

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
Dissertation Title: "Framing and Collective Identities in the Legal Setting: Comparing Interracial Marriage and Same-Sex Marriage"
- 2002 M.A., Sociology, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Thesis Title: "Avoiding the 'Boogeywoman' Label: Marketing the Elite Female Athlete"
- 1999 B.S., Sociology, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (Sociology)

- 2021-present **Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology**, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida
- 2016-2021 **Adjunct Professor of Sociology**, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida
- 2016-2017 **Adjunct Professor of Sociology**, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- 2014-2021 **Adjunct Professor of Sociology**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa (online)
- 2014-2015 **Adjunct Professor of Sociology**, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina (online)
- 2012-2019 **Adjunct Professor of Sociology**, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico (online)
- 2008-2014 **Assistant Professor of Sociology**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 2007-2008 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology**, Manchester University, North Manchester, Indiana
- 2007-2008 **Adjunct Instructor of Sociology**, Indiana University Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 2005-2007 **Graduate Assistant Instructor**, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
- 2000-2002 **Managing Editor**, *Sociological Spectrum*, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- 2001-2002 **Adjunct Distance Learning Instructor**, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- 2000-2001 **Teaching Assistant**, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST

Gender and sexuality, social movements, social justice, sociological and feminist theories, crime and deviance, sociology of sport and gender.

PUBLICATIONS

McGrath, Shelly A. and Ruth A. Chananie-Hill. 2014. "Female Body Building." In Craig Forsyth and Heith Copes (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. Sage.

- Deshotels, Tina and Ruth Chananie (eds.). 2013. "Introduction to 'Binders Full of Women: Gendered Identities, Experiences, and Institutions.'" *Sociological Spectrum, special edition* 33(5): 391-396.
- McGrath, Shelly A. and Ruth A. Chananie-Hill. 2013. "'Big Freaky Looking Women': Normalizing Gender Transgression through Bodybuilding (reprint)." Ch. 25 in *Sex, Gender, and Sexuality: The New Basics* (2nd ed.), edited by Abby Ferber, Kimberly Holcomb, and Tre Wentling. Oxford University Press.
- Chananie-Hill, Ruth A., Shelly A. McGrath, and Justin Stoll. 2012. "Deviant or Normal? Female Bodybuilders' Accounts of Social Reactions." *Deviant Behavior* 33(10):811-830.
- Chananie-Hill, Ruth A., Jennifer A. Waldron, and Natalie K. Umsted. 2012. "Third Wave Agenda: Women's Flat-Track Roller Derby." *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal* 21(1):33-49.
- McGrath, Shelly A. and Ruth A. Chananie-Hill. 2009. "'Big Freaky Looking Women': Normalizing Gender Transgression through Bodybuilding." *Sociology of Sport Journal* 26(2):235-254.
- Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. 2008. Book Review (invited). *The Age of Independence: Interracial Unions, Same-Sex Unions, and the Changing American Family*, by Michael J. Rosenfeld (2007). *Journal of Marriage & Family* 70(3):832-833.
- Chananie, Ruth A. 2005. "Psychopharmaceutical Advertising Strategies: Empowerment in a Pill?" *Sociological Spectrum* 25(5):487-518.
- Chananie, Ruth A. 2005. "Janet Saltzman Chafetz: An Accidental Sociologist," Pp. 245-268 in *Portraits of Women Sociologists*, edited by Pat Nation, Calvin Easterling, and Brenda D. Phillips. Island Park, NY: Whittier Publications.
- Chananie, Ruth and Terri Terrell (eds). 2001. *Red Feather Journal of Graduate Sociology*, Summer 2001, Vol. 5: "Simulated Selves: Invention and Replication of Identities through Media Representation," online: <http://www.tryoung.com/journal-grad.html/socgradindex.html>
- Chananie, Ruth A. 2000. "W.I. Thomas," "Military Sociology," "Transvestism," "Group Marriage," and "Widowhood," encyclopedia entries published in *World of Sociology*, Gale Group.

