

Christina Ryder

Education

- 06/05, University of California Irvine, Master of Arts in Social Science with a Concentration in Demography and Social Analysis (Course Focus: Social Inequality).
- 5/03, Vanguard University, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Outstanding Student Department of Sociology Award in 2003.
- 2/00, Ozark Technical Community College, Emergency Medical Technician—Basic.

Certifications & Trainings

- 10/14, Certified Sociology Practitioner, Association for Applied and Clinical Sociologists
- 12/13, The Doula Foundation/DONA, Postpartum Doula Training.
- 08/13, The Doula Foundation/DONA, Birth Doula Training, Labor Support Professional

Employment Positions

- 01/14-Present, GO LEAD Coordinator, Instructor of Sociology, and Director of the Center for Community Engagement, Missouri State University.

After 7 years of teaching adjunct at Missouri State, I accepted a faculty position in January of 2014 which consisted of both teaching as well as the formalization of the Sociology Research Assistant Program (SOC RA) through the Center for Social Science and Public Policy Research (CSSPPR). Myself and Dr. Tim Knapp informally began the program in 2009 which connects community based agencies in need of program evaluation and other research with qualified students who, in collaboration with faculty, conduct the study and students receive compensation for their work from the University (they are part time employees). The SOC RA program, in its two year formalized term, had 12 projects being run through CSSPPR, which has tripled the amount of revenue for the CSSPPR and subsequently provided 8 Dept students with the opportunity to conduct applied research work during their undergraduate student experience, participate in study related press conferences and media, publish study results, and present at various regional academic and professional conferences. As a result of this experience and success, I was asked to assume the Directorship of the University's Center for Community Engagement Office of Community Based Research in the Fall of 2016.

I also am currently the GO LEAD Coordinator for the University. The mission of GO LEAD is to help build a highly effective and efficient nonprofit sector in Southwest Missouri by providing quality professional development and networking opportunities to people working for and with nonprofit organizations. The program consists of 2 certificate series (one for beginners in nonprofit management and another for those in executive leadership). Since accepting the position in the Fall of 2013 after the program was dormant for over one year, we have successfully revitalized both certificate series with a new curriculum, have added new workshops and online courses, have incorporated independent series evaluation, have established a community advisory board, and increased University collaboration with other Center's and like programs in the community.

- 08/09-Present, Adjunct Faculty, Drury University Department of Sociology.
- 10/07-Present, Founder & CEO, The Grantwell, LLC.

The Grantwell, LLC provides nonprofit organizations with grant writing, grant writing training, and grant writing support. To date, The Grantwell has served approximately 400 non profit organizations (including

faith based groups, fire departments, and assisted in securing over \$100 million for non profit efforts around the world. As CEO, I manage a team of writers and over the past 10 years participated in numerous workshops across the country on effective grant writing techniques, including two annual workshop series in partnership with the Missouri State University Office of NonCredit programs. The company has also established a paid internship program for students interested in learning the grant writing process at Missouri State University and Drury University.

- 03/04-01/14, President, Christina Ryder & Associates, LLC

Christina Ryder & Associates, LLC (CRA) was established to provide research and grant evaluation assistance to nonprofit organizations. In addition to conducting smaller program or organizational evaluations and assessments, CRA participated and conducted grant evaluations for the United State Department of Agriculture, the United State Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Education. CRA established a scholarship program for applied social scientists through the Missouri State University Sociology and Anthropology Department in 2008.

