

Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Sociology, PhD, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	2000
Sociology, MA, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	1996
Sociology, B.A., Religion minor, William Penn College, Oskaloosa IA	1994

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology East Carolina University	2006 (Fall) – Current
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology East Carolina University	2000-2006 (Spring)
Research Associate, Department of Sociology Louisiana State University	1996-1999

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS *Student Co-Author

Powers, Rebecca S. & *Monica Calderon Pinedo. 2018. "Comparing Places on Types of Internet Use" International Journal of Social Research 2:19. DOI: 10.28933/ijsr-2018-06-2001

Livermore, Michelle, Powers, Rebecca S., Lim, Yonghee, & Davis, Belinda. 2014. "Predicting Material Hardship Among Former Welfare-to-Work Participants: An Income and Resource Packaging Model" Journal of Social Service Research 41(2): 158-171

Powers, Rebecca S., Michelle Livermore and Belinda Creel Davis. 2013. "The Complex Lives of Disconnected Welfare Leavers: Examining Barriers, Social Support, Community Resources and Informal Employment" Journal of Poverty 17 (4): 394-413

Powers, Rebecca S., Ken Wilson, *Megan Keels and *Magdalen Walton. 2013. "Shifts in Home Internet Access from 2001 to 2011: Examining the Digital Divide" Sociation Today 11 (1): 1-16

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS *Student Co-Author (continued)

- *Keels, Megan M. and Rebecca S. Powers. 2013. "Marital Name Changing: A Deeper Understanding of Why Women Choose a Traditional Naming Practice" Advances in Applied Sociology 3 (7): 301-306
- Livermore, Michelle, Rebecca S. Powers, Belinda Creel Davis and Younghee Lim. 2011 "Failing to Make Ends Meet: Dubious Financial Success among Employed Former Welfare to Work Program Participants" Journal of Economic and Family Issues 32 (1): 73-83
Onlinefirst: published in 2010 DOI: 10.1007/s10834-010-9192-5
- Suitor, J. Jill, *Mari Plikuhn, *Megan Gilligan and Rebecca S. Powers. 2008. "Unforeseen Consequences of Mothers' Return to School: Children's Educational Aspirations and Outcomes" Sociological Perspectives 51 (3): 495-513
- Livermore, Michelle M. and Rebecca S. Powers. 2006. "Unfulfilled Plans and Financial Stress: Unwed Mothers and Unemployment" Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment 13 (1): 1-17
- Livermore, Michelle M. and Rebecca S. Powers. 2006. "Employment of Unwed New Mothers: The Role of Government and Social Support" Journal of Economic and Family Issues 27(3):479-494
- Powers, Rebecca S. and Christa Reiser. 2005. "Gender and Self-Perceptions of Social Power" Social Behavior and Personality 33(6):553-568
- Powers, Rebecca S. 2005. "Working It Out in North Carolina: Employers and Hispanic/Latino Workers" Sociation Today 3(2): <http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/v32/powers.htm>
- Suitor, J. Jill, Rebecca S. Powers, and *Rachel Brown. 2004. "Avenues to Prestige Among Adolescents in Public and Religiously Affiliated High Schools" Adolescence 39:229-241
- Powers, Rebecca S. 2003. "Doing the Daily Grind: The Effects of Domestic Labor on Professional, Managerial and Technical Workers' Earnings" Gender Issues 21(1):3-23
- Powers, Rebecca S. and Roger Wojtkiewicz. 2003. "Occupational Aspirations, Gender, and Educational Attainment" Sociological Spectrum 24 (5): 601-622
- Powers, Rebecca S. and Michelle Livermore. 2003. "Will Unwed New Mothers Seek Employment?: The Role of Government and Social Support" Gender Issues: 21(4):31-49
- Powers, Rebecca S., J. Jill Suitor, Susana Guerra, Monisa Shackelford, Dorothy Mecom, and Kim Gusman. 2003. "Regional Differences in Gender Role Attitudes: Variations by Gender and Race" Gender Issues 21(2):40-54
- Suitor, J. Jill, Staci Minyard, and Rebecca S. Powers (Carter). 2001. "Did You See What I Saw?: Gender Differences in Perceptions of Avenues of Prestige among Adolescents" Sociological Inquiry 71(4): 437-454

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS *Student Co-Author (continued)

- Powers (Carter), Rebecca S. and Roger Wojtkiewicz. 2000. "Parental Involvement with Adolescents' Education: Do Daughters or Sons Get More Help?" Adolescence: 35:29-44
- Suitor, J. Jill, and Rebecca S. Powers (Carter). 1999. "Jocks, Nerds, Babes, and Thugs: Exploring Regional Differences in Adolescent Gender Norms" Gender Issues: 17 (3):87-101

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED

2018. Wang, George., Holla, Donna., **Powers**, Rebecca., Ferguson, Kenneth., Buckeridge, John. "Nurturing Leadership Capability for Construction Management Majored Students." International Conference on Professionalism and Ethics in Construction London, UK. November 21-22, 2018.

