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Research Interests

Medical Anthropology, Mental Health, Racism and Inequality, Identity, Globalization
Human Rights, Native American studies, and disability studies

Education

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mi.

Bachelor of Science

Sociology and Anthropology, May 2017,

Delta College, University Center, Mi.

Associate in Arts

General Studies, May 2015

Research Experience

Student Researcher, Independent study with Dr. Amanda E. Garrison, 2016

- Collaborated with faculty to come up with working theory for the discourse of the Disabled Identity and Disabled Sexuality.
- Conducted extensive research on the subject of disability and sexuality through academic journals, various literature, and disability blogs.
- Examined the presence of disability and sexual discourse in various texts, such as the Social Security Blue Book, and information provided by the Department of Social Security and Community Mental Health.

Student Researcher, Class Project with Dr. Mary Senter, 2016

- Conducted qualitative interview with sociology students.
- Used NVivo software to organize responses from the interview that I, and other students, conducted in order to evaluate sociology students opinions of the sociology program at CMU. As well as to gauge why students might be attracted to the program.
- Assisted in creating a quantitative survey for sociology undergraduate students at CMU.

- Conducted various statistical analysis on data supplied by the survey using SPSS technology, and analyzed potential variables that may encourage a student to pursue a path in sociology.
- Generated a report and theory based on the data to be presented to the Sociology Department and other concerned parties.

Student Researcher, Course Assignment with Dr. Amanda E. Garrison, 2015

- Used various sources to analyze disability discourse and how Dorothy Smith's idea of the Standard North American Family influences how mothers of autistic mothers are perceived according to that discourse.
- Conducted a qualitative interview with the mother of an autistic adult to further understand how SNAF and the disability discourse affects families with disabled and mentally ill members.
- Analyzed the presence of discourse in texts provided by Community Mental Health, and discourse present in the Michigan Mental Health Code.

Certifications

- CITI certification through Central Michigan University

Papers to be Submitted for Review

Drexler, O. 2016. "The Discourse of Disabled Sexuality." Revise and submit, *Michigan Sociological Review*.

Professional Associations

- American Sociological Association
- American Association of Anthropology
- Michigan Sociology Association

Organizations

- Anthropology Club
- Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Honor Society of Sociology
- Alpha Mu Gamma: The National Collegiate of Foreign Language Honor Society
- Phi Theta Kappa: The International Society of Two Year Colleges

Academic Honors

- Awarded with Central Michigan Dean's List Recognition in Fall of 2015 and Spring of 2016.

- Awarded with Central Michigan's Community College Honor's Scholarship for Transfer Students Awarded Fall of 2015.
- Graduated Delta College with High Honors in May of 2015.
- Awarded with Delta College's Vice President List Recognition in Fall of 2012, and Fall of 2013.
- Awarded with Delta College's President List Recognition in Winter of 2014, and Fall of 2014.

Languages

- Spanish: Able to read, write and interpret at an intermediate level
- American Sign Language: Able to interpret and sign at a beginners level