

Laura E. Agnich

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology; Expected May 2011, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dissertation, "A Cross-National Study of School Violence"

Master of Science, Sociology; May 2007, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Thesis, "Masculinities and Sexual Violence among a Sample of Clients of Street Prostitutes"

Bachelor of Science, Sociology; May 2005; Minors: Psychology, Women's Studies; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminology; Juvenile Delinquency; Drugs and Society; Research Methods; Sociological Theory

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Violent crime; School violence; Critical incident analysis; Communities' recovery from disasters; Violence against women

EXTERNAL FUNDING

\$6,000 *Academy of Critical Incident Analysis*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, Spring 2010

For development of online database of shooting incidents in educational settings, including school-based mass murder, attempted mass murder and murder-suicide incidents in 38 countries.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed:

Hawdon, James; Ryan, John and Laura Agnich. 2010. "Crime as a Source of Solidarity: A Research Note Testing Durkheim's Assertion." *Deviant Behavior*. 31:679-703.

Agnich, Laura; Hawdon, James and John Ryan. April 2008. "Communal Grief and Solidarity after 4/16/07 at Virginia Tech." *Footnotes*. 36 (4).

Agnich, Laura; Baker, Kimberly; Carney, Megan and Shannon Turner. June 2008. "[Classified]: Stories that Catalyze Dialogue about Diversity." *Community Arts Perspectives*. 1 (1).

Encyclopedia Entries:

Agnich, Laura. Forthcoming, 2011. "Methadone Control Act." *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*. Kleiman, Mark and James Hawdon, eds. Sage Publications.

Agnich, Laura. Forthcoming, 2011. "Aviation Drug-Trafficking Control Act." *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*. Kleiman, Mark and James Hawdon, eds. Sage Publications.

Handbook:

Jones, Kathleen; Hardcastle, Valerie and Laura Agnich. *A Guide to Mentoring*. Handbook, CLAHS, Virginia Tech. September 2007.

AWARDS/HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor of the Year, May 2010, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech

Advancing Women Award, Nominated Spring 2008, Virginia Tech

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Council for Black Studies, 2010-present
Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2009-present
Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, 2005-present
Golden Key International Honour Society, 2007-present
American Sociological Association, 2005-present
Southern Sociological Society, 2005-present
National Women's Studies Association, 2005-present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught:

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Course Level</i>	<i>Semester and Year</i>	<i>Online or In-Person</i>	<i>Class Size</i>	<i>University</i>
Quantitative Analysis for Decision Makers	Grad level PAD 770	Spring 2010	Both; Co-taught with Sal Guajardo	20	John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Criminology	SOC 3414	Summer 2010	Online	30	Virginia Tech
		Spring 2010	Online	130	Virginia Tech
		Summer 2009	Online	40	Virginia Tech
		Summer 2008	In-Person	20	Virginia Tech
Drugs and Society	SOC 4414	Fall 2009	In-Person	130	Virginia Tech
Deviant Behavior	SOC 2404	Spring 2009	In-Person	70	Virginia Tech

Relevant Coursework:

Master Online Instructor Certificate, IDDL, Virginia Tech, Spring 2010
Scaling Large Classes for the Online Environment Brown Bag, Spring 2010
Faculty Development Institute, Scholar: Tools for Teaching, Spring 2010
SOC 5984, Sociological Issues in College Pedagogy, Spring 2008
GRAD 5114, Contemporary Pedagogy, Spring 2007
GRAD 5004, GTA Training Workshop, Fall 2006

Graduate Teaching Assistantships, Virginia Tech:

Fall 2010; John Ryan, Department of Sociology, *Intro to Sociology*

Fall 2010; James Hawdon, Department of Sociology, *Drugs and Society*

Spring 2008; James Hawdon, Department of Sociology, *Drugs and Society*

Spring 2006; Neal King, Department of Sociology, *Intro to Sociology* (600 students)

Guest Lecturer, Virginia Tech:

Intro Sociology (600 students): welfare reform, March 2006

Criminology: broken windows theory, April 2006

Deviant Behavior: sexual deviance, October 2006

Deviant Behavior: sex work, March 2007

Sociological Theory: feminist theory, November 2008

Social Problems: serial killers, March 2009

Intro Sociology: gender inequality, June 2010

RESEARCH

Graduate Research Assistantships, Virginia Tech:

Summer 2010; Department of Sociology, "*Why is Life Expectancy Declining in Some Parts of the United States?*" Dean's Faculty Fellowship Research

- Supervisor: Ted Fuller
- Quantitative analysis in SAS and SPSS of Integrated Health Interview Series data

Summer 2009; Department of Computer Science, "*Field Study of In-use Information Security and Interfaces within Medical Practices*"

- Supervisor: Laurian Vega
- Conducted interviews with medical staff; transcribed; analyzed data in NVIVO; co-wrote final report

Summer 2008; Department of Sociology and Department of Human Development, "*Preschool Pilot Initiative*," Department of Education grant

- Supervisors: James Hawdon, Donna Sedgwick and Isabel Bradburn
- Quantitative data entry and analysis in SPSS; Conducted and transcribed interviews

