$500.

Ohio State University Graduate Teaching Award Nominee, 1998.

Two-time Instructor Honoree (for teaching), 1997 and 1998 Sociology/Criminology Undergraduate Recognition Reception.

GSU Sociology Departmental Research Support Award, 1999-2000, \$900.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Ainsworth, James W. and Johanna Boers. (forthcoming) 2007. "Moral Explanations of Class and Racial Inequality" in *The International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. Edited by Alan Hedblad. Macmillan Publishing.

Ainsworth, James W. and Greg Wiggan. 2006. "How Neighborhood Context Can Shape Educational Outcomes and Beyond: A Theoretical Treatment of General and Race-Specific Processes" in *Beyond Acting White: Reassessments and New Directions in Research on Black Students and School Success*. Pages 159-176 Edited by Erin McNamara Horvat and Carla O'Connor and published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Ainsworth, James W. 2006. "How Neighborhood Context Shapes Educational Outcomes" in *Metropedagogy: Power, Justice, and the Urban Classroom*. Pages 43-56 Edited by Joe Kincheloe, Philip Anderson, Karel Rose, Derrick Griffith, and Kecia Hayes and published by Greenwood Press.

Ainsworth, James W. 2006. Book Review of: *Keeping It Real: School Success beyond Black and White*. By Prudence Carter. Cambridge: Oxford University Press, 2005. *American Journal of Sociology* 122:3:927-930.

Ainsworth, James W. and Vincent J. Roscigno. 2005. "Stratification, School-Work Linkages, and Vocational Education." *Social Forces*. 84: 257-284

Ainsworth, James W. 2002. "Why Does It Take a Village?: The Mediation of Neighborhood Effects on Educational Achievement." *Social Forces*. 81:117-152.

Downey, Douglas B. and James W. Ainsworth-Darnell. 2002. "The Search for Oppositional Culture among Black Students." *American Sociological Review*. 67: 156-164.

**PUBLICATIONS (continued):**

- Roscigno, Vincent J., Vélez, Maria B., and James W. Ainsworth-Darnell. 2001. "Language Minority Achievement, Family Background, and the Impact of Bilingual Education." *Race and Society*. 4: 69-88.
- Roscigno, Vincent J. and James W. Ainsworth-Darnell. 1999. "Race and Cultural/Educational Resources: Inequality, Micro-Political Processes, and Achievement Returns." *Sociology of Education*. 72:158-178.
- Roscigno, Vincent J. and James W. Ainsworth-Darnell. 1998. "Tracking Matters." In *Perspectives: Social Problems*, edited by James P. McNamara. Boulder, CO. Coursewise. Pages 158-165.
- Downey, Douglas B., James W. Ainsworth-Darnell, and Mikaela J. Dufur. 1998. "Sex of Parent and Children's Well-Being in Single-Parent Households." *The Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 60:878-893.
- Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. and Douglas B. Downey. 1998. "Assessing the Oppositional Culture Explanation for Racial/Ethnic Differences in School Performance." *American Sociological Review*. 63:536-553.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW/ WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- Downey, Douglas B., James W. Ainsworth and Zhenchao Qian "Blacks' Surprisingly Pro-School Attitudes: Are They Too Good To Be True?" under review at *Sociology of Education*
- Lippard, Cameron and James W. Ainsworth, and "Be All You Can Be?: Military Involvement as a Means of Upward Mobility"
- Downey, Douglas B., Mikaela J. Dufur, James W. Ainsworth. "Structuralist and Individualist Explanations for Sex Differences in Behavior"

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND INVITED TALKS:**

- Lippard, Cameron and James Ainsworth "Be All You Can Be? The Effects of Military Service on Young Americans (1992-2004)" Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, August 12, 2006.
- Ainsworth, James W. "Do Black and Whites Have Different Attitudes Toward Schooling?" Invited Talk at Perimeter Adult Learning and Services," October 2005.

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND INVITED TALKS**

**(continued):**

Mikaela Dufur, James W. Ainsworth, and Alice J. Lapray “Dude Looks Like A Lady?: Sex Differences in Parenting in Single-Mother/Single-Father Households” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco CA, August 16, 2004.

Ainsworth, James W. “The Process of Testing Oppositional Culture Theory” Invited Talk at Emory University October 17<sup>th</sup> 2003.

