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## Curriculum Vitae

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#### **EDUCATION**

- 2006           **Ph.D. Sociology**  
The University of Akron, Akron, OH  
Dissertation: *Battered Women and Violent Crime: An Exploration of Imprisoned Women Before and After the Clemency Movement*  
Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Feltey
- 1999           **M.A. Sociology**  
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND  
Thesis: *Women Caregivers & Labor Force Participation*  
Advisor: Dr. Clifford Staples
- 1997           **B.S. Criminal Justice Studies**  
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2008-Present   College Lecturer and Introduction to Sociology Coordinator, Dept. of Sociology, University of Akron, Akron, OH  
    • Spring 2009 –Graduate Faculty Status
- 2006- 2008     Assistant Professor of Justice Studies and Women’s & Gender Studies, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA
- 2003 - 2006     Undergraduate Advisor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Akron, Akron, OH
- 2001 - 2006     Part-Time Instructor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Akron, Akron, OH
- 2000 – 2003     Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Sociology, University of Akron, Akron, OH
- 1999 - 2000     Crisis Intervention Counselor, Battered Women’s Shelter, Akron, OH
- 1997 – 1999     Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Sociology, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

#### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Sociology of Gender  
Sociology of the Family  
Women in Prison  
Violence Against Women  
Family Violence and Battered Women Who Kill  
Qualitative Methods

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Bemiller, Michelle and **Rachel Zimmer Schneider**. 2010. "It's Not Just a Joke". *Sociological Spectrum*, 30, 4. 459-479.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer** and Kathryn Feltey. 2009. "No matter what has been done wrong can always be redone right": Spirituality in the Lives of Imprisoned Battered Women". *Violence Against Women*, 15, 4, 443-459.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer**. 2007. "Clemency for Battered Women". *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*, ed. Nicky Ali Jackson, New York: Routledge.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION**

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer**. "I don't like it in here...but comparing it to him...: Paradox of Prison for Incarcerated Battered Women".

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer**. "Can I Have a Glass of Water? Interviewing in a Women's Prison"

## **BOOK MANUSCRIPT UNDER PREPARATION**

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer**. "Justice or Injustice: Voices of Imprisoned Battered Women Who Killed" for Lynne Rienner Publishing

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

2001 – Present	<b>Courses Taught - University of Akron &amp; Eastern Washington University</b> Criminal Justice Senior Capstone Criminology Family Violence Introduction to Criminal Justice Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Women's Studies Sex and Gender Sociology of the Family Violence Against Women Women in Prison (developed the course)
2008 – Present	<b>University of Akron – Dept. of Sociology</b> Introduction to Sociology Coordinator Responsibilities include: manager of computer-based testing, organize pedagogical seminars for the department, update and maintain department teaching resource room and website, chair Introduction to Sociology textbook selection committee
2006 – 2008	<b>Eastern Washington University –Dept. of Sociology and Justice Studies</b> Undergraduate Advising and Internship Coordinator Responsibilities included joint advising and direction of internships for 150 criminal justice majors

2003 - 2006                    **University of Akron – Dept. of Sociology**  
Undergraduate Advisor  
Responsibilities included advising almost 500 undergraduate sociology majors on degree requirements, scheduling, and career information; developed newsletter for department bi-annually; organized & attended recruitment fairs

2000                                **University of Akron – Dept. of Sociology**  
*Required graduate course:*  
College Teaching of Sociology

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Women in Prison: Teaching the Links between Victimization and Offending.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association and the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2010

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “ ‘I had to be a cold hearted person to burn him’: Battered Women Who Kill and the Clemency Decision”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Dearborn, MI, April 2009.

