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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.

### **Research and Teaching Interests:**

Mental Health Professions, Health Professions Education, Psychoanalysis, Mental Health Outcomes, Social Dimensions of Health, Gender and Mental Health, Masculinity and Health, Qualitative Methods

### **Academic Positions:**

2020-present Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)  
2020-present Director, Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, UMBC  
2022-present Affiliate Faculty, School of Public Policy, UMBC  
2014-present Affiliate Faculty, Doctoral Program in Language, Literacy, and Culture, UMBC  
2014-present Affiliate Faculty, Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, UMBC  
2014-2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology, UMBC  
2011-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Goucher College  
2004-2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Writing Program, Rutgers University

### **Publications:**

#### **Books**

2019 Smith, Dena T. [\*Medicine over Mind: Mental Health Practice in the Biomedical Era\*](#). New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

#### **Articles**

2022 Smith, Dena T., Dawne M. Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Hegemonic Masculinity and Mental Health Among Older White Men in the U.S.: The Role of Health and Wealth Decline." *Sex Roles* 86(3):605-619.

2016 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. "Reviewing the Assumptions about Men's Mental Health: An exploration of the Gender Binary." *American Journal of Men's Health*. *American Journal of Men's Health* 12(1):78-89.

2014 Smith, Dena T. "The Diminished Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry: Psychoanalysis Meets the Medical Model of Mental Illness." *Society and Mental Health* 4(2):75-91 (lead article).

2011 Smith, Dena T. "A Sociological Alternative to the Psychiatric Conceptualization of Mental Suffering," *Sociology Compass* 5 (5): 351-363.

#### **Book Chapters**

2022 Smith, Dena T. "Beyond Psychoanalysis: Psychodynamic Psychotherapy in a Biomedical and

Behavioral World.” In *Research Handbook on Society and Health*, Edited by Marta Elliott. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar

- 2014 Smith, Dena T. and Jennifer Hemler. “Classification and Diagnosis.” Pp 15-32 in *Social Issues in Diagnosis: An Introduction for Students and Clinicians*, Edited by Annemarie Jutel and Kevin Dew. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.
- 2010 Rosenfield, Sarah and Dena Smith. “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.

#### **Invited Reviews and Commentaries**

- 2022 Smith, Dena T. “Review of Unnerved: Anxiety, Social Change, and the Transformation of Modern Mental Health.” *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2020 Smith, Dena T. “Review of Chemically Imbalanced: Everyday Suffering, Medication, and Our Troubled Quest for Self-Mastery.” *Social Forces* 99(4):e7.
- 2016 Smith, Dena T. “A review of The Stressed Sex.” *International Journal of Men’s Health* 15(1):105-109.
- 2012 Smith, Dena T. “Can Suffering be an Explicit Concept in Sociological Inquiry: A Response to Harvey.” *Sociology Forum* 27(2):777-778.
- 2012 Smith, Dena T. “In Brief: Diagnosing Everyone.” *Contexts* 11(2) 5.
- 2011 Smith, Dena T. “Teaching and Learning Guide for: A Sociological Alternative to the Psychiatric Conceptualization of Mental Suffering.” *Sociology Compass* 5(6):478-479

#### **Invited Encyclopedia Entries**

- Forthcoming Smith, Dena T. and Dawne Mouzon. “Men’s Mental Health.” Pp 1-6 in *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., edited by Cockerham, William C. Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2014 Smith, Dena T. “Psychoanalytic Treatment.” In: Andrew Scull (Eds.) *Cultural Sociology of Mental Illness*. Sage Publications.
- 2014 Smith, Dena T. “Psychiatric Training.” In: Andrew Scull (Eds.) *Cultural Sociology of Mental Illness*. Sage Publications.
- 2013 Smith, Dena T. and Dawne Mouzon. “Men’s Mental Health.” Pp 1-6 in *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society* edited by Cockerham, William C. Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

#### **News Commentaries**

- 2020 Smith, Dena T., and Mileah Kromer. “Here’s Why COVID is Making Women Sadder and Angrier than Men: Commentary. *Baltimore Sun*.

#### **Blogs**

- 2022 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Mouzon, and Marta Elliott. [Men Get Depressed but it Is Often Overlooked](#). *Character and Context Blog*, The Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

#### **Works in Progress**

- 2023 Smith, Dena T., Christine Mair, Dawne M. Mouzon, and Mileah Kromer. “The COVID Burden: Race, Class, and Gender Always Matter.” Feature Article, Revise and Resubmit at *Contexts Magazine*.

