

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, The Ohio State University, 2002.
M.A. in Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1995.
B.A., Biology, Albion College, Albion, Michigan, 1984.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2009 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
New Mexico State University

2002 – 2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis
Faculty Affiliate, The Center for Research on Women
Faculty Affiliate, Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity	Research Methodology
Sex and Gender	Social Change and Social Movements
Social Stratification	Intersecting Social Inequalities
Sociology of Sport	South African Studies
Collective Memory Studies	

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles and Chapters

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2010. "Women and Gender in South African Football: A brief history"
Soccer and Society 11(1-2): 62-77.

Reprinted in Peter Alegi and Chris Bolsmann (Eds.) 2010. South Africa and the Global Game: Football, Apartheid and Beyond. London: Routledge.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2009. "Women's Sport as a Site for Challenging Racial and Gender Inequalities in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Pp. 96-123 in Women's Activism in South Africa: Working Across Divides edited by Hannah Britton, Jennifer Fish, and Sheila Meintjes. Scottsville, South Africa: KwaZulu-Natal University Press.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2008. "The Reciprocal Relationship of Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the Southern United States." Sociology of Education 81: 189-210.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2006. "Local-Global Processes: Linking Globalization, Democratization, and the Development of Women's Football in South Africa." Afrika Spectrum 41(3): 55-76.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2005. "Negotiating Gender/Race/Class Constraints in the new South Africa: A Case Study of Women's Football." International Review for the Sociology of Sport 40(1): 53-70.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2005. "Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations within Women's Netball in Post-apartheid South Africa." Sociology of Sport Journal 21: 59-77.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2002. "Women's Collective Identity Formation in Sports: A Case Study from Women's Ice Hockey." Gender and Society 16(1): 93-114.

Non-peer reviewed Chapters and other Articles

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2007. "Title IX and school sports." Pp. 809-816 in Gender and Education: An Encyclopedia, Barbara J. Banks (Ed.). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2006. "Gender and the Body." In The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, George Ritzer (Ed.), vol. 4:1845-8. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.

Reprinted in George Ritzer and J. Michael Ryan (Eds.) 2011. The Concise Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, West Sussex, UK: Blackwell Publishing.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2006. "Intersectionality." In The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, George Ritzer (Ed.), vol. 5: 2395-8. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.

Reprinted in George Ritzer and J. Michael Ryan (Eds.) 2011. The Concise Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, West Sussex, UK: Blackwell Publishing

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2006. "Breaking the Code: "ABC" Approach to HIV Prevention Putting Africans at Risk." Standpoint: Center for Research on Women Newsletter 24(2): 3, 9, 15.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2001. "Feminism and Women of Color." In Encyclopedia of American Studies, George Kurian, Miles Orvell, Jonnella Butler, and Jay Mechling (Eds.). Grolier.

Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2001. "The Women's Movement: Persistence through Transformation." Pp. 559-574 in Feminist Frontiers (Fifth Edition). Verta Taylor, Laurel Richardson, and Nancy Whittier (Eds.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Reprinted in Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier (Eds.). 2003. Feminist Frontiers (Sixth Edition). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Reprinted in Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier (Eds.). 2006. Feminist Frontiers (Seventh Edition). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Reprinted in Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier (Eds.). 2009. Feminist Frontiers (Eighth Edition.) New York: McGraw-Hill.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak, Verta A. Taylor, and Nancy Whittier. 1999. "Gender Movements." Pp. 147-175 in Handbook of the Sociology of Gender, Janet S. Chafetz, (Ed.). New York: Plenum Publishers.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 1998. "Gender and Sports." Pp. 565-567 in Reader's Guide to Women's Studies, Eleanor B. Amico, (Ed.). Chicago, IL: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers.

BOOK REVIEWS

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2011. Review of *From Servants to Workers: South African Domestic Workers and the Democratic State* by Shireen Ally. *American Journal of Sociology* 116 (4): 1351-1354.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2007. Review of *Laduma!: Soccer, Politics, and Society in South Africa* by Peter Alegi. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 40 (1).

