

**CATHERINE SIMPSON BUEKER**

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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Brown University 2003  
Masters of Arts in Sociology, Brown University 2000  
Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, Cornell University (with Distinction) 1996

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

***The Political Incorporation of Immigrants: Naturalizing and Voting in the United States***

Comparative, multilevel, quantitative analysis of citizenship and voting trends of immigrants in the United States using four years of the Current Population Survey

**MASTER'S THESIS**

***Gender and Citizenship: The Impact of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act on Naturalization***

Utilized INS data to examine citizenship trends pre and post 1996 welfare reform (PRWORA)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

***Post-Graduate***

Nominated for the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award 2011  
Campus Life Award 2010  
\$3,000 Grant from Emmanuel College to increase diversity in curriculum, developed "The Immigration Experience" 2007  
\$5,000 Reading Recovery Council of North America Research Grant 2004-2005

***Graduate***

Brown University Dissertation Fellowship 2002-2003  
Presidential Award in Teaching Excellence, Honorable Mention, Brown University 2000-2001  
Alden Spear Jr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis, Brown University 2000  
Brown University Fellowship 1998-1999

***Undergraduate***

Distinction in All Subjects, Cornell University 1996  
Dean's List, Cornell University 1995-1996

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Emmanuel College, Assistant Professor***

2007 to present

Courses taught: *Soc 1101: Introduction to Sociology; Soc 1105: U.S. Institutions; Soc 2113: Introduction to Methods of Social Research; Soc 2127: Social Class and Power; Soc 3103: Advanced Quantitative Methods; Soc 3201: Worlds in Motion: Causes and Consequences of Migration, Soc 4999: the Sociology of Boston*

***Emmanuel College, Visiting Assistant Professor***

2006-2007

Courses taught: *Introduction to Sociology; Introductory Research Methods; Social Class and Power*

Responsibilities included: teach courses, participate in faculty meetings, mentor undergraduate students, assist in the development of the Sociology Club, deliver college-wide lecture to initiate Sociology Club

***Lasell College, Adjunct Professor***

2005-2006

Courses taught: *Introduction to Sociology, Race and Ethnicity*

Responsibilities included: writing and delivering all lectures, developing and grading assignments, mentoring undergraduate students

***Lesley University, Guest Lecturer***

2003-2005

Lectured on research methods to graduate students several times/ semester

Responsibilities included: writing and delivering lectures; facilitating discussions

**Brown University, Teaching Assistant** 1999-2002  
Courses taught: *Introductory Statistics; Race, Class, and Ethnicity; Foundations of Political Analysis; American Heritage: Democracy, Inequality, and Public Policy; Social Exclusion and Inequality; Political Sociology*  
Responsibilities included: writing and delivering occasional lectures; developing and grading assignments; creating discussion questions and running sections

**Brown University, Instructor** 1999-2000  
Course taught: *Causes and Consequences of Child Abuse: A Research Practicum*  
Responsibilities included: writing and delivering daily lectures; teaching research techniques; overseeing research teams using the NLSY

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Researcher, Center for Reading Recovery and Literacy Collaborative, Lesley University** 2003-2005  
Responsibilities included: designing research projects and program evaluations of national literacy programs; collecting quantitative and qualitative data; analyzing data; writing up and reporting findings for diverse audiences; heading a regional research committee; contributing to a national committee focused on evaluating the cost-effectiveness of educational reforms

**Research Assistant, Brown University: Study of Immigration and Residential Segregation** 2001-2003  
Responsibilities included: organizing and analyzing 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census data using STATA; developing visual presentation for ASA annual meeting; presenting research at ASA annual meeting

**Research Assistant, Brown University: Study of Food Stamp Usage in Rhode Island** 2000-2001  
Responsibilities included: organizing administrative data; running and analyzing event history models using SAS; performing literature reviews; preparing manuscript and visual presentation for conferences

**Research Assistant, Brown University: Effect of Providence Revitalization on Low-Income Residents** 1999  
Responsibilities included: participant observations; creating interview protocol; interviewing local residents, politicians, and community advocates; coding data; distilling results into final report for local policymakers

**Extern, MSPCC: Multi-site, Longitudinal Study of the Effects of Head Start** 1999  
Responsibilities included: interviewing parents of Head Start graduates, inputting data, cleaning data

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND BOOKS

2011. "Latino Voter Turnout in the 2004 Election: The Effect of Spanish Language Advertising, Close Elections, Unemployment and Hate Crimes" under review at *the Journal of Latino Studies*, CUNY. Advanced through the first round of reviews without edits.

2011. Resources, Relevance, and Relationships: A Perfect Storm for Political Engagement over Park Usage." Currently being revised for publication.

2009. "The Limits of Political Citizenship." *Society*. (Volume 6, Issue 5, September/ October, 2009). Invited submission for issue focusing on immigration debate.

2008. "Civic Incorporation." In Judith Warner (ed.) *Battleground Immigration*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

2006. *From Immigrant to Naturalized Citizen: Political Incorporation in the United States*. New York: LFB Publishing.

2005. "Making the Grade: The Performance of Former Reading Recovery Children on the Third Grade MCAS Exam." *The Journal of Reading Recovery*, fall: 64-68.

2005. "The Political Incorporation among Immigrants from Ten Areas of Origin." *International Migration Review*, 39(149):103-140.

2005. "Teacher's Reports of the Effects of a Whole-School Literacy Reform on Teacher Turnover." *The Elementary School Journal*, 105(4):395-416.

