

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

HIV prevention and intervention, community capacity building, drug use and treatment, urban and suburban ethnography; women and poverty; global social policy

Educational Background

- 2002 Ph.D. Georgia State University, Sociology
1998 M.A. Georgia State University, Sociology
1996 B.S. Kennesaw State University, Communications (*summa cum laude*)

Professional Employment

- 2008- Associate Professor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Coordinator, Online Sociology BS Program and Online Sociology and Criminal Justice Coordinator (2010-)
Graduate Faculty Appointment (2010)
- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology, Geography, Anthropology and Criminal Justice
Coordinator, Sociology Program (2004-2007)
- 2003-2008 Research Project Manager, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
- 2002-2003 Research Interviewer/Ethnographer, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
- 1999-2002 Research Coordinator II, Georgia State University, Sociology Department
- 2002 Visiting Instructor, Georgia State University, and Sociology Department
- 1999-2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, Sociology Department
- 1998-1999 Instructor, Kennesaw State University.
- 1998 Instructor, Georgia Perimeter College.
- 1998 Instructor, Reinhardt College.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Boeri, Miriam**, Thor Whalen, Benjamin Tyndall and Elle Ballard. 2011. "Drug Use Trajectory Patterns among Older Drug Users" *Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation* 2:89-102.
PMCID: PMC3130350 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21743792>

- Boeri, Miriam**, Benjamin Tyndall and Denise Woodall. 2011. "Suburban Poverty: Barriers to Services and Injury Prevention among Marginalized Women who Use Methamphetamine." *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine* 12(3): 275-283. PMID: PMC3117602 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21731783>
- Boeri, Miriam**, Aukje Lamonica and Liam Harbry. 2011. "Social Recovery, Social Capital, and Drug Courts." *Practicing Anthropology* 33(1): 8-13.
- Boshears, Paul, **Miriam W. Boeri** and Liam Harbry. 2011. "Addiction Discourse and Sociality: Perspectives from Methamphetamine Users in Suburban USA." *Addiction Research & Theory*. 19(4): 289-301
- Boeri, Miriam W.** and Karen Pressley. 2010. "Creativity and Cults from Sociological and Communication Perspectives: The Processes Involved in the Birth of a Secret Creative Self." *Cultic Studies Review* 9(1): 173-213.
- Boeri, Miriam W.**, Liam Harbry, and David Gibson. 2009. "A Qualitative Exploration of Trajectories among Suburban Users of Methamphetamine." *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research* 3:139-151. PMID: PMC3088870 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21552386>
- Boeri, Miriam W.**, David Gibson and Liam Harbry. 2009. "Cold Cook Methods: An Ethnographic Exploration on the Myths of Methamphetamine Production and Policy Implications." *International Journal of Drug Policy* 20: 438-443. PMID: 19195870 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19195870>
- Boeri, Miriam W.** and Natascia R. Boeri. 2009. "Intergenerational Memories of Life in a Cult: A Life Course Analysis." *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research* 3: 79-90.
- Boeri, Miriam W.**, Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2008. "Reconceptualizing Early- and Late-Onset: A Life Course Analysis of Older Heroin Users." *The Gerontologist* 48: 637-645. PMID: 18981280 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18981280>
- Boeri, Miriam W.**, Claire E. Sterk, Masuma Bahora and Kirk Elifson. 2008. "Polydrug Use among Ecstasy Users: Separate, Synergistic and Indiscriminate Patterns." *Journal of Drug Issues* 38(2): 517-42.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2007. "A Third Model of Triangulation: Continuing the Dialogue with Rhineberger, Hartmann and Van Valey." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 1(1): 52-48.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams**, Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2006. "Baby Boomer Drug Users: Career Phases, Social Control and Social Learning Theory." *Sociological Inquiry* 76(2): 264-291.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams**, Claire E. Sterk and Kirk W. Elifson. 2005. "Rolling Beyond Raves: Ecstasy Use Outside the Rave Setting." *Journal of Drug Issues* 34(4): 831-860.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2004. "'Hell I'm an Addict, but I Ain't No Junkie': An Ethnographic Analysis of Aging Heroin Users." *Human Organization* 63(2): 236-245.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2002. "Women After the Utopia: The Gendered Lives of Former Cult Members." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 31(3): 323-360.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams** and Dawn Baunach. 2001. "The Effects of Education on Retirement: A Continuity Perspective." *The Southwest Journal on Aging* 17(1/2): 15-21.

Under Review

- Ellen P. Ballard, **Miriam W. Boeri** and Darina Lepadatu. "Teaching Research Ethics: Incorporating Ethics Holistically into Sequenced Research Methods Courses for Undergraduate Sociology Majors." *Teaching Sociology* (under review).

