

## Sarah L. Whitley

Washington State University  
Department of Sociology  
PO Box 644020  
Pullman, WA 99164-4020  
[whitley@wsu.edu](mailto:whitley@wsu.edu)  
509-335-2659

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

---

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, Washington State University  
Clinical Assistant Professor, August 2017 to present

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, Washington State University  
Instructor, August 2016 to August 2017

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, California State University, Fresno  
Assistant Professor, August 2013 to August 2016

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, Washington State University  
Instructor, August 2012 to July 2013

### EDUCATION

---

Ph.D. WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Sociology, 2012  
*Dissertation:* “Changing Times in Rural America: The Effects on Food Insecurity and Hunger”  
Committee Members: Jennifer Sherman (Chair), Gregory Hooks, Raymond A. Jussaume  
Qualifying Exams: Stratification & Education

M.A. WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Sociology, 2007  
*Thesis:* “Environmental Education: Factors behind Curriculum Adoption”

B.A. UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, Sociology, minor History 2003  
*Graduated with Distinction*  
*Independent Study:* “Homeless not Hopeless”

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

---

Education; Inequality; Poverty; Qualitative Methods; Research Methods; Rural Sociology; Service and Experiential Learning; Social Problems; Sociology of Food; Stratification; Introduction to Sociology

### PUBLICATIONS

---

#### JOURNAL ARTICLE:

Whitley, Sarah. 2017. “Food Insecurity and Hunger in the Rural West: Case Study.” Contributor in *Rural Poverty in the U.S.A.* Editors Jennifer Sherman, Ann Tickamyer and Jennifer Warlick. Columbia University Press.

Updated September 12, 2017

Whitley, Sarah. 2013. "Changing Times in Rural America: Food Assistance and Food Insecurity in Food Deserts." *Journal of Family Social Work*, 16:1, 36-52.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Whitley, Sarah. "Incorporating Aspects of Career Professionalization in Undergraduate Courses: Preparing Applied Sociologists." Submitting to *Teaching Sociology* Fall 2017.

Whitley, Sarah. "Service Learning: A Useful Tool to Engage Student's in Critical Evaluation and Understanding of Multifaceted Theoretical Arguments." Submitting to *Teaching Sociology* Spring 2018.

Whitley, Sarah. "Just Enough Versus Not Enough: The Importance of Gender, Social Integration, and Social Capital to Experiencing Hunger." Submitting to *Advances in Gender Research* Spring 2018.

Whitley, Sarah. "Food Education Programming: The Importance of Understanding Structural Constraint of Access to Food Choices." Submitting to *The Journal of Rural Health* Summer 2018.

Whitley, Sarah. "Challenges to Rural Food Assistance: A Case Study of One Rural County's Loss of Food Pantries and a Transforming Food Assistance Model." Submitting to *Rural Sociology* Fall 2018.

---

#### PRESENTATIONS

2017 "Challenges to Rural Food Assistance: A Case Study of One Rural County's Loss of Food Pantries and a Transforming Food Assistance Model," accepted at *Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting*, July, Columbus, OH.

2016 "Distribution with Dignity: Lessons from Food Banks in the Rural and Urban West," presented at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, March, San Francisco, CA.

2015 "The Significance of Moral and Social Capital for Food Security of Rural Low-Income Populations: Limitations and Obstacles for Relying on Strategies Which Symbolize Moral Capital," presented at the *Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting*, August, Madison, WI.

2015 "Food Deserts, Food Insecurity, and Retail Change: The Effects of a Supercenter Opening in a Rural County for Food Insecure Residents Acquiring Strategies and Diets," presented at the *Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting*, August, Madison, WI.

2015 "Capacious, Complex and Contested: Student Learning Through Challenges and Engagement," presented at the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Continuums of Service Conference*, April, Long Beach, CA.

2014 "Food Deserts and Food Security: The Opening of a Supercenter in a Rural County and the Effects on Low-Income and Food Insecure Residents Food Acquiring Strategies and Diets," accepted for *Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting*, July/August, New Orleans, LA.

