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Education

Ph.D. Expected, 2018

University of Notre Dame

Sociology

Comprehensive Examinations: Sociology of Education (March 2015)

M.A. 2015

University of Notre Dame

Sociology

Thesis: "Cultural Resources and School Success: School Engagement as the Missing Link."

Committee: Bill Carbonaro (chair), Jennifer Jones, Richard Williams

B.A. 2010

Aurora University

Sociology, Psychology, International Studies (minor)

Aurora University Honors Program

Thesis: "Education in the United States and Finland: A Comparative Analysis."

Directed by Dr. Barbara Strassberg

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Education

Social Stratification

Race and Ethnicity

Incarceration and Policing

Conference Papers and Presentations

Carbonaro, William J. and **Deanna Childress**. 2015. "A Crisis of Connection? Gender and Friendship Patterns during Adolescence." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Paper Presentation, Chicago.

Carbonaro, William J. and **Deanna Childress**. 2014. "A Crisis of Connection? Gender and Friendship Patterns during Adolescence." Center for Research on Educational Opportunity Workshop Presentation, University of Notre Dame.

Childress, Deanna. 2010. "Education in the United States and Finland: A Comparative Analysis." Paper Presentation: Undergraduate Research Conference Paper Presentation, Aurora University.

Childress, Deanna. 2009. "Globalization and Education." Undergraduate Research Conference Paper Presentation, Aurora University.

Childress, Deanna. 2008. "Effects of Music and Color on Test Performance." Psychology Undergraduate Poster Conference Presentation, Aurora University.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Childress, Deanna. 2015. "Cultural Resources and School Success: School Engagement as the Missing Link."

Carbonaro, William J. and **Deanna Childress**. 2014. "A Crisis of Connection? Gender and Friendship Patterns during Adolescence."

Research Experience

July 2016—August 2016: University of Notre Dame

Focus Group Facilitator for Jay Caponigro, Office of Public Affairs

Facilitated community engagement focus groups by: crafting focus group questions, moderating three focus groups, transcribing full audio recordings, analyzing transcription, and presenting results

January 2014—Present: University of Notre Dame

Research Assistant for Professor William Carbonaro

Analyzing nationally representative education-related data to examine the interrelationships of gender, friendship networks, and achievement/attainment

August 2012—December 2013: University of Notre Dame

Research Assistant for Professor David Sikkink

Analyzing NSYR data to test hypothesis that religious youth are moral, therapeutic deists; assisting with Cardus Religious School Initiative

Teaching Experience

Spring 2016: University of Notre Dame

Teaching Assistant for Professor William Carbonaro

Updated: August 2016

“Inner-City America: Decoding the Wire”

November 2015: University of Notre Dame

Guest Lecture: “Community Effects of Mass Incarceration”

Professional Activities and Associations

Occasional Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*

Member, American Sociological Association

Sections: Education; Race, Ethnicity and Gender; and Crime, Law and Deviance

Member, American Educational Research Association

Sections: Social Context of Education (Division G)

Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems