

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 2010 **Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Oregon.
 (Expected) *Mobilizing for Environmental Justice in the Appalachian Coalfields: Uncovering the Process of Cognitive Liberation through the Feminist Method of Photovoice*
 Committee: Yvonne Braun (Chair), Richard York, Ellen Scott, Michael Dreiling, Carol Silverman
Graduate Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies, University of Oregon.
- 2007 **M.S.**, Sociology, University of Oregon.
- 2005 **M.A.**, Community Change and Conservation, Future Generations Graduate School.
- 2004 **M.S.W.**, Community Organizing and Social Administration, West Virginia University.
- 2000 **B.S.**, Biology, Washington and Lee University. *Summa cum laude*, University Scholar.
- 2000 **B.A.**, Religion, Washington and Lee University. *Summa cum laude*, University Scholar.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Gender	Environmental Sociology	Social Inequalities
Feminist Theory/ Methods	Social Movements/Social Change	Community Sociology

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and HONORS

- 2009 American Sociological Association's Sydney S. Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy Community Action Research Award
- 2009-10 University of Oregon Doctoral Research Fellowship
- 2009 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon (declined)
- 2009 Student Publication Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon
- 2008-09 Wasby-Johnson Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon
- 2006 Data Collection and Presentation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon
- 2005 Outstanding Rural Health Research Project, West Virginia University Office of Rural Health (Collaborative research project)
- 2003-04 National Health Service Corps SEARCH Program Fellowship, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships, West Virginia University
- 1996-00 Washington and Lee University Honor Scholarship (Full tuition)
- 1999 *Phi Beta Kappa*, Washington and Lee University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2009 Bell, Shannon Elizabeth. "There Ain't No Bond in Town Like there Used to Be': The Destruction of Social Capital in the West Virginia Coalfields." *Sociological Forum*. 24(3): 631-657.
- Forthcoming Bell, Shannon Elizabeth and Richard York. "Community Economic Identity: The Coal Industry and Ideology Construction in West Virginia." *Rural Sociology*.
- Forthcoming Bell, Shannon Elizabeth. "Photovoice as a Strategy for Community Organizing in the Appalachian Coalfields." *Journal of Appalachian Studies*.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Bell, Shannon Elizabeth. "Coal is all West Virginia's Got': The Coal Industry's Propagation of a False Ideology." Chapter in Shirley Stewart Burns, Mari-Lynn Evans, and Silas House. *Coal Country: Rising Up Against Mountaintop Removal Mining*. Sierra Club Books/Counterpoint.
- Forthcoming Bell, Shannon Elizabeth. "Displacement in the Appalachian Coalfields: Mountaintop Removal Mining and the Depopulation of Southern West Virginia." Chapter in Guadalupe Arreola, Alicia Schwartz, James Tracy and Tom Wetzel. *Dispatches Against Displacement: From the Global Economy to the Eviction Notice*. Oakland: AK Press.
- 2004 Bell, Shannon. 2004 "The Jolo Church of the Lord Jesus." Pp. 194-199 in Mari-Lynn Evans, Robert Santelli, and Holly George-Warren. *The Appalachians: America's First and Last Frontier*. New York: Random House.

Work Under Review

Bell, Shannon Elizabeth and Yvonne A. Braun. "'Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed': Collective Identities and the Gendering of Environmental Justice Activism." [Revise and Resubmit at *Gender & Society*]

Work In Progress

Bell, Shannon Elizabeth and Yvonne A. Braun. "Photovoice as a Method of Sociological Inquiry.

"The Burden of Invisible Work in Academia: Social Inequalities and Time Use in Eight Departments at the University of Oregon." Collaborative research project with faculty and graduate students in the Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group (SSFN-RIG) at the University of Oregon.

Braun, Yvonne A. and Shannon Elizabeth Bell. "Gendered Patterns of Exploitation in Extractive Industries: A Comparison of Water Extraction in Lesotho and Coal Extraction in Appalachia."

York, Richard, Shannon Elizabeth Bell, and Brett Clark "The Feminism Question in Science."

Other Publications

- 2009 Bell, Shannon Elizabeth. "Coal Politics in the West Virginia Legislature." *Environment, Technology & Society Newsletter*. Section on Environment & Technology, American Sociological Association. Spring.
- 2007 Bell, Shannon. "This Summer's Story – Voices of Those Hurt by Mountaintop Removal

