

Lauren Dent

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EDUCATION

2015 – 2020

(expected)

Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Texas

Dissertation (in progress): *The Role of Native American Youth in Fostering Community Resilience*, under Prof. Gary Webb & Prof. Gabe Ignatow (Co-Chairs)

Concentrations: Emergency Management & Disaster Science; Global & Comparative Sociology

2011 – 2013

M.A., Sociology, Texas Tech University

Thesis: *"I Want My Kids To Have Great Sex": A Qualitative Inquiry Into Conservative Christian Homes*, under Prof. Patricia Maloney

Graduate Minor: Political Science

2004 – 2007

B.A., Sociology, Texas Tech University

Thesis: *Rape Myth Acceptance in Modern America*, under Prof. Julie Harms Cannon

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of North Texas

Aug 2015 – Present	Robert B. Toulouse Graduate Fellow
Aug 2017 – Present	Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology
May 2017 – Present	Research Assistant, Emergency Management and Disaster Science
Aug 2016 – Aug 2017	Research Assistant, Geography

Texas Tech University

Aug 2014 – Dec 2015	Instructor, Raider Ready Freshman Seminar
Aug 2013 – Aug 2015	Academic Advisor, Department of Political Science
May 2013 – Aug 2013	Academic Advisor, University Advising
Jan 2011 – May 2013	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental hazards & disasters	International development & policy
Emergency management	Native American community development
Political and economic sociology	Quantitative and qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

Dent, Lauren, Patricia Maloney and Tanja Karp. 2018. "Self-Efficacy Development among Students Enrolled in an Engineering Service-Learning Section" *International Journal for Service Learning in Engineering, Humanitarian Engineering and Social Entrepreneurship*. 13(2): 25-44.

Dent, Lauren and Patricia Maloney. 2017. "Evangelical Christian parents' attitudes towards abstinence-based sex education: 'I want my kids to have great sex!'" *Sex Education*. 17(2): 149-164.

Maloney, Patricia, **Lauren Dent** and Tanja Karp. 2013. "A New Method of Assessing the Effects of a Service-Learning Class on Engineering Undergraduate Students." *International Journal for Service Learning in Engineering, Humanitarian Engineering and Social Entrepreneurship*. Special Issue (Opportunities and Barriers to Integrating Service Learning into Engineering Education): 29-47.

Manuscripts in Progress

- Dent, Lauren.** "African Governance as a Determinant for International Emergency Response Aid." *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*. (Revise and resubmit)
- Dent, Lauren.** "A Mixed-Methods Approach for Geolocating Maritime Hazards in Sub-Saharan Africa using GIS and Media Content Analysis" (Manuscript Preparation)
- Dent, Lauren, Hao-Che Wu, and Shih-Kai Huang.** "Analysis of the Relationship Between Emotional and Physical Responses to Night Time Earthquakes using a Protective Action Decision Making Model." (Data Analysis)

GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistantships

- Gary Webb (PI) and Nicole Dash (co-PI). National Science Foundation, "An Exploratory Study of Disaster Preparedness among Native American Communities in the United States." (CMMI 1435178) (*Current dissertation research*)
- Wu, Hao-Che (PI). National Science Foundation, RAPID/Collaborative Research, "Households' Immediate Response During a Night Time Earthquake." (CMMI 1833076)
- Wu, Hao-Che (PI) and Haley Murphy (co-PI). National Science Foundation, "An Examination of Household Risk Assessment Judgments and Protective Action Decision during Tornado Threats." (CMMI 1663315)
- Joseph Oppong (PI), Adam Briggie (co-PI), J. Britt Holbrook (co-PI), Kuruvilla John (co-PI), and Angela Wilson (co-PI). National Science Foundation, "EASE: Graduate Virtue Ethics Education in Science and Engineering." (CMMI 1338739)

Invited Team Member

- Joseph Oppong (PI) and Lauren Dent, SkyLIFE Technology, "Food Security Vulnerability Index: Developing a Tool to Understand Food Aid Needs in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- Tanja Karp (PI) and Patricia Maloney. National Science Foundation, "Engineering Service-Learning in Higher Education."

TEACHING

Instructor

2017-2020 University of North Texas

(Face-to-face courses developed independently; All courses are upper level undergraduate courses, taught independently)

Face to Face Instruction:

Sociology Capstone
Qualitative Methods
Sociology of Disasters
Marriage and Family
Developing Societies

Online Instruction:

Sociological Theory
Sociology of Disaster
Marriage and Family

2014-2015 Texas Tech University

First Year Experience Course (for Political Science & Global Studies majors)

Teaching Assistant

2012-2013 Texas Tech University

Introduction to Sociology (Patricia Maloney)
Contemporary Theory (Patricia Maloney)
Introduction to Sociology (Patricia Maloney)
Classical Theory (Patricia Maloney)

Criminology (Martha Smithey)
Sociology of Deviance (Andreas Schneider)
Research Methods (Alden Roberts)
Social Statistics (Alden Roberts)

