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EDUCATION

Currently Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Sociology, PhD Program.
August 2007 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Sociology, Master of Arts..
June 2000 Antioch University, Santa Barbara, California. BA, Communication.
September 1995 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Applied Science, Nursing.
June 1993 Douglas College, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. General Studies.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2006/2007 **Southern Illinois University Carbondale Master's Fellowship Award**

PUBLICATIONS

2008 de Vries, Kylan Mattias. Forthcoming. "Berdache/Two-Spirit." *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*. SAGE Publications.

RESEARCH

Current Exclusion/Inclusion Developing Collective Identity: the Experience of African American Transgenders in the Southern US.
A singular transgender movement or collective identity does not exist. Transpeople utilize various communities and organizations, and hold multiple identities, all fitting within a general "transgender" umbrella. Research on transpeople, transcommunities and the "transmovement" has focused primarily on white transgenders. Although researchers include some transpeople of color in their research, the intersection of race and transgender identity are rarely investigated, in addition [the invisibility of] whiteness within the transcommunity has been ignored. Through in-depth interviews with African American transpeople I explore how the [white] transcommunity has formed its identity through the exclusion of transpeople of color. In addition, how transpeople of color have responded to this exclusion, in forming their identities and communities.

Current **Identity construction among Transgender People of Color.** Examines how transgender (inclusive term to include all identities on the spectrum) People of Color perceive themselves, how other's perceive them and how this is affected by the social construction of gender. I am particularly interested in how racial identity affects perception of self while and after transitioning. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential.
http://gaygenderresearch.org/research_links.php

Current **Evangelical Halloween Alternatives: Mission, Message, Method.** Examines two Evangelical approaches to Halloween alternatives, "Hell House" and "Judgement House."

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2007/2008 **Vice President, AKD**

2006/2007 **Co-Director, Peer Mentorship Program**

2005-present **Website designer.** Sociology Website, and Faculty Homepages www.siu.edu/~socio

2005/2006 **Graduate Assistant.** Teaching Assistant (Soc 215 Race and Ethnic Relations in the US) and website designer for Dr. Kathryn Ward, www.siuc.edu/~narijibon/

2005 - present **Website designer** Sociology Graduate Student Club. www.siuc.edu/~sgsc

2005/2006 **Vice President** Sociology Graduate Student Club.

March 28, 2006 **Peer Teaching Mentor Training Certificate**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

August, 2007 **"I'm not just anything, I'm many things': Racialized Gendered Meaning in Collective Identity."** Discussant at the ASA section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements August 9, 2007.

May, 2007 **"Exclusion/Inclusion Developing Collective Identity: the Experience of African American Transgenders in the Southern US."** Presented at the Couch-Stone Symposium May 5, 2007.

March, 2006 **"Making visible the multiple identities of transgender people of color. What does it mean to be black and trans in America?"** Presented at Midwest Sociological Society Conference March 30-April 2, 2006.

March, 2006 **"Hell Houses in America: Mission, Method and Mission."** Presented at Midwest Sociological Society Conference March 30-April 2, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA). Member since 2005

Pacific Sociological Association (PSA). Member since 2007.

MidWest Sociological Association. Member since 2006.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR). Member since 2006

Society for The Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). Member since 2006

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS). Member since 2006

2005 to 2007 PRESENTATIONS

January 31, 2007 **Guest Lecture** for transgender presentation to class on the Sociology of Sexuality.

November 6, 2006 **Inclusion/Exclusion within Movements: the Experience of African American Transgenders.** Department of Sociology, colloquium presentation.

October 9, 2006 **Transsexual, Transgender, Transvestite, oh my!** A presentation for GLBT month at SIUC

September 7, 2006 **Guest Lecture** for transgender presentation to class on the Sociology of Sexuality.

January 9, 2006 **Queer 101:** Co-Presenter on training to Resident Assistants at SIUC Housing.

December 6, 2005 **Guest Speaker** for transgender presentation to SOC 215 class on Race & Ethnic Relations in the U.S.