

CURRICULUM VITA
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Florida State University, 2008
M.S. Sociology, Florida State University, 2002
B.A. English writing, Denison University, Magna Cum Laude, 1996

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Immigration Policy, International Migration, Race & Ethnicity, Immigrant Identity,
Religion, Transnational Studies, Research Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010 - LECTURER, **Boston University**
2009 - LECTURER, **University of Massachusetts, Boston**
2008 - RESEARCHER, **Wellesley College**
2008 - 2009 SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
Steinhardt Social Research Institute, **Brandeis University**
2007 - 2008 RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
Steinhardt Social Research Institute, **Brandeis University**
2006 RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Steinhardt Social Research Institute, **Brandeis University**.
2005 – 2006 LECTURER, **Lasell College**

HONORS & AWARDS

Nominated to Golden Key International Honour Society (2007)
SSRC Summer Institute on International Migration (2004)
ICPSR Summer Program Scholarship (2002)
Phi Kappa Phi (2002)
Delta Phi Alpha, German Honorary Society (1996)

PUBLICATIONS, REFEREED ARTICLES

Tighe, Elizabeth, David Livert, **Melissa Barnett** and Leonard Saxe. Forthcoming. "Cross-Survey Analysis to Estimate Low Incidence Religious Groups." *Sociological Methods & Research*.

PUBLICATIONS, EDITED VOLUMES

Levitt, Peggy, Nancy A. Khalil and **Melissa Barnett**. Forthcoming. "Learning to Pray—Religious Socialization Across Generations and Borders" in *Mobile Bodies, Mobile Souls* edited by Karen Fog Olwig and Mikkel Rytter. Aarhus, Denmark: Aarhus University Press.

Barnett, Melissa. 2009. "September 11: Policies of Noncitizen Exclusion" in *Battleground: Immigration*, edited by Judith A. Warner. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.

MANUSCRIPTS & CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW

Barnett, Melissa D. "The Making of the Contemporary Other: The Case of Arab Muslims in the U.S. after 9/11." Submitted to *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, September 2009.

Levitt, Peggy and **Melissa D. Barnett**. "Constructing Religious Selves in Conversation: The Religious Lives of the Second Generation" in *Religion on the Edge: De-centering and Re-centering the Sociology of Religion* edited by Courtney Bender et al. Submitted to Oxford University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Barnett, Melissa D. "Race & Religion as Criteria for Entry into the U.S. in the 21st Century."

Levitt, Peggy and **Melissa D. Barnett**. "In the Shadow of Christianity: Religious Understanding & Practice of the Second Generation in the U.S."

Barnett, Melissa D. and Peggy Levitt. "What's American About Me?: The Ethnic and National Identities of the Second Generation."

Barnett, Melissa D. “Transnational Action & the Strength of German Identity among Foreigners & Ethnic Germans.”

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Barnett, Melissa D. 2009. “Country-of-Origin as a Predictor of Entry into the U.S.: The Influence of Perceived Risk on Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Flows.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

Barnett, Melissa D. 2009. “Race & Religion as Criteria for Entry to the U.S. in the 21st Century.” Presented at the Annual Social Theory Forum at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Levitt, Peggy, Nancy Khalil and **Melissa Barnett.** 2008. “Constructing Religious Selves in Conversation – Toward a Transnational View of the Religious Lives of the Second Generation.” Presented at the Global Family and Religious Practices Meeting, Danish Institute, Damascus, Syria.

Tighe, Liz, David Livert, Len Saxe and **Melissa Barnett.** 2008. “Cross-Survey Analysis of the Prevalence and Characteristics of Low Incidence Religious Groups in the United States.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, New Orleans.

Barnett, Melissa. 2007. “Uncertain Times: U.S. Immigration Decisions in the New Millennium.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.

Barnett, Melissa. 2005. “Maintaining Independence & Companionship: Social Construction & Character of a Residential Hierarchy in an Assisted Living Community.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte.

Reid, Lori L., Stephanie Burge, Naomi J. Spence, Ashley Schmidt, A. Henry Eliassen, **Melissa Barnett,** Kelly Friel and Kristin Taylor. 2003. “Soft Skill Discrimination and the Racial Gap in Employment.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.

Barnett, Melissa D. 2003. “Host Nation Identification: Foreigners & Repatriates in Germany.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.

Barnett, Melissa D. 2001. “The Viability of Long-Term Care Insurance.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim.

Barnett, Melissa D. 1999. “To Love, Honor, and Be Economically Bound?: Competing Ideas on Women in Marriage.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.

