

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D. Social Work
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL
Dissertation Title: "Factors Associated with Food-Industry Discrimination
Related to the Hiring and Retention of Persons with HIV/AIDS"
- 1987 MSW Clinical Social Work
University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- 1982 BSW Social Work
University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 7/15-Present **Department Chair**
- 7/10-Present **Professor**
- 8/08-6/15 **BSW Program Director**
- 9/07-6/08 **Interim Department Chair**
- 7/04-6/10 **Associate Professor (Tenured)**
- 8/98-6/04 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Social Work
Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville
- 8/96-6/98 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Social Work
Western Illinois University in Macomb
- 8/93-5/96 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Division of Rehabilitation Education Services
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 7/87-12/92 **Director**
Springfield Developmental Center
Springfield, Illinois
- 8/84-5/86 **Director**
S.E.L.S. Services, Inc.
Troy, Missouri
- 4/84-8/84 **Developmental Instructor**
St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens
Creve Coeur, Missouri

PUBLICATIONS (In press and in development)

- O’Brien, G. (In Development). *Metaphor analysis in social work: Social justice and policy implications*. Manuscript – working title.
- O’Brien, G. (In Development). The incorporation of eugenic content in social work education. Peer-reviewed article.
- O’Brien, G. & Gill, S. (In Review). Pejorative metaphor themes and the “Great Negro Migration.” Submitted in April, 2015 to *Immigrants and Minorities*.
- O’Brien, G. (In Review). *Contagion and the national body: The organism metaphor in American thought*. Manuscript – working title.
- O’Brien, G. & Florczyk, C. (In Development). A comparison of pejorative metaphor themes in early anti-Chinese and anti-Japanese immigration writings.

SCHOLARLY BOOKS

- O’Brien, G. (2013). *Framing the moron: The social construction of feeble-mindedness during the eugenic era*. Manchester, England: Manchester University Press.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS (All peer-reviewed publications, except as noted)

- O’Brien, G. (2013). Margaret Sanger and the Nazis: How many degrees of separation? *Social Work*, 58, 285-287.

- O'Brien, G. (2011a). "Eugenics, genetics and the minority group model of disabilities: Implications for social work advocacy." *Social Work*, 56, 347-354.
- O'Brien, G. (2011b). "Anchors on the ship of progress and weeds in the human garden: Objectivist rhetoric in American eugenic writings." *Disability Studies Quarterly* (on-line, peer-reviewed publication).
- O'Brien, G. & Molinari, A. (2011). "Religious metaphors as a justification for eugenic control: An historical analysis", in D. Schumm & M. Stoltzfus (eds.), *Disability in Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Sacred Texts, Historical Traditions and Social Analysis* (pp. 141-165). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
- O'Brien G. (2010). "Social justice implications of the organism metaphor." *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 37, 95-114.
- O'Brien, G. & Bundy, M. (2009) "Reaching beyond the moron: Eugenic control of secondary disability groups. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 36, 153-172.
- O'Brien, G. & Lane, E. (2009). "MDA and 'Jerry's kids.'" In the *Encyclopedia of Disability History*. Facts on File, Inc. (non peer-reviewed).
- O'Brien, G. (2009). "Rosemary Kennedy." In the *Encyclopedia of Disability History*. Facts on File, Inc. (non peer-reviewed).
- O'Brien, G. & Brown, M. (2009). "The Americans with Disabilities Act and persons with mental illness: Implications for the social work profession." *Social Work in Mental Health*, 7, 442-457.
- O'Brien, G. (2009). Metaphors and the pejorative framing of marginalized groups: Implications for social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 45, 29-46.
- O'Brien, G. & Leneave, J. (2008). The 'art' of social work and ADA's essential functions provision: Challenges and recommendations. *Administration in Social Work*, 32, 87-99.
- O'Brien, G. & Brown, M. (2008). Important elements of the Americans with Disabilities Act for persons with diabetes. *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, 7, 81-93
- O'Brien, G. & Ellegood, C. (2005). The Americans with Disabilities Act: A decision tree for social service administrators. *Social Work*, 50, 271-279.

