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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, The Ohio State University, 2002. Dissertation: *Nation Building in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Transforming race and gender relations through sports.*
Committee Chair: Verta A. Taylor.

M.A. Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1995.

B.A. Biology, Albion College, Albion, Michigan, 1984.

POSITIONS

2002 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis.

2003 – present Faculty Affiliate, The Center for Research on Women (CROW),
University of Memphis.

2003 – present Faculty Affiliate, The Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change,
University of Memphis.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, Class, and Gender Inequalities
Social Stratification
Research Methodologies
Third World Women's Studies

Gender and Social Movements
Sociology of Sports
Southern Africa Studies
Racial and Ethnic Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (Forthcoming). "The Reciprocal Relationship of Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the Southern United States." *Sociology of Education Journal*.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2006). "Local-Global Processes: Linking Globalization, Democratization, and the Development of Women's Football in South Africa." *Afrika Spectrum* 41(3): 55-76.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2005). "Negotiating Gender/Race/Class Constraints in the new South Africa: A Case Study of Women's Football." *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, 40(1): 53-70.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2005). "Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations within Women's Netball in Post-apartheid South Africa." *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 21: 59-77.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2002). "Women's Collective Identity Formation in Sports: A Case Study from Women's Ice Hockey." *Gender and Society* 16(1): 93-114.

Chapters and Review Essays

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (Forthcoming). "Title IX and school sports." In *Gender and Education: An Encyclopedia*, Barbara J. Banks (Ed.). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2006). "Breaking the Code: "ABC" Approach to HIV Prevention Putting Africans at Risk." *Standpoint: Center for Research on Women Newsletter*, 24(2): 3, 9, 15.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2006). "Gender and the Body." In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer (Ed.), vol. 4:1845-8. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2006). "Intersectionality." In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer (Ed.), vol. 5: 2395-8. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2001). "Feminism and Women of Color." In *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, George Kurian, Miles Orvell, Jonnella Butler, and Jay Mechling (Eds.). Grolier.

Taylor, Verta, Nancy Whittier, and Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. (2001). "The Women's Movement: Persistence through Transformation." In *Feminist Frontiers 5th Edition*, Verta Taylor, Laurel Richardson, and Nancy Whittier, (Eds.). McGraw-Hill.

Reprinted in Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier (Ed.). (2003). *Feminist Frontiers, 6th Edition*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio, Verta A. Taylor, and Nancy Whittier. (1999). "Gender Movements." In *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*, Janet S. Chafetz, (Ed.), pp. 147-175. New York: Plenum Publishers.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (1998). "Gender and Sports." In *Reader's Guide to Women's Studies*, Eleanor B. Amico, (Ed.), pp. 565-567. Chicago, IL: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers.

BOOK REVIEWS

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (Forthcoming). *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 40. Review of *Laduma!: Soccer, Politics, and Society in South Africa*, Peter Alegi. (2004). Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2005). *Standpoint: Center for Research on Women Newsletter*, 24(1): 14 and 16. Review of *A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX*, Welch Suggs. (2005). Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2003). *Contemporary Sociology*, 32(2): 205-206. Review of 'Race', *Sport and British Society*, Ben Carrington and Ian McDonald, Eds. (2000).

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2001). *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, 7(3): 134-135. Review of *The Race Game: Sport and Politics in South Africa*, Douglas Booth. (1998). London: Frank Cass Publishers.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2000). *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, 6(3): 126-127. Review of *Feminist Nationalism*, Lois West, Ed. (1997). London: Routledge.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROCESS

Souza Júnior, Osmar Moreira, Luciana Moreira Souza, Suraya Cristina Darido, and Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. "A History of Exclusion, Trivialization, and Change: Brazilian Women's Soccer." Under review at *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. "Women's Sport as a Site for Challenging Racial and Gender Inequalities in Post-Apartheid South Africa." In *Organizing Across Divides: Gender and Democratization in South African Civil Society*, edited by Hannah Britton, Jennifer Fish, and Sheila Meintjes, which is under review at KwaZulu-Natal University Press.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio and Patricia Clark. "Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards: A cross-disciplinary analysis of *A Black Woman Speaks... of White Womanhood*." In process.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio, Emily Bates, and Diane Shinberg. "Determinants of Title IX Gender Equity in Collegiate Athletics." In process.

