

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Sociology. Emory University (2004-current). Major: *Social Psychology*; Minors: *Medical Sociology* and *Mental Health*. Ph.D. expected: May 2009.

Dissertation: Learning to Cure & Learning to Care: Empathy in the Preclinical Years of Medical Training  
M.A., Sociology. East Carolina University (2004).

Thesis: Exploring the Multidimensional Benefits of Breast Cancer Support Groups  
B.A., Sociology and Psychology double major. Emory University (2000).

**AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST**

Health and Wellness; Doctor – Patient Relations; Aging; Empathy; Medical Uncertainty; Processes of Prosocial Behavior; Emotions; Human Flourishing; Chronic Diseases and Coping Mechanisms

**RESEARCH**

**Publications:**

Michalec, Barret. (2005). "Examining the Multidimensional Benefits of Breast Cancer Support Groups." *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*. 23(2/3): 159-179.

Kobau, Rosemarie, Hatice Zahran, Matthew M. Zack, Eduardo J. Simoes, Corey L.M. Keyes, and Barret Michalec. (2005). "Social Support and Health-Related Quality of Life among Older Adults - Missouri 2000" *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. 54(17): 433-437.  
Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5417a4.htm>

Michalec, Barret, Marieke Van Willigen, Kenneth Wilson, Ann Schreier, and Susan Williams. (2004). "The Race Gap in Support Group Participation by Breast Cancer Survivors: Real or Artifact?" *Evaluation Review*. 28(2): 123-143.

Keyes, Corey L.M., and Barret Michalec. (in press). "Mental Health." In *The Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*. Edited by Shane J. Lopez. Blackwell Publishing.

Michalec, Barret, Corey L.M. Keyes, and Sonal Nalkur. (in press). "Human Flourishing." In *The Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*. Edited by Shane J. Lopez. Blackwell Publishing.

Michalec, Barret, and Corey L.M. Keyes. (in press). "Communitarianism." In *The Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*. Edited by Deborah Carr. Gale Cengage.

**Papers in Progress:**

Michalec, Barret. "Wear and Tear in the 'Hamburger Machine.'" (Accepted for presentation at the upcoming 11th International Conference on Social Stress Research).

Michalec, Barret. "Thinking, Giving, Doing: The Health Benefits of Mental, Social, and Physical Engagement for Older Adults".

Michalec, Barret. "Understanding Samaritanism and Samaritan Behavior in the U.S."

Keyes, Corey L.M., and Barret Michalec. "Subjective Well-Being." In 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of *The Handbook for the Study of Mental Health*. Edited by Theresa L. Sheid, and Tony Brown. Cambridge.

Michalec, Barret. "The Conceptual and Empirical Differences between Empathy and Physician Empathy."

**TEACHING/LECTURING**

**Courses Taught** 2004-current.

- SOC 330 - Mental Health and Well Being (Emory University)
- SOC 355 - Social Research I (Emory University)
- SOCI 2111 - Modern Social Problems (Eastern Correctional Institution)

**Courses Guest Lectured** (TA) Emory University, Department of Sociology 2001-2002, 2004-current.

- SOC 221 – Culture and Society
- SOC 245 – Individual and Society
- SOC 330 – Mental Health and Well Being
- SOC 348 – Aging and Society
- SOC 355 – Social Research I
- SOC 389 – Religion and Popular Culture
- SOC 390 – Comparative Healthcare Systems (Sociology Study Abroad Program in London)

**Courses Guest Lectured** (TA) East Carolina University, Department of Sociology 2002-2004.

- SOCI 2110 - Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 3213 - Introduction to Quantitative Sociology
- SOCI 3216 - Qualitative Methods
- SOCI 3385 - History of Sociology
- SOCI 4800 - Senior Seminar in Sociology
- SOCI 6312 - Multivariate Tech/Analyses (Graduate Statistics II)

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

2008. ORDER Fellow, Emory University

2004. John Maiolo Award for Outstanding Graduate Achievement in Sociology, East Carolina University.

2003. Melvin J. Williams Paper Contest Winner, East Carolina University Department of Sociology.

2003. Thomas W. Rivers Endowment, East Carolina University: \$500 International Travel Grant.

2003. Selected to Phi Kappa Phi, Academic Honor Society.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Instructor and Teaching Assistant*, Emory University, Department of Sociology (2001-2002, 2004-current).

*Instructor*, Eastern Correctional Institution, East Carolina University Division of Continuing Education (2004).

*Assistant Editor*, Journal of Applied Gerontology, East Carolina Center on Aging (2003-2004).

- Reviewed incoming manuscripts, dispersed manuscripts for review, and managed all author accounts concerning reviews, revisions, and all incoming and outgoing materials
- Constructed and maintained an extensive list of reviewers
- Transitioned the journal into the electronic age

*Instructor and Teaching Assistant*, East Carolina University, Department of Sociology (2002-2004).

*Research Specialist*, East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine, Family Medicine (2003-2004).

- Spearheaded medical research project led by health care professionals concerning osteoporosis patients and particular pharmaceutical drug use
- Created and maintained subject database concerning confidential patient medical records, and coded data from such records

*Research Assistant*, East Carolina University, Department of Sociology (2002-2004).

### **Professional Presentations and Conferences:**

“The Exchange of Emotional Support in the Wake of the ‘Decade of Disasters’, 1995-2005: Have Americans Become More or Less Caring?” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2007.

“Strained: Exploring Potential ‘Limiting Mechanisms’ for Social Support for African American Breast Cancer Patients”. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC. 2005.

“Ink & the Individual: The Emergence of the Tattoo Renaissance”. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC. 2005.

“Examining the Multidimensional Benefits of Breast Cancer Support Groups”. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2004.

### **Professional Service:**

Vice President: Graduate Student Council, Emory University. 2007-2009.

Member: University Senate, Emory University. 2007-2008.

Program Coordinator/Discussant: Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (SEUSS). 2008.

Ad-hoc Reviewer: The Journal of Psychosocial Oncology. 2007.

Committee Member: Search Committee for Senior Faculty Position in Social Psychology and Health and/or Race, Department of Sociology, Emory University. 2006-2007.

Program Coordinator: Office of the Provost, Emory University. 2005-2006.

Program Coordinator: Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Meeting. Oklahoma City, OK. 2005.

President: Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, East Carolina University Chapter. 2003-2004.

**Professional Association Memberships:**

American Sociological Association  
ASA Social Psychology Section  
ASA Medical Sociology Section  
ASA Mental Health Section  
ASA Aging and the Life Course Section  
ASA Emotions Section  
Gerontological Society of America  
Southern Sociological Society  
Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society  
Phi Kappa Phi, Academic Honor Society

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