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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

**2010: Ph.D. Medical Sociology, University of Alabama, Birmingham.**

*Doctoral Dissertation:* "The Impact of Social Support and Social Context on Incidence of Suicidal Behavior in Low-Income African American Adolescents: A Longitudinal Study."

*Committee:* William Cockerham, Sociology (Chair)

Casey Borch, Sociology

Gail Wallace, Sociology

John Bolland, Human Environmental Sciences

Susan Davies, Health Behavior

**2010: MPH Epidemiology/International Health and Global Studies, University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Focus of studies: Infectious Disease and Biostatistics.

**2006: M.A. Sociology, University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Focus of studies: Medical Sociology.

*Master's Thesis:* "The Debate between Cognitive Capability and Habitualized Behavior: Should They Be Listening to Each Other Opposed to Arguing?"

**2003: B.A. Sociology, Western Michigan University.** Interests focused primarily on Medical Sociology, with a secondary interest in racial relations.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Medical Sociology  
Social Epidemiology  
Communicable Disease  
Health over the Life Course  
Sociological Theory

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor, Graduate Faculty, Western Kentucky University**  
August 2013–Present

**Full-Time Instructor, Saginaw Valley State University.**  
July 2012 – June 2013

**Full-Time Instructor, Graduate Faculty, University of Alabama.**  
August 2011 – July 2012

## COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Biostatistics  
Advanced Graduate Biostatistics  
Biostatistics for the Health Sciences  
Statistics in Health Care  
Graduate Social Statistics  
Undergraduate Social Statistics  
Advanced Epidemiology  
Introduction to Epidemiology  
Medical Sociology  
Gerontology  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Global Cultures  
Introduction to Sociology  
Adolescent Delinquency

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed*

**Lanier, Mark, Barbara H. Zaitzow, C. Thomas Farrell.** “Epidemiological Criminology: Contextualization of HIV/AIDS Health Care for Female Inmates.” *Journal of Correctional Health Care* (2015), 21(2) *Special Issue*, 152-163

**Farrell, C. Thomas, John Bolland, William Cockerham.** “The Role of Social Support and Social Context on the Incidence of Attempted Suicide among Adolescents Living in Extremely Impoverished Communities.” *Journal of Adolescent Health* (2015), 56(1), 59-65

**Lanier, Mark, C. Thomas Farrell, Christiaan Bezuidenhout.** "A Comparative Analysis of Human Trafficking Between the United States of America (USA) and the Republic of South Africa (RSA)." *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology* (2014), 3, 275-283

**Lanier, Mark, C. Thomas Farrell.** “A Mixed Methods Analysis of Human Trafficking.” *Journal of Social Sciences Research* (2014), 3, 66-95

**Farrell, C. Thomas, J. Porter Lillis.** “An Adaptation to Michel Foucault’s Medical Authority: The *Lucid Succor* of the Informal Caregiver.” *Social Theory & Health* (2013), 11, 327-343

### ***Manuscripts Under Review***

*(\*student collaborators)*

**Farrell, C. Thomas, John Bolland, William Cockerham.** “Suicidal Thoughts in Low-Income Adolescents: A Longitudinal Analysis.” *(under review, Journal of Affective Disorders)*

**Farrell, C. Thomas, Alexis Clyde, Madhuri Katta\*, John Bolland.** “The Impact of Sexuality Concerns on Teen Pregnancy: A Consequence of Heteronormativity?” *(under review, Culture, Health, & Society)*

### ***Works in Progress***

**Lillis, J. Porter, C. Thomas Farrell.** “Diminishing Choices: Food as a Supernormal Stimuli.”

**Farrell, C. Thomas.** “Social Capital of the Disadvantaged: A Theoretical Inquiry into the Impact of Social Capital amongst Disadvantaged Populations.”

### ***Book Chapters***

**Lanier, Mark, C. Thomas Farrell.** “Epidemiology of Crime and Deviance.” Pp. 251-253 in *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*, ed. Heith Copes and Craig Forsyth. Sage Publication. 2014.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**2015: *The Efficacy of American VetDogs in Reducing the Effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Combat Veterans*, Co-Primary Investigator.** Identify whether the incorporation of a therapy-dog in an individuals care improves the clinical and psychosocial outcomes of PTSD patients.

**2009: Intern, World Health Organization/South-East Asian Regional Office/Tuberculosis Unit, New Delhi, India. Nani Nair, MD, Ph.D., Director of SEARO TB Unit.** Self-direct, design, and analyze research regarding the social and behavioral factors associated with tuberculosis on a country and global-regional level.

