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Education

2008: Ph.D. Sociology: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2000: M.A. Sociology: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1998: B.A. Sociology, *Cum Laude*: Bates College, Lewiston, ME

Academic position

2020-2025: Chair, Department of Sociology, Furman University
2021-2025: Professor, Department of Sociology, Furman University
2014-2021: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Furman University
2008-2014: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Furman University

Related experience

2000-02: Peace Corps Volunteer, Paraguay

Current research areas

Food Systems • Housing • Gentrification • Shipping • Domestic Violence

Books

2022 *Retail Inequality: Reframing the Food Desert Debate*. University of California Press*

*2023 Finalist, James Beard Foundation, Book Award for food issues & advocacy
*2023 Winner, Book Prize, Association for the Study of Food and Society
*2022 Honorable Mention, Book Award for scholarship on consumers and consumption, American Sociological Association
*Reviewed in *Social Forces*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Gouvernement et Action Publique*

2014 *Moral Wages: The Emotional Dilemmas of Victim Advocacy and Counseling*. University of California Press**

**2015 Outstanding Recent Contribution Award, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association
**Reviewed in *Men and Masculinities*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Qualitative Sociology*

Articles

- 2025 Kolb, Kenneth H. “Tugs and Lines: Working from Home, on the River.” *64 Parishes. Forthcoming*
- 2024 Kolb, Kenneth H. Review of *Beyond Piggly Wiggly: Inventing the American Self-Service Store*, by Lisa C. Tolbert. *Contemporary Sociology*, 53(6):564-566.
- 2023 Kolb, Kenneth H. “Against the Current: River Pilots in an Age of Automation.” *64 Parishes*, 5(4):42-50.
- 2023 Kolb, Kenneth H. “Professions as Closed-Networks: Mississippi River Pilots and Mead’s Conceptualization of Mind,” Chen, S.L.S. (ed.) *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*, 57:117-128.
- 2023 Kolb, Kenneth H. Review of *How the Other Half Eats: The Untold Story of Food and Inequality in America*, by Priya Fielding-Singh. *Contemporary Sociology*, 52(2):141-143
- 2023: Kolb, Kenneth H. “The Long Reach of the Law: Policing Black Athletes and Trans Bodies” Review of *Policing of Black Bodies: How Black Lives are Surveilled and How to work for Change* (Updated Edition) By Angela J. Hattery and Earl Smith. *Symbolic Interaction*, 46(1):98-100
- 2022: Kolb, Kenneth H. Review of *The Problem with Feeding Cities: The Social Transformation of Infrastructure, Abundance, and Inequality in America*, by Andrew Deener. *American Journal of Sociology* 128(1):289-291.
- 2020: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Feeding the Cultural Omnivores” Review of *Masters of Craft: Old Jobs in the New Urban Economy*, by Richard E. Ocejo. *Contexts* 19(1):62-63
- 2017: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Eviction and the Reproduction of Inequality” Review of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Mathew Desmond. *Symbolic Interaction* 40(1):122-124
- 2015: Kolb, Kenneth H., Kyle C. Longest, Alexa J. Singer†. Choosing Not to Cheat: A Framework to Assess Students’ Rationales for Abiding by Academic Integrity Policies. *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, 9(1): Article 9. <http://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/ij-sotl/vol9/iss1/9>
- 2014: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Emotional Subcultures.” *Sociology Compass*, 8(11): 1229-1441.
- 2014: Kolb, Kenneth H., Kyle C. Longest, and Jenna C. Barnett†. “Intellectual Curiosity in Action: A Framework to Assess First-Year Seminars in Liberal Arts Settings.” *The Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*, 25(2): 131-156.

- 2013: Kolb, Kenneth H., Kyle C. Longest; Mollie Jensen†. “Assessing the Writing Process: Do Writing-Intensive First-Year Seminars Change How Students Write?” *Teaching Sociology*, 41(1):20-31
- 2012: Kolb, Kenneth H.; Amy H. Picklesimer; Sarah Covington-Kolb; Lauren Hines†. “Centering Pregnancy Electives: A Case Study in the Shift Toward Student-Centered Learning in Medical Education.” *The Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association*, 108:103-105
- 2011: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Victim-advocates’ Perceptions of Legal-work.” *Violence Against Women*, 17(12):1559-1575.
- 2011: Kleinman, Sherryl; and Kenneth H. Kolb. “Traps on the Path of Analysis.” *Symbolic Interaction*, 34(4):425-446
- 2011: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Claiming Competence: Biographical Work among Victim-advocates and Counselors.” *Symbolic Interaction*, 34(1):86-107
- 2011: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Sympathy Work: Identity and Emotion Management among Victim-advocates and Counselors.” *Qualitative Sociology*, 34(1):101-119
- 2009: Kolb, Kenneth H. "Status Shield." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online*. Ritzer, George (ed). Blackwell Publishing.
- 2007: Kolb, Kenneth H. “Supporting our Black men”: Reproducing Male Privilege in a Black Student Political Organization.” *Sociological Spectrum*, 27(3):257-274