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2004). *Report to Subcommittee on Principle 4.1—Gender Equity Issues*. This report was part of the Self-Study of Athletic Programs for NCAA Re-certification Process. University of Memphis, March 2004.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2003). *Final Report of South African Women Footballers' Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of Soccer Athletes participating in the SAFA-Western Province Women's Football League in South Africa*. Reports distributed to survey respondents and findings presented to sports administrators in South Africa, June 2003.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (2000). *Final Report of South Africa Netball Participant Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of South African Netball Players, Coaches, and Managers*. Reports distributed to survey respondents and findings presented to sports administrators in South Africa, June 2003.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (March 2007). "Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the U.S. South." *Girls and Women Rock: Celebrating 35 years of Sport & Title IX*, Academic and Legal Conference. Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (November 2006). "The Reciprocal Relationship of Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the Southern United States." Invited to speak by the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech University.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (October 2006). "The Reciprocal Relationship of Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the Southern United States." Invited to speak by the Department of Sociology at the University of Missouri at Columbia.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio and Patricia Clark. (June 2006). "Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards: A cross-disciplinary analysis of *A Black Woman Speaks... of White Womanhood*." Annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association in Oakland, CA.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (March 2006). "Sexist Naming Practices and Opportunities in Collegiate Athletics." Women's Research Forum, sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at the University of Memphis.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (April 2005). "Southern Belles and Gendered Naming Practices of Collegiate Sports Teams in the Southern United States." Invited to speak by the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (April 2005). "Gender, Race, and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Invited speaker for Gender Lecture Series at Mississippi State University.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (November 2004). "Athletes and sports administrators as agents of change: An examination of shifting race relations within women's netball in post-apartheid South Africa." Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (April 2004). "Future Directions in Masculinities Research." Presentation for Research Interest Group on Inequality and Social Change organized by the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Memphis.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (October 2003). "Athletes as Agents of Change: A case study of shifting race relations within women's netball in post-apartheid South Africa." Department of Sociology's Colloquium Series, University of Memphis.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (February 2003). "Some Paradoxes of Race, Gender, and Class in the Masculine Domain of Boxing." *Into the Ring with Boxing: A Symposium* presented by the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities. University of Memphis.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (October 2002). "Answering the Call to Racialize Gender Analyses in Sport: A Case Study of Netball from Post-apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA), Memphis, Tennessee.

- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (August 2001). "Exploring Intersections of Race, Gender and Class in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Anaheim, California.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (November 2000). "Preliminary Findings from a Case Study of Gender and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (March 2000). "Gender and the Democratic Transition in South Africa." Interdisciplinary Symposium on Race and Gender at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (March 2000). "Women and Sport in an International Context: A Case Study of Post-apartheid South Africa." Women in Sport Symposium at Bowling Green University, Ohio.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (August 1998). "Serendipitous Findings: Interviewer-gender Effects in a Telephone Survey about Gender and Sport." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, California.
- Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. (November 1995). "The Ice Rink as Gendered Space: Women Ice Hockey Players Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Sacramento, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, University of Memphis

- Sociology of Gender, SOCI 3432 (Undergraduate course)
- Sociology of Gender, SOCI 8410 (Graduate course)
- Seminar in Methods of Social Research, SOCI 7320 (Graduate course)
- Multi-racial Feminist Theory, SOCI 8212 (Graduate course)

Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis

- Women, Race, and Social Inequality, WMST 7310 (Graduate course)

Department of Sociology, Ohio State University

- Introduction to Sociology, SOC 101 (Undergraduate)
- Types of Sociological Inquiry, SOC 487 (Undergraduate)
- Social Stratification, SOC435 (Undergraduate)
- Sociology of Sport, SOC 655 (Undergraduate)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Paper Awards

- 2006 *'Sociology of Sport Journal' Outstanding Article Award.* Given by the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS). Title: "Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations within Women's Netball in Post-apartheid South Africa." *Sociology of Sport Journal* (2005), 21: 59-77.
- 1997 *The Clyde W. Franklin Award.* (May 1997; \$500). Best graduate student paper in the Sociology of Gender and/or Race, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University. Paper title: "Contested Sport Space: An Exploration of Women Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey."

