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## EDUCATION

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*University of California, Irvine* *Sept 2011 – Present*  
PhD, Sociology (Emphases in Gender and Culture)

*University of California, Irvine* *June 2013*  
“Dropping Out, Trading Up, or Changing Track? Where People Go When They Leave STEM.”  
M.A., Sociology

*University of California, Irvine* *June 2011*  
B.A., Sociology, Summa cum Laude with Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender

Culture

Social Movements

Environmental Sociology

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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*University of California, Irvine* *Irvine, CA*  
*Researcher* *June 2013-Present*

Options in Leadership: How Minority Characters Lead in Television Crime Dramas

- Project investigates the differences in writing for minority characters in crime dramas that have previously featured white male characters as leaders.
- Aims to discover how leadership options change for characters in less socially privileged positions and how leadership is expressed through fictional characters based on social understandings of power and leadership.

*University of California, Irvine* *Irvine, CA*  
*Researcher* *March 2012-June 2013*

Dropping Out, Trading Up, or Changing Track? Where People Go When They Leave the STEM Pipeline.

- Project explored previously unanswered questions about how men and women’s options compare upon leaving STEM.
- Discovered personal benefits from staying in STEM for both men and women, but large social benefits from women who leave STEM fields.
- Called into question some of the current approaches to the issue of women leaving STEM.

*University of California, Irvine: Dr. Francesca Polletta* *Irvine, CA*  
*Student Researcher* *Sept 2010-March 2012*

Normalizing Injustice: The Portrayal of Date Rape in Fictional Television

- Assessed the effects of styles of storytelling in television programs on social perception of date rape.
- Analyzed the evolution of the use of rape myths, presentations of victims and narrative changes in date rape portrayals over time.
- Considered the wider social implications of these presentations in popular media.

*University of California, Irvine: Dr. Joanne Christopherson* *Irvine, CA*  
*Research Assistant* *March 2011-June 2011*

- Organized data from three different exercise and health programs dealing with trends in childhood obesity.
- Analyzed data through SPSS to assess the progress of programs aimed to help children reach healthy weights.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- Polletta, Francesca and Christine Tomlinson. Forthcoming. “Date Rape After the After School Special.” *Sociological Forum*.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2007. “The Decline in the Diverse: Animals on the Wane.” *Building Bridges* 7: 15.

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- Tomlinson, Christine. 2013. "Dropping Out, Trading Up, or Changing Track? Where People Go When They Leave the STEM Pipeline." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Reno, Nevada, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2012. "Date Rape After the After School Special." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2011. "Normalizing Injustice: The Portrayal of Date Rape in Fictional Television." Presented at the 2011 University of California – Irvine Summer Research Symposium, Irvine, California, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2011. "Normalizing Injustice: The Portrayal of Date Rape in Fictional Television." Presented at the University of California – Irvine Sociology Undergraduate Honors Theses Presentations, Irvine, California, May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2011. "Normalizing Injustice: The Portrayal of Date Rape in Fictional Television." Presented at the 2011 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Symposium, Irvine, California, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Tomlinson, Christine. 2007. "The Decline in the Diverse: Animals on the Wane." Presented at the Honors Transfer Council of California's Seventh Annual Research Conference for California Community Colleges, Irvine, California, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**University of California, Irvine****Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Soc 161/Womn St 139: Sociology of Gender, Dr. Catherine Bolzendahl *Fall 2011*
- Soc Sci 185W: People in Society, Dr. Valerie Wright *Winter 2012*
- Soc 56: Society & Religion, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Spring 2012*
- Soc 180A: Sociology Majors Seminar, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Fall 2012*
- Soc 180A: Sociology Majors Seminar, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Winter 2013*
- Soc 56: Society & Religion, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Spring 2013*
- Soc 136/As Am St 143: Religious Traditions of Asian Americans, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Fall 2013*
- Soc 62: Marriage and Families, Dr. Shampa Mazumdar *Winter 2014*

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- University of California, Irvine Order of Merit Award *June 2011*
- University of California, Irvine Honors Program in Sociology *June 2011*
- UCI SAGE (Student Achievement Guided by Experience) Scholars Program *Sept 2009-June 2011*
- University of California, Irvine Dean's Honors List *Sept 2009-June 2011*
- Tau Sigma National Honors Society
- Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences
- Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honour Society

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**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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- University of California, Irvine** *Irvine, CA*
- DECADE Summer Research Program Fellowship (\$5,000) *June 2011-August 2011*
- Sociology Departmental Summer Funding (\$1,000) *June 2012-September 2012*

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**EXPERIENCE**

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**UCI School of Social Sciences: Dr. Valerie Wright****Editor**

- Edited a manuscript for publication aimed toward helping students understand how to use proper American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines in writing. *Irvine, CA*  
*July 2011-August 2011*

**University of California, Irvine: Dr. Tonya Schuster****Reader**

- Read and graded assignments for the Sociology 110 course in methods. *Irvine, CA*  
*March 2011-May 2011*
- Read and graded the course midterm for 123 students.

**Godinez Fundamental High School**  
**Volunteer Tutor and Mentor**

Santa Ana, CA  
Jan 2010-June 2011

- Gave tutoring assistance in the areas of English and Math to students who have had trouble with the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)
- Tutored within the classroom in the subjects of English and Social Studies
- Served as a mentor to encourage students to pursue higher education as first generation college students

**University of California, Irvine Transfer Student Services**  
**Intern/Student Mentor**

Irvine, CA  
Sept 2010-June 2011

- Worked as a mentor to transfer students new to the university and gave them guidance to assist their adjustment.

**UCI Social Sciences 3A Course: Dr. Joanne Christopherson**  
**Assistant Grader**

Irvine, CA  
Sept 2010-March 2011

- Assisted with grading assignments, exercises and tests completed by students in various labs associated with this course.

**UCI School of Social Sciences: Dr. Valerie Wright**  
**Editor**

Irvine, CA  
May 2010-June 2010

- Reviewed, updated, edited, and prepared a manual for publication described APA formatted and citation guidelines for students enrolled in various social science courses at University of California, Irvine.

**UCI Social Sciences 3A Course: Dr. Joanne Christopherson**  
**Student Assistant**

Irvine, CA  
March 2010-June 2010

- Assisted students in the lab by answering questions regarding assignments and lab work.
- Gave students technology, data and research related advice to help them navigate the course and lab.
- Assisted the teaching assistant in the lab for this course by passed out assignments, collected papers and helped to organize materials.

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SKILLS

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**Computer:** Proficient with Microsoft Word 2007/2010, Microsoft Excel 2007/2010, SPSS/PASW, STATA, PowerPoint  
**Languages:** Written and spoken conversational French; beginner Swedish

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Sociological Association (ASA) 2011-Present
  - Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) 2012-Present
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ACTIVITIES

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- 2011 Cohort Representative for the Sociology Graduate Student Association September 2012-June 2013
- Tau Sigma National Honors Society Chair of Social Affairs Aug 2010- June 2011
- Booth volunteer representing the Division of Undergraduate Education to give out important information to newly admitted students at UCI's Wayzgoose festival April 2011
- Volunteered to help facilitate High School Regional MESA Day hosted at UCI April 2011
- Volunteer Banner Carrier at UCI's 2010 Commencement Ceremony June 2010
- Worked with Women's Club of Vista to provide financially disadvantaged children with clothing and toys for the holidays Dec 2003 - Dec 2007
- Helped restore Shipley Nature Center by removing invasive species and planting native plant species March 2005