

Melissa D. Barnett

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Profile

Independent, outgoing research professional and a published author. Adept at designing, collecting and analyzing data.

Extremely organized, self-motivated and able to move research forward towards projected deadlines, including publication.

Flexible and versatile – using research experience to move easily between a variety of research projects, in research teams or independently.

Skills Summary

Easily move between a variety of research projects

Experienced in qualitative data collection & quantitative analysis

Strong research & statistical skills

Work Experience

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

2008 to Present

Researcher

- ♦ Locate potential research participants by cultivating relationships with local businesses, religious leaders and ethnic organizations.
- ♦ Coordinate interview times & meet with participants at convenient locations in the Greater Boston area.
- ♦ Continuously provide feedback to PI on interview schedule and up-date questionnaire to verify validity of questions.
- ♦ Initiate new research themes and take lead on manuscripts stemming from on-going data collection.
- ♦ Master literature streams required to further research and publish in high-level, rigorous outlets.

Brandies University, Waltham, MA

2006 to 2009

Research Assistant to Senior Research Associate

- ♦ Oversaw all aspects of creating a cross-survey data file, which included 50+ secondary surveys:
 - Designed codebook for cross-survey file – individual and survey level variables.
 - Maintained data file on campus server and all records pertaining to data construction.
 - Communicated regularly with PIs and survey houses to clarify various points pertaining to cross-survey file.
 - Extracted and wrote syntax to transform data into workable data files for project's purposes.
 - Performed quality analyses on all data files to ensure data was clean and formatted correctly.
 - Conducted preliminary analyses in a variety of statistical software packages leading to final model.
 - Oversaw the work of and supervised junior staff on data extraction and correctly merging data.
- ♦ Co-authored manuscript on methodological aspects of developing cross-survey data files.

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2000 to 2006

Research Assistant to Project Manager

- ♦ Contacted and spoke with various U.S. state directors of managed, integrated health care programs for persons 65+ to inform on-going report submitted to Florida's mid-2003 legislative session.
- ♦ Meet and discussed suggestions with representatives of Florida's Department of Elder Affairs and Agency for Healthcare Administration..
- ♦ Reviewed and formatted secondary data sources (National & State) for the policy handbook, "Florida's Aging Population: Critical Issues for Florida's Future, 2002."

Selected Publications

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

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Education

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY – Tallahassee, FL	
Ph.D. in Sociology , 2008	GPA: 4.0/4.0
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY – Tallahassee, FL	GPA: 3.9/4.0
M.S. in Sociology , 2002	
DENISON UNIVERSITY – Granville, OH	GPA: 3.56/4.0
B.A. in English writing , 1996	Magna Cum Laude