Research Grants

- Spring 2007 *Donovan Travel Award* (\$500), College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis. The funds will be used to support qualitative data collection for research on sexist naming practices in collegiate athletics in the Southern United States.
- 2005-2007 *Working Group Program Grants* (\$750 and \$500), Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis. "Southern Africa Research Group." The grants have and will support the work of an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students organized to encourage new theoretical insights and research on transnational struggles for social justice.
- 2004-2005 *Academic Enrichment Funds Grant* (\$4,000) and *Public Service Funds* (\$1,000), University of Memphis. "Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA." This grant was co-authored with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan, Cynthia Pelak and Melissa Checker for the Center for Research on Women (CROW). The grant supported an international symposium on NAFTA and social justice issues.
- 2003 *New Faculty Research Initiation Award.* (Summer Salary). Office of the Provost, University of Memphis.
- 2003 *Faculty Development Supplementary Travel Fund.* (\$500). Center for International Programs and Services, University of Memphis. *Project Title: A Consideration of Global Economic Factors and Changing Race and Gender Relations in post-apartheid South Africa.*
- 2000-2001 *Research Support Awards.* (\$350 and \$500). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.
- 2000 *Elizabeth D. Gee Dissertation Fund Grant.* (\$1,000). Department of Women's Studies, Ohio State University.
- 2000 *International Dissertation Research Travel Grant.* (\$1,600). Office of International Studies, Ohio State University.

Research Fellowships

- 1999 *Summer Research & Publishing Fellowship.* (\$3,750). Department of Sociology,

Ohio State University.

1998 *Survey Research Fellowship*. (\$3,000). Survey Research Center, College of Arts and Science, Ohio State University.

Teaching Awards

2003 *Technology Access Fee (TAF) Grant*. (\$9,699) “Teaching about Globalization, Culture, and Information Technology: Is ‘Place’ Still Relevant?” This grant was co-authored with Drs. York Bradshaw, Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak, Wanda Rushing, Steve Scanlan, and Barbara Ellen Smith. The grant supported a cross-continental honors course for students at the University of Memphis and University of Pretoria (South Africa).

2000. *Teaching Excellence Award*. Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

Service Awards

2002 *Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award*. Shared with members of the Undergraduate Student Services Staff of the Department of Sociology. Awarded by the President of The Ohio State University.

2000 *Professional Development Fund Grant*. (\$300). Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University.

1999 *Preparing Future Faculty Fellow*. (\$150). Graduate School, The Ohio State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001-2002 *Undergraduate Student Advisor*, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

1998-2001 *Graduate Teaching Associate*, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

1996-1998 *Graduate Survey Research Associate*, Survey Research Center, The Ohio State University. Paul J. Lavrakas, Director. Responsibilities included all aspects of surveys, from design and implementation to statistical analysis and presentation of findings. Project manager for two omnibus surveys that involved over 25 departments and had annual budgets of over \$80,000.

1994 *Graduate Research Associate*, The Center for Human Resource Research, The Ohio State University Cleaned data file of the National Longitudinal Survey (NLS).

1993-1998 *Graduate Teaching Associate*, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

1984-1987 *Peace Corps Volunteer*, Fisheries Extension Agent, The Democratic Republic of the Congo.

HISTORY OF SERVICE

Professional-Service

Reviewer for academic journals:

Social Problems (2002 and 2006);
Journal of Masculinities (1998);
Sociological Forum (1996);
Journal of Women's History (1996 and 2002); and
Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal (2007).

