

Dr. Gwen Sharp

Associate Vice Provost of Academic Initiatives
Associate Professor of Sociology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology (2005)

Dissertation: The Uneven Industrialization of Agrofood Systems: Understanding the Bases and Significance of Family Production in the U.S. Beef Commodity System

Committee: Fred Buttel (Chair), Jess Gilbert, Jane Collins, Jack Kloppenburg, Rick Klemme

M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Rural Sociology (2001)

Thesis: Deconstructing Agricultural Technologies: Diversity in the Adoption and Adaptation of Wisconsin Dairy Herd Feeding Practices

Committee: Douglas Jackson-Smith (Chair), Jess Gilbert, Peter Nowak

B.A., University of Oklahoma, Sociology (1997), Summa cum Laude

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Associate Vice Provost of Academic Initiatives, Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada (January 2018-present)
- Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada (July 2014-December 2017)
- Chair, Department of Social Sciences and Business Administration, Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada (July 2012-June 2014)
- Associate Professor of Sociology, Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada (2013-present)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada (2007-2012)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah (2005-2007)
- Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004)
- Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1998-2002)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- American Sociological Association Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award (co-recipient with Lisa Wade) (2015)
- Nevada Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award (2014)
- MERLOT 2014 Classics Award for developing an exemplary online teaching resource

- in sociology (2014)
- American Sociological Association Communication and Information Technology (CITASA) Award (co-recipient with Lisa Wade) (2012)
- Nevada State College iTeach campus-wide award for excellence in teaching (2012)
- University of Minnesota Department of Sociology's Public Sociology award (co-recipient with Lisa Wade) (2012)
- Rural Sociological Society Early Career Research Grant (2008)
- Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Grant (2003)
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (2002)

COURSES TAUGHT (Primary Instructor)

Nevada State College

- SOC 101: Principles of Sociology. In-person and online. Two sections were taught as First Year Experience courses linked to introductory English composition classes.
- SOC 342: Social Stratification. Hybrid in-person/online format.
- SOC 414: Popular Culture. Hybrid.
- SOC 441: Social Inequality. Hybrid.
- SOC 449: Sex and Social Arrangements. In-person.
- SOC 453: Gender and Society. In-person.
- SOC 471: Racial and Ethnic Conflict in the United States. In-person and hybrid.
- PSY 210: Introduction to Statistics. In-person.
- WST 101: Introduction to Women's Studies. In-person.

Southern Utah University

- SOC 1010: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 1020: Social Problems
- SOC 2370: Sociology of Gender
- SOC 2630: Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 3800: Urban Sociology
- SOC 4700: Special Topics: Sociology of Sport
- SOC 4700: Special Topics: Population and Society
- SOC 4800: Field Practicum Advisor

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- SOC 134: Problems of American Racial and Ethnic Minorities

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Gwen Sharp, Richard Yao, Robin Cresiski, and Kate Hahn. 2013. "A Case Study of Professional Boundary Issues Experienced by Undergraduate Psychology Students in a Supervised Field Experience Course." *Psychology Learning and Teaching* 12(3): 266-274.

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2013. "Sociological Images: Blogging as Public Sociology." *Social Science Computer Review* 31(2): 221-228. ([link](#))

Andy Kuniyuki and **Gwen Sharp**. 2011. "Designing Cancer-Killing Artificial Viruses to Improve Student Understanding of Microbiology." *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education* 12(2): 135-142. ([link](#))

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2011. "Selling Sex." P. 163-172 in *Images that Injure: Pictorial Stereotypes in the Media*, 3rd edition, edited by Susan Ross and Paul Lester. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Gwen Sharp and Emily Kremer. 2006. "The Safety Dance: Confronting Violence, Harassment, and Intimidation in the Field." *Sociological Methodology* 36(1): 317-327. ([link](#))

Jess Gilbert, **Gwen Sharp**, and M. Sindy Felin. 2002. "The Loss and Persistence of Black-Owned Farms and Farmland: A Review of the Research Literature and Its Implications." *Southern Rural Sociology* 18(2): 1-30.