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2005. Review of *A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX* by Welch Suggs. *Standpoint: Center for Research on Women Newsletter*, 24(1): pp. 14, 16.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. Review of 'Race', *Sport and British Society* by Ben Carrington and Ian McDonald, Eds. *Contemporary Sociology*, 32(2): 205-206.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2001. Review of *The Race Game: Sport and Politics in South Africa* by Douglas Booth. *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, 7(3): 134-135.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2000. Review of *Feminist Nationalism*, Lois West, ed. *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, 6(3): 126-127.

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. *Final Report of South African Women Footballers' Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of Soccer Athletes participating in the SAFA-Western Province Women's Football League in South Africa*. Prepared for the South African Football Association (SAFA).

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. *Final Report of South Africa Netball Participant Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of South African Netball Players, Coaches, and Managers*. Prepared for the South African Netball Association.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROCESS

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. "Collectively Remembering the Black Freedom Struggle: Transforming the Lorraine Motel into the National Civil Rights Museum." Under review.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. "Our History is Not for Sale": Contesting Collective Memory at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis." In process.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. "Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards: An analysis of *A Black Woman Speaks... of White Womanhood, of Peace*." In process.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Manal Hamzeh, Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak and Heather Sykes. 2011. "Hijabizing sexism and Islamophobia: The FIFA ban of Iranian women's soccer." North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2011. "Remembering and Forgetting the Black Freedom Struggle." Invited lecture at the Civil Rights Heritage Center at the Natatorium, Indiana University- South Bend.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2011. "Sex testing, "Real" Women, and Racialized bodies in Sports." Women's History Month Lecture Series, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. March 2011.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2010. "Author Meets Critics: Jerry Lembcke's Hanoi Jane: Hanoi Jane: war, Sex & Fantasies of Betrayal." Annual Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Santa Fe, NM: November 2010.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2010. "Our history is not for sale": Contesting Collective Memory at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. Collective Memory Regular Session, Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA: August 16, 2010.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2010. "Gendering Soccer and Citizenship in the New South Africa." Invited Lecture for African Studies Seminar: FIFA 2010: Soccer in Africa. Kansas African Studies Center, University of Kansas.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2008. "Contesting Public Commemoration of the Black Freedom Struggle in the Context of Neoliberal Urban Governance." Mid-South Sociological Association, Huntsville, Alabama.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2008. "Still Standing at the River: Race and Class Hierarchies 40 years after the Memphis Sanitation Worker Strike." Invited by African & African American Studies Program at SUNY-Oswego for Black History Month.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2007. "Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the U.S. South." Girls & Women Rock: Celebrating 35 years of Sport & Title IX, Academic and Legal Conference. Cleveland State University.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio and Patricia Clark. 2006. "Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards: A cross-disciplinary analysis of *A Black Woman Speaks... of White Womanhood*." Annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association in Oakland, CA.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2006. "Sexist Naming Practices and Opportunities in Collegiate Athletics." Women's Research Forum, Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2005. "Gender, Race, and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Invited speaker for Gender Lecture Series at Mississippi State University.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2004. "Athletes and sports administrators as agents of change: An examination of shifting race relations within women's netball in post-apartheid South

- Africa.” Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2004. “Future Directions in Masculinities Research.” Presentation for Research Interest Group on Inequality and Social Change organized by the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Memphis.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. “Athletes as Agents of Change: A case study of shifting race relations within women’s netball in post-apartheid South Africa.” Department of Sociology’s Colloquium Series, University of Memphis.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. “Some Paradoxes of Race, Gender, and Class in the Masculine Domain of Boxing.” Into the Ring with Boxing: A Symposium presented by the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities. University of Memphis.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2002. “Answering the Call to Racialize Gender Analyses in Sport: A Case Study of Netball from Post-apartheid South Africa.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA), Memphis, Tennessee.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2001. “Exploring Intersections of Race, Gender and Class in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Anaheim, California.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2000. “Preliminary Findings from a Case Study of Gender and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2000. “Gender and the Democratic Transition in South Africa.” Interdisciplinary Symposium on Race and Gender at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2000. “Women and Sport in an International Context: A Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Women in Sport Symposium, Bowling Green University, Ohio.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 1998. “Serendipitous Findings: Interviewer-gender Effects in a Telephone Survey about Gender and Sport.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, California.
- Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 1995. “The Ice Rink as Gendered Space: Women Ice Hockey Players Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey.” Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Sacramento, California.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Paper Awards

- 2006 *‘Sociology of Sport Journal’ Outstanding Article Award.* Given by the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS). Title: “Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations within Women’s Netball in Post-apartheid South Africa.” *Sociology of Sport Journal* (2005), 21: 59-77.
- 1997 *The Clyde W. Franklin Award.* Best graduate student paper in the Sociology of Gender and/or Race, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University. Paper title: “Contested Sport Space:

An Exploration of Women Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey.”

