

Tiffany A. Parsons

Curriculum Vitae

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University of West Georgia
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, Georgia State University, 2020
Dissertation: "I Didn't Know it was Harassment: Pervasive & Unrecognized Discrimination on the College Campus"
Qualifying Exams: Theory, Methods, Race and Urban
- M.A. Sociology, University of West Georgia, 2009
Thesis: "Homelessness and The Homeless: A State of the Field"
- B.S. Sociology, University of West Georgia, 2007

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT

University of West Georgia

2014 - present	Lecturer of Sociology Director of Morocco Study Abroad Program
2010 - 2014	Director of Women's Studies Program
2009 - 2014	Instructor of Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Inequality and Urban Sociology:
American Class System/Poverty
Homelessness/Housing
Ethnoraciality
Violence Against Women

Public and Applied Sociology:
Community Education
Program Development and Evaluation
Nonprofit Development and Management
Policy Analysis

APPLIED/COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH:

- Parsons, Tiffany A. 2022. Rural Homelessness Service Assessment and Intervention Development in the west GA region.
Partners: City of Carrollton, Christ the King Church, First Baptist Church of Carrollton, St. Margaret's Episcopalian Church, Impact West GA, and The Holy Spirit Shelter.
Funded: in-kind by community partners
- Parsons, Tiffany A. 2022-2024. Re-Implementation, Revision, and Evaluation of in-person English as a Second Language adult program post-Covid.
Partner: Impact West GA
Funder: Office of Undergraduate Research, UWG
- Parsons, Tiffany A. 2022-2024. Re-Implementation, Revision, and Evaluation of in-person, low-income children's literacy program post-Covid
Partner: Impact West GA
Funder: Office of Undergraduate Research, UWG
- Ogletree, Tamara and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2022 - 2023. A financial management curriculum accessible to members of the working, lower, and under classes who may have limited financial literacy and living in a region with poverty rates as high as 30%, Development.
Partner: Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy
Funder: Community Foundation of West Georgia
- Christopher, Kelley, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Abigail Kolb. 2019 - 2024. Moral Rehabilitation Programming in Women's Prisons, Evaluation.
Partners: GA Department of Corrections and MS Department of Corrections
Funder: Prison Seminary Foundation
- Parsons, Tiffany A. and Cindy Smith. 2013 - 2020. Intervention in a rural school system with the lowest graduation rate for girls in the district, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation.
Partner: Villa Rica Middle School
Fundings: Carroll County School System and Power of the Purse, A Women's Giving Circle
- Parsons, Tiffany A. 2009 - 2013. Homeless Transition Program Operations, Development, Implementation, Revision, and Evaluation.
Partner: Impact West Georgia
- Parsons, Tiffany A. 2007 - 2009. Transition Program for Suburban/Rural Homeless, Development.
Partner: Impact West Georgia

Parsons, Tiffany A. 1999 - 2010. Comprehensive Adult & Community Education Center, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation.
Partner: Impact West Georgia

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Brown, Pamela Pitman and Tiffany A. Parsons. Forthcoming. *Introduction to Social Justice*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Refereed Journal Articles:

Christopher, Kelley, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Abigail Kolb. 2022. "‘My Walk Matches My Talk’: An exploratory study of a moral rehabilitation program for incarcerated women." *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 14(1):3.

Book Chapters:

Beggs Weber, Jennifer and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2020. "Another Skanky ‘Hood Girl’": Intersections of Class & Gender on *Shameless’* South Side. Pp 148-163 in *Shameless Sociology* Newcastle upon Tyne, NE: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Book Reviews:

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2014. Review of *My Dog Always Eats First: Homeless People and Their Animals*. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 41(3): 193-195.

Other Academic Publications:

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2013. The Tucked Away Community. *Visual Sociology* 7(November): 2-4.

Other Publications:

Ogletree, Tamara and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2022. *Good Cent\$: A Financial Planning Workbook* Carrollton, GA: Center for Financial Education and Literacy, UWG.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Outstanding Mentor Award, College of Social Science, University of West Georgia
- 2019 Research Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of West Georgia
- 2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Introductory Sociology 8-week
- 2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Introductory Sociology 16-week
- 2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Violence Against Women

RESEARCH GRANTS:

\$1700. "Immigrants & Language: Adult English Language Learning and Children's Literacy" 2022. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program.

\$1,500. "Homeless Program Evaluation: Converting program data to electronic format." 2020. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program.

\$2,000. "Girl Power!: Implementing & Testing an intervention for at-risk middle school girls to improve graduation rates at the school with the lowest overall and female graduation rates in the county." 2019. Power of the Purse (administered by the West Georgia Community Foundation).

\$1,500. "Girl Power!: Implementing & Testing an intervention for at-risk middle school girls to improve graduation rates at the school with the lowest overall and female graduation rates in the county." 2019. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program.

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PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

"Local Homelessness Awareness Talk with Q&A" for church and community members. 2023. First Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA. February 6.

“Local Homelessness Awareness w/ Q&A” for church and community members. First Methodist Church Carrollton, GA. November 20.

“Local Homelessness and Housing Crises Talk” for the Carroll County Community. 2022. Annual Thanks-Giving Celebration, Carrollton City Schools’ Amphitheater. November 20.

“Working with Rural/Suburban Homeless” for church and community members. 2022. First Baptist Church Carrollton, GA. November 13.

“Working to Reduce Homelessness” for Honor’s Council Members. 2022. UWG. November 7

“Stop the Violence Panel: Intimate Terrorism” for young adults and those working with young adults. 2022. Rotarac Club, Carrollton, GA. October 19.

“Working with Vulnerable Populations” for front-line workers and volunteers. 2020. Impact West GA. Carrollton, GA. January 17, January 24, February 7, and February 14.

