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EDUCATION

- 1993 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Dissertation: Birthing and Bureaucratic Women: Gender, Professionalization
and the Construction of Medical Needs, 1920-1935.
- 1987 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 1985 B.S., Sociology and Gerontology, *Summa cum Laude*, Western Michigan
University.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2005- Oregon State University, Associate Professor of Sociology.
- 2003-2005 Oregon State University, Assistant Professor of Sociology.
- 1999-2003 Linfield College, Associate Professor of Sociology.
Department Chair 1999-2000 and 2001-2003.
- 1998-1999 Reed College, Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology.
- 1993-1998 Linfield College, Assistant Professor of Sociology.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of Health and Medicine; Sociology of Knowledge; Professions; U.S. Welfare
State; Document/Text Analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2009 Barker, Kristin and Gary Tiedeman (editors). *Haiku For Sociologists:
Seventeen Syllable Gifts for the Student of Society*. Mukilteo, WA: Basho Press
(forthcoming).

- 2005 Barker, Kristin. *The Fibromyalgia Story: Medical Authority and Women's Worlds of Pain*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Barker, Kristin. "The Social Construction of Illness: Medicalization and Contested Illness." In Chloe Bird, Peter Conrad, Allen Fremont, and Stephan Timmermans (eds.), *The Handbook of Medical Sociology, 6th edition*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall (forthcoming).
- 2008 Barker, Kristin. "Electronic Support Groups, Patient-Consumers, and Medicalization: The Case of Contested Illness." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 49(1):20-36.
- Translated and reprinted in *Salute e Società* (forthcoming).
- 2003 Barker, Kristin. "Birthing and Bureaucratic Women: 'Needs Talk' and the Definitional Legacy of the Sheppard-Towner Act." *Feminist Studies* 29(2):333-355.
- 2002 Barker, Kristin. "Self-Help Literature and the Making of an Illness Identity: The Case of Fibromyalgia Syndrome." *Social Problems* 49(3):279-300.
- Reprinted in Peter Conrad (ed.), 2005. *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives, 7th edition*. New York: Worth Press.
- Reprinted in Peter Conrad (ed.), 2009. *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives, 8th edition*. New York: Worth Press.
- 1998 Barker, Kristin. "A Ship upon a Stormy Sea: The Medicalization of Pregnancy." *Social Science and Medicine* 47(8):1067-1076.
- 1998 Barker, Kristin. "Women Physicians and the Gendered System of Professions: An Analysis of the Sheppard-Towner Act of 1921." *Work and Occupations* 25(2):229-255.
- 1997 Barker, Kristin. "Federal Maternal Policy and Gender Politics: Comparative Insights." Review Essay, *Journal of Women's History* 9(2):183-191.
- 1990 Schulz, Rockwell, William Scheckler, Chris Girard, and Kristin Barker. "Physician Adaptation to Health Maintenance Organizations and Implications for Management." *Health Services Research* 25(1):43-64.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 1997 Barker, Kristin. *The Wages of Motherhood: Inequality in the Welfare State, 1941-1942* by Gwendolyn Mink. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1995. Appears in *International Labor and Working-Class History* 52:185-188.
- 1995 Barker, Kristin. *Fallen Women, Problem Girls: Unmarried Mothers and the Professionalization of Social Work, 1890-1945* by Regina G. Kunzel. New Haven.: Yale University Press, 1993. Appears in *American Journal of Sociology* 100:1074-1077.
- 1994 Barker, Kristin. *Mother-Infant Bonding: A Scientific Fiction* by Diane E. Eyer. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992. Appears in *American Journal of Sociology* 99:1116-1118.
- 1991 Brush, Lisa and Kristin Barker. *Women and Social Welfare: A Feminist Analysis* by Dorothy Miller. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1990. Appears in *American Journal of Sociology* 96:1280-1281.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 "Pharmaceutical Risk and Online Lay Expertise." International Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2007 "Using Texts As Qualitative Data/Analyzing Qualitative Data as Texts." Invited Presentation, Sociology Department, University of Victoria, British Columbia.
- 2007 "Mindfulness: The Self and Healing in Late-Modernity." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2007 "Illness is Personal: Feminist Reflections on Medicalization." Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2007 "Fibromyalgia Syndromes and Medical Skepticism: Managing Symptoms and Seeking Legitimacy." Invited Lecture at the 31st Annual Oregon State University Gerontology Conference.
- 2005 "Mobilization and Medicalization: Electronic Support Groups and Contested Illness." Invited Presentation at *Illness and the Contours of Contestation: Diagnosis, Experience, and Policy*, University of Victoria, British Columbia.
- 2005 "Electronic Support Groups and Contested Chronic Illness: An Exploration in Electronic Ethnography." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