Teaching Awards and Grants

- 2003 *Technology Access Fee (TAF) Grant*. (\$9,699) “Teaching about Globalization, Culture, and Information Technology: Is ‘Place’ Still Relevant?” This grant was co-authored with Drs. York Bradshaw, Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak, Steve Scanlan, and Barbara Ellen Smith. The grant supported a cross-continental honors course for students at the University of Memphis and University of Pretoria (South Africa).
2000. *Teaching Excellence Award*. Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

Service Awards

- 2002 *Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award* for service with the Undergraduate Student Services in the Department of Sociology, Ohio State University. Awarded by the Office of the President, Ohio State University.
- 2000 *Professional Development Fund Grant*. Council of Graduate Students, Ohio State University. (\$300)
- 1999 *Preparing Future Faculty Fellow*. Graduate School, Ohio State University. (\$150)

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2007 *Donovan Travel Award* (\$500), College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis. The funds will be used to support qualitative data collection for research on sexist naming practices in collegiate athletics in the Southern United States.
- 2005-2007 *Working Group Program Grants* (\$750 and \$500), Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis. “Southern Africa Research Group.” The grants have and will support the work of an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students organized to encourage new theoretical insights and research on transnational struggles for social justice.
- 2004-2005 *Academic Enrichment Funds Grant* (\$4,000) and *Public Service Funds* (\$1,000), University of Memphis. “Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA.” This grant was co-authored with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan, Cynthia Pelak and Melissa Checker for the Center for Research on Women (CROW). The grant supported an international symposium on NAFTA and social justice issues.
- 2003 *New Faculty Research Initiation Award*. (Summer Salary). Office of the Provost, University of Memphis.
- 2003 *Faculty Development Supplementary Travel Fund*. (\$500). Center for International Programs and Services, University of Memphis. *Project Title: A Consideration of Global Economic Factors and Changing Race and Gender Relations in post-apartheid South Africa.*
- 2000-2001 *Research Support Awards*. (\$350 and \$500). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.
- 2000 *Elizabeth D. Gee Dissertation Fund Grant*. (\$1,000). Department of Women's Studies, Ohio

State University.

- 2000 *International Dissertation Research Travel Grant*. (\$1,600). Office of International Studies, Ohio State University.
- 1999 *Summer Research & Publishing Fellowship*. (\$3,750). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.
- 1998 *Survey Research Fellowship*. (\$3,000). Survey Research Center, College of Arts and Science, Ohio State University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University

Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
Sociology of Families (Undergraduate; Distance Learning format)
Sport and Society (Undergraduate; Traditional and Distance Learning formats)
Race and Ethnicity (Graduate/Undergraduate)
Social Movement Theories (Graduate)

Department of Sociology, University of Memphis

Race and Ethnic Minorities (Undergraduate)
Sociology of Gender (Undergraduate and graduate)
Methods of Social Research (Core graduate course)
Multi-Racial Feminist Theory (Graduate)

Women's Studies Master's Program, University of Memphis

Women, Race, and Social Inequality (Core graduate course)

Department of Sociology, Ohio State University

Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
Types of Sociological Inquiry (Core undergraduate course)
Social Stratification (Undergraduate)
Sociology of Sport (Undergraduate)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2001-2002 *Undergraduate Student Advisor*, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.
- 1996-1998 *Graduate Survey Research Associate*, Survey Research Center, Ohio State University. Paul J. Lavrakas, Director. Responsibilities included all aspects of surveys, from design and implementation to statistical analysis and presentation of findings. Project manager for two omnibus surveys that involved 25 departments.
- 1994-1995 *Graduate Research Associate*, The Center for Human Resource Research, Ohio State University Cleaned data file of the National Longitudinal Survey (NLS).
- 1984-1987 *Peace Corps Volunteer*, Fisheries Extension Agent, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa.