- 2013 “The Benefits of Experiential Learning: A Comparison of One Class Section with and One Class Section Without Experiential Learning for Understanding the Topic of Food Insecurity and Hunger,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, March, Portland, OR.
- 2011 “Food Security in a Changing Retail Environment: The Effects for Food Insecure Households,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, March, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 “Service Learning as a Tool to Better Understand Issues in the Sociology of Education,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, March, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 “Pen Pals Service Learning Project: Outcomes for WSU and Ferndale Elementary Students,” presented at the *2011 Academic Showcase at Washington State University*, March, Pullman, WA.
- 2010 “Incorporating Service Learning into Courses,” presented at *Washington State University Teaching Workshop*, March, Pullman, WA.
- 2010 “Turning Social Justice into Action,” presented at the *Power of One Conference*, April, Pullman, WA.
- 2009 “The Sociological Imagination, Poverty & Service Learning: Students Educating a University Community on Action & Needs,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, April, San Diego, CA.
- 2009 “Street Yoga Program Evaluation 2008: The Effects of Yoga on at Risk Populations,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, April, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 “Environmental Education: Factors behind Curriculum Adoption,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, April, Portland, OR.

#### AWARDS RECEIVED

---

College of Social Sciences Research/Creative Activities Award, Fresno State, College of Social Sciences 2015-2016

Distinguished Faculty Service Award, Fresno State April 2015

College of Social Sciences Research/Creative Activities Award, Fresno State, College of Social Sciences 2014-2015

CSU Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award, Fresno State, 2014-2015

Distinguished Service Learning Award, Washington State University, Center for Civic Engagement, 2009-2010

Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Awards Nominee, Washington State University, The Division of Student Affairs, Equity and Diversity, 2009.

Updated September 12, 2017

Joseph R. DeMartini Teaching Award Educational Travel Grant, Washington State University, Sociology Department, 2006-2007.

Fred R. Yoder Memorial Graduate Fellowship, Washington State University, Sociology Department, 2005-2006.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

---

*Internship Capstone*. Instructor, Fall 2017, Summer 2017. Washington State University, Pullman. Upper Division Capstone Course.

*Sociology of Education (service-learning emphasis)*. Instructor, Spring 2017, Summer 2017. Washington State University, Pullman. Upper Division Course.

*Development of Social Theory*. Instructor, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016. Washington State University, Pullman. Upper Division Course.

*Introduction to Sociology*. Instructor, Fall 2016. Washington State University, Pullman. Lower Division course required for Sociology undergraduate majors.

*Urban Sociology*. Instructor, Spring 2017, Fall 2016. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Sociology of Food (service-learning emphasis)*. Assistant Professor, Spring 2015, Spring 2016. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Rural Sociology*. Assistant Professor, Fall 2014. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Urban Sociology (service-learning emphasis)*. Assistant Professor, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Sociology of Education (service-learning emphasis)*. Assistant Professor, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Critical Thinking About Society (service-learning emphasis)*. Assistant Professor, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015. California State University, Fresno. Lower Division Course.

*Contemporary Social Issues (service-learning emphasis)*. Assistant Professor, Fall 2015, Spring 2016. California State University, Fresno. Upper Division Course.

*Internship Capstone (experiential learning emphasis)*. Instructor, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Summer 2012, Spring 2012. Washington State University. Upper Division Capstone Course.

*Internship Capstone Online (experiential learning emphasis)*. Instructor, Spring 2013, Fall 2012. Washington State University. Upper Division Online Capstone Course.

Updated September 12, 2017

*Independent Study*. Instructor, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012. Washington State University. Upper Division Sociology Course for Sociology Club Members.

*Sociology of Education (service learning emphasis)*. Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010. Washington State University. Upper Division Sociology Course.

*Introduction to Social Research*. Instructor, Spring 2013; Graduate Student Instructor, Summer 2011. Washington State University. Upper Division Sociology Course.