- O'Brien, G. (2004). Rosemary Kennedy: The importance of a historical footnote. *The Journal of Family History*, 29, 225-236.
- O'Brien, G. & Reynolds, C. (2003). Courtesy stigma and the ADA: An analysis of third party discrimination. *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, 2, 65-79.
- O'Brien, G. (2003a). People with cognitive disabilities: The argument from marginal cases and social work ethics. *Social Work*, 48, 331-337.
- O'Brien, G. (2003b). Indigestible food, conquering hordes, and waste materials: Metaphors of immigrants and the early immigration restriction debate in the U.S. *Metaphor and Symbol*, 18(1), 33-47. Reprinted in *Rhetorical Criticism: Exploration and Practice*, 3rd Edition. Sonja K. Foss, Editor (2004), pp. 307-319. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.
- O'Brien, G. (2002). Book Review of Richard Scotch's "From Good Will to Civil Rights: Transforming Federal Disability Policy." Published by H-Disability Website. <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~disabil/>
- O'Brien, G. & Maue, M. (2002). Direct threat issues in the employment of persons with disabilities: Implications for the social work profession. *The Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, 1(1), 39-51.
- O'Brien, G. & Koerkenmeier, M. (2001). Persons with HIV/AIDS in the workplace: Implications for employee assistance professionals. *Employee Assistance Quarterly*, 16, 9-24.
- O'Brien, G. (1999). Protecting the social body: The use of the organism metaphor in fighting the 'menace of the feeble-minded.' *Mental Retardation*, 37, 188-200.
- O'Brien, G. (1997) *Factors Associated with Food-Industry Discrimination Related to the Hiring and Retention of Persons with HIV/AIDS*. Doctoral Dissertation. Ann Arbor, MI: UMI Dissertation Services.
- O'Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1997). Co-Editors, Special Double Issue on Rehabilitation and Persons with HIV/AIDS. *Rehabilitation Education*, 11(1 & 2).
- O'Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1997). Primary, secondary and tertiary direct threat issues and employees with HIV/AIDS. *Rehabilitation Education* (Special Issue on Rehabilitation and Persons with HIV/AIDS), 11(1 & 2), 101-110.
- O'Brien, G. (1996). Customer preference and workplace discrimination against persons with disabilities. *Journal of Job Placement*, 12, 7-11.

O'Brien, G. (1995). Employer defenses to discriminatory actions against persons with HIV/AIDS. *Journal of Job Placement, 11*, 37-41.

O'Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1995). Implications of Australian distance models for rehabilitation education. *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration, 19*, 315-321.

PRESENTATIONS

2014 *Contagion and the National Body: The Organism Metaphor in American Thought*. Sabbatical Presentation presented on October 27, 2014 at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2014 *Metaphor Deconstruction and Social Problem Analysis*. Presented in June at the Policy Conference II (National Social Work Policy) in Austin, TX.

2014 *Close But Not Touching: The Eugenics and Birth Control Movements From 1900-1930*. Presented in April, 2014 at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2014 *West Coast Jews: The Relationship between Anti-Japanese and Anti-Semitic Movements during the Immigration Restriction Era*. Presented in April, 2014 at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2013 *Margaret Sanger and the American Eugenics Movement*. Presented in August at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

2010 *Charles Darwin, Evolution and Eugenic Control*. Presented in April at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2009 *Improving Service Delivery in the Health Care System for People with Disabilities*. CEU Presentation presented July 17th, sponsored by LINK and IMPACT Centers for Independent Living. Collinsville, Illinois.

2008 *The Evolution of Disability Studies within the University Curricula*. Presented in April at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2008 *After Brooker: Balancing Student Free Speech Rights with Professional Ethics in Social Work Education*. Presented, along with Emily Lane, in April at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

- 2008 *Persons with Mental Illness and Behavioral Issues Within the Workplace; The Scope of ADA Protection.* Presented in April at the Illinois Rehabilitation Association Conference, Pere Marquette, IL.
- 2007 *Use of the Organism Metaphor in the Denigration of Vulnerable Populations.* Presented in October at the annual Council on Social Work Education Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2006 *War and the Eugenic Control of Persons with Disabilities: Metaphor, Rationalization and Point of Contrast.* Presented in June at the annual Society for Disabilities Studies Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2006 *Black Smoke over Hadamar: German Eugenics and the Mass Murder of Persons with Disabilities.* Presented in April at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.
- 2006 *Before the Genome: Religion and Eugenics from 1900-1945.* Presented in March at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 2004 *Secondary Methods of Eugenic Control of Feeble-Mindedness.* Presented to the Disability Studies Faculty Group in October at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2004 *Eugenic Sterilization in the United States and Nazi Germany.* Presented in July to the Einstein Forum Summer Institute on *Contemporary Disability Studies and the Legacy of Nazi Eugenics*, held in Potsdam, Germany.
- 2003 *Eugenic Policies, Metaphoric Themes, and the Social Construction of Moronity during the Eugenic Alarm Era (1900-1945).* Presented in May, 2004 at the Policy History Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2003 *ADA Backroads: Customer Preference, Direct Threat and Association Discrimination.* Presented in September at the annual meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2001 *Eugenics, the Human Genome, and Persons with Disabilities: Implications for the Social Work Profession.* Presented at the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers annual conference. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2001 *From Restrictive Marriage to Incentive Provision: Secondary Methods of Controlling the Procreation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities During the Eugenic Era.* Presented at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference, Winnipeg, Canada.