Books

Williams, Miriam. 1998. *Heaven's Harlots*. New York: William Morrow.**Boeri, Miriam W.** (under contract). *Women on Ice: An Ethnographic Study of Women Who Use Methamphetamine*. Rutgers University Press.

Chapters

- Boeri, Miriam Williams,** Claire E. Sterk, and Kirk W. Elifson. (in press). "Baby Boomer Drug Users: Career Phases, Identity, Self-Concept, and Social Control" in Patricia A. Adler, Peter Adler, and Patrick O'Brien (eds.). 2012. *Drugs and the American Dream*. New York: Wiley.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2008 "Research Methods Addendum" in *Peoplization: An Introduction to Social Life* by Mel Fein. Dubuque, IO: Kendell Hunt.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2005. "The Children of God/The Family" Pp 160-180 in *Sex and Religion* edited by C. Manning and P. Zuckerman. Belmont, CA: Thomson-Wadsworth.

Book Reviews

- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** . 2008. *Not Without My Sister: The True Story of Three Girls Violated and Betrayed* by Kristina Jones, Celeste Jones and Juliana Buhning 7(3): 279-290.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2008 *Jesus Freaks: A True Story of Murder and Madness on the Evangelical Edge* by Don Lattin. *Cultic Studies Review* 7(3): 279-290.
- Boeri, Miriam Williams.** 2007. *Exposing the "Pretty Woman" Myth: A Qualitative Investigation of Street-Level Prostituted Women* by Rochelle L. Dalla. *Journal of Marriage & Family* 69(3): 889-890.

Edited Teaching Manual

- Boeri, Miriam W.** 2005. "Deviance and Social Control." Pp 119-121. *Teaching and Learning About Deviance: A Resource Guide (6th ed.)* American Sociological Association (ASA) Resource materials for Teaching: Washington, DC:

Newsletter Articles (recent)

- Boeri, Miriam W.** 2010 "Citizenship in Action, English Avenue Harm Reduction." *Footnotes* 38(4). April American Sociological Association.
- Boeri, Miriam W.** 2010 "Healthy, Just, and Sustainable Communities." *Semaphore* Georgia Sociological Association.
- Boeri, Miriam W.** 2008. Long-term Effects of the Socialization Program." *Social Initiative* 1: 4.
- Boeri, Miriam W.** 2007. "Theory Behind Socialization." *Social Initiative* 1(1): 3

Research Experience

External Grants, Principal Investigator

- 2011 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse*
Summer Research with NIDA for Underrepresented Students
1R15DA021164-Supplement
Award: \$23,617
The goal of this supplemental award is to provide undergraduate students from underrepresented groups with a meaningful drug abuse research experience, including guidance, education and performance feedback. It also includes the opportunity for students to participate in a mini-project from conception to completion.
- 2010-2011 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse*
1R15DA021164 Annette Bairan, Co-investigator
Award: \$201,000
"Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: Women and Methamphetamine"

This renewal proposal expands on our original study on methamphetamine in the suburbs by focusing exclusively on female users, an understudied and neglected population of drug users. The broad goal of this renewal study is to gain a more in-depth understanding of gendered drug-use trajectories and risk behavior patterns that will inform policy.

- 2009-2011 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*
R21DA025298 Thor Whalen, Co-investigator
Award: \$367,820 (2 years)
“Older Drug Users: A Life Course Study of Turning Points in Drug Use and Injection.”
The goal of this study is to explore risk factors and social context of older drug users to identify turning points in the drug trajectory, social influences, and risk behaviors. The quantitative data will be used to provide models that predict problematic drug use patterns and inform risk prevention initiatives.
- 2007-2009 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse*
1R15 DA021164
Award: \$180,900
“Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study”
The goal of this research is to conduct an exploratory qualitative study to provide an in-depth understanding of methamphetamine use in the suburbs, including the impact of social environmental factors, social roles and use patterns.
- Internal Grants, Principal Investigator*
- 2009-2010 *Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character,*
Total Award: \$2,550 (travel funds and supplies)
“Ethics in Student Research” Faculty Learning Community The goal of this faculty learning community grant was to discuss and co-author a paper on how ethics can be implemented in every phase of student research projects.
- 2006-2007 *Burruss Institute/College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)*
Burruss Institute Fellow Award
Award: Course Release and \$500 travel funds
“Drug Court Pilot Study”
The purpose of this research study is to explore the procedures and programs used in four different drug courts, examine the participants in the drug court through observations, conduct interviews with staff members of the court, and analyze the official records produced by the drug courts for comparison.
- 2005-2006 *Center for Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University (CETL)*
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Team (STLT)
Award: \$300 travel funds
“The Capstone Class: Designing a Research Project with Undergraduates.”
The goal of this teaching grant is to enhance learning tools for teaching undergraduates qualitative research skills, and provide the opportunity to attend a conference.
- 2005-2006 *Center for Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University (CETL)*
Faculty Incentive Grant for Scholarship
Award: \$7,000

“Re-constructing a Life: A Life Course Analysis of Women Who Lived in a Controversial New Religious Movement”

The goal of this exploratory study is to document the life stories of 30 women who were part of a new religious movement that practiced sacred prostitution.

