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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

- Aug. 2007      Ph.D., Sociology. Vanderbilt University  
*Southern Identity: The Meaning, Practice, and Importance of a Regional Identity*  
Committee: Gary Jensen (co-chair), Larry J. Griffin (co-chair), George Becker, David Carlton, Peggy Thoits
- Jan. 2004      Comprehensive Exam Passed  
Areas: Social Stigma, Deviant Identities, and the South
- Dec. 2001      M.A., Sociology. Vanderbilt University
- Aug. 1996      B.A., Sociology. University of North Carolina at Asheville

**ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 1996            The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Departmental Distinction
- 1996            The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Awarded the Senior Scholar Award, Department of Sociology
- 1995-1996      Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociological Honors Society)
- 1994-1996      The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Dean's List
- Spring 1994    The University of Kentucky, Dean's List
- 1992            Warren Wilson College, Sutton Merit Scholarship, Dean's List

**ACADEMIC GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2004            Vanderbilt University, Dissertation Enhancement Grant, \$2000
- 1999-2004      Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology TA Fellowships

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race and Ethnicity  
Social Psychology  
Social Stratification/Poverty  
Qualitative Methods

The American South  
Social Identities, Stigma, and Deviance  
Homelessness

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Articles:

Griffin, Larry J., Ranae J. Evenson, and Ashley B. Thompson. 2005. "Southerners All?" *Southern Cultures* 11(1):6-25.

Griffin, Larry J. and Ashley B. Thompson. 2003. "Enough About the Disappearing South, What About the Disappearing Southerner?" *Southern Cultures* 9(3):51-65.

Griffin, Larry J. and Ashley B. Thompson. 2002. "Collective Memory, Identity, and Representation in Appalachia and the South." *Appalachian Journal* 29(3): 296-327.

### Other Publications:

Griffin, Larry J. and Ashley B. Thompson. 2004. "The Disappearing Southerner." *Vanderbilt Magazine* (December).

Griffin, Larry J. and Ashley B. Thompson. 2002. "Letter to the Editor: Larry J. Griffin and Ashley B. Thompson Respond." *Appalachian Journal* 30(1):6-9.

### Under Review:

Jensen, Gary F. and Ashley B. Thompson. "Markets without Firms: Mapping a New Religious Landscape" (*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion: Revise and Resubmit*)

### In Progress:

Thompson, Ashley B. "Race and Regional Identities in the South."

## CONFERENCES / PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Ashley B. Thompson. "Race and Regional Identities in the South." Southern Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, G.A., April 11-14, 2007.

Larry J. Griffin and Ashley B. Thompson. "Appalachia and the U.S. South: Contradictory 'Others'." American Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., November 8-11, 2001.

Larry J. Griffin and Ashley B. Thompson. "Memory, Identity, and Representation in the South and Appalachia." Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Snowshoe, WV, March 30-April 1, 2001.

Ashley B. Thompson. "The Commemoration of Labor Day: Changing Representations of Class and Class Conflict." Vanderbilt University Colloquium on Culture and Identity, Vanderbilt University, March 15-16, 2001.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Visiting Lecturer*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2007  
Sociology 101; Sociological Perspectives

*Visiting Lecturer*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2005  
Sociology 101; Sociological Perspectives

*Lecturer*, Vanderbilt University, Summer 2004  
Sociology 101; Introduction to Sociology

*Teaching Assistant*, Vanderbilt University, Fall 1999-Spring 2004  
As a teaching assistant for the courses and professors listed below, I performed a variety of functions, including grading essays and tests, assisting in the construction of exams, meeting with students concerning their coursework, and guest lecturing in the professor's absence.

Soc. 258: The South in American Culture. Professor Larry J. Griffin, Spring 2004 and Spring 2002.

Soc. 235: Contemporary American Society. Professor Larry J. Griffin, Fall 2003.

Soc. 101: Introduction to Sociology. Professor Karen Campbell, Fall 2001.

Soc. 201: Sociological Perspectives. Professor George Becker, Spring 2001.

Soc. 230: The Family. Professor George Becker, Fall 2000.

Soc. 277: Contemporary Latin America. Professor James J. Lang, Spring 2000.

Soc. 248: Popular Culture Dynamics. Professor Paul Bagguley, Fall 1999.

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Managing Editor for Reviews: Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, Spring 2005 to Present.

Peggy Thoits, Editor

I facilitate the review of manuscript submissions by processing manuscripts through all stages of the review process, corresponding with authors and reviewers, and assisting in the selection of reviewers.

*Research Assistant: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, Fall 2005-2006.

Larry J. Griffin

I worked on a project coding respondents' memories and recollections of racial events in the United States and the Civil Rights Movement using SPSS.

*Research Assistant: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, Fall 2004.

Project Title: "Atonement Trials in the Post-Civil Rights South"

P.I.: Larry J. Griffin

I located and converted newspaper accounts of recent trials of perpetrators of civil-rights era murders into text files. The project is sponsored using research money from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

*Research Assistant: Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies*, Nashville, TN  
Summer 2002-Summer 2003.

Project Title: Immigrant Assessment Project

P.I.: Daniel Cornfield

I worked as a research assistant on the Immigrant Assessment Project, which sought to assess the needs of various immigrant groups in Davidson County. During the course of my work, I conducted focus groups, recorded field notes during focus groups, and coded all transcriptions and field notes using AQUAD. A final report was submitted to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville at the conclusion of the study.

## **REFERENCES**

Larry Griffin, John Shelton Reed Distinguished Professor  
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