Jess Gilbert, Spencer Wood, and **Gwen Sharp**. 2002. "Who Owns the Land? Agricultural Land Ownership by Race/Ethnicity." *Rural America* 17(4): 55-62. ([link](#))

Essays

Gwen Sharp. 2016. "Feminizing Women's Sports Teams" and "Gender and Biased Perceptions: Scientists Rate Job Applicants." P. 39-41 and 103-106 in *Assigned: Life with Gender*, edited by Lisa Wade with Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2011. "Land Management and the American Mustang." *Contexts* 10(4): 76-77. ([link](#))

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2011. "Secrets of a Feminist Icon." *Contexts* 10(2): 82-83. ([link](#))

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2010. "Skullface and the Self-Fulfilling Stereotype." *Contexts* 9(4): 80-81.

Reprinted in Jeffrey C. Alexander, Kenneth Thompson, and Laura Edles. 2011. A

Contemporary Introduction to Sociology, 2nd edition. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers. ([link](#))

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2010. "What Is 'Indian Art'?" *Contexts* 9(3): 76-77. ([link](#))

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2010. "Flesh-Toned." *Contexts* 9(2): 84-85. ([link](#))

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2010. "Consuming Oppression." *Contexts* 9(1): 48-49. ([link](#))

Other Publications

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2011. "Illustrating the Social Construction of Race and Racial Stereotypes with Images." Class activity published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Gwen Sharp. 2005. "Endowment Report: The Uneven Industrialization of Agrofood Systems: Understanding the Bases and Significance of Family Production in the U.S. Beef Commodity System." *The Rural Sociologist* 25(1): 17.

Gwen Sharp, Cris Carusi, Chuck Francis, Heidi Mouillesseaux-Kunzman, Susan Smalley, Steve Stevenson, and Sean Swezey. 2000. "Collaborating for Change: Proceedings of a Gathering of Sustainable Agriculture Centers and Programs." Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 3-5.

Conference Presentations

Gregory Robison and **Gwen Sharp**. 2017. "Writing about Writing: Transforming English Composition for First-Generation and Nontraditional Students." Presentation at the John N. Gardner Institute 2017 Annual Gateway Course Experience Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 26-28.

Danette Barber, Wendi Benson, **Gwen Sharp**, Robin Cresiski, & Jennifer Round. 2017. "Undergraduate Students' Perceptions of Factors Affecting Acceptance to Graduate Programs." Poster presented at the 1st Annual Conference on Academic Research in Education, Las Vegas, NV, January 30-31.

Gwen Sharp. 2014. "'This Land, These People' by David Stark: Author Meets Critics." Panel discussant at the 77th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, July 31-August 3.

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2011. "Student Forum Workshop: Blogging as a Type of Publication Opportunities for Students." Presenter and panel participant at the 106th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 20-23.

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2011. "Big Time Blogging: The Secrets of Sociological Images." Presented at the 61st Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV, August 19-21.

Gwen Sharp. 2009. "Teaching Workshop. New Teaching Techniques: The Internet as a Site for Theory Application and Student Activism." Panel participant at the 104th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 8-11.

Gwen Sharp. 2009. "Should I Blog: A Discussion of the Benefits of Blogging in Academia." Roundtable participant at the 104th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 8-11.

Gwen Sharp and Lisa Wade. 2009. "Seeing Is Believing: An Interactive Presentation on Analyzing Advertisements in the Classroom." Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA, April 8-11.

Lisa Wade and **Gwen Sharp**. 2008. "Seeing Is Believing: An Interactive Presentation on Analyzing Advertisements in the Classroom." Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, Las Vegas, NV, October 23-25.

Gwen Sharp. 2005. "The Job Talk: Tips for Students on the Job Market." Organizer, chair, and panel participant at the 68th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August 8-12.

Gwen Sharp, Kenny Laundra, and Chin Hu. 2005. "Environmental Awareness and Action: Gender Differences among Rural College Students." Paper presented at the 76th Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR, April 7-10.

Gwen Sharp. 2004. "Traditions and Transitions: The Uneven Industrialization of the U.S. Beef Sector." Paper presented at the 67th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 12-15.

Gwen Sharp. 2004. "Preparing Competitive Proposals for the RSS Early Careers/Dissertation Grants Program." Panel participant at the 67th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 12-15.

Gwen Sharp and Emily Kremer. 2003. "The Safety Dance: Negotiating Personal Safety in the Field." Paper presented at the 66th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 26-30.