- Mining." *Winds of Change Newsletter*. Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition. December.
- 2006 Bell, Shannon E. *Photovoice: A Tool for Promoting Community Empowerment, Social Change and Cultural Education. A Manual for Facilitators*. Morgantown, West Virginia: West Virginia University Center on Aging/Mountain State Geriatric Education Center.
- 2006 Bell, Shannon E. *Bridging the Generations: A Manual for Initiating School-Based Oral History Projects*. Morgantown, West Virginia: West Virginia University Center on Aging/Mountain State Geriatric Education Center.
- 2006 Bell, Shannon E. *Listening to Understand, Not to Diagnose: Oral History as a Strategy for Promoting Cultural Competence and Increasing Interest in Aging Populations among Health Professions Students*. Morgantown, West Virginia: West Virginia University Center on Aging/Mountain State Geriatric Education Center.
- 2005 Bell, Shannon. "Connecting Youth to their Rural Roots: Place-Based Education in Southeastern Kanawha County, West Virginia." *Rural Roads*. 3(3): 26-30.
- 2003 Bell, Shannon and Jennifer Steele. "Service Learning and Community Engagement." pp.43-46 in Jeremy Morris and Jason Lobban (Eds.) *Creating Community in the Coalfields: West Virginia Community Design Team Flood Recovery Visit, Elkhorn Creek Watershed, McDowell County*. Morgantown, West Virginia: West Virginia University Extension Service.

GRANTS

- 2008-09 Appalachian Regional Commission Flex-E-Grant. "Southern West Virginia Photovoice Project" (Awarded in association with Cabin Creek Health Systems to fund the Photovoice component of dissertation research) \$10,000.
- 2008-09 The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. "Southern West Virginia Photovoice Project" (Awarded in association with Cabin Creek Health Systems to fund the Photovoice component of dissertation research) \$10,000.
- 2009 Center for the Study of Women in Society Student Research Support Grant. University of Oregon. \$2,500.
- 2009 Center for the Study of Women in Society Research Interest Group (RIG) Development Grant. University of Oregon. "Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group 2009-2010." (Continuation of collaborative research project on gender inequalities in the invisible work of academia) \$5,000.
- 2008 Center for the Study of Women in Society Research Interest Group (RIG) Development Grant. University of Oregon. "Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group 2008-2009." (Funding for a collaborative research project on gender inequalities in the invisible work of academia) \$5,000.
- 2007 Center for the Study of Women in Society Student Research Support Grant. University of Oregon. \$2,100.
- 2004 West Virginia Legislative Budget Digest Grant. "Cabin Creek Community Wellness Campus Planning" \$5,000.
- 2003 Canaan Valley Institute Grant Program. "Cabin Creek Photovoice Project" \$4,500.
- 2003 The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Education, Arts and Culture Grant. "Cabin Creek Photovoice Project" \$2,000.
- 2003 West Virginia Bureau for Public Health Community-Based Initiative Physical Activity Grant. "Upper Kanawha Valley Walking for Wellness Campaign" \$20,000.

- 2002 West Virginia Bureau for Public Health Community-Based Initiative Physical Activity Grant. "A Step in the Right Direction toward a Healthier Clendenin" \$20,000.
- 2002 Midwest Health Professions Service Learning Consortium Grant. "Teen Resource Guide and Peer Training Development" \$2,000.
- 2001 West Virginia University Diabetes Program. "Cabin Creek Diabetes Intervention Program" \$3,600.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2009 (With Richard York, Bell first author) "Community Economic Identity: The Coal Industry and Ideology Construction in West Virginia." Presentation at the 2009 American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Regular Session: Framing and Theorizing the Environment. San Francisco, California.
- 2009 (With Yvonne Braun, Bell first author) "Photovoice as a Tool for Sociological Inquiry." Presentation at the 2009 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Innovations in Qualitative Research Session. San Diego, California.
- 2008 "Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed: Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in the West Virginia Coalfields." Presentation at the 2008 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Women and Empowerment Session. Portland, Oregon
- 2008 "The Cabin Creek Photovoice Project: Mobilizing for Change in the West Virginia Coalfields." Presentation at the 2008 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference. Huntington, West Virginia.
- 2008 "The Social Costs of Coal in the West Virginia Coalfields." Presentation at the 2008 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference. Huntington, West Virginia.
- 2007 "'There Ain't No Bond in Town Like there Used to Be: The Destruction of Social Capital in the West Virginia Coalfields.'" Presentation at the 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Social Capital Regular Session. New York, New York.
- 2005 "Photovoice as a Tool of Personal Empowerment: The Story of Cabin Creek." Presentation at the 2005 National Association of Social Workers Spring Continuing Education Conference. Charleston, West Virginia.
- 2001 "Beyond the Serpents: The Signs-Following Church of the Lord Jesus," Virginia Social Science Association Annual Meetings, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