Other Funded Research

- 2010-2011 *National Addictive & HIV Data Archive Program*, Archiving Drug Abuse and HIV Datasets, Whalen (PI)
Role: Research Technician
- 2001-2006 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse* 5R01 DA009819, Sterk (PI)
“Young Adults and Drug Use: Careers and Familiar Factors”
Role: Project Manager
- 2001-2006 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse* 5R01 DA14232, Sterk (PI)
“Club Drugs: Ecstasy Use Patterns and HIV Risks”
Role: Project Coordinator
- 1999-2003 *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse* RO1DA12639 Elifson (PI)
Emerging Drugs and Users: Social and Health Consequences.
Role: Ethnographer
- Collaborative Grant Writing*
- 2009-2010 *National AIDS Fund (NAF)*, Southern REACH & Gulf Coast HIV/AIDS Relief Fund
Funded for *Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition*
Executive Director, Jeff McDowell
Award: \$50,000 (renewed for second year)
- 2010 *ViiV Healthcare Positive Action US, Southern Initiative*, HIV Prevention
Funded for *Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition*,
Executive Director, Jeff McDowell
Award: \$54,200 (two years)
- 2010-2011 Fulton County Department of Community Health Contract
Funded for *Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition*, Safety Counts Program, HIV counseling and testing
Executive Director, Jeff McDowell
Award: \$100,000
- 2010 *Atlanta AIDS Fund*
Funded for *Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition*
Executive Director, Jeff McDowell
Award: \$25,000
- 2009 *National Institutes of Health, Challenge Grant*
“Screening and Medical Care for HIV and Viral hepatitis among Drug Users”
Barbara Blake, RN, Ph.D (PI), Miriam Boeri and Louise Co-investigators
Project Costs: \$989,000 for two years
Not funded (re-submission in progress)

Honors And Awards

- 2010 *Research Scholar “Diamond Star” Award*, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University
- 2008 *Phenomenal Woman Award in Character*, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, Kennesaw State University
- 2007 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Finalist, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University
- 2002 *Peter K. New Award*, The Society for Applied Anthropology, Graduate Student Paper
- 2002 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
- 2000 Graduate Student Paper Award, Southern Gerontological Society
- 2000 Gerontology Scholarship, Gerontology Center at Georgia State University
- 1996 Academic Achievement Award, Kennesaw State University
- 1996 Honors Scholarship, Golden Key
- 1996 Honors Scholarship, Beck-Marietta Kiwanis
- 1995 Honors Scholarship, American Association of University Women

Professional Affiliations

- Society for Applied Anthropology, Fellow
- Georgia Sociological Association, President (2009-2010)
- American Sociological Association
- Harm Reduction International
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Eastern Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) National Honor Society, Sociology
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Professional Presentations

- 2011 Thor Whalen and **Miriam Boeri**. “Measuring the Discontinuity of Drug Use Trajectory Patterns among Older Drug Users” (Paper Presentation). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 **Miriam Boeri** ““24 Hours: Ethnography among Marginalized Suburban Women.” (Roundtable) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 **Boeri, Miriam** and David Gibson. “Social Recovery (Not Recovery Capital): An Innovative Application Of Social Capital For Harm Reduction Initiatives. (Paper Presentation). International Harm Reduction Association Conference in Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2011 Tyndall, Benjamin, **Miriam Boeri**. “An Innovative Research Strategy for Collecting Life History Data Using Both Qualitative and Quantitative Models” (Poster) International Harm Reduction Conference in Beirut in Lebanon.
- 2011 **Boeri, Miriam**, Ben Tyndall, and Denise Woodall. “Suburban Enclaves of Poverty: Lack of Services for Female Drug Users in US Suburbs Increases Risks of Infections Diseases, Violence, and Rape.” (Poster). International Harm Reduction Association Conference in Beirut in Lebanon.

