

ABOUT ME

Research and teaching interests in Body and Embodiment, Medical Sociology, quantitative and qualitative methods, and aging and the life course.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

TEACHING • RESEARCH • SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - Present **Professor of Instruction**, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of South Florida
- 2021 – Present **Sociology Undergraduate Program Director**, University of South Florida
- 2018 - 2023 Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of South Florida
- 2013 - 2018 Instructor (I), Department of Sociology, University of South Florida

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D. Florida State University, Sociology
- 2009 M.S. Florida State University, Sociology
- 2007 B.S. Florida State University, Political Science and Sociology

DEVELOPED COURSES

- Introduction to Sociology^{1,2}
Senior Seminar Capstone^{1,2}
Social Science Statistics^{1,2}
Medical Sociology¹
Sociology of the Body¹
Research Methods¹
Sociological Theory²
Social Problems^{1,2}
Social Psychology²

¹In-person Course, ²Online Course

TEACHING GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Spring 2019 Professional Development Leave.
- 2017 USF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for 2016 – 2017.
- Spring 2014 ResearchOne award in support of invited colloquium speaker (\$750).
- Fall 2013 Creating Research Experiences and Activities through Teaching Enhancement Scholar Award (\$1700).

TEACHING CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- Summer 2023 Online Instructor Certification. University of South Florida.
- Summer 2019 Participant. Summer Teaching Symposium (STS-06) on Teaching the Next Generation. University of South Florida.
- Fall 2018 Organizer. Colloquium Workshop: Academic Freedom, Inclusion, and Marginalization in the Classroom. University of South Florida.
- Fall 2018 Participant. Florida Consortium Learning Assistant Workshop. Florida International University.
- Summer 2018 Participant. Summer Teaching Symposium (STS-05) on Student Motivation.
- Summer 2017 Participant. Summer Teaching Symposium (STS-04) on Classroom Gaming Techniques. University of South Florida.
- Summer 2016 Participant. Summer Teaching Symposium (STS-03) on Flipped Classroom Techniques. University of South Florida.
- Fall 2013 Certified Online Educator. Completed TO 101: How to Teach Online at University of South Florida.
- Spring 2008 Program for Instructional Excellence Certificate, Florida State University Certificate in best teaching practices at Florida State University

TEACHING MEDIA COVERAGE

Fall 2016 Blog Post for the ASA Body and Embodiment Blog. August 31, 2016. Toothman, Erica. "Sociology of the Body Teaching Materials." [Click here to read.](#)

TEACHING PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Spring 2021 Panelist. "Trauma, Stress, and Teaching: How Faculty Process and Cope with Secondary Stress." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Virtual.

Spring 2021 Toothman, E. and Christina Partin. "Building Better Scholars: A Sociological Approach to Mentorship and Graduate Teacher Training." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Virtual.

Spring 2016 Partin, C. & Toothman, E. "Preparing Future Faculty: MA and PhD Graduate Teacher Training." Academy of Teaching and Learning Excellence, Celebration of Teaching at USF, Tampa, FL.

Fall 2015 Panelist. "Teaching Bodies and Embodiment: New Approaches to Fat Studies, Gendered Embodiment, and the Body throughout the Life Course." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Spring 2014 Panelist. "Feminist Pedagogy Online." Winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society. Nashville, TN.

Spring 2011 Interdisciplinary panel on feminism. Tallahassee chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society. Organizer.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fall 2021 Co-Investigator (2021-current) USF Women's Health Collaborative Grant: Ending a wanted pregnancy: An exploration of women's experiences ending a pregnancy for fetal anomalies or threat to maternal health.
PI: Rachel B. Rapkin, M.D., M.P.H.
Grant Amount: \$10,000.

Fall 2013 College of Arts and Sciences Internal Research Award for continuing research (\$1500).

RESEARCH CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

2014 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Structural Equation Models and Latent Variables: An Introduction

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Barrett, Anne E. and Erica L. Toothman. 2017. "Multiple "Old Ages": The Influence of Social Context on Women's Aging Anxiety," *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences Forthcoming*.

Barrett, Anne E. and Erica L. Toothman. 2016. "Explaining Age Differences in Women's Emotional Well-being: The Role of Subjective Experiences of Aging," *Journal of Women & Aging* 28.4:285-296.

Barrett, Anne E. and Erica L. Toothman. 2014. "Baby Boomers' Subjective Life Course and its Physical Health Effects: How Distinctive is the "Forever Young" Cohort?" *International Journal of Health and Aging* 79.2:109-129.

Toothman, Erica L. and Anne E. Barrett. 2011. "Mapping Midlife: An Examination of the Social Factors Shaping Conceptions of the Timing of Middle Age." *Advances in Life Course Research* 16:99-111.