GRANTS

2018. (August) Wang, George (PI), Kenneth Ferguson (Co-PI), and Rebecca **Powers** (Co-PI) "Standard: Integrating Globalization into Engineering Ethics Education" National Science Foundation. Amount Requested \$599,968.00. Not Funded.
2014. (June) Wang, George (PI), **Powers**, Rebecca S. (Co-PI), and Pagliari, Leslie (Co-PI), "The Internationalization of Ethics Education for Civil and Construction Engineering - An International Research Collaboration Involving Five Countries" National Science Foundation (NSF). Amount Requested \$ 497,366. Not Funded
2013. (March) Wang, George (PI), **Powers**, Rebecca S. (Co-PI), Pagliari, Leslie (Co-PI), Liu, Liang, and Moriarty, Eugene. "Integrating Global Components into Ethics Education in Civil and Construction Engineering and Management" National Science Foundation, EESE Program, Amount Requested. \$399,761. Not Funded
2013. (January) Wilson, Ken (PI) and **Powers**, Rebecca S. (Co-PI) "NC Broadband Rigor in Mapping: LITE-UP Data Analysis and Overall Project Evaluation" Grant #212364. NC Department of Commerce. Amount requested \$11,760. Funded.
2012. (January) Wilson, Ken (PI) and **Powers**, Rebecca S. (Co-PI), "NC Broadband Rigor in Mapping: Citizen Surveys for Broadband Planning North Carolina" Grant #212363, NC Department of Commerce. Amount Requested. \$32,871 Funded.
- 2010-2011. Hao, Huili (PI), Kain, Donna (Co-P.I.), Knollenberg, Whitney (Co-P.I.), Long Patrick (Co-P.I.). **Powers**, Rebecca S. (Co-P.I.), Smith, Catherine (Co-P.I.) and Wilson, Ken (Co-P.I.). "Employers' and Managers' Perception of Drilled Oil Risks for Coastal North Carolina's Tourism-Impacted Businesses and Organizations" Submitted by ECU Center for Sustainable Tourism and Departments of English and Sociology. NC SeaGrant. Amount Requested \$4,932. Funded

GRANTS (continued)

- 2009-2010. **Powers**, Rebecca S. (PI), Popke, E. Jeffrey. (Co-PI), and Torres, Rebecca M. (Co-PI). "Employers and Hispanic/Latino Workers in Eastern North Carolina", ECU Research and Development Seed Grant, Amount Requested \$39,888. Funded.
2006. **Powers**, Rebecca S., (PI). "Proposal to Evaluate Selected Department of Social Services Programs" Louisiana Department of Social Services, Amount Requested \$25,319 Funded.
2004. **Powers**, Rebecca S., (PI) "Employers and Hispanic/Latino Workers in Pitt County (II)" East Carolina University Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Research Stipend, Greenville, NC. Amount Requested \$6,660.00. Funded.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS *Student Co-Presenter

- Powers, R. S., Livermore, M., *Norman, Hannah., & *Hobday, Marina. "Why can't I get online?" Lack of Internet Access in North Carolina" Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2020: Meeting canceled due to COVID-19.
- Powers, R. S., Livermore, M., & *Jesilyn Brown. "Institutionalized Social Inequality and the Digital Divide." Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. April 2019
- Powers, R.S. & *Micha Lanier. "Life in the Digital Divide Without Home Internet Access" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April 2018
- Powers, R. S., Livermore, M. M. & *Amy Susan Bright. "Getting Online: Trends Over Time in Internet Access." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April 2018
- Powers, R. S., Livermore, M. M., *Wade McIntyre, & *Sara Lane. "Examining the Digital Divide: Mom, I Need My Own Computer." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta Georgia. April 2016
- Powers, R. S., Livermore, M. M. & *Wade McIntyre. "Being Disconnected in a Connected Society: Mothers, Computer Ownership and Internet Access" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2015
- Powers, R., Thea Cox, Sidney Monday, Madison Nowicki, Kimberly Reid. "Linking Households that Lack Digital Access: What Barriers Exist?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2015
- Wilson K., Powers, R. S., *Ashley Howard & Stephen Banks. "Home Internet Access in Struggling Economy (2010-2013), Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte NC, April 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS **Student Co-Presenter* (continued)

Livermore, M., Powers, R. S., Lim, Y. and Creel Davis, B. "Predicting Material Hardship: Are Formal and Informal Social and Economic Inputs Important?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 2013

Wilson, Ken & Powers, R. S. "The State of the Digital Divide: Unanswered Questions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 2013

Wilson, Ken, Powers, R. S., *Megan Keels, and *Magdalen Walton. "Shifts in Home Internet Access from 2001 to 2011: Examining the Digital Divide." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA March 2012

Wilson, Ken & Powers, R. S. "Digital Divide" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL. April 2011

Powers, R. S., & Livermore, M., "Disconnected Low-Income Women in Louisiana" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. February 2011

Powers, R. S., Livermore, M., & *Kacee Gore. "Social Support and Services in West Greenville." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia. April 2010

Powers, R. S., *Charles Minggia & Jonathan Harris. "Living There Tells the True Story: Is Community Revitalization a Good Thing?" Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 2009