- 2011 **Boeri, Miriam.** “Inside and Outside: Social Capital Building for Incarcerated Prisoners and Those Re-entering the Community” (Panel) Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.
- 2010 **Boeri, Miriam.** “Harm Reduction & Risk Reduction Intervention Workshop, (Presider) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA
- 2010 **Boeri, Miriam** and David Gibson. “Social Recovery: An Exploration of Recovery Routes Among Former Methamphetamine Users” (Paper Presentation) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA
- 2010 Tyndall, Ben and **Miriam W. Boeri.** “Life History Data Collection from Birth: Technological Advances Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Methods” (Roundtable) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA
- 2010 Gibson, David and **Miriam W. Boeri.** “Stuck in the Bluff: Obscured Turning Points in Drug User Life Histories.” (Roundtable) Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA
- 2010 **Boeri, Miriam** and Karen Pressley. “Hegemonic Communication Model: The Power Dynamics in the Emergence of Secret Creative Self” (Co-presenter) International Cultic Studies Association Conference in New York, NY.
- 2010 **Boeri, Miriam.** “A Contextual Analysis of Risk Behaviors Among Older Adult Drug Users and Harm Reduction in Suburban Versus Inner-City Social Environments” (Paper Presentation) International Harm Reduction Association Conference in Liverpool, UK
- 2010 Whalen, Thor and **Miriam W. Boeri.** “Collaborative Research on Harm Reduction: Sociological Insights, Life Course Theory and Mathematical Modeling Techniques Used to Inform Future Research” (Co-presenter) International Harm Reduction Association Conference in Liverpool, UK
- 2010 **Boeri, Miriam.** “The Unintended Consequences of Drug Control Policy in the United States: A Case Study of Cold Cook Methamphetamine Production” (Poster) International Harm Reduction Association Conference in Liverpool, UK
- 2010 Ballard, Elle, **Miriam Boeri**, Darina Lepadatu and Robin Crawford. “Incorporating Ethics into Sequenced Research Methods Courses for Undergraduates.” (Co-presenter) Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.
- 2009 **Boeri, Miriam.** “Bringing Social Capital Theory to Drug Courts: From Theory to Practice.” (Paper Presentation). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Santé Fe, NM.
- 2009 Gibson, David and **Miriam Boeri.** “Through the Looking Glass: Social Routes of Recovery from Drug Abuse.” (Paper Presentation co-author). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Sante Fe, NM.
- 2009 **Boeri, Miriam.** “The Social Aspect of Drug Use: A Qualitative Look at Initiation, Cessation, and Relapse of Methamphetamine Use.” (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2008 **Boeri, Miriam.** “A Meth Myth Mystery: The Unintended Consequences of Labeling a Cooking Method as a Myth.” (Paper Presentation). Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2008 **Boeri, Miriam.** “Undergraduate Research” (Session Chair and Organizer) Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2008 **Boeri, Miriam.** “It’s Functional in the Beginning”: Methamphetamine Use Trajectories in Suburban Settings.” (Paper Presentation) Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN
- 2007 Harbry, Liam and **Miriam Boeri.** “Developing the Bridge Program: A Socialization Program for Drug Court Clients,” (Paper Presentation, co-presenter) Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA.

- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Putting Sociology Degree to Work: A Qualitative Study." (Paper Presentation) Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Undergraduate Research" (Session Chair and Organizer) Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Becoming an EX: Role Exiting Theory Applied to Former Members of an Alternative New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation). Association for the Study of Religion, New York, NY.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Crimes, Drugs and Safety: Methamphetamine in the Suburbs." Suburban Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam, K. Elifson and C. Sterk.** "Cigarette Smokers and Harm Reduction." (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam, A. Kluge, K. Elifson and C. Sterk.** "Older Female Drug Users: An Exploration of Drug Use Patterns Guided by Set and Setting." (Paper Presentation) Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Making the Transition to Learning-Centered Teaching: Some Practical Perspectives." (Panel) Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2007 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Teaching Undergraduates NVivo Qualitative Data Management Computer Program." (Poster co-presenter). Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Clinical Sociology and Sociological Practice;" "Practicing Sociology: A Dialogue." (Roundtable) Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Macon, Georgia.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Undergraduate Research" (Session Chair and Organizer).
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Exploring the Effects of a Sixties-Style Social Experiment: The Legacy of the Children of God" (Paper Presentation). Communal Studies Association Conference, Marshal, CA.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Prostitution, Parenting, and Pedophilia: An Exploratory Study of Women's Accounts of Life in a Sex Cult" (Paper Presentation). Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Methamphetamine Use and Changing Worlds: A Life Course Perspective" (Paper Presentation). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Sex, Religion and Children: Exploring the Effects of Childrearing in a Sixties Style Social Experiment" (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2006 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Teaching Undergraduates Research: A Case Study of Qualitative Research on a New Religious Movement." (Poster). Southern Sociological Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2005 **Boeri, Miriam.** "The Capstone Class: Designing a Research Project with Undergraduates" (Paper Presentation). Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, St. Simons Island.
- 2005 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Aging Baby Boomers and Their Drug Use: Late-Onset Users" (Paper Presentation). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Sante Fe, NM
- 2004 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Baby Boomer Drug Users under the Social Control Self-Control Lens" (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam.** "Sex, Drugs and Ecstasy: A Qualitative Comparison of Two Types of Ecstasy Users" (Paper Presentation). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam**, C. E. Sterk and K. Elifson. "Maturing In (or Into) Drug Use: A Life-Course Analysis of Aging Drug Users." (Paper Presentation). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam**, C. E. Sterk and K. Elifson. "Boomers Using Hard Drugs: A Life Course Perspective," (Paper Presentation). The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Sterk, Claire E., **M. Boeri**, Z. Graham, K. Elifson and J. Boers. "Recent Rave Research and Health Implications: An Ethnographic Exploration of Raves, Heavy Users of Ecstasy, and Health-Related Issues" (Co-presenter). The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Sterk, Claire E., **M. Boeri**, and K. Elifson. "The Ecstasy Culture: New Ethnographic Findings on the Sex and Ecstasy Link" (co-presenter). The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Sterk, Claire E., **M. Boeri**, Z. Graham and K. Elifson. "Sex, Drugs, and Ecstasy: A Qualitative Comparison of Two Types of Ecstasy Users." The Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. (Co-author).
- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam**. "Sociological Practice and Cult Research" (Roundtable). The Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam**. "Becoming Promiscuous: Examining the Social Re-construction of Identity in a New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation)
- 2003 **Boeri, Miriam**, C. E. Sterk and K. Elifson. "Rolling: The Changing Scenes and Patterns of Ecstasy Use" (Paper Presentation). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- 2002 **Boeri, Miriam**, K. Elifson and C. E. Sterk. "Hell, I'm an Addict, but I Ain't No Junkie:" An Ethnographic Analysis of the Heroin Career" (Paper Presentation). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2002 **Boeri, Miriam** and M. Tafuri. "Sex with Children: The Last Sexual Frontier?" (Paper Presentation). Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA
- 2001 **Boeri, Miriam**, K. Elifson, C. E. Sterk, and R. Kachur. "Dreams and Despair: Methamphetamine Use and Drug Treatment Challenges." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA
- 2001 Elifson, K., C. E. Sterk, **M. Boeri**, and K. Theall. "Methamphetamine: Emerging Patterns and Renewed Interest." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2001 **Boeri, Miriam**. "Substance Abuse and the Older Adults: Are We Ready for the Baby-Boomers?" (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2001 Sterk, C. E., M. Konrad, K. Elifson, **M. Boeri**, A. Hatch, and D. Satkofsky. "Crossing the Threshold: Initial Heroin Use." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2001 Kachur, R., L. Lloyd, K. Elifson, **M. Boeri**, and C. E. Sterk. "No Time to Waste: Hepatitis C and Methamphetamine Use." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
2001. Elifson, Kirk, C. E. Sterk, **M. Boeri**, and D. Satkofsky. "Crossing the Threshold: Initial Heroin Use." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. (Co-presenter).
- 2001 **Boeri, Miriam Williams**. "Safe Places, Risky Spaces Cult Abuse: Interviews with 15 Former Female Members of a New Religious Movement" (Paper Presentation). Sixth Annual Women's Studies Conference, Valdosta, GA

- 2000 **Boeri, Miriam Williams.** "The Effects of Education on Retirement: A Continuity Perspective" (Paper Presentation). Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference, Washington, DC
- 2000 **Boeri, Miriam Williams.** "Cohort Retirement Trends and Determinants" (Paper Presentation). Southern Gerontological Society Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC.
- 1999 **Boeri, Miriam Williams.** "Heaven's Harlots: A Religious Cult from a Woman's Perspective" (Roundtable). The Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 1999 **Boeri, Miriam Williams.** "Women of the Utopia: Women in Cults" (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Invited Presentations

- 2011 "Slums of the Suburbs: Fieldwork in Blighted Suburban Areas." Presentation at the Suburban Conference, Kennesaw State University.
- 2011 "Drug Use Trajectories among Older Drug Users." Brown Bag presentation, Sociology Department, Kennesaw State University.
- 2010 "Traffic" Faculty host for *Movie and Lunch* Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character.
- 2010 Ethnographic Research Strategies for a class in "Fundamentals of Research Design" in the International Conflict Management PhD Program, Kennesaw State University
- 2010 "How to Get the Most Valid Data from Hard-to-Reach Populations." Suburban Conference Presentation Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw State University
- 2010 Interview with a Sociology Professor, Sociology Club, Kennesaw State University
- 2009 Illicit Drugs and Their Impact on the Community, Piedmont College, Athens GA.
- 2009 Interviewing Workshop, Kennesaw State University
- 2008 Gender and Women's Studies Student Association, Panel Discussant on Politics and Peace, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2008 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2008 Brown Bag Series, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2007 Peace Studies Conference, Workshop on Qualitative Research, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2007 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
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- 2005 AKD Honors Society, Informal discussion on how to apply and obtain funding for graduate school, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
- 2004 Recent Research Findings for the 4th Annual Drug Trends and Treatment Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 Informal discussion with doctoral students on drug research at the Center for Research on Behavioral Health and Human Services Delivery, Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia, Athens, GA..
- 2002 Discussion leader on women in New Religious Movements at the Cultic Studies Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2002 Training workshops for case managers and intake counselors at the Fulton County Pretrial Services, Atlanta, GA.