BOOK REVIEWS

Toothman, Erica L. 2013. Review of *Blurring the Boundaries: The Declining Significance of Age*, by Jack Levin. *Social Forces* 94.2:40.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Toothman, Erica L., Vamos, C., Hale, E., Dorsey, K., Bloom, S., Daley, E., Rapkin, R. 2023. Eliciting women's social support needs when terminating a pregnancy for fetal anomalies or threat to maternal health. Poster. Annual Meeting of the National Abortion Federation. Denver, CO.

Invited Panelist. 2022. Better Abortion Care for Patients with Bigger Bodies. Annual Meeting of the National Abortion Federation. Orlando, FL.

- Toothman, Erica L. and Christina Partin. 2021. Building Better Scholars: A Sociological Approach to Mentorship and Graduate Teacher Training. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- Panelist. 2021. Trauma, Stress, and Teaching: How Faculty Process and Cope with Secondary Stress. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- Reviewer: Botox Nation by Dana Berkowitz. Annual Meeting of the Society of the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Quebec.
- Toothman, Erica L. 2017. "More than Wearing Black: Women and Fatness in the Paid Labor Market." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.
- Toothman, Erica L. 2017. "Wearing fatness at work: Women's embodied experiences in the workplace." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Greenville, SC.
- Toothman, Erica L. and Sunshine Rote. 2014. "Only Fools Rush In? The Timing of Family Transitions and Successful Aging." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC.
- Barrett, Anne E. and Toothman, Erica. 2013. "What Factors Reduce Women's Aging Anxiety?" Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- Barrett, Anne E. and Toothman, Erica. 2012. "Unpacking Age: The Emotional Consequences of Women's Midlife Conceptions of Age and Aging." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- Toothman, Erica. 2012. "Wage Penalties Generated at the Intersection of Body, Gender, and Age." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- Toothman, Erica. 2012. "Obesity, Gender, and Age at Work." Winter Meeting of the Sociologists for Women in Society. St. Petersburg, FL.
- Toothman, Erica and Anne E. Barrett. 2011. "Conceptions of the Life Course and Health: Do Elongated Views of the Life Course Improve Well-being?" American Sociological Association Conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- Toothman, Erica and Anne E. Barrett. 2010. "When is Middle Age? How Social Location and Family Relationships Affect Perceptions of Middle Age." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

Toothman, Erica. 2010. "We're All Rats! Collective Identity Construction in a Local Theatre Group." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

Toothman, Erica and Anne E. Barrett. 2009. "Images of the Life Course: Perceptions of the Timing of Middle Age." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

RESEARCH MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2016 January 25, 2016. Toothman, Erica. "If you can't take the fat out of the girl: The embodied strategies women use to protect against anti-fat bias in the labor market." [Click here to read.](#)
- 2016 Research on aging and health featured in the Tampa Bay Times. November 26, 2016. Paquette, Danille. "Worrying About getting older might be worse than actually getting older." [Click here to read.](#)
- 2016 Research on aging and health featured in The Washington Post. November 22, 2016. Paquette, Danille. "Worrying About getting older might be worse than actually getting older." [Click here to read.](#)
- 2013 Research on aging anxiety featured in Prevention Magazine. August 2013. Chia, Jessica. "Love's Anti-Aging Power." [Click here to read.](#)
- 2012 Research featured in the Tallahassee Democrat. May 15, 2012. Ensley, Gerald. "When is middle age? It's a moving target." [Click here to read.](#)
- 2012 Research featured on Senior Voice of America Radio Interview with Anne Barrett. Air date: June 13, 2012.

SERVICE IN THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- 2021 – Present Sociology Undergraduate Committee. Chair ('21-current) Member ('15-21)
- 2021 – Present ISS Undergraduate Committee. Member ex officio
- 2021 – Present Marketing and Outreach Committee. Member
- 2019 – 2021 Online Advisory Committee. Chair ('19-20) Member ('20-21)
- 2013 – 2019 Colloquium Committee. Member and Chair

SERVICE IN THE DISCIPLINE

- 2020 Journal of Women and Aging. Reviewer.
- 2019 Journal of Fat Studies. Reviewer.
- 2014 - 2017 ASA section on Body and Embodiment. Communications committee.

2014 Journal of Health and Social Behavior. Reviewer.
2009 - 2011 Tallahassee chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society. Co-organizer.

SERVICE IN THE UNIVERSITY

2017 – Present Faculty Senate Undergraduate Council (Member)
2017 – 2020 College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Committee (School Chair)

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (former)
Sociologists for Women in Society (former)
Southern Sociological Society (former)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2006 - 2008 Florida Department of Corrections. Paralegal Specialist.
Women’s Issues Workgroup member.