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Education:

- 2011 Ph.D., Sociology, Rutgers University
 Committee: Deborah Carr (chair), Allan Horwitz, Phaedra Daipha, Patrick Carr, Lynn Chancer.
 "Meaning-making in a Medical World: The Art of Talk Therapy, The Science of The Biological
 Model, and The Boundaries in Between."
 2006 M.A., Sociology, Rutgers University
 2003 B.A., Sociology and French, Goucher College.

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. 2019. *Medicine Over Mind: Mental Health Practice In the Biomedical Era*. New Brunswick, NJ:
 Rutgers University Press.

Articles

- Smith, Dena T., Dawne Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. 2016 (2018). "Reviewing the Assumptions about
 Men's Mental Health: An Exploration of the Gender Binary." *American Journal of Men's Health* 12(1):
 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. 2014. "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*. 2nd 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." *Sociological Forum* 27(2):777-778.

Works in Progress:

- Smith, Dena T., Dawne M. Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Dangerous Masculinity: The Impact of Health and Wealth Decline on Older Men's Mental Health." Revise and Resubmit.
- Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World as a Non-medical Practitioner: The Impact of Professional Training and Medical Culture on Cognition." In progress.

Conference Presentations:

- 2019 Smith, Dena T. "Medication, Talk Therapy, and The Etiological Considerations That Underlie Mental Health Practice." *American Sociological Association (ASA)*, New York.
- 2018 Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World: The Impact of Professional Training, and Medical Culture on Cognition." *ASA*, Philadelphia.
- 2018 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Dangerous Masculinity: The Impact of Health and Wealth Decline on Aging Men's Mental Health." *16th International Conference on Social Stress Research*, Athens, Greece.
- 2018 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Masculinity Threat and Anger Among Aging Men." *Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)*, Baltimore.
- 2017 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon, and Marta Elliott "Masculinity Threats and Mental Health Among Aging Men." *ASA*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World as a Non-medical Practitioner: The Impact of Professional Training, Institutional Constraints, and Medical Culture on Cognition." *ESS*, Philadelphia.
- 2016 Smith, Dena T. "Too Many Cooks in The Kitchen: The Cognitive Fallout of Combining Talk Therapy and Medication Treatment in Psychoanalytic Practice," *ESS*, Boston.
- 2015 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "Challenging the Assumptions about Men's Mental Health: An Exploration of the Gender Binary." *ASA*, Chicago.
- 2015 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "A Call for New Directions in Men's Mental Health: Re-examining Classic Arguments," *ESS*, New York City.
- 2014 Smith, Dena T. "Resolving Tension through Practice: How Psychiatrists Blur the Boundaries Between Meaning-making and Medicalization," *ASA*, San Francisco.
- 2014 "Psychiatric Training and the Waning Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry" *ESS*, Baltimore.
- 2013 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "A (Re)Examination of Men's Mental Health." *ESS*, Boston.
- 2013 Smith, Dena T. and Janet H. Shope "Specifying the Gendered Pathways to Mental Health Treatment." *ESS*, Boston.

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

Funding:

- Center for Social Science Scholarship Research Summer Faculty Fellowship (SFRF) – 2019 - \$6,000
 Center for Social Science Scholarship Small Research Grant – 2019 - \$1,000
 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

Professional Service:

To the Department:

- Member, Library Committee for Sociology Program (2019)
- Member, Hiring Committee (searches in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Member, Graduate Program Committee
- Member, Undergraduate Program Committee

To the University:

- 2014-present Affiliate Faculty, Doctoral Program in Language, Literacy, and Culture
- 2014-present Affiliate Faculty, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies
- 2014-present Committee to organize Social Sciences Forum Annual Department Lecture in Health and Inequality
- 2014-present Undergraduate Research Award Committee (URA)
- 2015 Panel Member, Social Justice Pedagogy: Tensions, Triggers, & Teachable Moments: Interdisciplinary faculty panel discussion on pedagogical approaches to cultivating safe and/or brave spaces. February 2, 2015.

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.
- 2017 Presider, Section on Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtables on Conceptualization and Measurement of Health and Illness, ASA, Montreal.
- 2015 Presider, Paper Session, "New Perspectives in Medical Sociology: Exploring the Conditions for Health and Well-Being." ESS, New York, February.
- 2015 Presider, "Paper Session: New Perspectives on Sex/Gender and Health," ESS, New York, February
- 2013-15 Publications Committee, Medical Sociology Section, ASA
- 2014 Reviewer for Wellcome Trust Society & Ethics University Award:
<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Society-and-ethics/index.htm>
- 2014 Discussant, Medical Sociology Section Roundtable on Medicalization at ASA, San Francisco.
- 2014 Presider, Panel on Managing Health Sciences and Services, ESS, Baltimore.
- 2013 Co-organizer, Medical Sociology Roundtables, ASA, New York
- 2013 Presider, Panel on The Sociology of Suffering, ESS, Boston
- 2012 Discussant, Therapy and Society Roundtables, ESS, New York.
- 2012 Organizer, Panel on Sociological Alternatives to the Medicalized Concept of Suffering, ESS, New York.
- 2010-11 Founding Co-Editor, Rutgers Journal of Sociology: Emerging Areas in Sociological Inquiry :
<http://sociology.rutgers.edu/RJS.html>
- 2009-11 News Editor, Sociology Compass, 2009-2011:
<http://contexts.org/sociologylens/author/denatsmith/>
- 2010 Co-leader, Student Forum Professional Workshop. Student-Run Journals: A How-To Guide for Graduate and Undergraduate Students, ASA, Atlanta.
- 2008, 2010 Graduate Student Mentor for first-year students, Rutgers University.
- 2007 Discussant, Student Roundtables, ASA.
- 2007 Presider, Plenary Address at the Rutgers Sociology Graduate Student Conference.

Professional Memberships:

American Sociological Association: Sections on Mental Health, Medical Sociology, and Culture
Eastern Sociological Society

Courses Taught:

At UMBC (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Research Methods in The Social Sciences (Undergrad)

Medical Sociology (Sociology of Health and Medicine/Sociology of Health and Illness Experience; Grad/Undergrad)

Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (Grad/Undergrad)

At Goucher and Rutgers (Undergraduate):

Medical Sociology

Sociology of Mental Health and Illness

Introduction to Sociology

Research Methods

Sociology of Domestic Violence

Sociology of Deviant Behavior

Medicine, Pathology, and the New Normality

Capstone Seminar in Sociology