HISTORY OF SERVICE

Professional Service

Manuscript reviewer for *Social Problems*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Sociology of Education*, *Journal of Masculinities*, *Sociological Forum*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Gender and Society*, and *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*.

Presider and discussant for Collective Memory session: Forgetting and Remembering Past Conflicts at the 2011 annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.

Presider and discussant for Race, Class, and Gender session "Transforming Struggles over Race, Class, and Gender." Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, 2005.

Organizer of "Race and Sports, Sessions I & II." Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, 2004.

Discussant for Fall Research Workshop "Shifting Demographics & Identity" sponsored by the Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, 2004.

Organizer/Presider for "Graduate Student Research session." Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, 1996.

Assistant Program Coordinator for Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, 1995.

Departmental and University Service

Committee Work:

Library Liaison for the Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program at New Mexico State University, 2009 to present.

Search Committee for the Director of the Center for Research on Women (CROW), University of Memphis, 2005.

Search Committee for the Director of the Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis, 2007.

Subcommittee for Equity, Welfare, and Sporting Conduct of the Self-Study of Athletic Programs and NCAA Certification, University of Memphis, 2003-2004.

Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2003-2007.

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2002 & 2006.

Coordination Committee for Social Science Research Consortium, University of Memphis, Fall 2003.

Preparing Future Faculty Advisory Committee, Graduate School, Ohio State University, 1999-2000.

Affirmative Action Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 1996-99.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 1997-98.

Facilitator/Organizer of Campus Events:

Organizer of the "Voices of Social Change" Film Series sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program at New Mexico State University, 2010-2011.

Organizer for film screening of *Proof of Innocence* and discussion with wrongly convicted Memphian Clark McMillan. University of Memphis, April 21, 2009.

Faculty facilitator for campus “Real Talk” discussion sponsored by the Empowered Men of Color on the campus of the University of Memphis, November 2008.

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Club, University of Memphis. “Sexist Naming Practices at Southern Colleges and Universities” given on April 13, 2007.

Introduced film *Moolaade*, sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program, University of Memphis, March 2007.

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis. Presentation on “Experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central Africa” given during 2006.

Organized event for 2006 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Department of Sociology and The Benjamin Hooks Institute. Invited speaker: Dr. Townsend Price-Spratlen, Ohio State University. “Safe and Sacred Spaces in African American Community-Building: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives.” April 2006.

Faculty facilitator of student-organized Forum on Racism on Campus, University of Memphis, October 2006.

Honorary Coach for the Women’s Basketball Team, University of Memphis, January 2006.

Organized screening of *Long Nights Journey into Day: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa*. Southern Africa Research Group, University of Memphis, 2005.

Co-organizer of International Conference *The Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA*. Organized with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan and Melissa Checker, University of Memphis, March 2005.

Faculty organizer and discussant for an *Election Film Series* sponsored by the Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis, Autumn 2004.

Faculty evaluator for *Works in Progress Symposium*, University Honors Program, University of Memphis. November 2003.

Faculty facilitator for the “*It’s Not All Black and White: Exploring Reparations Symposium*,” African and African American Studies, University of Memphis, November 2002.

Teaching Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 2000.

Presenter for United Black World Month. “Black Feminisms,” Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 2000.

Community Service and Outreach

Appearance on *Channel 5 WMC-TV News* as a social science expert on race relations in Memphis, Tennessee. April 14, 2007.

Organizer of the *Africa Shoe Drive* with the Memphis tennis community, which sent 60 pairs of good “used” tennis shoes to the Kigali Sport Club in Rwanda, Africa. Spring 2006.

Chairperson for Fundraising Effort for the Association of Genocide Widows (AVEGA), Kigali, Rwanda. June 2005.

“Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics.” Presentation for Memphis Area Women’s Council, Memphis, Tennessee, July 18, 2005.

“Status of Women in Sports in the New South Africa.” Presentation given for Women’s Sports Day at the Pretoria Prison for Women, Pretoria, South Africa, August 2000.

"Gender Equity in Sports and Beyond." State Conference of the Ohio National Organization for Women, Westerville, Ohio, October 1999.

South African Athletes of Color Fundraising Project, Columbus, Ohio, Autumn 1999.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
National Women's Studies Association
Association of Humanist Sociology

REFERENCES

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