COURSE SUBJECTS TAUGHT*

Class, Status and Power
 Deviant Behavior*
 Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences*
 Introduction to Sociology
 Contemporary Issues and Social Solutions
 Introduction to Women's Studies
 Marriage and Family
 Racial and Ethnic Relations
 Research Methods*
 Social Movements*
 Social Problems in Education*
 Sociology of Gender
 Sociology of Sexualities
 Sociological Theories (classical and contemporary)*

*Graduate level or combination undergrad/grad.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ORGANIZED SESSIONS*

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Racism and Intersectionality." Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, Tennessee, 2022.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer, "Politics, Social Movements, and Social Change." Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, Tennessee, 2022.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer, "Media and Popular Culture." Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, Tennessee, 2022.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Social Media, Entertainment Media, and Popular Culture." Mid-South Sociological Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2021.

Chananie, Ruth. Panelist. "Interracial Solidarity with Black Activism for Racial Justice." Mid-South Sociological Association, Virtual Conference, 2020.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Social Media, Entertainment Media, and Popular Culture." Mid-South Sociological Association, Virtual Conference, 2020.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Social Movements, Social Problems, and Politics." Mid-South Sociological Association, Virtual Conference, 2020.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Social Movements, Public Policy, and Politics." Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, Mississippi, 2019.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Potpourri II." Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, Mississippi, 2019.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Discussant, "Mid-South Sociological Association: History Focus Group Project." Mid-South Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, 2018.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Chair, "Undergraduate Session I: Religiosity, Religion, and Re-Construction." Mid-South Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, 2018.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "The Intersection of Sociology and Public Policy." Mid-South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2017.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Organizer and Presider, "Social Media and Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2017.

Chananie, Ruth. Roundtable Participant, "Teaching from a Feminist Perspective." Mid-South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2017.

Chananie, Ruth. Session Co-Organizer, "Action Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. Session Co-Organizer, "Gendered Experiences/Gendered Institutions: A View From the American South, Part I." Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, 2012.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. Session Co-Organizer, "Gendered Experiences/Gendered Institutions: A View From the American South, Part II." Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, 2012.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. Session Organizer, "Graduate Student Research." Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, 2012.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. "Muscle, Sweat, and Tears: Gender Dynamics in Sport." Invited guest lecture, Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana. 2012.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. "Effects of Social Movement and Institutional Networks on University Diversity Policies, Initiatives, and Culture," Mid-South Sociological Association, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2011.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A. Session Organizer, "Social Movements," Mid-South Sociological Association, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2011.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A., Shelly A. McGrath, and Justin Stoll. "Positive Deviants: Female Bodybuilders' Exercise and Dieting Behaviors," Mid-South Sociological Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 2010.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A., Jennifer Waldron, and Natalie Turner. "Third Wave Agenda: Women's Flat-Track Roller Derby," Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois. 2010.

Chananie-Hill, Ruth A., Discussant, "Contemporary Theory and Research on GLBTQ Issues." Panel session, Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, Chicago, Illinois. 2010.

*Past 13 years.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2011 UNI Faculty Summer Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Northern Iowa (8-week May/June).

2010 Interdisciplinary Research Small Grant Competition, Graduate College, University of Northern Iowa.

2009 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean's Summer Research Grant, University of Northern Iowa.

AWARDS

2021 Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member, University of Tampa

2021 Awarded Lifetime Membership in Mid-South Sociological Association

2013 University Book and Supply Untenured Faculty Teaching Award, University of Northern Iowa

2007 Distinguished Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2006 Honorable Mention, The Stanford M. Lyman Scholarship for Dissertation Work, for "Framing and Collective Identities in the Legal Setting: Comparing Interracial Marriage and Same-Sex Marriage," Mid-South Sociological Association, Lafayette, Louisiana.

- 2006 Third Place, NCSA Graduate Student Paper Award Competition, for “Female Bodybuilders: Crossing Gender Lines,” presented at the North Central Sociological Association meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, with co-author Shelly McGrath.
- 2004 Inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society.
- 2002 Delyte and Dorothy Morris Doctoral Fellowship, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (3 years).
- 2002 Excellence in Service Award, for service as Managing Editor, *Sociological Spectrum*, 1999-2002, presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association meetings, by Jackie Eller and Peter Heller, editors.
- 2001 First Place, MSSA Graduate Student Paper Competition, for “Offering Empowerment to Women: Psychopharmaceutical Advertising Strategies,” presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting in Mobile, Alabama.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

