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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dedicated mixed methods social researcher with 6+ years of qualitative and quantitative research experience. Proven ability to work independently, collaboratively, and as a team lead on various research projects in the areas of public health and nutrition, food insecurity, gender inequality, social stratification, and community development. Passionate about conducting social research and communicating findings.

EDUCATION

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC

- PhD, Sociology: July 2019
 - Relevant coursework: Applied Research, Quantitative Sociological Analysis, Advanced Quantitative Analysis, Qualitative Methods, Advanced Qualitative Methods
- M.S., Sociology: December 2015

PURCHASE COLLEGE, Harrison, NY

- B.A., Media, Society and the Arts: May 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Duke University, Durham, NC

Associate in Research • Sanford School of Public Policy • October 1, 2019 – Present

- Managed data collection at multiple WIC offices and departments of social services; including participant recruitment, preparing materials, and data collection. Organized the collection of 140 in-depth, in person interviews over a span of 4 months.
- Acted as a key collaborator with the principal investigator to support the research teams in developing, refining, and conducting project activities.
- Trained and supervised a team of graduate and undergraduate students working on the research project.

Research Assistant • College to Work Study • January 2015 – January 2016

- Collected ethnographic data at job presentations, career fairs, and other events at a university business school.
- Interviewed seniors in a university business school about their school and career trajectories to better understand the role of socioeconomic status on career and school outcomes. Conducted follow-up phone interviews with research participants after graduation.

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Independent Researcher • Emergency Food and Safety Survey • October 2018 – October 2019

- Co-designed an in-person survey using Qualtrics survey software (N=143). Survey aimed to better understand the experiences of unhoused and food insecurity population; topics included health, experiences of harassment, violence, and perceived safety at emergency food providers.
- Supervised three research assistants throughout data collection and analysis, including training and bi-weekly check-ins.
- Data for this project will was presented at the Closing the Hunger Gap National Conference (September 3-5, 2019).

Independent Researcher • Reaching Across the Table • August 2015 – June 2019

- Designed a comparative case study of two food justice organizations working to alleviate food insecurity, projects aim was to better understand new approaches to addressing hunger.

- Conducted 18 months of participant observation and 40 in-depth interviews at both organizations.
- Coded field notes and interview transcripts in Nvivo Qualitative Software.
- Presented findings to both public and academic audiences and authored manuscripts for publication.

Research Assistant • Voices into Action: The Family, Food, and Health Project • Jan 2014 – Jan 2018

- Directed ethnographic observations as a team lead. Scheduled, coordinated, and supervised a research team of four people.
- Conducted over 60 in-depth semi-structured interviews with caretakers and children over the course of two years of data collection and 80 in-person surveys.
- Created interview guides and codebooks, quality-controlled transcripts, and coded transcripts using NVivo. Trained research assistants to perform these same tasks.
- Prepared research articles and community outreach materials to distribute the project's findings.

Research Assistant • Ag and Human Sciences Department • April 2017 – August 2018

- Analyzed 38 in-depth interviews from two separate qualitative studies about immigrant and refugee food consumption.
- Developed manuscripts and conference presentations detailing the findings.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- **Technical Knowledge:** Ethnographic Methods, In-Depth Interview Methods, Survey Methods, Community-Based Methods, Basic and Advanced Statistics, Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis, Instructional Design
- **Software Knowledge:** Stata, R, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. "Meatless Meals and Masculinity: How Veg* Men Explain Their Plant-Based Diets." *Food and Foodways* 26(3): 223-45.
- **Mycek, Mari Kate**, Annie Hardison-Moody, J. Dara Bloom, Sarah Bowen, and Sinikka Elliott. 2020. "Learning to Eat the "Right" Way: Examining Nutrition Socialization from the Perspective of Immigrants and Refugees." *Food, Culture, and Society* 23(1):46-65.

Edited Volumes

- Martin, Blake, **Mari Kate Mycek**, Sinikka Elliott, and Sarah Bowen. 2019. "Low-Income Mothers and the Alternative Food Movement: An Intersectional Approach." in *Feminist Food Studies: Intersectional Perspectives*, edited by B. Parker, J. Brady, E. Power, and S. Belyea: Women's Press.
- Moore, Lisa Jean, and **Mari Kate Mycek**. 2014. "Body Image, Gender and Food." in *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, edited by Paul B. Thompson and David Kaplan: Springer.

Popular Press

- Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. "Homeless Women Say Me Too but No One is Listening." *The Huffington Post*.
- Mycek, Mari Kate. 2012. "Man V. Food: Media Representations of Meat and Masculinity." *The Feminist Wire*.

References and Sample Work Available Upon Request