

Danielle J. Thomas, PhD
Curriculum Vitae—July 2018

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EDUCATION

- 2016: **Ph.D., Sociology (December 2016)**
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Dissertation: “Leveling the Playing Field: Sport and Resistance in Low-Wealth Minority Communities”
Committee: Lori L. Martin (chair), Dana Berkowitz, Troy Blanchard, Kenneth Fasching-Varner
General Exam (January 2014): Qualitative Approaches to Applied Sociology: Participatory Action Research, Feminist Methodology, Community Sociology, Race and Poverty
Exam Committee: Sarah Becker (chair), Dana Berkowitz and Troy Blanchard
- 2012: **M.A., Sociology (December 2012)**
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Empirical Paper: “*African Woman Magazine* as a Cultural Map for Globalized Living: How the Domestic Virtue Guides Women in Becoming ‘Modern’ While Remaining Good”
Committee: Dana Berkowitz (chair), Mark Schafer and Helen Regis
Graduate Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies
- 2010: **B.A., Sociology (May 2010)**
B.A., Humanities (May 2010)
Milligan College, Milligan College, TN
Summa cum laude, First in Class, 4.0 GPA
Undergraduate Minor in French
- 2009: **Uganda Studies Program (May 2009)**
Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda
The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities: Best Semester Program
Intercultural Missions and Ministry Emphasis (IMME) / Semester Homestay Student
- 2008: **Chez Vous Summer, Track E (July 2008)**
The Jacques Lefevre Institute, Merville-Franceville, France

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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| Core Courses | SOCL 7121 Classical Sociological Theory
SOCL 7201 Research Methods in Sociology
SOCL 7211 Methods of Social Investigation
SOCL 7903 Pro Seminar 1
SOCL 7903 Pro Seminar 2
SOCL 7203 Advanced Research Methods in Sociology: “Statistics 2”
SOCL 7131 Contemporary Sociological Theory |
| Electives | SOCL/WGS 7591 Gender and Sexuality
SOCL 7591 International Development
SOCL 7591 Poverty in the United States
SOCL 7491 Family Sociology
SOCL 7491 Sociology of Culture
SOCL 8900 Empirical Paper
SOCL 8000 Thesis Credits
SOCL 7901 Independent Reading and Research: Action Research, Community, Race, Poverty
SOCL 9000 Dissertation Research: Sport for Development, Critical Race Theory, Community Sociology |
| Methods | SOCL 7213 Qualitative Methods
SOCL 7213 Ethnography |
| WGS Minor | WGS 7150 Feminist Theory
WGS 7900 Independent Study: Transnational Beauty and Feminism
ENGL 4493 Women in Folklore |

EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-present **LSU Cox Academic Center for Student Athletes**
Content Tutor, Sociology
- One-on-one tutoring sessions with student athletes taking sociology courses at LSU
- 2017 **Liberal Studies Department, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University**
Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, Fall 2017
- SOCI 1310: Introductory Sociology
- 2017 **Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**
Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, Spring 2017
- SOCL 2001: Introduction to Sociology
 - SOCL 2002: Honors Introduction to Sociology
 - SOCL 2501: Contemporary Social Problems in the United States
 - SOCL 2211: Research Methods in Sociology
- 2016-2017 **MetroMorphosis, Baton Rouge, LA**
Research Consultant, the Urban Congress on African American Males
- Conducting Interviews
 - Collecting Data
 - Writing Research Reports
- 2013 **Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes, Baton Rouge, LA**
Tutor, Spring 2013
- French Conversation
 - Speech Communication
- 2010-present **Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**
Graduate Instructor of Sociology (2013-present)
- SOCL 2002: Honors Introduction to Sociology (2016)
 - SOCL 2501: Contemporary Social Problems in the United States (2014-2016)
 - SOCL 2211: Research Methods in Sociology (2013-2014)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (2012-2013)
- SOCL 2211: Research Methods in Sociology SPSS Lab Instructor
- Graduate Assistant (2010-2012)
- 2012-present **SportQuest Ministries, Indianapolis, IN**
Baton Rouge Project Director & Coordinator
- Planning community sports outreach projects, recruiting and training high school and college athletes in sports evangelism
 - Developing partnerships with local churches and community organizations

PUBLICATIONS

Thomas, Danielle, Lathan, Derrick, Maryland, Ashley and Lori Latrice Martin. 2016. "Chapter 3: The Educational Plight of Black Men and Boys in Baton Rouge: A Critical Demography Perspective," in *Race, Population Studies, and America's Public Schools*, edited by Lori L. Martin, Kenneth Fasching-Varner, and Hayward Derrick Horton. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield.