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Courses taught

Introduction to Sociology
Sociological Theory
Qualitative Research Seminar
Sociology of Gender & Sexuality
Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Race and Ethnic Relations in the US
Self and Society
Composition and Rhetoric
Academic Autobiography (First Year Writing Seminar)
Sociology of Food Systems (Maymester Seminar)
Gentrification and Affordable Housing (Maymester Seminar)

Honors/Awards/Grants/Fellowships

- 2025-26: Fellow: Policy Outreach Program, American Sociological Association.
- 2025: Co-PI: Placing Furman: Reflecting on Furman University’s Association with Racially Restrictive Covenants (\$66,000)
(Academic Affairs, Furman University)
- 2025: Co-PI: Sterling Neighborhood, Greenville, SC; Residential Gentrification Assessment (\$15,000)
(Urban League of the Upstate)
- 2025: Co-PI: Housing Affordability and Displacement Risk Assessment, Northside Neighborhood, Spartanburg, SC (\$18,000)
(Northside Development Group)
- 2024: PI: Mapping Anticipated Market Pressure in Farming Areas (\$86,221)
(USDA grant, sub-awardee, via Sustainable Agricultural Enterprise)
- 2023: Finalist, James Beard Foundation, book award for food issues & advocacy
- 2023: Book Prize, Association of the Study of Food and Society
- 2022-23: Fellow: Food Leaders program
(Aspen Institute)
- 2022: Honorable Mention, Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award
(Consumers and Consumption Section, American Sociological Association)
- 2021: OLLI Faculty Enrichment Grant (\$2,000)
(Furman University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute)
- 2021: Research Enhancement Grant (\$1,120)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2020: Research Enhancement Grant (\$1500)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2017: Fellow: Community Engagement Initiative (\$2000)
(Furman University)
- 2016: Focused Needs Assessment Consultant Grant (\$1,500)
United Way of Greenville County, South Carolina
- 2016: Duke Endowment Food Systems and Farming Initiative Research Grant (\$4000)
(David E. Shi Center for Sustainability)

- 2015: Research Enhancement Grant (\$700)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2015: Outstanding Recent Contribution Award
(Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association)
- 2015: Research Enhancement Grant (\$1,000)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2014: The Duke Endowment Food Systems and Farming Initiatives Grant (\$5,000)
(David E. Shi Center for Sustainability)
- 2014: Faculty Sustainability Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
(David E. Shi Center for Sustainability)
- 2011: Research Enhancement Grant (\$670)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2013: Research Enhancement Grant (\$1,750)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2012: Travel award to attend American Sociological Association's Section on Teaching's
Pre-conference (\$1000).
(Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociology Honor Society)
- 2011-12: Elon University / AAC&U Research Seminar on Writing and the Question of
Transfer participant
- 2011: Research Enhancement Grant (\$699)
(Furman University Research and Professional Growth Committee)
- 2010: Faculty Renewal Grant: Interdisciplinary Reading Group -- Co-PI (\$7,940)
(Andrew W. Mellon Foundation via the Associated Colleges of the South)
- 2009-15: Undergraduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$750)
(Furman University Office of Undergraduate Research and Internships)
- 2008: UNC Impact Award (\$1,000)
(UNC Graduate Education Advancement Board)
- 2008: Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Paper Award
(Carl Couch Stone Center for Social and Internet Research)
- 2007: Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award
(Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction)

2006: Everett K. Wilson Graduate Instructor Teaching Award (\$250)
(UNC Department of Sociology)

Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

- 2025: “Tugs and Lines: non-standard work-shifts and their implications for the local economy.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2025: “Placing Furman: Reckoning with an Institution’s Relationship with Racially Restrictive Covenants.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
- 2024: “Disrupting the home/office binary: The case of tugboat and mooring crews.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2023: “Analyzing Lying During Fieldwork: What to do When Participants Don’t Tell the Truth” Invited lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Sociology
- 2023: Discussant, “Unsettled Consumption” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2023: “How and Why do Food Desert Residents Eat the Way They Do?” Invited lecture, South Carolina Food Policy Council.
- 2023: Critic, Author Meets Critics, “The Cage of Days: Time and Temporal Experience in Prison.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2022: “Gentrification and Racial Displacement in Greenville, SC: Harnessing the Power of Geocoded Data” Furman Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Greenville, SC
- 2022: “Local Economies and Food Access: Comparing Buffalo, NY and Greenville, SC,” invited lecture, Buffalo Food Equity Summit.
- 2022: “Knowing the River: Relational Knowledge Among Mississippi River Pilots” The George H. Mead Invited Lecture, Annual Meeting of the National Communications Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2022: “Designing and Assessing Food Access Solutions,” invited lecture, Wofford University.
- 2022: “The Political Short-Sightedness of the Healthy Food Framing of Food Deserts,” Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Athens, GA.

- 2022: “The Everyday Realities of Navigating Food Insecurity” Prisma Health Upstate, OB-GYN Department, Greenville, SC.
- 2022: “How Are Roads Connected to Gentrification? Case study: West Greenville and Southernside.” Furman Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
- 2022: “Reframing the Food Desert Narrative,” invited keynote lecture, Clemson Food Collective, Clemson University.
- 2022: “Retail Inequality: Reframing the Food Desert Debate,” invited lecture, University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
- 2022: Author Meets Critics, Retail Inequality, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, AL.
- 2020: “Food Deserts, Retail Inequality, and the ‘Healthy Food’ Frame.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society, San Francisco, CA. *Cancelled – COVID-19*
- 2020: “Designing Food Desert Solutions with Residents’ ‘Everyday Realities’ in Mind.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL. *Cancelled – COVID-19*
- 2019: “Why Food Desert Interventions Fail: Accounting for Americans’ Taste for Convenience.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2018: “Food Desert Myths: When Scholarly Consensus and Conventional Wisdom Part Ways.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018: “Food Deserts and Retail Interventions” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. (co-authored with Laurin Bixby*)
- 2017: “Food Desert Fixes: Do They Work?” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 2017: “Mapping and Measuring Food Desert Retail Interventions.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC. (co-authored with Maddie Allums*)
- 2016: “The Emotional Costs and Rewards of Helping Others.” Invited lecture, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2016: “Navigating IRBs after Alice Goffman’s *On the Run*.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

- 2016: “Food Desert Interventions.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA (co-authored with Alex Bailey†).
- 2015: Author Meets Critics, *Moral Wages*, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Chicago, IL.
- 2015: “Solving the Food Desert Problem: An Assessment of Interventions.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015: Author Meets Critics, *Moral Wages*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015: Mobile Farmers’ Markets: A Solution to the Food Desert Problem? Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA (co-authored with Shelby Price†)
- 2014: “Earning Moral Wages: Why Is It Sometimes Hard to Feel Good about ‘Doing Good.’” Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection, Furman University, Greenville, SC.
- 2014: “Emotional Subcultures: A Review of the Field.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2014: “Teaching about Inequality.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism, San Francisco.
- 2013: “Engineered Isolation: Structural Impediments to Frame Alignment.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2012: “Intellectual Ethos among Liberal Arts Undergraduates: An Assessment Framework.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO (co-authored with Van Hillard).
- 2012: “Using Symbolic Interaction to Assess Learning Outcomes.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Denver, CO
- 2012: “Intellectual Curiosity in Action: An Assessment Framework.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA (co-authored with Jenna Barnett†).
- 2011: “Assessing the Writing Process.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL (co-authored with Mollie Jensen†)
- 2011: “Managing Mistakes at Work: A Qualitative Analysis.” Department of Planning, Design, and the Built Environment, Clemson University, Clemson, SC (invited presentation)

- 2010: “Professional Risk Taking: Biographical Work among Victim-Advocates and Counselors.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010: “Emotional Subcultures: Contradictions and Patterns.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010: “Interdependent Emotion Management Strategies in an Agency that Assists Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009: “Turning the Status Shield Inward: Mitigating Experiences of Guilt.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009: “Riding the Glass Escalator? Interactions with Men in a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2008: “Feminist Capital: Benefits for Men Working with Feminist Organizations.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008: “Making Care Work Matter: Care Work in a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- 2008: “Patterned Ambiguities” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, New York, NY (first author with Sherryl Kleinman)
- 2008: “Making Care Work Matter: Negotiating the Value of Emotional Caretaking Work in a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2007: “Empowering Advocates: Emotion Management Strategies of Staff at a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2007: “Sympathy Work: Identity Management Among Staff at a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, New York, NY
- 2000: “‘Supporting our Black men’: The Reproduction of Male Privilege in a Black Campus Organization.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