- In process Smith, Dena T. "Expanding the Reach of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy: New Applications and New Populations." Book, in discussions with publishers.
- In process Smith, Dena T. "Thinking Flexibly: Why Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Matters in an Era of Behavioral and Biomedical Interventions." Article.

**Select Conference Presentations:**

- 2023 Smith, Dena T. *The Promise of Flexibility in Mental Health Training*. Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.
- 2023 Smith, Dena T., Christine A. Mair, Dawne M. Mouzon & Mileah Kromer. *A COVID Mental Health Paradox? How Race, Class, and Gender Always Matter*. Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.
- 2022 Elliott, Meaghan, Annabelle Belcher, Dena Smith, PhD; Thomas Cole, Sarah Sweeney; Kelly Coble, Devang Gandhi, and Eric Weintraub. "MACS TeleECHO Clinics promote attitude change among primary care prescribers treating substance use disorders: Preliminary outcomes of a qualitative evaluation." *Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC)*.
- 2019 Smith, Dena T. "Medication, Talk Therapy, and the Etiological Considerations That Underlie Mental Health Practice." *American Sociological Association*, New York.
- 2018 Smith, Dena T. "Living in a Medical World: The Impact of Professional Training, and Medical Culture on Cognition." American Sociological Association, 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, Baltimore.
- 2017 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon and Marta Elliott. "Masculinity Threats and Mental Health Among Aging Men." American Sociological Association, 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." Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia.
- 2016 Smith, Dena T. "Too Many Cooks in The Kitchen: The Cognitive Fallout of Combining Talk Therapy and Medication Treatment in Psychoanalytic Practice," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.
- 2015 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "Challenging the Assumptions about Men's Mental Health: An Exploration of the Gender Binary," American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 2015 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "A Call for New Directions in Men's Mental Health: Re-examining Classic Arguments, Eastern Sociological Society, New York City.
- 2014 Smith, Dena T. "Resolving Tension through Practice: How Psychiatrists Blur the Boundaries Between Meaning-making and Medicalization," American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2014 Smith, Dena T. "Psychiatric Training and the Waning Resistance to Medicalization in Psychiatry" Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.
- 2013 Smith, Dena T., Dawne Marie Mouzon. "A (Re)Examination of Men's Mental Health." Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.
- 2013 Smith, Dena T. and Janet H. Shope. "Specifying the Gendered Pathways to Mental Health Treatment". Eastern Sociological Society, 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," American Sociological Association, Denver.
- 2012 Smith, Dena T. "A Socio-psychological Concept of Mental Suffering: Why is it Necessary and

- What does it do?" Eastern Sociological Society, New York.
- 2011 Smith, Dena T. and Kathryn Burrows. "Sub-threshold Psychiatric Diagnosis and the Conceptualization of Mental Illness". American Sociological Association, Mental Health Regular Session, Las Vegas.
- 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." Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.
- 2009 Smith, Dena T. "Negotiating Consistency: How Practitioners Manage Contradiction between Competing Psychiatric Frameworks." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.
- 2007 Smith, Dena T. "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 Smith, Dena T. "Blurring the Boundaries between Meaning-making and Medicalization in Contemporary American Psychoanalysis," Invited Presentation. American Sociological Association Mini-Conference. Psychoanalysis and Sociology. New York.

**External Funding:**

- 2016 \$462,830 (reviewed, not funded) "Race, Gender and Stigma Management of Internalizing Mental Disorders" National Science Foundation (NSF), Co-Principal Investigator with Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno and Dawne Mouzon, Rutgers University.

**Internal Funding:**

- 2023 Center for Social Science Scholarship Small Research Grant, UMBC, \$1,500
- 2019 Center for Social Science Scholarship Research Summer Faculty Fellowship (SFRF), UMBC, \$6,000
- 2019 Center for Social Science Scholarship Small Research Grant, UMBC, \$1,000
- 2018 Dean's Research Fund (CDRF), UMBC, \$5,000
- 2015 Summer Faculty Fellowship, UMBC \$6000
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, Goucher College, \$3,000
- 2012, 13, 14 Crosby Course Development Grant, Goucher College \$1,500

**Courses Taught Regularly:**

- Social Dimensions of Health (Undergrad/Grad)
- Sociology of Health and Illness (Undergrad)
- Sociology of Mental Health (Undergrad/Grad)
- Research Methods (Undergrad/Grad)

