

Jonafa Banbury Curriculum Vitae

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Education

May 2014	M.A. Sociology	Texas State University
December 2011	B.A. Applied Sociology	Texas State University

Academic Experience

- *Graduate Qualitative Research Methods*
Research pertaining to the construction of the central Texas Christian Hip Hop music scene
- *Undergraduate Qualitative Research Methods*
Research pertaining to depictions of race relations in the *Star Trek Franchise*
- *Multicultural Relations*
Course focusing on the nature and problems inherent in racial and other minority groups, with special reference to the American scene
- *Diversity Studies: Theories and Issues*
Course focusing and exploring critical race theories and literature with an emphasis on the four majority minority groups in the United States

Professional Experience

Graduate Assistant *Summer 2013 to present*

Online Course Design and Development

for Masters Program in Dementia, Texas State Sociology Department

Assist with instructional design and course planning, including developing instructional objectives, and aligning them to learning materials and assessments.

Experience with the design of a course site in Texas State's implementation of the Sakai Collaborative Learning Environment (CLE).

Graduate Assistant *January 2011 to present*

Texas State Sociology Department

Interact with students in classroom setting, during office hours, and via email correspondence. Assist students with writing assignments, test preparedness, photo essays, and general questions. Assist with lecturing, research, classroom presentations, and grading. Create and maintain TRACS site, enter grades, post assignments and announcements

Internship *August 2011 to December 2011*
Texas State Sociology Department
Assisted with implementing the Latino Empowerment Conference for the Center for Social Inquiry
Performed data analysis and analyzed secondary data analysis. Collaborated and interacted with student organizations in preparation for conference. Recruited and interviewed students during the conference for Selena research project.

Student Worker *August 2010 to December 2011*
Texas State Sociology Department
Provided customer service for the Sociology Department front desk; answered phones, greeted students and professors, answered questions and resolved concerns during peak registration seasons. Scheduled advising appointments for undergraduates. Organized and overhauled department portfolio system, performed record keeping, responsible for department bulletins

Student Worker *August 2004 to December 2005*
Statistics Tutor Sociology Department
Tutored students taking statistics courses within the department. Provided customer service for the Sociology Department front desk as needed.

Research Experience

Principal Investigator *June 2013-March 2014*
Thesis research for the partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Sociology. Research focus on the experiences of African American women in positions of leadership within Christian non-denominational churches and their perceptions of the social and political process of becoming a religious leader.

Principal Investigator *January 2013-May 2013*
Conducted quantitative research for graduate seminar in quantitative research methods. Research focus examined the relationship between the racial compositions of congregations and their attitudes toward female church leadership using the second wave of the National Congregations Study and bivariate and multivariate analyses.

Principal Investigator *September 2012-December 2012*
Conducted independent research for graduate seminar in qualitative research methods. Research consisted of an ethnographic study of the Christian hip-hop music scene in central Texas.

Graduate Research Assistant *June 2012 to August 2012*
Conducted research with the Center for Social Inquiry in the Department of Sociology for the “City of San Marcos Needs Assessment Report”

Publications and Professional Presentations

Conferences

Banbury, Jonafa. 2014. Paper presentation- “The Church and the Streets: An Ethnographic Study of the Christian Hip Hop Music Scene in Central Texas.” Couch-Stone Symposium, Texas State University. (March)

Banbury, Jonafa. 2014. Paper presentation- "The Church and the Streets: An Ethnographic Study of the Christian Hip Hop Music Scene in Central Texas." National Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference. (April 2014)

Martinez-Ramos, Gloria, Joe Kotarba and Jonafa Banbury. 2012. "A Selena Ofrenda: From Biography and Memory to Reconstruction and Installation.", "This is Us: Como Nos Ven, Como Nos Vemos Changing Chican@ Identity in the 21st Century." Tejas Foco Regional Conference of The National Association for Chicana and Chicano studies (March 2012)

Banbury, Jonafa. 2011. Paper presentation- "Reflections from Space: Past, Present and Future- Portrayals of race relations in the Star Trek Franchise." Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference. (April 2011)

Works in Progress or Under Review

Martinez-Ramos, Gloria, Kotarba, Joseph and Jonafa Banbury. Manuscript in progress, "A Selena Ofrenda: From Biography and Memory to Reconstruction and Installation." (Manuscript for Cultural Studies Critical Methodologies).

Invited Talks and Community Activity

- Inspirational/motivational speaker, conference host, community leader, and certified faith-based counselor, 1990-Present
- Invited guest speaker for Sociology 3327 Multicultural Relations course, research presentation entitled: *The [R]evolution of Black Hair*
- Inspirational Online Talk Show Radio Host/Creator of number one rated Listen Radio, on Praise Austin (www.praiseaustin.com) January 2011-Present
- Liberal Arts Advisory Council, Undergraduate Representative for the Department of Sociology, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- San Marcos High School Sociology Day visit, Department Representative, Fall 2010 and Fall 2011
- Invited guest speaker, Martin Luther King Day Commemoration, San Marcos, TX, January 2013
- Invited guest speaker, Graduation Recognition Ceremony, South Austin Community Church, June 2012
- Invited guest to deliver opening prayer at Martin Luther King Day Commemoration, San Marcos, TX, January 2011

Scholarship, Honors and Organizations

Thesis Research Support Fellowship Awarded Spring 2014, Texas State University

Graduate College Scholarship Awarded 2013-2014, Texas State University

Alpha Kappa Delta Member, the National Sociology Honor Society, inducted Spring 2013

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, inducted Fall 2013