Becker, Sarah, Danielle Thomas and Michael R. Cope. 2016. "Post-Feminism for Children: Feminism 'Repackaged' in the Bratz Videos." *Media, Culture, and Society*. Published online April 21, 2016. Print version forthcoming.

Technical Reports and Other Publications

Thomas, Danielle. 2017. "48-Hour Report." Report for the Urban Congress commissioned by MetroMorphosis.

Thomas, Danielle. 2016. "Comprehensive Report." Report for the Urban Congress commissioned by MetroMorphosis.

Thomas, Danielle. 2016. "Speaking Out: Black Men Speak to the State of Black Boys and Men in Baton Rouge." Report for the Urban Congress commissioned by MetroMorphosis.

Thomas, Danielle. 2016. "Inner City Sports Ministry: A Training Guide." Curriculum developed for SportQuest Ministries.

Thomas, Danielle. 2015. Review: *Speaking Up and Talking Back? Media, Empowerment and Civic Engagement among East and Southern African Youth*, edited by Thomas Tufte, Norbert Wildermuth, Anne Sofie Hansen-Skovmoes, and Winnie Mitullah, Goteborg: University of Gothenburg, 2013. 302 pp. \$140 (paper). ISBN: 978-91-86523-55-8. *Rural Sociology*.

In Draft

Thomas, Danielle. "Leveling the Playing Field: Sport and Resistance in Low-Wealth Communities." Dissertation. Target Journals: *Journal of Sport for Development* and *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*.

CONFERENCE & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Thomas, Danielle. "Leveling the Playing Field: Youth Sports and Community Cultural Wealth." Louisiana State University Sociology Department Lunch and Learn Event, Baton Rouge, LA; 2016.

Thomas, Danielle. "Research, Race, and Sports: Youth Sports and Community Cultural Wealth." Guest Lecturer for SOCL 2255 at Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, LA; 2016.

Hickey, Darien, Boudreaux, Thomas, Danielle and Michael R. Cope. "The Undead Institution? Assessing the Persistence of Gender Norms in *The Walking Dead*." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA; 2015.

Thomas, Danielle. "Narratives of Need and Barriers to Communication." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC; 2014.

Thomas, Danielle. "African Woman Magazine as a Cultural Map for Globalized Living: How the Domestic Virtue Guides Women in Becoming 'Modern' While Remaining Good" Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA; 2013.

Thomas, Danielle. "Bratz: Post-Feminist Themes and the Significance of a Feminist Critique." Paper presented at the Annual Race, Gender and Class Conference, New Orleans, LA; 2013.

Thomas, Danielle. "The 'Modern' African Woman: Navigating the Tensions of Globalized Living." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA; 2012.

Becker, Sarah, Danielle Thomas and Wendy Braun. "Feminisms and Postfeminisms in the *Bratz* Cartoons." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Society, Baton Rouge, LA; 2010.

TEACHING

SOCL 2001 Introduction to Sociology

SOCL 2002 Honors Introduction to Sociology

SOCL 2501 Contemporary Social Problems in the United States

SOCL 2211 Research Methods in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, SERVICE, & AWARDS

Big Buddy Mentorship Award, 2018

LSU Graduate Dean's Summer Research Stipend Recipient, 2016

Council Chair of Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2015-2016

Nominated Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher in College of Social Sciences & Humanities, 2014-2015

Tom W. Dutton Service Award at Louisiana State University, 2014

Nominated Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student 2012, 2014

Treasurer of Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2013-2014

Vice President of Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2011-2012

LSU Stipend and Tuition Fellowship: Department of Sociology, 2010-2016

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

Founder and Director of SportQuest Baton Rouge (SQBR), 2012-present

- Plan and administrate summer sports camp for 200 youth ages 6-18 in the Gardere Community
- Establish partnerships and network with community organizations to do sports outreach throughout the year

Volunteer Administrator and Coach with Gardere Youth Alliance (GYA), 2012-present

- Photograph and film youth football games
- Coach girls youth soccer team
- Administrate soccer program, serve as the liaison between the soccer league and GYA
- Use Service Learning to connect college students with opportunities to coach and volunteer

Assisting with the Gardere Initiative Tutoring Program, 2013-2014

- Founding team member of the program in 2013
- Served as a volunteer high school and middle school tutor in 2014
- Connect college students with opportunities to tutor and volunteer (ongoing support)

COMPUTER AND RESEARCH SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office Suite
SPSS (PASW)
ATLAS TI

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Lori L. Martin, PhD
Louisiana State University
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