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Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society
Association for the Study of Food and Society

Professional Service

- 2023-25: Chair, South Carolina Chapter, Scholars Strategy Network
- 2024: Co-chair, Local arrangements committee, South Carolina Sociological Association
- 2023: Member, Food Tank, Academic Working Group
- 2023: Member, South Carolina Food Policy Council
- 2023: External reviewer: Tenure and Promotion application: Emory University
- 2023: External reviewer: Tenure and Promotion application: University of New Mexico
- 2022: External reviewer: Tenure and Promotion application: Miami University
- 2022: Organizer: “Displacement, Gentrification, and Food Access: Unpacking the Past and Reimagining the Future” Thematic Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- 2022: Discussant: “Unsettled Consumption” Paper Session, Consumers and Consumers Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- 2022: Member: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper in Consumers and Consumption Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section: American Sociological Association
- 2021: Program Chair: Consumers and Consumption Section: American Sociological Association
- 2020: Organizer: Regular Session on Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations, American Sociological Association
- 2020: Organizer: Roundtable Sessions, Consumers and Consumption Section: American Sociological Association
- 2020: Member: Program Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section: American Sociological Association

- 2017-20: Chair: Committee on Professions, Southern Sociological Society
- 2019: External reviewer of department curriculum: Davidson College
- 2018: Member: Outstanding Contribution in Consumers and Consumption Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section: American Sociological Association
- 2017: Chair: Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Sociological Society
- 2017: Member: Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society
- 2017: Chair: Nominations Committee, Sociology of Emotions Section: American Sociological Association
- 2016: External Dissertation Reader: PhD candidate, Melanie Brand: “The Truth of Violence. Domestic Violence against Women and Identity Politics in the Context of Counselling in South Africa.” University of Konstanz Cultural Anthropology Colloquium.
- 2016: Member: Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology Award Committee, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2016: Member: Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.
- 2016: Member: Nominations Committee, Sociology of Emotions Section: American Sociological Association
- 2015: Member: Outstanding Recent Contribution Committee: Sociology of Emotions Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014: External reviewer: Tenure and Promotion application: Merrimack College
- 2011-14: Member: Publication Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
- 2013: Organizer: “Author Meets Critics Session, *Not My Kid: What Parents Believe about the Sex Lives of their Teenagers*, by Sinnika Elliot.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, New York.
- 2012: Discussant: “Masculinities” Regular Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO
- 2012: Co-organizer and presider: (with Nicolas Simon) “Teaching and Symbolic Interaction” paper session: Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Denver, CO

- 2012: Presider: “Student Apathy and Curiosity” paper session: Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010: Organizer and Presider: “Interactionist Studies in Masculinity” paper session: Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009: Presider: “Sex and Gender” paper session: Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2007-20: Reviewer: *Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, City & Community, Ethnography, Gender and Society, Journal of African American Studies, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Men and Masculinities, Oxford University Press, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, Social Problems, Social Psychology Quarterly, Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Spectrum, Symbolic Interaction, Teaching Sociology, Women’s Studies International Forum*

Institutional Service

- 2020-25: Chair: Department of Sociology
- 2021-22: Member: Writing Programs Advisory Group
- 2019-20: Member: Policies and Procedures Committee
- 2017-19: Member: Faculty Governance Review, Ad-hoc Committee
- 2010-22: Institutional Review Board, Furman University
- 2016-18: Chair: Faculty Administration Liaison Committee
- 2014-19: Member: Search committee, Department of Sociology
- 2015-17: Chair: Women’s, Gender, Sexuality Studies minor.
- 2016: Member: Furman Faculty Writing Fellows Program
- 2015-16: Member: Faculty-Administration Liaison Committee
- 2015-16: Coordinator: Faculty Affiliate Program, Shi Center for Sustainability
- 2015: Steering Committee: Full Cost Analysis Workshop, Shi Center for Sustainability
- 2009-15: Member: Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies faculty oversight committee
- 2012-14: Vice President: AAUP, Furman Chapter

- 2011-13: Chair: Academic Computing Committee
- 2010-13: Member: Faculty Development Committee
- 2011-12: Co-coordinator, AV Davis Sustainability Speaker Series
- 2008-12: Member: Search committee, Department of Sociology
- 2011: New Student Registration Consultant, Office of the Registrar
- 2010-11: Secretary: AAUP, Furman Chapter
- 2009-11: Member: Center for Teaching and Learning Steering Committee