**Other Courses Taught:**

- Introduction to Sociology (Undergrad)
- Social Problems (Undergrad)
- Sociology of Gender (Undergrad)
- Qualitative Methodology (Undergrad)
- Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Undergrad)
- Medicine, Pathology, and the New Normality (Undergrad)
- Capstone Seminar in Sociology (Undergrad)
- Classical Sociological Theory (Undergrad)

## **Service:**

### **Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Public Health at UMBC**

2020-present	Graduate Program Director, Master's Program in Applied Sociology
2022-present	Faculty research mentor for new Assistant Professor of Public Health
2019-present	Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, faculty representative
2014-present	Graduate Program Committee
2014-present	Served on approximately 30 MA committees and 4 dissertation committees (detailed information available upon request)
2014-present	Approximately 10 undergraduate students advised per semester
2018-2020	Library Liaison for Sociology
2014-2019	Member, Undergraduate Committee
2018	Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Sociology
2016	Member, Search Committee, Lecturer in Sociology
2014-2106	Member, planning and organizing recruitment event for MA program
2015	Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Public Health
2015	Member, Department Life Committee
2015	Member, Search Committee, Lecturer in Public Health

### **To the University**

2022-present	Affiliate Faculty, School of Public Policy
2022-present	Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Graduate Program in Community Leadership
2022-present	Member, Committee to award Graduate Student Emergency Funds
2020-present	Reviewer, UMBC Review
2016-present	Affiliate Faculty, Language, Literacy and Culture Doctoral Program
2015-present	Affiliate Faculty, Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies
2014-present	Undergraduate Research Award Committee
2014-19	Co-organizer, Social Sciences Forum Department Annual Lecture in Health and Inequality
2015-2017	McNair Scholar Mentor
2015	Panel Member, <i>Social Justice Pedagogy: Tensions, Triggers, &amp; Teachable Moments: An interdisciplinary faculty panel discussion on pedagogical approaches to cultivating safe and/or brave spaces for learning and social justice engagement.</i> February 2, 2015

### **To the Profession**

2023-2025	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>
Ongoing	Ad hoc reviewer for the following journals: <i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i> , <i>Society and Mental Health</i> , <i>Gender and Society</i> , <i>Sociology Compass</i> , <i>Sociological Forum</i> , <i>Sociology of Health and Illness</i> , <i>Journal of Clinical Psychology</i> , <i>American Journal of Men's Health</i> , <i>International Journal of Men's Health</i>
Ongoing	Ad hoc reviewer for the following presses: University of Chicago Press, Taylor and Francis, Routledge, Polity Books
2018	Committee Member, Eastern Sociological Society Community Service and Activism Award Selection Committee
2017	Presider, Section on Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtables of 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." Eastern Sociological Society, New York.
2015	Presider, "Paper Session: New Perspectives on Sex/Gender and Health," Eastern Sociological Society, New York.

2013-15 Publications Committee, Medical Sociology Section, ASA  
 2014 Reviewer for Wellcome Trust Society & Ethics University Award  
 2014 Discussant, Medical Sociology Section Roundtable on Medicalization at American Sociology Association (ASA) Annual Conference, San Francisco.  
 2014 Presider, Panel on Managing Health Sciences and Services, Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore.  
 2013 Co-organizer, Medical Sociology Roundtables, ASA, New York  
 2013 Presider, Panel on The Sociology of Suffering, Eastern Sociological Society, Boston  
 2012 Discussant, Therapy and Society Roundtables, Eastern Sociological Society, New York.  
 2012 Organizer, Panel on Sociological Alternatives to the Medicalized Concept of Suffering, Eastern Sociological Society, New York.  
 2010-11 Founding Co-Editor, Rutgers Journal of Sociology: Emerging Areas in Sociological Inquiry  
 2009-11 News Editor, *Sociology Compass*  
 2010 Co-leader, Student Forum Professional Workshop. Student-Run Journals: A How-To Guide for Graduate and Undergraduate Students, American Sociological Association, Atlanta.  
 2008, 2010 Graduate Student Mentor for first-year students, Rutgers University.  
 2007 Discussant, Student Roundtables, American Sociological Association.

**Membership in Professional Associations:**

American Sociological Association (Medical Sociology and Mental Health Sections)  
 Eastern Sociological Society, Alpha Kappa Delta

**Consulting:**

2021-present Ongoing collaboration with the evaluation team of the Maryland Addiction Consultation Services (MACS) at University of Maryland's School of Medicine. Leading didactic sessions on qualitative research methods, providing consultation on the design, data acquisition, transcription, and analysis interpretation of interview-based data. Participation in all aspects of the production of scholarship based on this research.