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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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University of Montevallo

Professor of Sociology, September 2022-present

Associate Professor of Sociology, September 2017-August 2022

Assistant Professor of Sociology, September 2011-August 2017

University of Michigan Population Studies Center

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2008 – 2011

Nantong University (南通大学), Jiangsu Province, P.R. China.

Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2007

Michigan State University

Teaching Assistant; Summer Instructor, Fall 2002-Summer 2004

Western Michigan University | Survey Research Center

Research Assistant, Fall 2001-Summer 2002

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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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 / East Asian Studies, Grand Valley State University, 2000

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

*Other training:*

QM™ (Quality Matters) Teaching Online Certificate, 2020

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Aging & the Life Course

Family Demography (China and Japan)

Sociology of Health and Illness

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

## COURSES TAUGHT RECENTLY

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Introductory Sociology\*  
Sociology of Aging & the Life Course  
Social Problems  
Social Stratification  
Social Change\*  
Senior Capstone in Sociology\*  
Animals and Society\*  
Contemporary Chinese Society\*

\*have also taught online

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED BOOK

2021 Lowry, Deborah. *Aging and the Life Course: Social and Cultural Contexts*. NY: Rowman & Littlefield. (Printed January 2022). ISBN: 9781538143254.

### PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 Lowry, Deborah. "Aging Societies." Chapter 6 in *Social Problems: Sociology in Action*. First edition. Edited by Kathleen Korgen and Maxine Atkinson. SAGE Publications. ISBN: 9781544338668.

(2022) "Aging Societies." Chapter 6 in *Social Problems: Sociology in Action*, edited by Kathleen Korgen, Maxine Atkinson, and Mary Nell Trautner. Second edition. SAGE Publications. ISBN: 978-544356419.

2018 Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. 2018. "Stigma and Childlessness in Historical and Contemporary Japan." Pp. 337-54 in *Otherhood: Feminist Perspectives on Voluntary and Involuntary Childlessness*. Emerald Publishing. ISBN: 9781787543621.

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2018 Tanaka, Kimiko, Nan E. Johnson, and Deborah Lowry. "Gender, Family Norms, and Male-Factor Infertility in Japan." *Journal of Family Issues*. 39(14):3713-3731.

2016 Lowry, Deborah. "What Should Activist Scholars Teach in the Social Problems Classroom? Social Problems Literacy for Civic Engagement." *Teaching Sociology*, 44:177-187.

- 2014 Tetloff, Meredith, Laurel Hitchcock, Andrew Battista, and Deborah Lowry. "Multimodal Composition and Social Justice: Videos as a Tool of Advocacy in Social Work Pedagogy." *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 32:22-38.
- 2013 Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. "Mental Well-Being of Mothers with Preschool Children in Japan: The Importance of Spousal Support in Childrearing." *Journal of Family Studies*, 19:185-195.
- 2012 Hermalin, Albert I. and Deborah S. Lowry. "The Decline in Smoking among Women in China during the 20th Century: A Case of Arrested Diffusion?" *Population Research and Policy*, 31:545-570.
- 2011 Tanaka, Kimiko and Deborah Lowry. "Post-materialism and Family Values in Central and Eastern Europe." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 42:131-144.
- 2009 Lowry, Deborah. "Age, the Life Course, and Environmental Justice: Lessons from the Field." *Environmental Justice*, 2:109-116.
- 2004 Lowry, Deborah. "Understanding Reproductive Technologies as Surveillant Assemblages: Revisions of Power and Technoscience." *Sociological Perspectives*, 47:357-370.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 Lowry, Deborah. "The Disablement Process among Elderly Chinese." Population Studies Center Research Report No. 10-708.
- 2009 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.

#### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 "Writing a Textbook on Sabbatical: What Worked!" *UM Faculty Research and Teaching Symposium*. Montevallo, October.
- 2019 "Whose Intersectionality are We Teaching? Toward What Ends?" *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. Atlanta, April.
- 2017 "Teaching Intersectionality to Majority Students: Challenges, Strategies, and Opportunities." *Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association*. Chattanooga, October.

- 2015 "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.
- 2013 "Information Literacy in the Social Problems Classroom" *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.
- 2010 "The Disablement Process among Chinese Elderly." *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. Dallas, April.
- 2009 "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.

### **SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE** (University of Montevallo)

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*As chair or executive council member:*

- Distance Education Advisory Committee (2019-2021)
- Library Committee (2018-2020)
- Sociology/Criminology Faculty Search Committee (2014-15)
- Faculty Senate, Secretary (2013-16)

*As a committee member:*

- Peace and Justice Studies Committee (2018-present)
- Sustainability Committee (2018-present)
- Head-Cleveland Scholarship Committee (2014-present)
- Environmental Studies Council (2014-17)
- 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 (2015-2017)

Disability Compliance Committee (2013-2018)  
Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Oversight Committee (2013-15)  
BSS Distinguished Alumni Award Committee (2012)  
Geography Faculty Search Committee (2011-12)

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS**

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Senior Elite Night Dedication (University of Montevallo, 2017)  
Academic Advising Award (University of Montevallo, 2017)  
Information Literacy Innovator Award (University of Montevallo, 2013)  
IIIUMinate Grant (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)  
Founders' Prize for Excellence in Classics (Grand Valley State University, 2001)

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Occasional Reviewer: *Journal of Aging Studies*, *Journal of Aging and Health*, *Teaching Sociology*

Past and/or current memberships in professional organizations:

- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Gerontological Association of America (GSA)
- Population Association of America (PAA)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)