INVITED TALKS

“Arab Muslim Entry into the U.S. after 9/11.” *Talking Religion*, a local, long-running interfaith talk radio show aired on WRKO-Boston. August 2009.

“Noncitizen Flows to the U.S. after 9/11,” Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Seminar, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, November 2008.

“Noncitizen Flows to the U.S. after 9/11,” The Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, March 2008.

“To Fear or Not to Fear? Determining Whether Immigrants Pose a Threat to U.S. National Security,” Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Seminar, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, December 2007.

“Whom Do We Welcome? Pre- and Post-9/11 Immigration Flows in the U.S.” Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Seminar, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, April 2007.

“The Effects of Immigration Policy on Immigrants’ Occupational Mobility: A Comparison of the U.S. & Germany,” Statistics Canada, January 2006.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Wellesley College, Independent Research Project with Peggy Levitt. Duties: recruit interviewees; conduct and transcribe face-to-face interviews with Second-Generation Muslim and Hindu immigrants of Indian descent; and co-author papers.

Steinhardt Social Research Institute, Brandeis University. Duties: conducted advanced data analyses on complex-design samples; developed syntax for select, public-use data sets to be merged with cross-survey file; perform quality analyses, and co-authored reports, and articles on methodological issues concerning the use of cross-survey files. Restructured administrative data for longitudinal study of attendees of Birthright Israel trips.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant. Dr. Neil Charness, Florida State University (with Dr. Julie McMullin, PI, University of Western Ontario and in collaboration with University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and international affiliates in the UK, Germany and Australia). Duties: located and carried out key informant, face-to-face and telephone interviews with IT firms’ CEOs, managers and employees; conducted, transcribed and cleaned face-to-face, semi-structured interviews; and compiled information on the state of IT in Florida from secondary data sources and contributed to the discussion on how to define IT across culturally diverse locations.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs Grant. Dr. Melissa Hardy, Florida State University, 2000-2003, Florida State University. Duties: Researched and interacted with various U.S. state directors of managed, integrated health care programs for persons 65+; examined and interpreted many of the facets needed to make such a program work; and aided in the preparation of the report that offered suggestions and modifications of the legislation to the FL legislature that was reviewed during the mid-2003 legislative session.

Claude Pepper Foundation Grant. Dr. Melissa Hardy, Florida State University. 2001 – Spring 2002. Duties: researched secondary data sources and developed a report for Florida legislators detailing issues affecting the elderly in Florida.

Retirement Research Foundation Proposal Preparation, Dr. Melissa Hardy, Florida State University, Fall 2000. Duties: Drafted supplemental materials for the study of Florida's adoption of defined contribution pension plans for all state employees.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Statistics
Race & Ethnic Relations
Research Methods
Sociology of the Family

On-line Education

Sociological Theory

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

SPSS, Stata, LIMDEP, EQS, HLM & R2WinBUGS

LARGE DATA SET EXPERIENCE

- German Socioeconomic Panel (GSOEP)
- Panel Survey on Income Dynamics (PSID)
- Brandeis Cross Survey File (50 surveys, including: GSS, Annenberg Election Surveys, National Election Surveys and Survey of Heritage and Religious Identification)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-organizer, “How to Publish a Book” (with Helen Marrow) and National Immigration Policies (with David Cook-Martin), ASA International Migration Mini-conference, San Francisco, 2009.

Discussant, Hochschild, Jennifer, “Comparing Immigration Regimes and Schooling Regimes across Eight Nations: What Works Best for Immigrants, Children, and the Native-born?” Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 2008.

Co-organizer, (with Helen Marrow and Van Tran) ASA International Migration Section, Mentoring Luncheon, Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Boston, 2008.

Discussant, Demography and Social Policy, Graduate Student Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, 2007.

Discussant, Boundary Maintenance: Attitudes on Poverty, Class, Race, & Ethnicity, Graduate Student Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, 2006.

Panelist, Immigrants & the Transformation of Citizenship, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Portland, OR, 2005.

Discussant, Roth, Wendy, “Beyond the Continuum: Constructions of Race in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic,” Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 2005.

Discussant, North American Welfare State, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 2005.

Presider, Welfare State: International Perspectives, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 2005.

Board member, ASA Student Forum Advisory Board, 2005-2007.

Post-Coursework Travel Grant Subcommittee, 2005-2006; chair 2006-2007
Program Sessions Committee, 2005-2007
Nominations Committee, 2006-2007
Communications & Outreach Committee, 2005-2006

Volunteer, Denison Alumni Recruiting Team, Denison University, 2003 - Present.

Student Member, Admissions and Aid Committee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, 2002-2003.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Kappa Delta
Eastern Sociological Society
European Sociological Association

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America