Media

- 09/16: “Researchers Unveil Study on Congregations Community Impact” Article Available online at:
<http://newsroom.drury.edu/dunews/researchers-unveil-study-on-congregations-community-impact/>
- 09/16: “In Wake of Congregations Study, Officials Seek to Unify Resources Through Together Springfield.” Article available at:
<http://ksmu.org/post/wake-congregations-study-officials-work-unify-resources-together-springfield>
- 08/16: “World Changers: Nonprofits Taking Business Landscape By Storm”. Radio interview. Available online at:
<http://ksmu.org/post/world-changers-nonprofits-taking-business-landscape-storm#stream/0>
- 05/15, Empowering Women, Easing Transition to Motherhood. Radio Interview. Available online at: <http://ksmu.org/post/empowering-women-easing-transition-motherhood>.
- 01/14, Struggling Expectant Mothers Find Empowerment With Doulas. Article available at: <http://news.missouristate.edu/2015/01/20/struggling-expectant-mothers-find-empowerment-with-doulas/>
- 12/13, All Springfield, MO News Outlets, Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative, Co-Chair Faith Based Subcommittee Press Conference Presenter. Summary of Conference and Ryder Clip can be found online at:
http://www.ky3.com/news/local/new-coalition-in-greene-county-aims-to-prevent-child-abuse/21048998_23569078
- 04/13, Springfield Business Journal, Featured Professional. Article available online at: <http://sbj.net/main.asp?SectionID=48&SubSectionID=108&ArticleID=93705>
- 12/09, Missouri State University Foundation Annual Report, Scholarship Profile and Featured Donor. Article available online at:
<http://www.missouristatefoundation.org/spotlights/default.aspx?id=82>

Professional, Committee, and Board Memberships

- 01/2016-Present, Community Partnership of the Ozarks Impacting Poverty Collaborative, Chair
- 08/15-Present, Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, Member, Certified Sociology Practitioner, 2015-2016 Certification Committee Voting Member

- 08/13-Present, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Member and Faith Based Subcommittee, Co-Chair.
- 09/13-12/2015, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Impacting Poverty Collaborative Member: Service Delivery Subcommittee, Chair; and Indicator Task Force, Chair.
- 01/12-Present, D.R.E.A.M. Board Member
- 11/11-Present, Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations, Springfield, MO, Commissioner
- 05/03-Present, Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociological Honors Society, Professional Member.
- 05/03-Present, Sigma Chi Pi, A/G Commission on Higher Education, Professional Member.
- 03/05-Present, Pacific Sociological Association, Professional Member.
- 01/08-01/10, Center for Community Impact Research, Lead Research Consultant.
- 04/07-10/10, EPPC Internal Research Review Board (Health and Human Services Approved IRB), Board Member.

Peer Review Experience

- 10/15-Present, Introduction to Sociology Text Selections, McGraw-Hill. Peer Reviewer
- 04/10-Present, On-Going Media Articles by the Rev. Al Miles. Peer Reviewer
- 04/10, Domestic Violence: What Every Pastor Needs to Know (2nd Edition). Author: Rev. Al Miles, Augsburg-Fortress Press. Peer Reviewer.
- 05/05, Ending Violence in Teen Dating Relationships: A Resource Guide for Parents and Pastors. Author: Rev. Al Miles, Augsburg-Fortress Press. Peer Reviewer.

Academic Research, Publications, and Community Based Reports

- In Progress: "Applying Sociology" An Introductory Reader", Christina Ryder and Cognella Publishing.
- 09/16, "Springfield Area Congregations Study: Profile and Community Engagement" Catherine Hoegeman, Dan Prater, Christina Ryder, and Matt Gallion.
- 08/16, "Ozarks Literacy Council, The Greater Ozarks YMCA, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Community Grant Evaluation Report." Christina Ryder and Nomachot Adiang.
- 07/16, "Ozarks Literacy Council & The Missouri Career Center Literacy and Unemployment Report, Christina Ryder and Nomachot Adiang.
- Forthcoming, "Facing our Youth: 2014 High Risk and Homeless Youth Survey" to be included as a chapter in a book by Moon City Press.
- 06/15, "Facing our Youth: 2014 High-Risk and Homeless Youth Survey" Dr. Tim Knapp, Adam Bryson, and Christina Ryder.
- 12/14, "Grant Writing 101: Your Essential Guide to Nonprofit Grant Acquisition," Christina Ryder, EBook, ISBN: 9781483540122.
- 12/14, "Doula Services Evaluation: The Degree of Impact on High Risk, Low-Income Women's Birth Experience and Parenting Styles." Dr. Lisa Hall, Christina Ryder, and Jaime Orlando.
- 11/14, "Springfield Missouri Annual Homeless Count 2014," Dr. Tim Knapp, Christina Ryder, and Adam Bryson.
- 08/14, "Surviving Poverty," Christopher Kempke and Christina Ryder. In 2015, this report was chosen by the Springfield MO Impacting Poverty Commission as the report that will guide all 2015-2016 poverty activities.
- 11/13, "The Faith Community and Child Abuse Prevention: Exploratory Survey Results," Christina Ryder and the CPO Faith Based Subcommittee of the Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative.

