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## **EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D. Sociology 2011** Austin, TX  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Dissertation: American Capital Punishment and the Promise of “Closure”  
Comprehensive Exams: Racial and Ethnic Relations and Crime/Law/Deviance

**M.A. Sociology 2004** Gainesville, FL  
University of Florida  
Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies

**B.A. Sociology, B.S. Psychology 2002** Gainesville, FL  
University of Florida  
Minor in Gender and Women’s Studies

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## **SCHOLARLY INTERESTS**

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Crime/Law/Deviance; Criminal Justice; Punishment  
Racial and Ethnic Relations; Inequality; Race, Class, and Gender

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Donald D. Harrington Dissertation Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009, \$46,000

William S. Livingston Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009, \$21,000 [declined]

Professional Development Award, The University of Texas at Austin, 2006-2010, \$2000

Continuing Bruton Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2007, \$2000

Research on Psychotherapy with Women Paper Award, American Psychological Association Society for the Study of Women, 2004

Gordon and Ruth Streib Award, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, University of Florida, 2003

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Research Award, University of Florida, 2003

Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida, 2002, \$6000

Rita M. O’Connell University Women’s Club Scholarship, 2002

Bright Futures Academic Scholarship, 1998-2002, \$22,000

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## BOOKS AND REFEREED ARTICLES

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Eklund-Olson, S., & Dirks, D. (Forthcoming). *How Ethical Systems Change: Lynching and Capital Punishment*. New York: Routledge.

Rice, S. K., Dirks, D., & Exline, J. J. (2009). Of Guilt, Defiance, and Repentance: Evidence from the Texas Death Chamber. *Justice Quarterly*, 26(2), 295-326.

Mueller, J. C., Dirks, D., & Houts Picca, L. (2007). Unmasking Racism: Halloween Costuming and Engagement of the Racial Other. *Qualitative Sociology*, 30(3), 315-335.

Peña, M., Hernández, E., Sotelo-Turner, C., & Dirks, D. (2007). Balancing School with the Call to Community Service: Hispanic MA Students in U.S. Theological Schools. *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*, 6, 284-296.

Moradi, B., Dirks D., & Matteson A. V. (2005). Roles of Sexual Objectification Experiences and Internalization of Standards of Beauty in Eating Disorder Symptomatology: A Test and Extension of Objectification Theory. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 52, 420-428.

Dirks, D. (2004). Sexual Revictimization and Retraumatization of Women in Prison. *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 32, 102-115.

Dirks, D., & Rice, S. K. (2004). "Dining while Black": Tipping as Social Artifact. *Cornell HRA Quarterly*, 45, 30-47.

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## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Mueller, J. C., Dirks, D., & Houts Picca, L. (2010). Unmasking Racism: Halloween Costuming and Engagement of the Racial Other. In E. S. Adler, & R. Clark (Eds.), *How It's Done, An Invitation to Social Research* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. [reprint]

Dirks, D., & Mueller, J. C. (2007). Racism and Popular Culture. In J. Feagin, & H. Vera (Eds.), *Handbook of Racial and Ethnic Relations* (pp. 115-129). New York: Springer.

Dirks, D., & Rice, S. K. (2004). "Dining while Black": Racial Rituals and the Black American Restaurant Experience. In R. Coates (Ed.), *Race and Ethnicity—Across Time, Space, and Discipline* (pp. 255-277). Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Publishing.

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## OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

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Dirks, D. (2011). How the Use of Marijuana was Criminalized and Medicalized, 1906-2004: A Foucaultian History of Legislation in America. [Review of the book by Jeffrey London]. *Criminal Justice Review*, 36, 221-222.

Reid, M., Aseltine, E., & Dirks, D. (2010). Stratified Reproduction. In J. O'Brien (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Riedel, M., & Dirks, D. (2008). Homicide. In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict* (pp. 943-958). Oxford, UK: Elsevier.

