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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Montevallo
(September 2017- Present)

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Montevallo
(September 2011- August 2017)

Adjunct Instructor, Nantong University (南通大学), Jiangsu Province, P.R. China
(Spring Term 2007)

Teaching Assistant, Instructor, Michigan State University
(Fall 2002-Summer 2004)

Research Assistant, Western Michigan University | Survey Research Center
(Fall 2001 – Summer 2002)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Post-Doctoral Fellow, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2008 –2011

Ph.D., Sociology, Michigan State University, 2008
Dissertation: *Relative Expectations in Rural China: Later-Life Duties, Dreams, and Discontent*

M.A., Sociology, Western Michigan University, 2002

B.A., Sociology and East Asian Studies, Grand Valley State University, 2000

A.A., Liberal Arts, Grand Rapids Community College, 1998

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
Sociology of Aging & the Life Course
Family and Demography, East Asia
Environment & Natural Resources Sociology

COURSES TAUGHT REGULARLY

Introductory Sociology
Social Problems
Sociology of Aging & the Life Course
Social Change
Group Identities, Power, and Difference
Environmental & Natural Resources Sociology
Contemporary Chinese Society
Animals & Society
Senior Capstone in Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Lowry, Deborah. *Forthcoming*. "Aging Societies." Chapter 6 in *Social Problems in Action*, edited by Kathleen Korgen, Maxine Atkinson, and Mary Nell Trautner. SAGE Publications.
- Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. 2018. "Stigma and Childlessness in Historical and Contemporary Japan." Pp. 337-354 in *Otherhood: Feminist Perspectives on Voluntary and Involuntary Childlessness*. Emerald Publishing.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Tanaka, Kimiko, Nan E. Johnson, and Deborah Lowry. 2018. "Gender, Family Norms, and Male-Factor Infertility in Japan." *Journal of Family Issues*. 39(14):3713-3731.
- Lowry, Deborah. 2016. "What Should Activist Scholars Teach in the Social Problems Classroom? Social Problems Literacy for Civic Engagement." *Teaching Sociology*, 44:177-187.
- Tetloff, Meredith, Laurel Hitchcock, Andrew Battista, and Deborah Lowry. 2014. "Multimodal Composition and Social Justice: Videos as a Tool of Advocacy in Social Work Pedagogy." *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 32:22-38.
- Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. 2013. "Mental Well-Being of Mothers with Preschool Children in Japan: The Importance of Spousal Support in Childrearing." *Journal of Family Studies*, 19:185-195.
- Hermalin, Albert I. and Deborah S. Lowry. 2012. "The Decline in Smoking among Women in China During the 20th Century: A Case of Arrested Diffusion?" *Population Research and Policy*, 31:545-570.
- Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. 2011. "Post-materialism and Family Values in Central and Eastern Europe." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 42:131-144.
- Lowry, Deborah. 2009. "Age, the Life Course, and Environmental Justice: Lessons from the Field." *Environmental Justice*, 2:109-116.

Lowry, Deborah. 2004. "Understanding Reproductive Technologies as Surveillant Assemblages: Revisions of Power and Technoscience." *Sociological Perspectives*, 47:357-370.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lowry, Deborah and Albert Hermalin. 2010. "A Birth Cohort Analysis of Smoking in China and Its Implication." Population Studies Center Research Report No. 10-717.

Lowry, Deborah. 2010. "The Disablement Process Among Elderly Chinese." Population Studies Center Research Report No. 10-708.

Lowry, Deborah and Yu Xie. 2009. "Socioeconomic Status and Health in China: Convergence or Divergence at Older Ages?" Population Studies Center Research Report No. 09-690.

Lowry, Deborah. 2006. Review: "Wearing Cultural Styles in Japan: Concepts of Tradition and Modernity in Practice." *Rural Sociology* 71:722-724.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Whose Intersectionality are We Teaching? Toward What Ends?" *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. Atlanta, April 2019.

"Teaching Intersectionality to Majority Students: Challenges, Strategies, and Opportunities." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association*. Chattanooga, October 2017.

"It's Not *Just* About the Money: Uses of a Multiple Capitals Framework in Introductory Sociology Courses for Teaching About Social Inequality and Social Mobility." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association*. Lafayette, October 2015.

"Understanding Rural Community Change and Continuity Through the Lives of Women." *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. New Orleans, August 2014.

"Information Literacy in the Social Problems Classroom: Missing Link? Third Wheel? Dangerous Crossing?" *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. Atlanta, April 2013.

"Multimodal Composition and Social Justice." *Third Annual Alabama Region 4 Conference on Multicultural Education*. Montevallo, March 2013.

"The Disablement Process Among Chinese Elderly." *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. Dallas, April 2010.

"Early-Life Conditions, Gender, and Health Trajectories of Chinese Oldest-Old." *Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America*. Atlanta, November 2009.

"Socioeconomic Status Differentials in Health in China." *Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28*. Beijing, May 2009.

"Mixed-Methods Research on Aging and Social Inequalities in Rural China: Lessons from the Field." *Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association*. Dearborn, April 2009.

SELECT UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

AS CHAIR OR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER (UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO)

Library Advisory Committee (2018—present)
Sociology/Criminology Faculty Search Committee (2014-15)
Faculty Senate, Secretary and Senator (2013-16)

AS COMMITTEE MEMBER (UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO)

Peace and Justice Studies Exploratory Committee (2018-present)
Sustainability Committee (2018-present)
Head-Cleveland Scholarship Committee (2014—present)
Environmental Studies Council (2014—present)
First Year Experience Taskforce (2014—15)
Pre-tenure Review Process Committee (2014)
Social Work Faculty Search Committee (2014-15)
Social Work Faculty Search Committee (2013-14)
Library Advisory Committee (2015—2018)
Disability Compliance Committee (2013—present)
Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Oversight Committee (2013-15)
BSS Distinguished Alumni Award Committee (2012)
Geography Faculty Search Committee (2011-12)

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Senior Elite Night Dedication (University of Montevallo, 2017)
Academic Advising Award (University of Montevallo, 2017)
Information Literacy Innovator Award (University of Montevallo, 2013)
ILLUMInate Grant for *Social Problems: An Information Literacy Course* (University of Montevallo, 2012)
Principal Investigator: Family/Self-Management of Later-Life Chronic Illness in Rural and Urban
China (Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging Pilot Grant Award, 2010)
RAND Summer Institute: The Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists and Demography
Economics, and Epidemiology of Aging Conference (2010)
Principal Investigator: The Role of Non-Cognitive Skills in Educational Achievement in Rural
China, conference presentation at the 2009 RC28 meeting in China (Population Studies
Center Small Grant Award, University of Michigan, 2009)
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Center for Gender in Global Context
(Michigan State University, 2007-08)
Dissertation Research Grant: Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of
Education (Michigan State University Asian Studies Center, 2006-07)
The Rita S. Gallin Best Graduate Student Paper Award
(MSU Women and International Development Program, 2004)
The Founders' Prize for Excellence in Classics (Grand Valley State University, 2001)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Regular reviewer for the *Journal of Aging Studies*
Member, Southern Sociological Society

OTHER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Data management and software experience: Stata, SPSS, ATLAS.ti
Basic proficiency in spoken (Mandarin) Chinese