- 04/13, “The Ozarks ‘One Door’ Poverty Data Analysis Report”, Christopher Kempke and Christina Ryder.
- 03/13, “Encouraging Youth to Learn, Exceed, and Excel: The After School Learning Center and Recreational Programs of Teen Challenge of Southern California, Inc. (Annual Assessment Report)” Christina Ryder.
- 07/11, “The Ozarks ‘One Door’ Poverty Data Analysis Report.” Michelle Caplinger, Gail O’Conner, Christina Ryder, and Dr. Tim Knapp.
- 06/11, “2011 Homeless and At-Risk Youth Assessment Survey (Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties)”
- 06/11, “Every One Counts Housing Vulnerability Survey (Greene County, MO)”, Michelle Caplinger, Gail O’Conner, Dr. Tim Knapp, and Christina Ryder.
- 03/11-Present, “Applying Sociological Insights to Education.” Dr. Edward J. Clarke and Christina Ryder. Publication in Progress.
- 07/2011. “Assessing the Vulnerability of Homeless Population in Costa Mesa, CA.” Dr. Edward J. Clarke and Christina Ryder.
- 07/2011. “Queen City Hustle Intake Assessment Analysis Report.” Michelle Caplinger, Gail O’Conner, and Christina Ryder.
- 07/2011. “Community Partnership of the Ozarks 2007 Survey Assessment of Needy Families.” Gail O’Conner and Christina Ryder.
- 06/2011. “Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Faith and Community Based Support Initiative Promoting Responsible Parenthood Among Recovering Addicts and Ex-Offenders (Way Maker Ministries Harvey, LA Final Grant Report). Christina Ryder.
- 12/2010. “The 2009 Orange County Partnership Annual Homeless Report.” Dr. Edward Clarke, Christina Ryder, and Orange County Partnership.
- 07/2009. “Enough is Enough Project Data & Analysis: Reducing Child Victimization through National Implementation Of Proven Internet Safety Strategies.” Dr. J.C. Bowman and Christina Ryder.
- 05/2009. “Angel Food Ministries, Inc. USDA Food & Nutrition Service, Food stamp Program Participation Grant 2006-2008 Final Grant Evaluation Report.” Christina Ryder.

Academic Conference Presentations

- 10/15, “Doula Work as Applied Sociology.” “Studying the Impact of Springfield, MO Congregations,” and “Insights From A CSP”, Annual Conference, Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.
- 10/14, “Affairs of the Public: Our Work, Their Mission” Annual Conference, “Encouraging Inclusiveness in Doing Sociology: Public and Private, Applied and Clinical”, Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.
- 9/14, “The DFMA Outcomes and Impact Report”, Poster Presentation, DONA/LAMAZE International Conference.
- 11/11, “The Challenges of Education With Nothing: Applying Sociological Insights to Education.” The California Sociological Association (CSA) and the University of California Berkeley, CSA Annual Conference.
- 03/11, “Applying Sociological Insights to Education.” The Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Meeting.
- 11/05, “Ideal Number of Children and Correlated Variables in 1988, 1994 and 2002.” Southern Demographic Association (SDA), SDA Annual Demography Conference.

- 02/05, “The Faith Community, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence,” Peace and Safety International, Beyond Abuse: The Annual International Conference on Faith and Family Violence.

Languages

- Fluent Spanish

References

- Available upon request

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