Ainsworth, James W. and Vincent J. Roscigno. “Stratification, School-Work Linkages, and Vocational Education.” Invited Talk at Georgia State University’s Department of Psychology’s Developmental Psychology Lecture Series. October 23<sup>th</sup> 2003.

Downey, Douglas B., James W. Ainsworth and Zhenchao Qian “Revisiting the Attitude/Achievement Paradox among Blacks” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta GA, August 18, 2003.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. and Vincent J. Roscigno. “Poor Kids, Vocational Tracks, and Educational/Occupational Trajectories.” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta GA, April 5, 2001.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James “Oppositional Cultures in America” (A Thematic Forum responding to my 1998 ASR article) held at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society. Co-panelists included Doug Massey, George Farkas, and Garvey Lundy; March 10, 2001.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. “The Mediation of Neighborhood Effects of Educational Achievement” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC, August 15, 2000.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. “Does It Take a Village?: The Effect of Race, Family Background, and Neighborhood Context on School-Related Attitudes, Behaviors and Performance.” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 24, 1998.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. and Vincent J. Roscigno. “Race, Cultural Capital, and Educational Success: Persistent Inequalities and Disparate Returns.” Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 10, 1997.

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND INVITED TALKS**

**(continued):**

Vélez, Maria B., James W. Ainsworth-Darnell, and Vincent J. Roscigno. "Language Minority Achievement, Family Background, and the Impact of Bilingual Education." Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Toronto, August 9, 1997.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. "The Effects of Structure on the Competition Within Pick-Up Basketball Games: Reflections of an Observer." Paper presented at Annual Meetings of the North American Society for the Study of Sport, Birmingham, November 6, 1996.

Ainsworth-Darnell, James W. and Douglas B. Downey. "Assessing the Ecological Explanation for Racial/Ethnic Differences in School Performance." Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 20, 1996.

Downey, Douglas, James W. Ainsworth-Darnell, and Mikaela J. Dufur. "Ways of Learning: Children in Single-Mother and Single-Father Households." Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 20, 1996.

Ainsworth, James W. and Helen M. Rizzo. "A Processual Analysis of the Educational Adaptation of Filipino and Mexican Children of Immigrants." Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 6, 1994.

Ainsworth, James W. and Helen M. Rizzo. "The Educational Adaptation of Filipino and Mexican Children of Immigrants" Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the  
the  
North Central Sociological Association. Columbus, April 17, 1994.

Ainsworth, James W. "The Dehumanization of Education." Paper presented at The Annual Meetings of the California Sociological Association, San Diego, November 17, 1992.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University, August 2005-present

**PAST POSITION**

Assistant Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University, August 1999-2005

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued):**

**RESEARCH:**

- Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, January, 1997-December, 1998  
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Vincent Roscigno
- Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, January, 1995-September, 1996  
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Douglas Downey
- Department of Sociology, San Diego State University, February 1992- September 1993  
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Rubén Rumbaut

**TEACHING:**

- Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Spring 2006
  - Social Inequality, Graduate (8201) Spring 2006
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Summer 2006
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Fall 2006
  - Multivariate Data Analysis (9010) Fall 2006
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2005
  - Multivariate Data Analysis (9010) Fall 2005
  - Educational Sociology (4380) Summer 2005
  - Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3201) Summer 2005
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Spring 2005
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Spring 2005
  - Sociology of Education, Graduate (8380) Fall 2004
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2004
  - Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3201) Spring 2004
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Spring 2004
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Fall 2003
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2003
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Summer 2003
  - Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3201), May Semester 2003
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Spring 2003
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2002
  - Proseminar in Sociology, Graduate (8000) Fall 2002
  - Race and Ethnic Relations, Graduate (8212) Summer 2002
  - Sociology of Education, Graduate (8380) Spring 2002
  - Educational Sociology (4380) Spring 2002
  - Proseminar in Sociology, Graduate (8000) Fall 2001
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2001
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Summer 2001
  - Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3201), May Semester 2001
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Spring 2001
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (3212) Spring 2001
  - Race and Ethnic Relations, Graduate (8212) Fall 2000
  - Social Research Methods (3020) Fall 2000
  - Social Inequality (3201), May Semester 2000

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued):**

Social Conflict, Graduate (8202) Spring 2000  
 Social Conflict (3202) Spring 2000  
 Social Research Methods (3020, 2 courses) Fall 1999  
 Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, Fall 1993- Spring 1998  
 Independent Instructor, Sociology of Education (2 terms)  
 Independent Instructor, Social Stratification (4 terms)  
 Independent Instructor, Introductory Sociology  
 Coordinating Teaching Associate, Introductory Sociology  
 Recitation Leader, Introductory Sociology  
 Department of Sociology, San Diego State University, Fall 1992- Spring 1993  
 Independent Instructor, Introductory Sociology (2 terms)  
 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Sociology  
 Teaching Assistant, Juvenile Delinquency