Dirks, D., & Aseltine, E. (2008). International Criminal Courts and Tribunals. In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict* (pp. 1043-1054). Oxford, UK: Elsevier.

Dirks, D., & Snyman, R. H. F. (2008). Organized Crime. In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict* (pp. 1409-1418). Oxford, UK: Elsevier.

Dirks, D. Incarcerated Parents. (2008). In R. Schaefer (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society* (pp. 704-706). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Dirks, D., & Mueller, J. C. (2008). Popular Culture and Racism. In R. Schaefer (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society* (pp. 1060-1063). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Dirks, D. Racetalk. (2008). In R. Schaefer (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society* (pp. 1100-1102). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Peña, M., Hernández, E., Sotelo-Turner, C., Dirks, D., & Verhulst, K. J. (2006). *Equipped to Serve: Latino/a Seminarians and the Future of Religious Leadership in the Latino/a Community*. Research Report, University of Notre Dame, Pew Charitable Trusts.

Dirks, D., & Feagin, J. F. (2005). Racism without Racists: Color-blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in the United States. [Review of the book by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva]. *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, 28, 184-185.

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## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

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Dirks, D., & Rice, S. K. *Homicide Survivors, "Closure" and the Impacts of the Death Penalty*.

Dirks, D., Chen, W., & Duncan, M. *Allowing Victims' Loved Ones to View Executions: An Institutional Fad?* (Co-authored with Intellectual Entrepreneurship Undergraduates)

Rice, S. K., Dirks, D., & Exline, J. J. *Faithful Departed: Assessing Desires for Atonement in Death Chamber Narratives*.

Peña, M., Hernández, E., Sotelo-Turner, C., Wilder, J., & Dirks, D. *Battling Bias in Seminary: Experiences of Latino/a Seminary Students*. (in revision)

Koropecj-Cox, T., Shehan, C. L., & Dirks, D. *Appearance Scripts, Beauty Discourse, and Body Changes among Middle-Aged and Older Women* (in revision)

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Aseltine, E., & Dirks, D. (2011). "The White Kids Stick Out Like a Sore Thumb": The Reproduction of Whiteness in the Juvenile Municipal Court. American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

- Aseltine, E., & Dirks, D. (2011). *Tooled for Capacity: Subverting Justice for Juveniles in Texas' Municipal Courts*. American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Dirks, D. (2010). *Eclipsed by Innocence: How the Innocence Death Penalty Movement Diminished the Closure Argument*. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Dirks, D. (2009). *American Capital Punishment and the Promise of "Closure."* American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Dirks, D., Aseltine, E., & Mueller, J. C. (2008). *Homicide Survivorship and the Experiences of Black and White Americans*. American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- Dirks, D., & Rice, S. K. (2008). *Homicide Survivorship, "Closure" and the Impacts of the Death Penalty in Texas*. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.
- Rice, S. K., Exline, J. J., & Dirks, D. (2008). *Faithful Departed: Assessing Desires for Atonement in Death Chamber Narratives*. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.
- Dirks, D. (2007). *Children of Color with Incarcerated Parents—A Critical Review and Research Agenda*. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.
- Dirks, D. (2006). *The Mentally Ill Offenders Act of 2004: "Gender Responsive" Policy?* American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Dirks, D. (2005). *The Sexual Revictimization and Retraumatization of Incarcerated Women: A Correctional Nightmare*. American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Feagin, J., & Dirks, D. (2005). *'Who is White?' College Students' Assessments of Key US Racial and Ethnic Groups*. Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
- Rice, S. K., & Dirks, D. (2004). *Manifestations of Victim Restoration in the Texas Death Chamber*. American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.
- Rice, S. K., & Dirks, D. (2004). *Manifestations of Victim Restoration in the Texas Death Chamber: A Research Note*. Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL.
- Dirks, D., Lavelle, K., & Chambers, C. S. (2004). *Developing an Antiracist White Identity: The Roles of Empathy and Personal Restructuring*. Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Dirks, D., Houts, L., & Mueller, J. (2004). *"Trick or treat?": College Students' Gendered and Racialized Rituals of Halloween*. Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Dirks, D., Shehan, C. L., & Koropecj-Cox, T. (2004). *Body Images and Beauty Work among Aging Women*. Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Moradi, B., Dirks, D., & Matteson, A. (2003). *Sexist Events and Eating Disorder Symptomatology: A Test of Objectification Theory*. Conversations on Gender Research, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Chambers, C. S., Lavelle, K., & Dirks, D. (2003). *Developing an Antiracist White Identity: Adding a Sociological Perspective to the Developmental Process*. Third Annual Diversity Challenge: 30+ Years of Racial Identity Theory, Boston, MA.