Summer 2007-Spring 2008; "*Exploring a Community's Response to Tragedy*," NSF SGER Award

- Supervisors: James Hawdon and John Ryan, Department of Sociology
- Qualitative and quantitative analyses: content analysis of newspaper articles, conducted focus groups, interviews, analyzed survey data in SPSS and SAS

Spring 2007; “*Campus Climate Research Project*,” AdvanceVT grant

- Supervisor: Valerie Hardcastle, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative analysis of departmental diversity plans, interviews and focus groups

Fall 2006; “*Diversity and Mentoring Junior Faculty*,” AdvanceVT grant

- Supervisor: Kathleen Jones, Department of History
- Conducted interviews and focus groups with junior and senior faculty

Summer 2006-Fall 2006; “*Martinsville Project*”

- Supervisors: Terry Kershaw and Ellington Graves, Race and Social Policy Research Center, Virginia Tech
- Conducted focus groups related to quality of life issues in Martinsville, Henry County, Virginia

Fall 2005; “*Handbook on Death and Dying*”

- Supervisor: Clifton Bryant, Department of Sociology
- Editing, literature reviews

SERVICE

Session Organizer:

August 2011; *Mass Disasters*, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL

August 2010; *The Global Sex Industry and Social Justice*, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA

Advising:

Golden Key International Honour Society; January 2007-August 2009; Primary Advisor, Virginia Tech Chapter

Leadership Tech Engaging Leaders; Fall 2006-Spring 2007; Facilitator, Social Justice Group

Committees:

Curriculum Committee; September 2009-present; Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech

Diversity Committee; January 2007-May 2009; College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech

Alliance for Undoing Racism at VT; March 2005-August 2007; Organizational Planning Committee, Virginia Tech

Other:

Graduate Scholars Society, Fall 2008; Student leader of discussion group, "America and the Middle East: How 'Us Versus Them' Ignores History, Devalues the Present, and Imperils the Future," Virginia Tech

INVITED CONFERENCES

Critical Incident Education: State of the Question. The Academy for Critical Incident Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. October 20-22, 2010. Manhattan, New York.

Critical Incident Analysis: Displacement as an Obstacle to Recovery. Hosted by, The Academy for Critical Incident Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. June 9-11, 2010. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Aftermath Dynamics and Management: Through the Lens of the Virginia Tech Incident. Hosted by, The Academy for Critical Incident Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, and the Center for Peace and Violence Studies, Virginia Tech. July 23, 2009. Blacksburg, Virginia.

PRESENTED PAPERS

Agnich, Laura. "A Feminist Analysis of Sex Trafficking and the Spread of HIV/AIDS." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. August 13, 2010. Atlanta, Georgia.

Agnich, Laura. "[Classified]: Color-Blind Racism in a Campus Diversity Initiative." *National Council for Black Studies*. March 18, 2010. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Agnich, Laura. "The Social Construction of Grief after a Campus Mass Murder." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. August 7, 2009. San Francisco, California.

Agnich, Laura. "What University Mass Murder Incidents Share with Other Sets of Incidents." *Aftermath Dynamics and Management: Through the Lens of the Virginia Tech Incident*. Conference hosted by, The Academy for Critical Incident Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, and the Center for Peace and Violence Studies, Virginia Tech. July 23, 2009. Blacksburg, Virginia.

Agnich, Laura. "Standards-Based Education Reform, Masculinity, and the Rise of the High School Shooter: A Macro-Sociological Trend Analysis of the United States since 1927." *Southern Sociological Society*. April 2009. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hawdon, James, Ryan, John and Laura Agnich. "Building and Sustaining a Sense of Community after Tragedy." *Southern Sociological Society*, April 2009. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Agnich, Laura; Hawdon, James and John Ryan. "The 'Framing' of 4-16: Gender and Symbolic Nurturing." *Southern Sociological Society*, April 12, 2008. Richmond, Virginia.

Agnich, Laura; Baker, Kimberly; Carney, Megan; Turner, Shannon. "[Classified]: Stories that Catalyze Dialogue about Diversity." *Community Arts Convening*, March 16-18, 2008, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland.

Agnich, Laura; Baker, Kimberley; Turner, Shannon and Megan Carney. "[Classified]: Evaluating the impact of a theater arts production on undergraduates' perceptions of diversity." *Southern Sociological Society*, April 12, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia

Agnich, Laura. "Masculinity and Sexual Violence among a Sample of Clients of Street Prostitutes." *Southern Sociological Society*, April 14, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia

Agnich, Laura and Carla Miller. "Hurricane Katrina: The Effects of Disaster on School-Age Children." *Southern Sociological Society*, March 24, 2006, New Orleans

Agnich, Laura. "Re-Conceptualizing the Link between Community Disorder, Cohesion, Fear and Crime." *Southern Sociological Society*, March 25, 2006, New Orleans

Agnich, Laura. "Constructing Masculinity in Sex Work." *Southern Sociological Society*, March 25, 2006, New Orleans