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

Reviewer (years and number of times):

American Sociological Review	2000(2), 2002(2), 2003, 2004(2), 2005(3), 2006(2)
American Journal of Sociology	1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005(2)
Social Forces	1999, 2001(2), 2002(2), 2003, 2005, 2006
Social Problems	2001, 2003(2), 2004, 2005(2), 2006(2)
Sociology of Education	1999, 2001, 2002(2), 2003(3), 2004(2), 2005(3) 2006(6)
Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis	2003, 2006
Children, Youth, and Environments	2004
Journal of Marriage and the Family	2000, 2001, 2002(2), 2003(3), 2004(3), 2005
Journal of Family Issues	2000, 2002
Family Relations	2003, 2004, 2005
Demography	2002
Social Psychology Quarterly	2005
American Behavioral Scientist	2006
Sociological Perspectives	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
Social Science Quarterly	2000, 2002(2), 2004
Sociological Inquiry	1998, 2004
Sociological Quarterly	2005, 2006(2)
Social Science Research	2004, 2006(3)
International Sociology	2006
ASA—Soc. of Ed. section presentation	2004
Grant proposals for the National Science Foundation	2000, 2001
Book manuscript submissions for Greenwood Publishing	2000

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (continued):**

National Service: Member of the Program Committee for the Sociology of Education section of the American Sociological Association 2006-2007.

Member of the Social Action Award Committee for Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002-2003.

Member of the editorial board for the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 2002

Member of the Professional Development Committee of the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association, 2000-2001

Member of the Committee to Support Early Career Scholars of the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association, 2001-2002

Co-Organizer of Roundtables for the section on Race and Ethnicity at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Toronto, August 10, 1997. (with Vincent J. Roscigno and Maria B. Vélez)

Discussant for the Sociology of Education section roundtables at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 17, 2002.

Member: American Sociological Association; Sections: Race and Ethnic Relations; Race, Gender and Class; Sociology of Education  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Division: Educational Problems  
The Southern Sociological Society

Departmental Committees:

Faculty Recruitment Committee (Fall 2006)  
Graduate Committee (Fall 1999-Fall 2003), 2005, 2006  
Undergraduate Committee (Spring 2004-present)  
Chair of Technology Committee (Fall 2000-2006)  
Self-Study Committee (Spring 2004-present)  
Community Outreach Committee (2003)  
Executive Committee (2002), (2005)  
Graduate Student Recruitment Committee (Fall 1999-2001)  
Diversity Committee (2000-2001)  
SCI Strategic Planning Sub-Committee (Fall 1999-Spring 2000)  
Faculty Recruitment Committee (Fall 2000)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (continued):**

Ph.D. Methods Exam Committee (Summer 1999, 2000,  
2002 (chair), 2003; Spring 2002, 2003, January 2006,  
May 2006  
Chair of MA Exam Committee (Spring 2000)  
MA Exam Committee (Summer 2001)

Graduate Student Committees/ Individual Work:

Melissa Bussler	MA Thesis (committee member), completed Fall 2000
Caroline Wood	Directed Teaching Practicum, Summer 2001
Hallbrook Polite, Jr.	MA Paper (chair), completed Spring 2002
Beth Cavalier	Directed Teaching Practicum, Spring 2002
Fiona Pearson	PhD Specialty Project (chair) Fall 2002
Beth Cavalier	MA Thesis (committee member), Fall 2002
Joe Trolan	MA Paper (committee member), Fall 2003
Greg Wiggan	Dissertation (committee member) (College of Education), Fall 2003
Bentley Ponder	PhD Specialty Project (committee member), Spring 2004
Rebecca Hinely	Senior Honors Thesis (chair) Spring 2005
LaShawn McMillian	Dissertation (committee member) (College of Education), in progress
Jeff Devall	PhD Dissertation (chair) in progress
Melanie Richards	PhD Dissertation (chair) in progress
Mia Horace	PhD Dissertation (chair) in progress
Jennifer Simon	MA Thesis (chair) in progress
Ashley Barker	MA Thesis (chair) in progress

**REFERENCES:**

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