Bemiller, Michelle & **Rachel Zimmer Schneider.** “It’s Not Just a Joke: Symbolic Violence & Sexist Cartoons”. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Can I Have a Glass of Water? Interviewing in a Women’s Prison”. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2007.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer** and Kathryn Feltey. “Looking Up: Spirituality and Incarcerated Battered Women”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association and the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Adventures in a New Job”. Panel discussion at the Annual Winter Meeting for Sociologists for Women in Society, New Orleans, LA, February 2007.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “The Paradox of Prison for Incarcerated Battered Women”. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA, November 2006.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “You Can Only Take So Much Until You Break: Lived Experiences of Incarcerated Battered Women”. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, August 2006.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer,** Ross, Jodie, and Kathryn Feltey. “Making Sense of Incarcerated Battered Women’s Lives: A Life Course Approach”. Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference, Columbus, OH, October 2005.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “The Incarceration and Liberation of Battered Women Who Kill”. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer** & Michelle Bemiller. “Analyzing Children’s Films Through a Race, Class, and Gendered Lens”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburg, PA, April 2005.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Teaching Introduction to Sociology for the First Time.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland , OH, April 2004.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Battered Women Who Have Killed: A Follow-Up on the Ohio Battered Women’s Clemency Movement.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, April 2002.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer & Jeffrey W. Lucas.** “Gender Differences in Suicidal Behavior & the Expected Consequences of Suicide Attempts. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 2001.

**Schneider, Rachel Zimmer.** “Family Caregiving in the Grand Forks Community.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, April 1999.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2007            **Kansas State University – Manhattan, KS**  
Sociology Course  
*Understanding Experiences of Battered Women who Kill*
- 2007            **Women’s Leadership Conference of the Inland Northwest – Spokane, WA**  
Surviving Violence and Exploitation  
*Imprisoned Battered Women’s Survival Strategies In and Out of Prison*
- 2006            **Minot High School – Minot, ND**  
Psychology and Government courses  
*Battered Women Who Kill and the Law*
- 2004            **Women & Crime: Unique Issues, Problems, & Solutions – Akron, OH**  
Panel Discussion Sponsored by the University of Akron & Oriana House  
*Battered Women Who Kill*
- 2003            **Cuyahoga Community College – Cleveland, OH**  
Women Studies Course  
*Understanding Domestic Violence*
- 2000            **Clinical Pastoral Education – Minot, ND**  
*Crisis Intervention & Counseling Victims of Domestic Violence*
- 2000            **Battered Women’s Shelter – Akron, OH**  
Volunteer Training  
*Crisis Intervention with Victims of Domestic Violence*

#### **PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2010            **North Central Sociological Association/Midwest Sociological Society**  
Session Organizer: Violence and Women
- 2007            **Sociologists for Women in Society**  
Session Organizer: Adventures in First Jobs
- 2005            **North Central Sociological Association**  
Session Organizer: Violence and Women
- 2002            **North Central Sociological Association**  
Session Organizer: Violence against Women

#### **SERVICE**

2008-Present	<b>Coordinator of Computer Based Testing</b> Chair – University of Akron
2008-Present	<b>Social Action Committee</b> Sociologists for Women in Society
2007-2008	<b>Women’s Studies Program Development Committee</b> Eastern Washington University
2006-2007	<b>Women’s Studies Curriculum Committee</b> Eastern Washington University
2006-2008	<b>Criminal Justice Curriculum Committee</b> Eastern Washington University
2008-Present; 2003-2006	<b>Sociology Undergraduate Committee</b> University of Akron
2005-2006	<b>Sociologists for Women in Society Akron/Kent Chapter</b> University of Akron <i>Secretary</i>
2003 – 2006	<b>Faculty Meetings/ Department of Sociology</b> University of Akron <i>Part-Time Faculty Representative</i>
2010 2003	<b>Introduction to Sociology Textbook Selection Committee</b> University of Akron Chair (2010)
2002 – 2003	<b>Akron-Kent Joint Ph.D. Committee</b> University of Akron <i>Graduate Representative</i>
2001 – 2002	<b>Alpha Kappa Delta</b> University of Akron <i>Vice-President</i>
1998 – 1999	<b>Alpha Kappa Delta</b> University of North Dakota <i>Secretary</i>

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2006	Barbara J. Stephens Dissertation Award, University of Akron, Akron, OH, \$500 monetary award
2006	Alpha Kappa Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Akron, OH: <i>Clemency for Battered Women</i> , \$100 monetary award
2006	Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Akron, Akron, OH, \$100 monetary award

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

*Section Memberships: Sex and Gender; Teaching and Learning*

American Society of Criminology

*Section Membership: Division on Women and Crime*

National Women's Studies Association

*Women and Crime Task Force*

North Central Sociological Association

Sociologists for Women in Society