2004. "The Personal is Political: The Relationship Between Marital Status and Immigrant Political Incorporation." *The Electronic Journal of Sociology*, 7  
<http://www.sociology.org/content/2004/tier1/beuker.html?PHPSESSID=e4cc2daa6c831af607fb9db3fb77a02a>

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Invited speaker at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, sponsored by the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (Boston, MA, October 2010)

Presented "Political Attitudes and Behaviors of College Students in the 2008 Presidential Election" at the Emmanuel College Faculty Research Seminar (November, 2009)

Presented "Identifying Predictors of Voter Participation and Candidate Choice among College Students in the 2008 Presidential Election" at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association w/ Haley Byrnes and Lauren Harris (San Francisco, CA, August 2009)

Presented "Turning out to Vote and Turning out the Vote: The Role of Political Context in the 2004 Presidential Election," at the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 2008)

Presented "Turning out to Vote and Turning out the Vote: The Role of Competitive Races on Voter Turnout among the Naturalized and Native-Born in the 2000 and 2004 Presidential Elections," at The Center for Research on Nationality, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (University of Surrey, Guilford, UK, June 2008)

Presented "A Search for Political Voice? Informal Political Activity among Immigrants," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (New York, NY, August 2007)

Presented "Teachers' Responses to a Whole-School Literacy Reform Model: Results from Two Formative Studies," at the Conference of the American Educational Research Association w/ Linda Caswell (Montreal, Canada, March 2005)

Presented "Two Years After...The Performance of Former Reading Recovery Students on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MCAS Exam," at the March 2004 Conference of the Massachusetts Reading Association (Sturbridge, MA, March 2004)

Presented "The Personal is Political: The Relationship between Marital Status and Political Participation," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (Atlanta, GA, August 2003)

Presented "The Impact of Immigration on Residential Segregation: A Follow-Up," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association w/ Prof. Michael White & Prof. Jennifer Glick (Chicago, IL, August 2002)

Presented "Immigrants in the Voting Booth," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (Anaheim, CA, August 2001)

Presented "Spatial Effects on the Dynamics of Food Stamp Participation," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association w/ Prof. Hilary Silver & Prof. David Lindstrom (Anaheim, CA, August 2001)

Presented "The Dynamics of Food Stamp Participation," at the USDA Small Grants Conference w/ Prof. Hilary Silver & Prof. David Lindstrom (Washington, D.C., October 2000)

Presented "Gender and Citizenship: The Impact of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act on Naturalization," at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (Washington, D.C., August 2000)

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

SPSS, SAS, STATA, N\*Vivo, Microsoft Office, Endnote

Survey development, implementation, and analysis

Linear and logistic regression analysis

Experience developing interview protocols, conducting participant observation, and coding data

## **SERVICE**

### **Emmanuel College**

Faculty Senate (2011-)

Developed study with students for Emmanuel College Library; findings included in NEASC Report (Spring 2011)

Faculty Development Committee (2010-2011)

Faculty Information Technology Committee (2010-2011)

Developed study with students for IT Department for redevelopment of Emmanuel College Portal (fall 2010)

Conducted survey for offices of residential life and student affairs (spring 2010)

Chair of Summer Reading Committee (2008 to present)

American Studies Committee (2007 to present)  
Dean's Search Committee (Fall 2009)  
Guest Lecturer in the Sophomore Honors Colloquium (November 2009)  
Faculty Senate (2008 to 2010)  
Academic Affairs Sub-Committee (2008 to 2010)  
Participated in phone-a-thon to encourage accepted students to attend Emmanuel College (April 2009)  
Delivered key note address at Induction of Sociology Honor's Society (April 2009)  
Participated in Student Awards Banquet (April 2009)  
Participated in grants workshop organized by VP Frank Scully (December 2008)  
Presented research at the Emmanuel College faculty research colloquium (September 2008)  
Participated in online summer course for the creation of online courses (summer 2008)  
Conducted survey on student retention for the office of student affairs (spring 2008)  
Guest lecturer in the Sophomore Honors Colloquium (February 2008)  
Library Steering Committee (2007-2008)  
Participated in the Symposium on Values (2007-2008)  
Participated in the Symposium on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (2007-2008)  
Worked w/ administration to collect and analyze data on undergraduate student body to assess retention issues (fall 2007)  
Guest lecturer in the Freshman Honors Colloquium (October 2007)

### **Departmental**

Sociology Department Assessment Coordinator (spring 2010-)  
Semi-annual creation and distribution of Sociology Department newsletter "Sociologists at Work" (ongoing)  
Liaison to the adjunct sociology faculty (spring 2010)  
Student advisor (2007 to present)  
Faculty advisor to the Sociology Club (2006 to present)  
Created hand-out, "What is Sociology?" on the discipline of Sociology for academic advisors (May 2009)  
Created Sociology Department newsletter, "Sociologists at Work" (April 2009)  
Conducted, submitted, and had accepted research study on political behavior of Emmanuel College students w/ two undergraduates. Research to be presented at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting (August 2009)  
Oversaw submission and presentation of research projects by undergraduates to the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting (August 2008)  
Staffed Sociology table at open houses (October 2007, November 2008)  
Sociology Faculty search committee (2007-2008)  
Created multimedia presentation about Sociology to recruit prospective Emmanuel Students at open houses (October 2007)

### **Extramural**

Organized session, "Perspectives on Citizenship," for the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (Atlanta, GA, August 2010)  
Scribe for International Migration Mini-Conference. Notes to be compiled and disseminated to wider audience (University of California-Berkeley, August 2009)  
Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries*, *Social Forces* (ongoing)