- 2005 Presider, Author Meets Critics, "*Rapunzel's Daughters* by Rose Weitz." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- 2004 "In Search Of Meaning: Self and Self-Labeling at the Mind-Body Crossroads." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2002 "The Medicalization of Women's Distress: The Case of Fibromyalgia." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2002 "The Social Epidemiology of Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS): Reflections on the Sociosomatic." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2001 "The Diagnostic Making of Fibrositis/Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS)." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2000 "Self-Help Narratives and the Making of an Illness Identity: The Case of Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS)." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego.
- 1999 "Medicalization and Citizenship in the Emerging Welfare State, 1900-1935." Invited Speaker, Thematic Session on Citizenship, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago.
- 1998 "The Paradox and Problems of Measuring Medical Need, Utilization, and Efficacy: The Case of Prenatal Care" (co-authored). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 1997 "The Sexual Dictates of Endocrinological Biomedicine." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego.
- 1995 "Homelessness and Teaching Ethnography" (co-authored). Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 1994 "Measuring Sexual Orientation in Survey Research" (co-authored). Lewis and Clark Gender Symposium, Portland, Oregon.
- 1993 "Gender, Professionalization, and the Medical Construction of Maternal Health Needs: An Analysis of the Sheppard-Towner Act of 1921." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Miami.
- 1993 "Women Physician's and the Gendered System of Professions." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2006 “Virtual Communities and Contested Chronic Illness: An Exploration in Electronic Ethnography.” Internal Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Oregon State University (\$8,000).
- 2004 “Mindfulness: The Self and Healing in Late-Modernity,” College of Liberal Arts Research Grant, Oregon State University, (\$4,500).
- 2004 “Electronic Self-Help and Mutual-Help Resources and Contested Chronic Illness: The Case of Fibromyalgia Syndrome,” Faculty Release Time (FRT) Award, Oregon State University, (\$4,500).
- 2004 Sociology Student Choice Award: Outstanding Professor, Oregon State University.
- 1996 Top-Ten Faculty Award, Linfield College.
- 1989 Preliminary Examination, Political Sociology, Pass with Distinction, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

COURSES TAUGHT (partial listing)

Introduction to Sociology, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Health and Illness, The Sociology of Madness, Social Theory and the Body, Gender and Society, Gender and Science, Feminist Theory, Aging in America, Introduction to Disability Studies, Historical Sociology.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE (last five years)

- 2008-2009 Peer and Post Tenure Review Committee
Department Assessment
- 2007-2008 Student Award Committee (Chair)
Peer and Post Tenure Review Committee
Merit Committee
Department Assessment
- 2006-2007 Peer and Post Tenure Review Committee (Co-Chair)
Department Assessment
- 2005-2006 Promotion and Tenure Committee
Department Assessment
- 2004-2005 Promotion and Tenure Committee

Recruitment Committee

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (last five years)

- 2008-2009 President, Faculty Council, College of Liberal Arts
Advisory Panel Member, Undergraduate Research, Innovation,
Scholarship, and Creativity (URISC)
- 2007-2008 Member, Dean Search Committee, College of Liberal Arts
President Elect, Faculty Council, College of Liberal Arts
- 2006-2007 Faculty Senate Representative, College of Liberal Arts
- 2005-2006 Faculty Senate Representative, College of Liberal Arts
- 2004-2005 Faculty Senate Representative, College of Liberal Arts

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Gender and Society*, *Health and Place*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science and Medicine*, Temple University Press, and University of Michigan Press.