PROFESSIONAL MEETING ORGANIZING

- 2010 (upcoming) Co-Organizer (with RYANNE PILGERAM), Session on Inequalities in Academia, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Oakland, California, April 8-11.
- 2010 (upcoming) Co-Organizer (with RYANNE PILGERAM), Panel on Collaborative Research: Experiences, Methods, and Challenges, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Oakland, California, April 8-10.
- 2009 Co-Organizer (with Yvonne Braun), Sessions on Innovations in Qualitative Research (I & II), Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Diego, California April 8-11.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2009 "Coal Keeps the Lights On': The Social, Environmental, and Public Health Costs of Living in a National Energy Sacrifice Zone." Environmental Science Colloquium Lecture, Whittier College, Whittier, California. April 13, 2009.
- 2008 "Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed: Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in the West Virginia Coalfields. Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon.
- 2006 "The Cabin Creek Photovoice Project: Promoting Social Change and Community Empowerment." Center for the Study of Women in Society Social Science Feminist Research Interest Group Spring Retreat, Yachats, Oregon.
- 2005 "The Cabin Creek Oral History Project: Promoting Intergenerational Understanding & Appreciation." Rural Culture: West Virginia's Legacy Conference. WVU Center on Aging and 2005 White House Conference on Aging designated event. Plenary Session. Morgantown, West Virginia.
- 2005 "The Cabin Creek Photovoice Project: Promoting Social Change and Community Empowerment. Luncheon of the Charleston, West Virginia Alumni Chapter of Washington and Lee University.
- 2004 "Poverty in Appalachia." Washington and Lee University, Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability, Freshman Service Project. War, West Virginia.
- 2004 "Photovoice: A Tool for Social Change and Civic Engagement." Mountain State Geriatric Education Center, West Virginia University Center on Aging. Rural Cultural Competence Conference. Plenary Session. Roanoke, West Virginia.
- 2004 (With Amber Crist, Bell first author) "Geriatric Cultural Competence and Service-Learning: Project Development." Mountain State Geriatric Education Center, West Virginia University Center on Aging. Rural Cultural Competence Conference,. Plenary Session. Roanoke, West Virginia.
- 2000 (With Imogene Foster and Chuck Conner) "Cultural Competence in the Health Professions." West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships Faculty Development Conference. Snowshoe Mountain Resort, West Virginia.
- 2000 "The Serpent-Handing Church of the Lord Jesus." Public Lecture. Leyburn Library, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE*Courses Taught at the University of Oregon*

- 2009 **Introduction to Social Research**, Department of Sociology. (Sole instructor)
- 2007 **Global Feminisms**, Women's and Gender Studies Department. (Sole instructor)

Teaching Assistantships, University of Oregon

- Women, Difference, and Power**; Women's and Gender Studies Department
(Twice) **Introduction to Sociology**; Department of Sociology
(Twice) **Introduction to Social Research**; Department of Sociology
Quantitative Methods in Sociology; Department of Sociology

Sociology of Africa; Department of Sociology

America's Peoples; Department of Sociology

Deviance, Control, and Crime; Department of Sociology

Social Issues and Movements; Department of Sociology

World Population and Social Structure; Department of Sociology

Issues in Family Sociology; Department of Sociology

American Society; Department of Sociology

Collaborative Research Projects

- 2005 **Sanitation Survey, Las Moras, Huánuco, Perú.** Assisted Future Generations-Perú in conducting sanitation surveys in the impoverished district of Las Moras. The information my colleagues and I gathered was used by the Las Moras CLAS (Local Committees for Health Administration) to better understand the environmental factors leading to many health issues and concerns in the area.
- 2004 **Maternal and Child Health Village Survey, Palin, Arunachal Pradesh, India.** Assisted Future Generations-India in conducting surveys with village women living in the remote community of Palin in Arunachal Pradesh, India.
- 2002-05 **Coronary Artery Risk Detection in Appalachian Communities (C.A.R.D.I.A.C.), Department of Pediatrics, West Virginia University.** Led a team of health professions students in providing public health education and cholesterol screenings of fifth graders in 21 elementary schools in Kanawha County.
- 2004 **Service Area Study, Upper Kanawha Valley, West Virginia.** Led an interdisciplinary team of health professions students in conducting survey and focus group research with residents of eleven communities falling within the service area of Cabin Creek and Riverside Health Centers. Funded by Cabin Creek Health Systems.
- 2004 **Religion, Spirituality, and Health in the Geriatric Population, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships.** Trained and led health professions students in conducting focus group research to explore the values, traditions, and spirituality of rural elders in West Virginia to determine the ways in which considering the faith practices and beliefs of the geriatric population could lead to better patient-provider partnerships for managing chronic health conditions, such as diabetes. Study funded by the Mountain State Geriatric Education Center at West Virginia University.
- 2003 **Community Health Needs Assessment of the Sissonville Community, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships.** Survey, interview, and focus group research of the health care and health education needs of Sissonville, West Virginia. Collaborative research project with faculty and health professions students at West Virginia University Health Sciences Center. (Research team leader).
- 2003 **Community Health Needs Assessment of the Elk River Communities, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships.** Survey, interview, and focus group research of the health education and health delivery needs of Elk River residents. Collaborative research project with faculty and health professions students at West Virginia University Health Sciences Center. (Research team co-leader).