Reviewer of full-length books:

Oxford University Press, Sex/gender/sexuality book manuscript (2006);
Oxford University Press, Gender textbook (2006); and
Palgrave MacMillian Press, Book series on Sport and Globalization (2007).

Academic Conferences:

Presider and Discussant of Race, Class, and Gender session: "Transforming Struggles over Race, Class, and Gender." Annual meeting of American Sociological Association (ASA), Philadelphia, August 2005.

Organizer and Presider of two sessions: "Race and Sports, I & II." Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Tucson, November 2004.

Discussant for Fall Research Workshop "Shifting Demographics & Identity" sponsored by the Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, October 2004.

Organizer and Presider of paper session: "Graduate Student Research." Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Birmingham, Alabama. November, 1996.

Assistant Program Coordinator for Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS). Sacramento, CA, November 1995.

University-Service

Committee Work:

- Search Committee for the Director of the Center for Research on Women (CROW), University of Memphis, 2005-2006.
- Search Committee for the Director of the Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis, 2007.
- Subcommittee for Equity, Welfare, and Sporting Conduct of the Self-Study of Athletic Programs and NCAA Certification, University of Memphis, 2003-2004
- Preparing Future Faculty Advisory Committee, Graduate School, Ohio State University, 1999-2000.
- Preparing Future Faculty Selection Committee, Graduate School, Ohio State University, Autumn 1999.

Facilitator/Organizer of Campus Events:

Introduced film *Moolaade*, sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis, March 2007.

Faculty facilitator of student-organized Forum on Racism on Campus, University of Memphis, October 2006.

Honorary Coach for the Women's Basketball Team, University of Memphis, January 2006.

Organized screening of *Long Nights Journey into Day: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa*. Southern Africa Research Group, University of Memphis, September 2005.

Co-organizer of International Conference *The Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA*. Organized with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan and Melissa Checker, University of Memphis, March 2005.

Faculty organizer and discussant for an *Election Film Series* sponsored by the Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis, Autumn 2004.

Faculty evaluator for *Works in Progress Symposium*, University Honors Program, University of Memphis. November 2003.

Faculty facilitator for the "*It's Not All Black and White: Exploring Reparations Symposium*," African and African American Studies, University of Memphis, November 2002.

Departmental-Service

Committee Work:

- Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2003-2007.
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2006-2007.
- Coordination Committee for Social Science Research Consortium, University of Memphis, Fall 2003.
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2002-2003.
- Affirmative Action Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1996-97 and 1998-99.
- Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1997-98.

Facilitator/Organizer of Departmental Events:

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis. Presentation titled "Sexist Naming Practices at Southern Colleges and Universities" given on April 13, 2007.

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis. Presentation on "Experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in central Africa" given during 2006.

Organized event for 2006 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Department of Sociology and The Benjamin Hooks Institute. Guest Lecturer: Dr. Townsend Price-Spratlen, Ohio

State University. "Safe and Sacred Spaces in African American Community-Building: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives." April 2006.

Teaching Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 2000.

Presenter for United Black World Month. "Black Feminisms," Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 2000.

Community-Service

Appearance on *Channel 5 WMC-TV News* as a social science expert on race relations in Memphis, Tennessee. April 14, 2007.

Organizer of the *Africa Shoe Drive* with the Memphis tennis community, which sent 60 pairs of good "used" tennis shoes to the Kigali Sport Club in Rwanda, Africa. Spring 2006.

Chairperson for Fundraising Effort for the Association of Genocide Widows (AVEGA), Kigali, Rwanda. June 2005.

"Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics." Presentation for Memphis Area Women's Council, Memphis, Tennessee, July 18, 2005.

"Status of Women in Sports in the New South Africa." Presentation given for Women's Sports Day at the Pretoria Prison for Women, Pretoria, South Africa, August 2000.

"Gender Equity in Sports and Beyond." State Conference of the Ohio National Organization for Women, Westerville, Ohio, October 1999.

South African Athletes of Color Fundraising Project, Columbus, Ohio, Autumn 1999.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

REFERENCES

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