*Introduction to Sociology (service learning emphasis)*. Graduate Student Instructor, Summer 2010, Summer 2009, Summer 2007, Spring 2006. Washington State University. Lower Division course required for Sociology undergraduate majors.

*Sociology of Gender*. Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 2010. Washington State University. Upper Division Sociology Course.

*Social Problems (service learning emphasis)*. Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2008, Summer 2008, Spring 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Fall 2006. Washington State University. Introductory Sociology Course.

*Introduction to Sociology*. Teaching Assistant Discussion Leader, Fall 2005. Washington State University. Lower Division course required for Sociology undergraduate majors.

*Social Inequality*. Teaching Assistant, Spring 2005. Washington State University. Teaching assistant to Professor Julie Kmec. Upper Division Sociology Course.

*Sociology of Gender*. Teaching Assistant, Fall 2004. Washington State University. Teaching assistant to Professor Irene Beattie. Upper Division Sociology Course.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

---

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Washington State University, 2004-2005, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Search Committee Nutrition Hire, Fresno State, 2015-2016

Search Committee Joint Hire with Africana Studies, Fresno State, 2014-2015

Co-Advisor Fresno State Food Recovery Network, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Honor Society Beta of WA Chapter Representative, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Assessment Coordinator, Washington State University, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Awards Committee, Washington State University, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2016-2017

Colloquium Committee, Washington State University, 2005-2006

Sociology Club Advisor, Washington State University, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Updated September 12, 2017

**CAMPUS SERVICE:**

Catalog Subcommittee, Washington State University, 2017-2018

College of Arts and Sciences Program Assessment committee, Washington State University, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Studies Advisory Council, Washington State University, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Center for Civic Engagement Advisory Council, Washington State University, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Faculty Lead Service-Learning Study Abroad to Fiji, Winter 2015-2016

Curriculum committee, College of Social Sciences, Fresno State, 2015-2016

Library Subcommittee, Fresno State, 2015-2016

Annual Fresno State National Hunger and Homelessness Week Advisory Committee, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

Annual Fresno State Hunger Banquet Advisory Committee, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

Center for Civic Engagement Civic Engagement Nomination Review Committee, 2009-2010

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Communication Action Center Program Evaluator, Pullman, WA, 2016-2017

Guiding Coalition and Board Member Circles Fresno, Fresno, CA, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

Member Fresno County Food System Alliance, Fresno, CA, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Evaluation Designer and Consultant for Local Rural Food Pantries, Whitman County, WA, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Evaluation Designer and Consultant for StreetYoga-works with at risk populations in Portland, OR (non-profit), 2008-2009

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Pacific Sociological Association

Member, Rural Sociological Society

Member, California Sociological Association

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

---

Matthew Jendian, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair of Sociology  
California State University, Fresno  
5340 N. Campus Dr. M/S SS97  
Fresno, CA 93740-8019  
[matthewj@csufresno.edu](mailto:matthewj@csufresno.edu)  
(559) 278-2234 Department  
(559) 278-2891 Direct Line in Office

Raymond Jussaume, Jr., Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair of Sociology  
Michigan State University  
317B Berkey Hall  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
[jussaume@msu.edu](mailto:jussaume@msu.edu)  
(517) 353-6790

Christine Oakley, Ph.D.  
Associate Clinical Professor of Sociology  
and Director Global Learning  
PO Box 645121  
Pullman, WA 99164-5121  
[coakley@wsu.edu](mailto:coakley@wsu.edu)  
(509) 335-8180

Jennifer Randles, Ph.D.  
Professor of Sociology  
California State University, Fresno  
5340 N. Campus Dr. M/S SS97  
Fresno, CA 93740-8019  
[jrandles@csufresno.edu](mailto:jrandles@csufresno.edu)  
(559) 278-5146

Jennifer Sherman, Ph.D.  
Professor of Sociology  
Washington State University  
PO Box 644020  
Pullman, WA 99164-4020  
[jennifer\\_sherman@wsu.edu](mailto:jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu)  
(509) 335-4163