MASS MEDIA

- 2009 *The Huffington Post*. "Nonviolent Goldman Prize Winner Attacked by Massey Supporter; 94-Year-Old Hechler, Hannah, Hansen Arrested at Coal River" by Jeff Biggers. June 23. Interview research cited in article. (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-biggers/live-at-coal-river-daryl_b_219628.html)
- 2009 *West Virginia Public Radio's Inside Appalachia with Beth Vorhees*. "Boone County women document beauty, hardship with photos" by Erica Peterson. May 9. Four-minute NPR story on dissertation research. (<http://www.wvpubcast.org/newsarticle.aspx?id=9432&terms=photovoice>)
- 2009 *The Charleston Gazette. (Sunday Gazette-Mail)* "Photovoice participants capture their West Virginia communities in images" by Sara Busse. April 12, p. 2F. Full-page article on dissertation research in the Life & Style section. (<http://www.wvgazette.com/HomeandStyle/200904091028>)
- 2009 *The Logan Banner*. "Harts women tell stories through pictures" by Martha Sparks. April 30, p. A1. Front-page article on dissertation research.
- 2009 *The Williamson Daily News*. "Photos voice the feelings nine women have for Lenore" by Julia Roberts Goad. April 4, p. A1. Front-page article on dissertation research.
- 2009 *The Coal Valley News*. "Photo exhibit tells stories of communities using art" by Joanie Newman. April 2, pp. A1-2. Front-page article on dissertation research.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2009-10 Student Representative, Student Affairs Committee, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2003-04 M.S.W. Student Representative, Board of Directors, National Association of Social Workers.
- 2002-05 Chair, Healthy People 2010 Sub-Committee, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships Advisory Panel.
- 2002-05 Curriculum and Outreach Committee, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships Advisory Panel.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member* American Sociological Association. Section memberships: Sex and Gender; Environment and Technology; Collective Behavior and Social Movements.
- Member* Sociologists for Women in Society
- Member* Pacific Sociological Association.

UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 2008-09 Co-Coordinator, Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon.
- 2007-08 Coordinator, Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon.
- 2007-08 Organizer, Social Science Feminist Reading Group, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon.
- 2007-08 Graduate Student Representative, Admissions and Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon
- 2006-07 Graduate Student Representative, Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon

CERTIFICATIONS and TRAININGS

- 2004 Strategic Leadership and Management for Population and Reproductive Health. Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York.
- 2004 Certified Community Developer, International Community Development Council.
- 2003 Certified LeadershipPlenty Institute Trainer, Pew Partnership for Civic Change.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- 2005 Four weeks field education in Nepal and Tibet with Future Generations. Focus: Conservation and community empowerment. Regions: Sagarmatha National Park (Nepal), Qomolangma National Nature Preserve (Tibet).
- 2005 Four weeks field education in Perú with CLAS and Future Generations. Focus: Public health, action learning, and applied research. Region: Huánuco.
- 2004 Five weeks field education in India with Future Generations. Focus: Primary health care and women's empowerment. Training sites: Society for Education, Action, and Research in Community Health (SEARCH), Gadchiroli; Future Generations, Arunachal Pradesh; and the Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2000-05 Site Coordinator, West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships, Kanawha County
- 2001-05 Field Director, Mountain State Geriatric Education Center, Kanawha County
- 2001-05 Field Director, Coronary Artery Risk Detection in Appalachian Communities (CARDIAC), Kanawha County

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2008 - Volunteer Researcher, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Huntington, West Virginia.
- 2006 - Volunteer Researcher, Coal River Mountain Watch, Whitesville, West Virginia.
- 2000-05 Kanawha County Health Sciences and Technology Academy Local Governing Board member.
- 2004-05 Bonner Scholar Mentor for Washington and Lee University.
- 2002 Community Design Team Member, Elkhorn Creek Watershed Flood Recovery Visits, McDowell County, West Virginia. West Virginia University Extension Service.
- 1999-00 Volunteer, Project Horizon (Domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and crisis intervention program).
- 1997-00 Big Sister, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lexington, Virginia.
- 2000 Co-Founder and Co-Chair of "Programs for the Elderly" student volunteer organization, Washington and Lee University.
- 2000 Founder and Coordinator of the University Scholar's "Saturday Enrichment Program" for local elementary school students, Washington and Lee University.
- 1998-00 Community Volunteer, Roots and Shoots School Garden, Waddell Elementary School, Lexington, Virginia.
- 1999 AmeriCorps Volunteer and Shepherd Poverty Intern, Cabin Creek Health Center, Dawes, West Virginia.