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CURRICULUM VITAE

Professional Education and Training:

EDUCATION

- **University of North Texas**, Denton, TX 2014
Ph.D. in Sociology
Dissertation: "Assessing Social Determinants of Severe Mental Illness in High-risk Groups"
The primary objective of this research was to explore the impact of possible social factors on non-institutionalized adults 18 years of age or older residing in the United States who exhibited Severe Mental Illness (SMI). A holistic sociological model was developed to explain SMI by incorporating elements of social learning theory, social disorganization theory, and gender socialization theory with social demographic factors. Based on the holistic sociological model, the following factors were investigated: demographic aspects of age, education, income and gender; gender socialization; influence of neighborhood area; social network influence based on communication and interaction among peers and family members; and socially deviant behaviors such as frequently smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and using drugs specifically marijuana. The impact of these factors on SMI was examined. A sample of 206 respondents drawn from "National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2003" was assessed. These respondents had answered all the questions related to SMI; social deviant behaviors; neighborhood environment; and communications among peers, family members and friends; and the other studied factors. Ordinary linear regression with interaction terms was employed as a statistical tool to assess the impact of social determinants on SMI. Being female, living in a disorganized neighborhood, and frequent and high levels of smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol had a significant influence on SMI. This reevaluation and reexamination of the role of gender socialization path, socially deviant behaviors like smoking and drinking, and community construction on SMI provided additional insights. This research is one of the first to develop a more holistic sociological model on SMI and explored the previously untested interactive relationships. The limitations of this study suggest the need to test a potential recursive research model and explore additional bi-directional associations.
- **East China University of Politics and Law**, Shanghai, China 2003
M.A. in Economic Law (equivalent to J.D)
Thesis: "Sociological Analysis of Copyright Infringement in China"
- **SiChuan University**, Chengdu, Sichuan, China 1997
B.A. in English Language and Literature
- **In the fall 2015 semester, attend the "QM" training course and get the certificate qualified for online teaching at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.**
- **Statistical knowledge:**
- **Linear regression model, Hierarchical regression model, structural equation modeling, time series analysis**
- **Statistical software: SPSS, SAS, Preliis, Lisrel, stata, R.**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

2015-present

SOCI 4320 Sociology of Family
SOCI 3313 Criminology
SOCI 3324 SOCI of Health
SOCI 4314 SOCI of Deviance
SOCI 1301 Intro
CRIJ 3304 Research Method in Criminal Justice
CRIJ 3305 Quantitative Method in Criminal Justice

University of North Texas at Dallas (Adjunct Faculty Member)

2011-2014

University of North Texas (Teaching Fellow)

2008-2011

- SOCI 4880 (SOCI 3280): Quantitative Methods in Social Research (>=10times)
- SOCI 4870 (SOCI 3200): Social Research and Practice (>=5 times)
- SOCI 4350: Deviance (4 times)
- SOCI 4340: Race & Ethnicity (4 times)
- SOCI 4300: Social Psychology and Behavior
- SOCI 4000: Sociological Theory
- SOCI 3240: Qualitative Data Collection
- SOCI 3200: Sociology of Religion
- SOCI 1510: Introduction to Sociology (4 times)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **In Submission** (in submission process)
“Social Order within Community and Severe Mental Illness: Old Bottle, New Wine”
It is based on my dissertation study, I investigate the relationship between social order within community and severe mental illness by applying traditional social disorganization theory. Two goals have been achieved: the construction of the new variable of social order within community and its interaction with gender and smoking and drinking.
- **Work in Progress**
“Social Capital within Community and Mental Health”
- **RA for Dr. Seward “Marriage & Family” project.**

FIELD OF INTEREST

- Primary field of interest
Advanced Statistics, Research Methodologist, Deviance, Race & Ethnicity
Specialize in Sociology of Mental Illness.
- Secondary:
Theory

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
- Southwestern Social Science Association