“Serving Vulnerable Populations.” for professionals and volunteers. 2019. Impact West GA. Carrollton, GA. May.

“Affordable Housing and West GA’s Housing Distress.” 2019. State of the Community, UWG. February.

“Serving Immigrants” for professionals and volunteers 2017. Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church. Peachtree City, GA. August

“West GA’s Homeless and the Barriers they face.” 2016. State of the Community, UWG. February

“Violence Against Women: Health and Societal Implications” 2013. Panelist following presentation. Sponsored by the Office for Institutional Diversity, UWG.

“Representations of Women in Media” 2012. Panelist following a presentation of “MissRepresentation” documentary sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity, UWG.

“Constructing Gender” 2010. Panelist following a presentation of “Codes of Gender” documentary sponsored by the Responsible Sexuality Committee, UWG.

“Homelessness & Poverty: U.S. and West Georgia in Global Perspective” 2009. presented twice as Talkbacks following The West Georgia Theatre Company’s presentation of *In The Blood*, UWG.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

Parsons, Tiffany A. and Pamela Kirk. 2023. "Christian Women and the Religious Right's Agenda: Trump, #MeToo, & Abortion" Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC. March.

Brown, Pamela Ptman, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Colleen R. Bennett. 2022. "Tales from the Dark Side: Bringing The Current Realities of Academic Positions and 'Attackers' into the Daylight" Presented at Georgia Sociological Association, Pine Mountain, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. and Pamela Pitman Brown. 2021. "Sociology in Action: HIPs & Social Justice" Presented at Georgia Sociological Association, Lake Lanier, GA. November.

Christopher, Kelley, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Abigail Kolb. 2021. First Fruits: Prison Seminary Model in a Women's Prison, 2018-2020" Presented at Partners in Moral Rehabilitation Conference, Fort Worth, TX. October.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2018. "I didn't know it was Harassment: Men's opinions and behaviors." Presented at Southern Sociological Society 81st Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2018. "University to Middle-School: combining Scholarship and Service." Presented at UWG COSS Social Science Conference, Carrollton, GA. (Presented by graduate student, Breahn Heard)

Smith, Cindy, Tiffany A. Parsons, Jessica Nauris, and Kayla Jules Smith. 2018. "Girls Empowered! A Gender Specific Mentoring Program." Presented at Global Conference on Education and REsearch, Las Vegas, NV. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2017. "University to Middle-School: combining scholarship & service." Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Cordele, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2017. "Community Engaged Scholarship: Experiences & Encouraging Student Participation." Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Cordele, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2010. "Managing the Latin American Threat: Race, Immigration, & Labor." Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Decatur, GA. October.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2010. "Globalization and Violence Against Women in Latin America: The Link." Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA. August.

McCandless, Jane N. and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2010. "Prime-Time Television and the Invisibility of the Aging Woman 2008 & 2009." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2009. "Transitioning from Homelessness: An Institutional Ethnography." Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. October.

McCandless, Jane N., Tiffany A. Parsons, Fawn Hayes-Hudson and Christina Jordan. 2008. "Prime-Time Television and the Invisibility of the Aging Woman." Presented at the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference, Charlotte, NC. April.

Panels

Applied and Public Sociology. 2023. Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. March.

CAMPUS TALKS

"Phi Kappa Phi Key Note Address" 2018. Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony, UWG. October.

"Making My Passion My Work" 2016. Living Well Staff Conference, UWG. April.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sociological Theory

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

Sociology of Race

Violence Against Women

American Class System

Housing and Homelessness

Global-, Glocal-, & Grobal-ization

Intersectionality: Race & Sex

Visual Sociology

Sociology of Immigration

Ghettoization and Deconcentration

Comparative Culture

Introduction to Women's Studies

Sociology of Family

Globalization and Women

Sociology of Gender

Directed Student Research

Meghan Hope Ingersoll, "Program Efficacy and Recidivism" MA Thesis, Spring 2023, Committee Member

Alex Quarles, "Homelessness..." Applied, MA Exit Paper, Fall 2022, Committee Member

Meaghan McIntyre, "Social Class and Access to Healthcare for Autistic Children" Presented at Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2022, Mentor

Karen Rogers, "The Effectiveness of Homeless Shelters in Reducing Homelessness" Presented at UWG's Scholar's Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Abigail Michel, "How Parents' Choose a Pediatrician" Presented at UWG's Scholar's Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Arial Hutchinson, "Homeless Narratives: Media, Public, and Lived Experience" Presented at UWG's Scholar's Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Quamari Brown, "Illustrations of the Looking Glass Self in at-risk middle school girls" Presented at UWG's Scholars Day, Spring 2018, Mentor

Yakira Hamilton, "Coping mechanisms among at-risk middle school girls in an unsupportive school" Presented at UWG's Scholars Day, Spring 2018, Mentor.

Brehann Heard, "Participant Observation Black Youth and Math Education" Presented at Undergraduate Research Symposium, Fall 2017, Mentor

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department, College, & University:

2022 - 2023	Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology Budget Committee, Member
2021 - 2023	College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry Study Abroad Committee, Member
2018 - 2022	Sociology Undergraduate Program Committee, Member
2018 - 2021	College of Social Science New Faculty Mentor
2017 - 2020	College of Social Science Lecturers Forum, Organizer
2015 - 2021	Teaching Sociology Online Committee, Chair
2014 - 2016	Best Practices Committee, ADVANCE Grant, National Science Foundation, Member
2012 - 2020	Responsible Sexuality Committee, Member
2009 - Present	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UWG Chapter, Officer

National Service:

2019 - 2022	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Literacy Grant Committee, Chair
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