- 2002 Presentation on the Family Health Research Project for the Fulton County Judge's Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Professional Service

- 2011 Grant Proposal Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
Extramural Research Program Office
- 2011 Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2011 Reviewer, *Contemporary Drug Problems*
- 2011 External Reviewer, Tenure Committee, Purdue University
- 2010- Reviewer, Fulbright Peer Review Committee
- 2010- Emory Center for Injury Control (ECIC) Scientific Oversight Committee
- 2010 Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention Special Emphasis Panel
- 2010 President, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2010 Reviewer, *Addiction*
- 2010 Reviewer, *Addiction Research & Theory*
- 2010 External Reviewer, Tenure and Promotion
- 2010- Board Member, *Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition (AHRC)*, Board of Directors
- 2010 Member, Regional Spotlight Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2010 Reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*
- 2010 Reviewer, *Law & Policy*
- 2010 Grant Proposal Reviewer, Emory University Center for Injury Control
- 2009 Grant Proposal Reviewer, NIH/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grants
- 2009 President-Elect, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2009 Grant Proposal Reviewer, Emory Center for Injury Prevention (ECIC): Faculty Seed Grant Program
- 2009 Reviewer, *Health, Risk & Society*
- 2008 Reviewer, *International Journal of Drug Policy*
- 2008 Reviewer, *Criminal Justice & Public Administration*
- 2008- Emory University Center for Injury Control (ECIC), Affiliate member
- 2008 Vice-President, Program Chair for Annual Meeting, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2008 Book Review, *Cultic Studies Review*
- 2008 Reviewer, *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*
- 2007 Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2007 Reviewer, *Social Problems*
- 2007-2008 Member, Spicer Award Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2005-2007 Member-at-large, Chair, Committee on Applied and Clinical Sociology, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2005 Reviewer, *Cultic Studies Review*, *Human Organization*
- 2004-2005 Editor, *Sociological Practice Association* Newsletter
- 2004 Reviewer, *Western Criminology Review*
- 2003 Social Action Award Committee, Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2003 Contributor, National Drug Control Policy's *Pulse Check* project
- 2002-2003 Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2002-2003 Druid Hills High School Advisory Council

University Service

2011	Study Abroad, New Program Development “The French and Italian Riviera: Comparative Social Policy”
2011	Program Development, Online Sociology BS Program
2011	Committee, Religious Studies Minor. Interdisciplinary Program
2011	Law and Social Science Research Working Group
2011	Center for Conflict Management Committee
2011	Search Committee, Chair, Lecturer in Sociology, Peace Studies Environmental Studies and Religious Studies
2010-2011	Graduate Faculty Status, Graduate Research Assistant Mentor
2010	College Tenure and Promotion Committee
2008-2010	Department Curriculum Committee, Chair,
2009-2010	College of Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee
2005-2010	Coordinator, Assessment of Learning (AOL) Committee, Sociology Major
2009-2010	Faculty Learning Community, Coordinator
2008-2009	Chair, Department Tenure and Promotion Committee
2006-2009	University Honor Council, Collaborative Faculty
2009	College of Humanities and Social Sciences-Burruss Scholarship Committee
2009	Associate Dean Search Committee
2007-2009	Peace Studies Minor Committee, Interdisciplinary Program
2005-2008	Institutional Review Board
2008	Sociology Instructor Search Committee
2007-2008	Honor’s Advisor for Joint Enrollment Honors Program
2006-2007	Department Curriculum Committee
2006-2007	Masters in Sociology, Program Committee
2007	University Learning Community. Collaborative Faculty
2006	Coordinator, Sociology Major
2005	Faculty Search Committee
2004	College of Humanities and Social Science Technology Committee
2004	University Learning Community, Collaborative Faculty
2003-2005	Advisor, Sociology Honor Society (AKD) Student Organization

Teaching Experience**Courses taught:**

Social Science Research Methods
 Qualitative Research Methods
 Social Issues: Perspectives in Sociology
 Principles in Sociology
 Alcohol, Drugs and Society
 Deviance and Social Control
 Sex Roles and Society
 Religion and Society
 Senior Seminar
 Social Problems
 Honors Colloquium

Courses Developed:

Qualitative Research Methods (added to program)

Quantitative Research Methods (added to program)

Online Courses Developed:

Deviance and Social Control

Religion and Society

Global Intersections of Social Justice and Social Policy (in progress)

Directed Studies:

Evaluation Research

Program Development

Ethnographic Research

SPSS Analysis

NVivo Qualitative Data Management

Drug Courts and Social Policy

Methamphetamine and Women

Community Networking

Community Based Organizations

Writing for Publication

Graduate Student Mentorship

- 2010-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Joseph Kingsley Adjei, PhD student in International Conflict Management
- 2010-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Chris Knight, Master Program in Statistics
- 2009-2010 Graduate Research Assistant, Paul Boshears, The European Graduate School, funded by 1R15DA021164. "Relationality and Identity Migration among Methamphetamine Users: An Exploratory Study." Paper presented at Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida, Mexico
- 2008 Graduate Student Thesis Committee Member, Anna DuVal, MPH, "Sexual risk behaviors among methamphetamine users: Differences between injectors and non-injectors." Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Department of Behavioral Science and Health Education,

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

Thesis Advisor and IRB Approved Undergraduate Research

- 2011 Morian, Jan, Sarah Hafting, Benjamin Tyndall and David Gibson. "Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs among College Students." NIH-funded mini-project.
- 2011 Jessica A. Angles, "Methamphetamine: Treatment Options and Barriers"
- 2011 Woodall, Denise, Annette Bairan, and Miriam Boeri. "When You Got Friends in Low Places, You Stay Low: Poor Female Methamphetamine Users in the Suburbs and Barriers to Needed Resources." (Paper Presentation). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2010 Jason Rodriguez, "An Inquiry into the Relationship between Depression and Religious Involvement"
- 2009 Florina Ene, "Influences of U.S.A Immigration on Hispanics' Lives"
- 2009 Gladys Goodson, "How Do Mexican Immigrants See Their Economic and Social Future in the United States?"
- 2009 Yuiko Ishida, "Cross Cultural Differences In Mothers' Expectations And Involvement With Their Children: A Comparison Study Between Japanese Mothers In Japan, Japanese Mothers In The United States And American Mothers In The United States"
- 2009 Jessica McMullen, "The Factors Influencing Parental Discipline in Today's Society"

- 2009 Brian Cremer, "Should Students Be Allowed to Carry Concealed Weapons?"
- 2009 Ike Johnson, "Social Capital and Social Groups""
- 2007 Mitchell Greene, "Television Influence on Attitudes toward Homosexuality"
- 2007 Dawn Sellers, "What Influences Major Choices?"
- 2007 John Carter, "Early Pregnancy"
- 2006 Julie Barrs, "Exploring Methadone Maintenance Treatment" Undergraduate Student Paper Award, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Jessica Cordell, "Exploration and Examination of Drug Use Among Those on Probation, Parole, or House-Arrest."
- 2005 Margaret Harriman, "Influences of Gender among Women Drummers and Percussionists in College and University Bands, Orchestras, and Ensembles"
- 2005 Donna Zemanovich, "The Relationship Of Gender And Organizational Level To Factors Affecting Employee Satisfaction Among Staff Employees At Kennesaw State University"
- 2005 Robin Ely, "Attitudes about the Legalization of Gay Marriage"
- 2005 Jamie McDaniel, "Time with the Outlaws"
- 2005 Sandra Richmond, "Energy Healing"
- 2005 Robin Crawford, "Home Educated College Students and the Socialization Process: Analysis through a Sociological Lens"
- 2004 Waverly Vosburgh, "Observing the Writings on Restroom Walls: A Qualitative Study"
- 2004 Danielle Cupido, "Influence of Body Modifications in Job Attainment"

Directed Studies, Internships, and Student Paper Presentation Mentorship

- 2011 Directed Study, Jessica Angles, "Methamphetamine: Treatment Options and Barriers"
- 2010 Honor Thesis, Brandi Chadwick Stargel, "Globalization vs. Glocalization: Effects on Today's Youth: Effects on Today's Youth"
- 2009 Directed Study, J. Rodriquez, Advanced Research Methods
- 2009 Directed Study: Jessica Burrell, Applied SPSS: Quantitative Analysis of Peace Studies Conference Surveys
- 2009 Internship Committee, D. Coffelt, Adaptive Learning Center
- 2009 Internship Committee, A. Jaraslovkaja, Police Department
- 2009 Internship Committee, J. McCabe, Drug Court SRI Program
- 2009 Paper Presentation, Jason Rodriquez, "An Inquiry into the Relationship between Depression and Religious Involvement" Georgia Sociological Association Conference
- 2009 Paper Presentation, David Gibson, Research Assistant, "The Movement of Methamphetamine in Georgia: The Users' Perspective from Production to Use" Georgia Sociological Association Conference
- 2009 Paper Presentation, Brandi Stargel, "Globalization vs. Glocalization: The Effects on Today's Youth" Georgia Sociological Association Conference
- 2009 Applied Learning Contract, Brandi Chadwick, Survey Data Collection
- 2008-09 Student Assistance for Leadership in Teaching (SALT), C. Cartledge, Kennesaw State University
- 2008 Directed Study, Tanisha Slaw Snell, Ethnographic and Interviewing Skills: Applied Study on the DeKalb County Drug Court.
- 2007 Honor's Thesis, John Mays, "Prescription Pill Diversion."
- 2007 Directed Study, Liam Harbry, "Qualitative Research Methods"
- 2007 Directed Study, Amy Cox-Baria, "Qualitative Research Methods"
- 2007 Internship Supervisor, Liam Harbry, DeKalb County Drug Court

