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**Education:**

2011 Ph.D. in Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.  
 2006 M.A. in Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.  
 2003 B.A. with distinction in Sociology and French, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD.

**Academic Positions:**

2014-current Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 2011-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Goucher College  
 2009-2011 Teaching Assistant, Writing Program, English Department, Rutgers University  
 2008 Excellence Fellow, Institute for Health, Healthcare Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University  
 2005-2008 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University

**Publications:****Books**

Smith, Dena T. Forthcoming, 2019. *Medicine Over Mind: Mental Health Practice In the Biomedical Era*. Rutgers University Press.

**Articles**

Smith, Dena T., Dawne Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. 2016. "Reviewing the Assumptions about Men's Mental Health: An exploration of the Gender Binary." *American Journal of Men's Health*. Published online first doi: 10.1177/1557988316630953  
 Smith, Dena T. 2014. "The Diminished Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry: Psychoanalysis Meets the Medical Model of Mental Illness." *Society and Mental Health* 4(2):75-91.  
 Smith, Dena T. 2011. "A Sociological Alternative to the Psychiatric Conceptualization of Mental Suffering," *Sociology Compass* 5 (5): 351-363.

**Book Chapters**

Smith, Dena T. and Jennifer Hemler. 2013. "Classification and Diagnosis." In: Annemarie Jutel and Kevin Dew (Eds.) *Social Issues in Diagnosis: An Introduction for Students and Clinicians*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.  
 Rosenfield, Sarah and Dena Smith. 2010. "Gender and Mental Health: Do Men and Women Have Different Amounts or Types of Problems?" Pp 256-267 in *A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health: Social Contexts, Theories, and Systems*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Edited by Theresa Scheid and Tony Brown. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

**Encyclopedia Entries**

Smith, Dena T. 2014. "Psychoanalysis." In: Andrew Scull (Ed.) *Cultural Sociology of Mental Illness*. Sage Publications.  
 Smith, Dena T. 2014. "Psychiatric Training." In: Andrew Scull (Ed.) *Cultural Sociology of Mental*

*Illness*. Sage Publications.

Smith, Dena T. and Dawne Mouzon. 2013. "Men's Mental Health." In: Cockerham, William C. (Ed.): Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society. Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

#### **Invited Publications:**

Smith, Dena T. 2016, A review of *The Stressed Sex*. International Journal of Men's Health 15(1):105-109.

Smith, Dena T. 2012. "In Brief: Diagnosing Everyone." *Contexts* 11(2) 5.

Smith, Dena T. 2012 "Can Suffering be an Explicit Concept in Sociological Inquiry: A Response to Harvey" *Sociology Forum* 27(2):777-778.

#### **Works in Progress:**

Smith, Dena T, Dawne M. Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Masculinity Threats and Mental Health Among Aging Men."

Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World as a Non-medical Practitioner: The Impact of Professional Training and Medical Culture on Cognition"

#### **Conference Presentations:**

2018 Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World: The Impact of Professional Training, and Medical Culture on Cognition." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.

2018 Dangerous Masculinity: The Impact of Health and Wealth Decline on Aging Men's Mental Health," with Dawne Marie Mouzon and Marta Elliott. 16th International Conference on Social Stress Research, Athens, Greece.

2018 "Masculinity Threat and Anger Among Aging Men," with Dawne Marie Mouzon and Marta Elliott. Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.

2017 "Masculinity Threats and Mental Health Among Aging Men," with Dawne Marie Mouzon and Marta Elliott. American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

2017 "Living in a Medical World as a Non-medical Practitioner: The Impact of Professional Training, Institutional Constraints, and Medical Culture on Cognition." Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia.

2016 "Too Many Cooks in The Kitchen: The Cognitive Fallout of Combining Talk Therapy and Medication Treatment in Psychoanalytic Practice," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

2015 "Challenging the Assumptions about Men's Mental Health: An Exploration of the Gender Binary," with Dawne Marie Mouzon American Sociological Association, Chicago.

2015 "A Call for New Directions in Men's Mental Health: Re-examining Classic Arguments," with Dawne Marie Mouzon, Eastern Sociological Society, New York City.

2014 "Resolving Tension through Practice: How Psychiatrists Blur the Boundaries Between Meaning-making and Medicalization," American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

2014 "Psychiatric Training and the Waning Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry" Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.

2013 "A (Re)Examination of Men's Mental Health," with Dawne Marie Mouzon. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

2013 "Specifying the Gendered Pathways to Mental Health Treatment," with Janet H. Shope. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

2012 "The Pharmaceutical Revolution in Treating Mental Illness and the Demise of Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry. Regular Mental Health Session," American Sociological Association, Denver.

- 2012 "A Socio-psychological Concept of Mental Suffering: Why is it Necessary and What does it do?" Eastern Sociological Society, New York.
- 2011 "Sub-threshold Psychiatric Diagnosis and the Conceptualization of Mental Illness" with Kathryn Burrows. American Sociological Association, Mental Health Regular Session, Las Vegas.
- 2011 "Splitting to Oblivion: How Sub-threshold Diagnoses Pathologize Everyday Life" with Kathryn Burrows. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia.
- 2010 "Suffering as Disease: Psychiatric Definitions and Cultural Conceptions." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Atlanta.
- 2010 "When Dissonance is a Non-experience: The Role of Institutions in Cognitive Dissonance Prevention." Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.
- 2009 "Negotiating Consistency: How Practitioners Manage Contradiction between Competing Psychiatric Frameworks." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.
- 2008 "Race and Depression: Resolving Contradictory Findings on Racial Disparities" with Sarah Rosenfield, Conference on Social Stress Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2007 "The Disappearance of Meaning: The Re-construction of Suffering in 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Psychiatry," Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York.
- 2007 "Blurring the Boundaries between Meaning-making and Medicalization in Contemporary American Psychoanalysis," Invited Presentation. American Sociological Association Mini-Conference. Psychoanalysis and Sociology. New York.
- 2007 "From Meaning-Making to Medicalization: Consequences of a Psychiatric Paradigm Shift," Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia and The Rutgers Sociology Graduate Student Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**Funding:**

- Dean's Research Fund (CDRF), UMBC – 2018 - \$5,000
- Summer Faculty Fellowship (SFF), UMBC — 2015 - \$6,000
- Summer Research Grant, Goucher College — 2013 - \$3,000
- Crosby Course Development Grant, Goucher College - Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014 — \$1,500

**Service to the Field:**

- Ad hoc reviewer: Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Society and Mental Health, Sociology Compass, Sociological Forum, American Journal of Men's Health, International Journal of Men's Health.
- News Editor, Sociology Compass, 2009-2011