Powers, R. S., Popke, J. E., & Torres, R. M. "Reports from the Boss about Hispanic/Latino Workers in Eastern North Carolina." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 2009

Powers, R. S. "Playing by the Rules and Losing: Recent Outcomes in the Wake of Welfare Reform." Invited presentation at Women's Studies Wednesdays -ECU Research Presentation Event, Greenville, NC, November 2008

*Lewis, Shannon M. & Powers, R. S. "Which Name Will It Be? Recent Information from College Students on Name Changing Preferences." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, April 2008

J. Jill Sutor, *Mari Plikuhn, *Megan Gilligan, and Rebecca S. Powers. "Unforeseen Consequences of Mothers' Return to School: Children's Educational Aspirations and Outcomes." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York, NY, August 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS *Student Co-Presenter (continued)

Reiser, Christa & Rebecca S. Powers. "Gender and Self-Perceptions of Social Power" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, Charlotte, NC, April 2005

Powers, Rebecca S. & Reiser, C. "Gender and Social Power in Context" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Greenville NC. April 2005

Powers, Rebecca S., J. Jill Suito & Karl Pillemer. "Gender Differences in Reporting Discrepancies Between the Generations: The Role of 'Women's Ways of Knowing'" Paper presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, Washington DC. November 2004

Reiser, Christa & Powers, R. S. "Perceptions of Power" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Association, Atlanta GA, August 2004

Powers, Rebecca S. & Michelle M. Livermore. "Will Unwed New Mothers Seek Employment?: The Role of Government and Social Support" with Michelle Livermore. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA, August 2004

Suito, J. Jill, Rebecca S. Powers (Carter) & *Rachel Brown. "'And the Kids Are All So Nice at St. Aloysius': Avenues to Prestige among Adolescents in Private and Public High Schools" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA, April 2003

Powers (Carter), Rebecca S. "Working it Out in North Carolina: Employers and Hispanic Workers" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 2002

Donato, Katharine M., Shawn Malia Kanaiaupuni, & Rebecca S. Powers (Carter). "Fertility Preferences and Contraceptive Use: How Migration Affects the Choices of Mexican Women" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 2001

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Powers, R. S., Livermore, M., "Institutionalized Social Inequality and the Digital Divide." Expected submission Spring 2023: Intended Outlet: Journal of Poverty

Powers, R. S., Livermore, M., Galiffa, J. "Examining the Digital Divide and Poverty" Intended Outlet: Advances in Applied Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Inequality, Gender Inequality, The Digital Divide, Immigration

REVIEWER

Social Science Research, Social Problems, Sociological Spectrum, Sociological Forum,
Frontiers Sociology/ Immigration and Migration

RESEARCH REPORTS DELIVERED: MOST RECENT

- Powers, R. S. (2016). Martin County Schools and Kramden Institute: A Project Evaluation Report. Clients. *Superintendent of Martin County Schools, Ron S. Melchiorre and Kramden Institute Director, Cari DelMariani.*
- Wilson, K., & Powers, R. S. (2014). Citizen Survey 2013 Report (CRL). Client. *North Carolina Department of Commerce, NC Broadband, Deborah Watts. Deborah Watts, NC Division of Technology.*
- Powers, R. S., & Wilson, K. (2014). LITE-UP Data Analysis and Overall Project Evaluation: Report of Results for FOLLOW-UP SURVEY (Survey 3). Client. *North Carolina Department of Commerce, NC Broadband, Deborah Watts.*
- Powers, R. S. (2013). WYCC 2012 Final Report. *Washington Yacht and Country Club. Clients. Dr. John Maiolo and Board Members.*
- Powers, R. S. (2013). History Alumni Survey 2013 (CRL). Clients. *Dr. Marieke Van Willigen, ECU Sociology Department and Dr. Prokopowicz, ECU History Department.*
- Powers, R. S. (2013). WYCC Survey: Report of Results (CRL). Clients. *Dr. John Maiolo and Daniel Bergiven.*
- Wilson, K., & Powers, R. S. (2013). NC Lite Up Exit Survey Results Summary. Client. *North Carolina Department of Commerce, NC Broadband, Deborah Watts.*

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Race, Gender and Class (SOC 1010)
Introductory Sociology (SOC 2110)
Methods of Research (SOC 3213)
Sociology of Immigration (SOC 3219)
Sociology of Work (SOC 3250)
Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SOC 4345)
Social Inequality (SOC 4347)

Graduate

Sociology of Immigration (SOC 6010)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society (AKD)

American Association for University Women (AAUW)

North Carolina Sociological Society (NCSA)

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

HONORS AND AWARDS: MOST RECENT

January 2016 Teaching Excellence Award for Lower Division, Department of Sociology
(nominated)

January 2017 Teaching Excellence Award for Lower Division, Department of Sociology
(nominated)

January 2020 Teaching Excellence Award for Lower Division, Department of Sociology
(nominated)

January 2021 Teaching Excellence Award for Lower Division, Department of Sociology
(nominated)

OTHER

AKD Advisor, Delta Chapter, ECU: Fall 2010 to present (12-35 UG and MA student inductees per academic year).