Invited Lectures

- 2017 Research Methods: Qualitative Interviewing, University of Texas at Dallas
- 2016 Research Methods: Qualitative Research Design, University of Texas at Dallas
- 2016 Sociology of Education: Sex Education in America, Texas Tech University
- 2014 Raider Ready: Sex Education and Sexual Assault, Texas Tech University
- 2012 Introduction to Sociology: Sociology of Religion, Texas Tech University
- 2012 Classical Sociological Theory: Microinteraction, Texas Tech University
- 2011 Quantitative Methods: Review Sessions, Texas Tech University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Dent, Lauren**, Gary R. Webb and Nicole Dash. 2019. "At the Nexus of Knowledge and Wisdom: The Roles of Native American Youth in Building Community Resilience." Paper Presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2019, New York City, NY.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2019. "What's Governance Got To Do With It? Exploring Decisions About Emergency Response Aid Allocation to Africa." Paper Presentation at the 44th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, July 2019, Broomfield, CO.
- Dent, Lauren**, Gary Webb, Vaswati Chatterjee, and Nicole Dash. 2019. "An Exploratory Study of Disaster Preparedness among Native American Communities in the United States." Poster Presentation at the 44th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, July 2019, Broomfield, CO.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2018. "Institutional Demands Throughout the Disaster Cycle: Lessons Learned From Hurricane Harvey's Hospitals." Paper Presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Southwestern Social Science Association, October 2018, Orlando, FL.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2018. "Determinants of Emergency Response Aid: The Roles of Stability, Regulation, and Corruption" Paper Presentation at the 113th Annual Meeting for the American Sociological Association, August, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2017. "Technological Disaster in Rural Texas: Trust, Social Capital, and a Corrosive Community." Paper Presentation at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 2017. Boston, MA.
- Holbrook, J. Britt, Adam Briggles, Nic Daniel, **Lauren Dent**, Joseph Hoffmann, Joseph Oppong, Patrick Pluscht, and Bink Ruckthongsook. 2017. "A Gaming Approach to Ethics Education for Scientists and Engineers," Paper Presentation at the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting, February 2017, Dallas, TX.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2016. "Emergency Response Aid Allocation: A Spatial Analysis Approach" Paper Presentation at the Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, October 2016, Denton, TX.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2016. "Disaster Response, Acute Health Care, and Native Status." Poster Presentation at Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference. September, 2016. Kent, OH.
- Dent, Lauren** and Patricia Maloney. 2016. "Abstinence Only Sex Education: Understanding Evangelical Christian Parental Support for a Community-Based Curricular Approach." Paper Presentation at the 111th Annual Meeting for the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, WA.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2016. "Disastrous Corruption: The Role of Governance in Transportation Related Disasters in Sub-Saharan Africa." Paper Presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2016, Las Vegas, NV.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2016. "Corruption and Disaster Impact in Sub-Saharan Africa's Transportation Sector." Poster Presentation at Federation of North Texas Area Universities Graduate Student Research Symposium, April 2016, Denton, TX.
- Dent, Lauren**. 2014. "Homosexuality: A Sin Punishable By Death: The Effects of Western Ideology on the Ugandan LGBT Community." Paper Presentation at the 30th Annual Conference on the Advancement of Women, April 2014. Lubbock, TX.

Dent, Lauren. 2013. "I Want My Kids to Have Great Sex!": Conservative Christians and Sexual Education." Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting for the American Educational Research Association, April 2013. San Francisco, CA.

Dent, Lauren and Patricia Maloney. 2012. "Abstinence Only Education in Schools or Surrounding Culture: What Delays Sexual Initiation in Teenagers?" Paper presentation at the 82nd Annual Meeting for the Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2012. New York, New York.

SERVICE

- 2020 Training and Education Council for CONVERGE at Natural Hazards Center (Member)
- 2020 Natural Hazards Center Annual Researchers Meeting, Program Organizing Committee (Member)
- 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on Sociology of Development (Session Organizer)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2015-2020 Robert B. Toulouse Graduate Fellowship, UNT
- 2017-2020 Graduate Teaching Fellowship
- 2018 Summer School on Natural Hazards in the Anthropocene; Centre Natural Hazards and Disaster Science, Uppsala University, Sweden (\$1,000)
- 2016 Summer Graduate Research Grant; Toulouse Graduate School (\$5,000)
- 2016 Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program; University of North Texas (Certificate)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Advisor, Texas Tech University (August 2013-August 2015)

- Mentored students using appreciative advising, which includes, but is not limited to: academic course planning, major selection, career planning, internship/job application review, and a holistic approach to life skill and personal achievement coaching.
- Assisted in creating and promoting new programs at Texas Tech including the BA and MA degrees in Global Studies, combined BA/MA in Political science and combined BA/MPA
- Initiated partnership with Peace Corps Prep Program acted as program coordinator for the university

Summer Academic Advisor, Texas Tech University (May 2013-August 2013)

- Synthesized and presented information to undecided students regarding academic careers, major choice, and success at Texas Tech

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society (Chapter President, Spring 2012)
- American Sociological Association, Member (Section Membership: Teaching and Learning, Sociology of Development; Political, Economic, and World-Systems Sociology; Global & Transnational Sociology)
- Southwest Social Science Association, Member
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member

REFERENCES

Gary Webb

Professor and Chair, Emergency Management and Disaster Science

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Professor and Graduate Chair, Department of Sociology

University of North Texas

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Patricia Maloney

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

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