- 2007 Internship Committee, Sarah Goehler, Children's Peace Center
- 2007 Internship Committee, Heather Hopkins, Crossed-Up Ministries, Inc.
- 2007 Paper Presentation, Julie Barrs, "Methadone Maintenance Treatment: Motivation to Enroll by Gender, Age and Race" Southern Sociological Society
- 2007 Paper Presentation, Jessica Cordell, Effects of Probation, Parole or House-Arrest on Drug Use: A Qualitative Study" Southern Sociological Society
- 2007 Paper Presentation, Paul Boshears, "Gender Differences to a Prejudice Reduction Program" Southern Sociological Society
- 2007 Poster Presentation, Cynthia Kemp, Georgia Conference, Kennesaw State University
- 2006-2009 Mentor of Undergraduate Scholars of Research and Creative, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning's (CETL)
- 2003-2007 Faculty Recipient, "When in Need, Generous Support" (WINGS), student awarded
- 2007 Honors Student Group, Writing the Literature Review (10 students)
- 2006 Internship Supervisor, Julie Barrs, Smoking Research, Emory University
- 2006 Internship Committee, Andrew Chapman, KSU Police Department
- 2006 Internship Committee, Jessica Cordell, Victim's Rights,
- 2006 Internship Committee, Aoife Heffernan, Devereux Foundation
- 2006 Directed Study, Kathleen Voyles, Research Methods in Social Sciences and Proposal Writing
- 2006 Directed Study, Dawn Sellers, Online Research Tools for Collecting Data and Analyzing Results
- 2006 Directed Study, Jamie McDaniel, Advanced Qualitative Research Methods and Ethnographic Fieldwork
- 2006 Student Assistance for Leadership in Teaching (SALT), Shannon Shropshire, NVivo Qualitative Data Analysis
- 2006 Internship Supervisor, Candice Rogers, assistant on an NIH funded research at Emory University
- 2006 Paper Presentation, Julie Barrs, Methadone Maintenance Treatment: An Exploration." Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Paper Presentation, Michael Hart, "The Drug Court System." Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Paper Presentation, Jessica Cordell, "Exploration and Examination of Drug Use Among Those on Probation, Parole, or House-Arrest." Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Paper Presentation, Shannon Shropshire, "New Religious Movements: A Case Study of Learning About the Children of God/The Family" Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Paper Presentation Jessica McKinney, Sexual Exploitation of Female Cult Members and Post Effects" Georgia Sociological Association
- 2006 Poster Presentation, Tracy Turner, "A Qualitative Application of Bounded Choice Theory to the New Religious Movement, the Children of God" Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans
- 2005 Student Assistance for Leadership in Teaching (SALT), Jennifer Rao, Newsletter co-editor, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2005 Internship committee, Supervisor, Carla Hill, assistant on an NIH funded research at Emory University

- 2005 Paper Presentation, Jessica McKinney and Chastity Warren The Capstone Class: Designing a Research Project with Undergraduates” Georgia Sociological Association
- 2004 Directed Study, Suzy Millwood, “Why Students Choose Sociology as a Major”
- 2004 Directed Study, Mitch Greene, “Ethnographic Research Methods: the Gay Community.”
- 2004 Paper Presentation, Robin Ely, “The Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage: Negotiating a Public Dilemma.” Georgia Sociological Association
- 2004 Paper Presentation, Jamie McDaniels, “Time with a Motorcycle Club.” Georgia Sociological Association
- 2004 Paper Presentation, Virginia Newton, “The Development of Alternative Beliefs in Young Adults.” Georgia Sociological Association
- 2004 Paper Presentation, Allison Paige Gebhardt and Amelia Beth Slaughenhoup, “Emergency Department Drug Mentions” 4th Annual Drug Trends and Treatment Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Paper Presentation, Hafeezah Comeaux, “Determining Whether Cultural Relevance Influences the Outcomes of Test Scores.” Georgia Sociological Association
- 2003 Paper Presentation, Dana Burley, “Social Implications of Crime in Schools.” Georgia Sociological Association

Languages: English (fluent); Italian and French (conversational)
Dual citizenship (US/German)