Dirks, D., Matteson, A., & Moradi, B. (2003). *Examining the Links of Perceived Experiences of Sexist Events and Eating Disorder Symptoms*. American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Dirks, D., Rice, S. K., & Newman, L. (2003). *Front and Backstage Rituals and the Black American Restaurant Experience*. Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant Instructor** 2008-2011  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology  
Courses Taught: Capital Punishment in America (Bridging Disciplines Course in Ethics)

**Instructor** 2004-2010  
University of Florida, Department of Sociology and Division of Continuing Education  
Courses Taught: Principles of Sociology (Intro); Sociology of Marriage and the Family

**Teaching Assistant** 2005-2008  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology  
Courses Assisted: Racial and Ethnic Relations; Criminology; Sociological Theory; Life and Death Decisions; Religion, Violence and Nonviolence

**Academic Tutor** 2002-2005  
University of Florida, Athletic Association  
Courses Assisted: Methods of Social Research, Development of Sociological Thought

**Teaching Assistant** 2002, 2004  
University of Florida, Department of Sociology  
Courses Assisted: Principles of Sociology (Intro); Sociology of Marriage and the Family

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant** 2009-2010  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology, Sheldon Ekland-Olson  
The Death Penalty, Race, and the American South

**Research Assistant** 2006-2007  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology, Mary Rose and Chris Ellison  
Election Data Study

**Research Assistant** 2005-2006  
Austin Theological Seminary, Janet Maykus and Allan Cole  
Pastoral Success Study

**Graduate Research Assistant** 2004-2005  
University of Florida, Department of Sociology, Milagros Peña  
Pew Charitable Trust Hispanic Church Research Initiative

**Graduate Research Assistant** 2002-2004  
University of Florida, Department of Sociology, Joe Feagin  
Racial and Ethnic Relations

**Lab Coordinator** 2002-2003  
Identity, Health, and Well-Being Research Lab, University of Florida, Bonnie Moradi  
Discrimination, Identity, Mental Health and Well-being

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## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### Referee

*American Journal of Sociology, Qualitative Sociology, Sociology Compass, Sociological Insight, Equal Opportunity International, Service Industries Journal, International Journal of Hospitality Management*

**Board Member** 2009-2011  
American Sociological Association Student Advisory Board Member, Secretary

### Mentor

Intellectual Entrepreneurship Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program 2007-2011  
Graduate Student Mentor in Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin 2006-2011  
Graduate Student Mentor in Sociology, University of Florida 2003-2005

### Public Sociology Blog Contributor

Racism Review—Thoughts on Racism, Culture, Society & Politics, racismreview.com 2009-present

**Volunteer** 2009-2010  
Texas After Violence Project/Human Rights Documentary Initiative

### Student Representative

Committee for Higher Degrees, University of Florida 2004-2005  
Graduate Student Council Representative, University of Florida 2003-2004  
Graduate Recruitment Committee, University of Florida 2002-2004

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Sections: Division of People of Color and Crime; Division of Critical Criminology

### American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Race, Class and Gender; Human Rights; Sociology of Law

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## REFERENCES

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