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EDUCATION

2015 PhD in Sociology University of Texas at Austin
2009 MA in Sociology University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: *The Political Socialization of Children of Immigrants: School Effects on Young Adult Voting*

2006 BA in Sociology and Policy Studies Rice University, Houston, Texas

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Education, Social Stratification, Race/Ethnicity, Immigration, Demography, Health Disparities
Comprehensive Exams: Sociology of Education and The Transition to Adulthood (passed with distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Humphries, Melissa, Chandra Muller and Kathryn S. Schiller. 2013. "The political socialization of children of immigrants." *Social Science Quarterly*.

Riegle-Crumb, Catherine and **Melissa Humphries**. 2012. "Exploring bias in math teachers' perceptions of students' ability by gender and race/ethnicity." *Gender & Society*. 26:290-322.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Dondero, Molly and **Melissa Humphries**. "College Savings Behaviors of Immigrant Parents"

Callahan, Rebecca and **Melissa Humphries**. "College Going: Linguistic Status and the Immigrant Advantage"

Callahan, Rebecca and **Melissa Humphries**. "Investigating the EL Math Achievement Gap: Track Placement and Classroom Instruction"

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

Melissa Humphries. "Degrees of Improvement? The Relationship between Maternal Educational Attainment, Race, and Infant Mortality." To be submitted to *Population Research and Policy Review* in October 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS

Fall 2013 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2011-2012 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Dr. Chandra Muller, Department of Sociology, UT Austin

January 2013-August 2013

Research Assistant

January 2011-May 2011

Dr. Rebecca Callahan, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, UT Austin

Using ELS to investigate the factors that predict postsecondary enrollment of language minority students.

Research Assistant

January 2011-May 2011

Dr. Chandra Muller, Department of Sociology, UT Austin

Working with NLSY '97 to investigate the postsecondary experiences of young adults.

Research Assistant

June 2009-August 2010

Dr. Chandra Muller, Department of Sociology, UT Austin

Assisted in finding program effects for a nationwide teacher training program by Sally Ride Science. Survey instrument creation and administration, quantitative analysis, theoretical development.

Research Assistant

June 2008-August 2008

Dr. Chandra Muller, Department of Sociology, UT Austin

Assisted with research regarding immigrant high school students and civic participation using Education Longitudinal Study dataset and Add Health. Performed data analysis using SAS, Stata and HLM

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Student Statistical/Data Consultant

August 2011-August 2012

Population Research Center, University of Texas @ Austin

Hold weekly office hours for PRC trainees and consult on data organization and analysis issues. Includes statistics, modeling and coding questions in SAS & Stata.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Instructor

August 2012-December 2012

SOC 308: Education and Society

Teaching Assistant & Lab Instructor

August 2010-December 2010

Dr. Debra Umberson & Dr. Chandra Muller, Graduate Research Methods

Grade assignments, plan and teach statistics lab.

Teaching Assistant

January 2009-May 2009

Dr. William Kelly, Sociology of Criminal Justice, UT Austin

Class notes, write and grade exams, student concerns, manage grades.

Teaching Assistant

August 2008-December 2008

Dr. Kelly Fulton, Sociology of the Family, UT Austin

Class notes, grade exams, student concerns, manage grades.

Teaching Assistant

January 2008-May 2008

Dr. Kim Baker, Drugs and Society, UT Austin

Class notes, grade exams, student concerns, manage grades.

Teaching Assistant

August 2007-December 2007

Dr. Jenny Pearson, Education and Society, UT Austin

Class notes, grade exams, student concerns, manage grades.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Humphries. “Earned College Credits and Young Adult Health” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference in New York, NY. August 2013.

Melissa Humphries and Molly Dondero. “Parental Financial Support and College Persistence” Presented at the Population Association of America Conference in New Orleans, LA. April 2013.

Melissa Humphries, Chandra Muller & Katherine Schiller. The political socialization of children of immigrants: school and family effects.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference in Denver, CO August 2012

Dondero, Molly and **Melissa Humphries.** “College Savings Efforts of Immigrant Parents.” Population Association of American Conference in San Francisco, CA. May 2012.

Melissa Humphries. "Degrees of Improvement? The Relationship between Maternal Educational Attainment, Race and Infant Mortality.” Presented at the Population Association of America Conference in Washington D.C. March 2011.

Melissa Humphries. “Political Socialization of Children of Immigrants: School Effects on Voting of Second Generation Students.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference in Atlanta, GA August 2010.

Catherine Riegler-Crumb and **Melissa Humphries.** “Teacher Assessments of Students in Math: Relying on Evidence or Stereotypes?” Presented at the Sociology of Education Association Conference at Pacific Grove, CA February 2010.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)	2008-present
Sociology of Education Association (SEA)	2010-present
Population Association of America (PAA)	2010-present
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	2009-present