- 2020-2022 Technology Committee Chair, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2020-present Listserv Manager, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2018-2019 Past-President, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2017-2018 President, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2016-2017 President-Elect and Program Chair, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2013-2016 Secretary-Treasurer, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2013 Special Issue Co-Editor, with Tina Deshotels. “Binders Full of Women: Gendered Identities, Experiences, and Institutions.” *Sociological Spectrum* Vol. 33 Issue 5.
- 2012-2013 Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, UNI Chapter.
- 2011-2012 Vice President, Mid-South Sociological Association Executive Council
- 2010-2011 Vice President Elect, Mid-South Sociological Association Executive Council
- 2010 Member, Student Paper Award Committee, Iowa Sociological Association
- 2010 Member, Graduate Student Paper Awards Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2009-2022 Member, Women’s Caucus, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2006 Member, Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2002 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, History of Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

Manuscript Reviewing Service

- 2021 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2020 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2020 *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2019 *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2019 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2016 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
- 2013 *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*
- 2013 *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2012 *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*
- 2012 *Deviant Behavior*
- 2011 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

2010 *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*
2010 *Sociological Spectrum*

University of Northern Iowa Service as Assistant Professor

2013 Military and Veterans' Conference Organizing Committee
2013 UNI Provost's Teaching Technology Award Committee member
2012-2013 Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Program Restructuring Committee
2012-2013 Assessment Associate, Student Outcomes Assessment Reports Reviewer
2012 Presenter and panelist for MTA LGBT Educational Conference
2011-2013 Faculty Advisor, UNI Proud (LGBT student group)
2011-2013 Jump Start "Underrepresented at UNI" Committee Member and Presenter
2010-2013 Masters in Public Policy Graduate Comps Committee
2010-2012 Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Comps Committee
2010-2012 Graduate Committee, Sociology
2009-2010 Faculty Evaluator, CSBS Undergraduate Research Symposium
2009-2012 College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Student Technology Advisory Committee
2009-2011 Chair, Department Website Development Committee.
2009-2011 Department Technology Liaison to the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.
2009-2012 Library Liaison for Sociology.
2009-2012 Women's and Gender Studies Steering Committee
2009-2012 Women's and Gender Studies Programming Subcommittee Chair
2009-2010 Laramie Project Committee, Higher Ground Project, Gallagher-Bluedorn
2009-2013 University Diversity Advisory Committee
2008-2009 Higher Learning Commission Criterion 3 Self-Study Subcommittee
2008-2012 Graduate Faculty, UNI

Master's Thesis Committee Chair

2011 Justin Stoll, "Unholy in the Heartland: An Exploration of the Lives, Activities, and Identities of Secularists"

Master's Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

2012 Chelsae Huot, "Language as a Social Reality: The Effects of the Infantilization of Women"
2011 Megan Tesene, "Transforming Lives: Exploring the Impact of Transitioning on Female-to-Male Transpersons and Partners of Female-to-Male Transpersons"
2010 Loren Wilbers, "The New Childbirth: An Analysis of Mothers' Experiences with Elective Cesarean Sections"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2010-2013 Mission Committee and "Week Without Violence" conference organizer, YWCA of Blackhawk County
2009-2012 Local Community Liaison, One Iowa, the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization.
2009 Discussant, Waterloo Marriage Equality Public Forum (One Iowa), Waterloo, Iowa.
2009 Organizer, *For the Bible Tells Me So* (2007), documentary film community showing on homosexuality and the Bible, University of Northern Iowa.

- 2009 Interviewed, Iowa Public Radio, local news segment on the Iowa same-sex marriage Supreme Court case *Varnum v. Brien* (2009)
- 2009 Interviewed, "Changing hearts, minds: Gay community reaches out as marriage ruling nears," by Mary Stegmeir, *The Courier* (Waterloo/Cedar Falls), 3/22/2009.
- 2008 Invited Guest Presenter, "Is it Truth or History as We've Been Taught?" YWCA Diversity Dialogue Series, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 2008 Assistant, R.A.D. Kids Self-Defense Class for Low-Income Minorities, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 2008 Fundraiser, Homeward Bound Walk for the Homeless, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 2006 Community Response Planning Committee, Preparation for peaceful community response to Fred Phelps' anti-gay protest plans before Judy Shepard's guest appearance in Carbondale, Illinois.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (current)

- Mid-South Sociological Association
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
- Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
- Sociologists for Women in Society