Gwen Sharp. 2003. "Funding Opportunities in the NSF." Panel participant at the 66th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 26-30.

Jess Gilbert, Spencer Wood, and **Gwen Sharp**. 2002. "Who Owns the Land? Agricultural

Land Ownership by Race/Ethnicity.” Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, August 14-18.

Gwen Sharp and Douglas B. Jackson-Smith. 2001. “Deconstructing Agricultural Technologies: Diversity in the Adoption and Adaptation of Wisconsin Dairy Herd Feeding Practices.” Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, NM, August 15-19.

Jess Gilbert and **Gwen Sharp**. 2001. “Fractionated Heir Property: A Comparison of Land Inheritance Problems among Native Americans and African-Americans.” Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, NM, August 15-19.

SELECTED CAMPUS SERVICE

Nevada State College

- Curriculum development and assessment:
 - Wrote 10-year program review report for Law Enforcement major (2013)
 - Chair, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (2010-2012)
 - Public Administration and Law Enforcement degree assessment (2010, 2012)
 - Visual Media assessment (2010)
 - Visual Media Curriculum Committee (2010)
 - Social Sciences and Constitution Core Curriculum Committees (2007-2008)
- Search committees:
 - Chair of search committee for Criminal Justice (2011), Accounting (2014)
 - Member of search committees for Criminal Justice (2010), Business (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013), Biology (2011), Communication (2010, 2014), Psychology (2007, 2008, 2012, 2014), Math Education (2012), Physical Sciences Lecturer (2008, 2014), Human Resources Director (2013), Instructional Technologist (2013), Administrative Assistant to the Dean (2012-2013), School of Education Dean (2013, 2014)
- Accreditation:
 - Accreditation co-chair, 2016-present
 - Standards 6 and 9 Subcommittee (2010)
 - Accreditation Standards 1, 6, and 9 Subcommittee (2008)
- Shared governance:
 - Faculty Senate representative (2010-2014) and policy liaison (2012-2013)
 - Treasurer, NSC Nevada Faculty Alliance chapter (2009-2010)
 - Fiscal Affairs Committee (2009-2010)
- LAS Standards of Academe Committee (2008-2009)
- Online Task Force (2009-2010)
- Legislative Working Group (2009-2011)
- Retention Committee (2008-2011)
- Faculty advisor:
 - Academic advisor for psychology majors (2007-2014)

- Circle K International (2011-2012)
- Young Democrats (2008-2009)
- First Year Experience (FYE) program (Fall 2008 and Spring 2010)
- Strategic Planning Committee (2007-2008, 2013)
- Ad-hoc Grievance Committee (2010)
- Ad-hoc Grade Appeal Committee (2008)

Southern Utah University

- Academic Computer Users Committee (2006-2007)
- Chair, Criminology Search Committee (2006)
- Reviewer for College of Humanities and Social Sciences student publication (2006)
- Service Scholar Program faculty advisor (2006)
- Academic advisor for sociology majors (2005-2006)
- Search Committees for Sociology (2005, 2006) and Anthropology (2006)
- Faculty advisor, Student Service Center Alternative Breaks trip to Guaymas, Mexico (December 30, 2005-January 7, 2006)
- Women's Conference Planning Committee (2005-2006)
- Faculty advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society (2005-2006)
- Faculty advisor, Earth Club (2005)
- Sterling Scholar Social Sciences Competition judge (2005)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Graduate student representative, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Awards Committee (2002-2003)
- Teaching Assistants Association steward, Departments of Sociology and Rural Sociology (2002)
- Graduate student representative, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Space Committee (2000-2002)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Peer reviewer for *Gender & Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Rural Sociology*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Southern Rural Sociology*, and *49th Parallel*
- American Sociological Association Social Media Task Force (2015-2016)
- American Association of University Professors Government Relations Committee (2009-2011)
- Rural Sociological Society Professional Communications Committee (2005-2010)
- Peer reviewer, Rural Sociological Society juried papers competition (2008)
- Graduate student representative, Rural Sociological Society Nominations Committee (2004-2005)
- Administrator for Rural Sociological Society graduate student email list (2001-2004)
- Graduate student representative, Rural Sociological Society Publications Committee (2002-2003)