**2009: *KAP Study and Community Outreach Related to Dengue and Malaria, Kingston, Jamaica.*** Participated in the organization and implementation of a brief study exploring the knowledge and awareness of dengue and malaria in a low-income community in Kingston, Jamaica.

**2007: *An Analysis of the Utilization of Information Technology by Birmingham-area Elderly Residents*.** Develop research questions, design and pretest survey questionnaires, implement data collection via mail survey and individual interview, ensure data entry, implement necessary data management measures, analyze data and report results.

**2004: *A Needs Assessment of the Homeless of Birmingham and Jefferson County*. Mark LaGory, Ph.D., Principal Investigator.** Assisted in the development of the survey and participated in the enumeration of the Birmingham homeless population.

**2003-2004: *Correlation of Women’s Health and Women’s Reproductive Rights*. Michele Wilson, Ph.D., Principal Investigator.** Assisted in the gathering and organizing of national data regarding women’s health and reproductive rights

## SERVICE

- 2015-2016 ~ Mentored undergraduate and graduate students presenting research at multiple conferences  
~ Appointed to Research Advisory Committee for College of Health and Human Services  
~ Served on Epidemiology hiring committee for Department of Public Health  
~ Served on Public Health Graduate Admissions Committee  
~ Served on Departmental Curriculum Committee  
~ Served on Public Health Assessment Committee  
~ Served on Master's Thesis committee
- 2014-2015 ~ Served on multiple hiring committees for Department of Public Health  
~ Served on Public Health Graduate Admissions Committee  
~ Served on Departmental Curriculum Committee  
~ Served on Master's of Public Health Assessment Committee
- 2012-2013 ~ Department representative for University admissions fair  
~ Served as faculty member for University-sponsored study table  
~ Participated in Department of Sociology Graduate School seminar

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

### *Internal Funding*

- 2015: Faculty Research Scholarship (FRS), College of Health and Human Services \$2,500**  
*Structural Components of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Experience: Kentucky (SCOPE-K Project)*  
Received funding to undertake a preliminary study, localized in Kentucky, to gather data to support a proposal for a national-level study evaluating the structural and social factors that impact PTSD in combat veterans.

## PRESENTATIONS

(\*student collaborators)

- Farrell, Colin T., Mark M. Lanier, Barbara Zaitzow.** 2015. "Epidemiological Criminology: Contextualization of HIV/AIDS Health Care for Female Inmates." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- Malla, Gargya\*, Colin Farrell.** 2015. "Psychological Health & Cardiovascular Consequences of Obesity in Kentucky Adult Population." Kentucky Rural Health Association, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Bowling Green, KY.
- Ashrafzadeh, Sepideh, Sahar Ashrafzadeh, Kianoosh Nasseh\*, Colin Farrell.** 2015. "Healthy Cooking Classes May Offer Solution to Type II Diabetes Mellitus Epidemic in Rural Eastern Kentucky." Kentucky Rural Health Association, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Bowling Green, KY.
- Malla, Gargya\*, Colin Farrell, Vaishnavi Gummadi.\*** 2015. "Obesity: Psychological Health vs. Cardiac Health" Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Public Health Association. Owensboro, KY.

**Lillis, J. Porter and Colin T. Farrell.** 2014. "Diminishing Choices: Food as a Supernormal Stimuli." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

**Lanier, Mark M. and Colin T. Farrell.** 2014. "Mixed Methods Analysis of Human Trafficking." IOSSBR. Biloxi, MS. (*awarded Best Paper in Social/Behavioral Sciences*)

**Farrell, Colin T. and John Lillis.** 2012. "The Role of Health Lifestyles for Adolescents: A Predictive Model." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

**Lillis, John and Colin T. Farrell.** 2012. "Social Uncertainty Principle." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Statistical Analysis Software: *SAS, SPSS*

Statistical Methods: *Growth Curve Modeling, Survival Analysis, Linear and Logistic Regression, Structural Equation Modeling*

Page Design and Layout Software: *MS Office, MS Excel, MS Access*

## **REFERENCES**

**Mark Lanier**, mmlanier@as.ua.edu; (205) 348-6846

Professor and Department Chair, Department of Criminal Justice; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Gary English**, gary.english@wku.edu; (270) 745-2678

Professor and Department Chair, Department of Public Health; Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

**William Cockerham**, wcocker@uab.edu; (205) 934-3307

Department Chair, Distinguished Professor, Department of Sociology, Department of Medicine, School of Public Health; University of Alabama-Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

**John Lillis**, john.lillis@uncp.edu; (803) 445-4201

Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice; University of North Carolina, Pembroke, NC