- 2000 *The Possible Impact of the Argument from Marginal Cases on Social Acceptance of Persons with Cognitive Disabilities.* Presented at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1998 *Employment Discrimination against Persons with HIV/AIDS: Implications for Social Workers.* Presented at the Regional CSWE Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1997 *Employer Defenses for Discriminating against Persons with HIV/AIDS: Their Standing Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.* Presentation to the Illinois Rehabilitation Association, Central Illinois Chapter, Bloomington, Illinois.
- 1996 *Historical and Contemporary Issues Related to Eugenics and Persons with Disabilities: Implications for Rehabilitation Professionals.* Part of the Division of Rehabilitation Education Services (Campaign, Illinois) continuing education program, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1995 *Persons with HIV Disease, Employment Discrimination and the Customer Preference Defense.* Presented at the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
- 1994 *Historical Trends in the Dehumanization of Developmentally Disabled Persons.* Presented at the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (IDORS) Seminar. Chicago, Illinois.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- 2015-Present Social Work Department Chair
- 2008-2015 BSW Program Director
Includes primary responsibility for CSWE Self-Study 2011-2012.
- 2008-2009 Faculty Search Director (3 Positions)
Faculty Search Committee other various years
- 2007-2008 Interim Department Chair
- 2009-2013 Faculty sponsor for Student Social Work Association (SSWA) student Group.
- 2006-Present Department of Social Work Promotion and Tenure Committee.
Includes various years as Committee Chair.
- 2004-2007 Member, Graduate Program Curriculum Committee.

- 2000-2007 Member, Health, Mental Health and Disabilities Concentration Committee. SIUE Department of Social Work graduate program.
- 2000-2005 Chair, Department of Social Work Student Affairs Committee.
- 2000-2002 Co-coordinator, Undergraduate CSWE Reaffirmation Committee.
- 1998-Present Member, Department of Social Work Undergraduate Curriculum and Planning Committee.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE COMMITTEES

- 2008-2010 Member of SIUE Faculty Senate
- 2013-2015
- 2008-2010 Member of SIUE Faculty Senate and Rules and Procedures Council. Rules and Procedures Council Chair – 2009-2010 academic year.
- 2013-2015 Member of SIUE Faculty Curriculum Council. 2014-Co-Chair of the Undergraduate Courses Committee.
- 2014-2015 Member of College of Arts and Sciences Congress. Member of College Curriculum Committee
- 2007 External committee member for three promotion and tenure applicants from the Political Science Department.
- 2013-2015 Member - University Faculty Grievance Committee. Committee Chair for 2014-2015 academic year.
- 2010-2012
- 1998-2013 Member, College of Arts and Sciences Personnel Committee. During this tenure, served on all four sub-committees, and served as Chair of both the Elections and Administrative Review subcommittees. Served approximately seven years on the College Promotion and Tenure Committee. Was involved in Sabbatical reviews every year until 2012.
- 2001- 2005 Member, Multidisciplinary Research Group (MRG). “Exploration of Faculty-Student Perceptions of Student Writing.”

Have served on the following Undergraduate or Graduate Assessment and Program Review Committees;

- 2010 Department of Speech Pathology (Graduate Program)

2006	Department of Nursing
2003	Department of Speech Pathology
2001	Department of Computer Science

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses (Sections Taught)

- Introduction to Social Work. (2)
- Foundations of Social Work, I (3)
- Foundations of Social Work, II (Professional Development) (5)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Macro) (1)
- Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (9)
- Social Welfare Policy Analysis (17)
- Social Work Practice III (Community Organization) (14)
- Research Methods in Social Work (5)
- Disability in America (Elective) (2)
- Historical and Contemporary Issues in Disability (IS Course) (2)

Graduate Courses

- Generalist Practice: Neighborhoods, Organizations and Communities (3)
- Advanced Practice in Disabilities (3)
- Introductory Graduate Social Welfare Policy (7)
- Social Welfare Policy: Micro Practice (1)
- Social Welfare Policy: Macro Practice (1)
- Advanced Policy in Health, Mental Health and Disabilities (5)
- Advanced Practice in Organizations and Communities (1)
- Integrated Project (Capstone Portfolio class) (2)
- Mental Health Services (1)

AWARDS, GRANTS, and ELECTED POSITIONS

- 2012 Sabbatical awarded for Fall Semester, 2013 to complete a scholarly manuscript on metaphor analysis in relation to marginalized groups.
- 2010 Received 2009 “Best Conceptual Article of the Year” award by the *Journal of Social Work Education* for the article “Metaphors and pejorative framing of marginalized groups: Implications for social work education.”

- 2006 Winner of award for best paper submitted (Title: "Before the Genome: Religion and Eugenics from 1900-1945"); 2006 CAS Colloquium.
- 2004 Awarded a \$3,200 scholarship by the Duetscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (German Academic Exchange Service) to participate in an International Summer Seminar in German Studies at the Einstein Forum. Topic of the Institute was "Contemporary Disability Studies and the Legacy of Nazi Eugenics." Held in Potsdam, Germany from July 5 to July 30, 2004.
- 2003 Elected by the Metro-East Regional members of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to represent them on the Association's Delegate Assembly for the 2003-2005 cycle.
- 2003 Sabbatical awarded for Spring Semester, 2005 to complete scholarly book on the social construction of moronity during the eugenic era.
- 2002 Member, Multidisciplinary Research Award Team, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Graduate Studies and Research, \$5,000. Funded.
- 1999 Summer Research Fellowship Award, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Graduate Studies and Research, \$3,000. Title: "The animalization of persons with mental retardation in historical perspective: Implications for the Argument from Marginal Cases (AMC)." Funded.