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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
Health Disparities
Advanced Epidemiology
Introduction to Epidemiology
Medical Sociology
Gerontology
Race and Ethnic Relations
Global Cultures
Introduction to Sociology
Adolescent Delinquency

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed
(*student collaborators)

Farrell, C. Thomas, Alexis Clyde, Madhuri Katta*, John Bolland. “The Impact of Sexuality Concerns on Teen Pregnancy: A Consequence of Heteronormativity?” *Culture, Health & Sexuality* (2017), 19(1), 135-149. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2016.1212405>

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)

Works in Progress
(* student collaborators)

Chen, Yu-Hsuan, C. Thomas Farrell. “Role of living status on dietary practices among college students”

Farrell, C. Thomas, Zaiba Moledina*, Madhuri Katta, Alexis Clyde. “Impact of sexuality concern on adolescent risk behaviors: A multi-generational path-analysis”

Gardner, Marilyn, C. Thomas Farrell. “Predictors of PTSD amongst Current EMS Workers”

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 individual’s 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

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.

SERVICE

- 2016-2017
- ~ Thesis Committee Chair: Yu-Hsuan Chen, "*Investigating the Motivation Factors of Food Choice during the Transition of High School into College Life among College Students Attending Western Kentucky University*"
 - ~ Mentored multiple graduate students presenting at KPHA
 - ~ Served on Research Advisory Committee for College of Health and Human Services
 - ~ Served on Public Health Graduate Admissions Committee
 - ~ Served on Departmental Curriculum Committee
 - ~ Served on Public Health Assessment Committee
- 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 Masters Thesis committee
 - ~ Peer reviewed manuscript for PLOS One
- 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 Masters 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

PRESENTATIONS

(*student collaborators)

Malla, Gargya*, *Colin Farrell*. 2016. "Comparison of the relationship between obesity and neurological stroke vs obesity and coronary artery pathology." Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association. Baltimore, MD.

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, 17th 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, 17th 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, SPSS AMOS

Statistical Methods: *Growth Curve Modeling, Survival Analysis, Linear and Logistic Regression, Path Analysis, Factor Analysis*

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

REFERENCES

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