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CONTACT INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2013 CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology Department
Dissertation Title: “‘Banding Together:’ Biosociality, Weight Loss Surgery, and Neoliberal Discourses Around Obesity.”
- M.A. 2010 CUNY School of Professional Studies. Disability Studies
- M.A. 2003 Temple University. Sociology
Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies
- M.A. 1996 Goddard College. Social Ecology
- B.A. 1993 Smith College, Psychology and Anthropology
Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Psi Chi

EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Public Health, William Paterson University

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Sociology (primary appointment) and Health Sciences (affiliated faculty), Eastern Connecticut State University
- Visiting Assistant Professor and Assistant B.S. Program Director, Community Health Program, City University of New York School of Public Health at Hunter College
- Adjunct Lecturer, Community Health Program, City University of New York School of Public Health at Hunter College, New York (Fall 2011 & Fall 2012)
- Adjunct Lecturer, Sociology Department, Brooklyn College, City University of New York (Spring 2011 & Spring 2012)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social determinants of health. Health inequities. Social inequality and social justice. Social Movements. Health decision making. Embodiment and stigmatization. Qualitative research methods (ethnography, interview studies, participatory action research, textual analysis).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018. Center for Research, College of Science and Health, William Paterson University. (\$4,000).
- 2017. Center for Research, College of Science and Health, William Paterson University. (\$4,000).
- 2012. Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean. Dissertation Fellowship. CUNY Graduate Center (\$5,000).
- 2012. The Mellon Foundation & The Committee for Interdisciplinary Science Studies. CUNY Graduate Center. Dissertation fellowship (\$10,000).
- 2011. Doctoral Student Research Grant. CUNY Graduate Center (\$900).
- 2011. Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel Award. CUNY Graduate Center (\$500).
- 2010. Presidential Research Fund Travel Grant. CUNY Graduate Center (\$500).
- 2008. CUNY Graduate Center Graduate Assistant Fellowship (3 years, \$20,000 per year).
- 2006. CUNY Graduate Center Presidential Fellowship (2 years, \$10,000 per year).

PUBLICATIONS:

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (Forthcoming). “No one is as invested in your continued good health as you should be:” An exploration of the post-surgical relationships between weight-loss surgery patients and their home bariatric clinics. *Sociology of Health and Illness*.
2. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.**; Basch, C.; MacLean, S.; Scheibner, C., & Cadorett, V. (2017). “To each his own:” Discussions of vaccine decision-making in top parenting blogs. *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*, 13(8). DOI: 10.1080/21645515.2017.1321182
3. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2015). ‘Shape carries story:’ Navigating the world as fat. *M/C Journal*, 18(3) Online at: <http://journal.media-culture.org.au/index.php/mcjournal/article/viewArticle/978>
4. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2012) Disrupting normal. Toward the ‘ordinary and familiar’ in fat politics. *Feminism and Psychology*, 22(3): 388-402.
5. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2011). ‘A beautiful show of strength:’ Weight loss and the fat activist self. *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*, 15(2): 188-205.
6. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2010). Fat bodies, qualitative research and the spirit of participatory action research. *International Review of Qualitative Research*, 3(3): 335-350.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2014). Queering the linkages and divergences: The relationship between fatness and disability and the hope for a livable world. In S. Murray, C. Pause, & J. Wykes (eds) *Queering Fat Embodiment*.
2. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2012), ‘I just couldn’t keep it in control anymore:’ Weight loss surgery, food addiction, and anti-fat stigma. In J. Netherland (ed.) *Critical Perspectives on Addiction (Advances in Medical Sociology, Volume 14)*, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, pp.201-224.
3. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** & Katz Rothman, B. (2010). ‘Choice’ and justice: Motherhood in a global context. In L. Davies, R. Daellenbach, & M. Kensington (eds) *Sustainability, Midwifery and Birth*. Routledge.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Freudenberg, N.; Daniels, J. & **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2008, Jan). Youth-involved street survey of health enhancing and health damaging messages in disparate urban neighborhoods using digital technology. *Corporations and Health Watch*. Online at: <http://corporationsandhealth.org/2008/01/01/youth-involved-street-survey-of-health-enhancing-and-health-damaging-messages-in-disparate-urban-neighborhoods-using-digital-technology/>

2. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2008). Fat activism. *The Cultural Encyclopedia of the Body*. (Pitts-Taylor, V. Ed.) Santa Barbara: Greenwood Press.
3. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** (2007, Nov). McDonald's and children's health: The production of new customers. *Corporations and Health Watch*. Online at: www.corporationsandhealth.org/mcdonalds_nov_07.php

PRESENTATIONS

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

1. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Patients' perspectives on the role of post-operative support following bariatric surgery: A qualitative analysis. *Explorations*. William Paterson University, Wayne, N.J. April 17, 2018.
2. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Post-Surgical Relationships between bariatric patients and their home surgical clinics. *23rd Annual Public Health Symposium*. (Poster Presentation). Rutgers University – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, N.J. April 2, 2018.
3. Hammouda, M. (Student), Basch, C. H., **Meleo-Erwin, Z.**, Kecojevic, A. A narrative analysis of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) YouTube Videos. *23rd Annual Public Health Symposium*. (Poster Presentation). Rutgers School of Public Health, Piscataway, NJ, United States. April 2, 2018.
4. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** “No one is as invested in your good health as you should be:” An exploration of post-surgical relationships between bariatric patients and their home bariatric clinics. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*. Baltimore, M.D. February 25, 2018.
5. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Controlling the uncontrollable: Bariatric surgery, 'food addiction,' and anti-fat stigma. *National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference*. Milwaukee, W.I. November 15, 2015
6. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Shifting calculations: The invisible work of weight loss. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*. New York, N.Y. February 28, 2015.
7. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** ‘I just couldn't keep it in control anymore:’ Weight loss surgery, food addiction, and anti-fat stigma. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*. Boston, Massachusetts. March 23, 2013.
8. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Queer bodies: Forging strategic connection between fatness and disability. *Cripples, Idiots, Lepers, and Freaks: Extraordinary Bodies / Extraordinary Minds*. CUNY Graduate Center. March 23, 2012.
9. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** ‘Banding together:’ The biosociality of weight loss surgery. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*. New York, NY. February 23, 2012.
10. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Navigating the shift from fat to thin(er). *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. New York, NY. February 24, 2012.
11. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Queering the linkages and divergences: The relationship between fatness and disability and the for a livable world. *Breaking Boundaries: Body Politics and the Dynamics of Difference*. Sarah Lawrence College. March 5, 2011.

INVITED TALKS

1. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Qualitative document analysis in health research. City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health. November 13, 2017.
2. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Fat bodies, neoliberal times: Thinking through the connections between weight-based stigma, race, class, and gender. Marymount College. September 21, 2015.
3. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** Anti-fat stigma, health & subjectivity. Bucks County Community College. August 2, 2012

4. **Meleo-Erwin, Z.** The fat body-self: A critical exploration. Bucks County Community College. July 26, 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: PUBLIC HEALTH, WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

- Cultural Dimensions of Health (Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018)
- Essentials of Public Health Practice (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- Health Disparities (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
- Health Research Methods I (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- Stress Management (Spring 2018, Summer 2018)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: SOCIOLOGY AND HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS, EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

- Race & Ethnic Relations (Spring 2016)
- Deviance (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Social Problems (Fall 2015)
- Building Healthy Communities (Summer 2015)
- Food, Power, & Society (Spring 2015)
- Social Inequality (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015)
- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2014, Spring 2016)

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND ASSISTANT BS PROGRAM COORDINATOR: COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM, CUNY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT HUNTER COLLEGE

- Urban Health & Society (MPH) (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
- Controversies in Health (BS) (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
- Community Health Assessment (BS) (Spring 2014)
- Assistant BS Program Coordinator (Spring 2014)

ADJUNCT LECTURER: COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM, CUNY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT HUNTER COLLEGE

Courses taught:

- Social Structure and Health (Fall 2011, Fall 2012)

ADJUNCT LECTURER: SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, BROOKLYN COLLEGE, CUNY

Courses taught:

- Qualitative Methods (Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- 2018 – Present: Navigating Post-Operative Care, Services, and Support for Weight-Loss Surgery Patients: The Perspective of Bariatric Professionals
- 2017 – 2018: “No one is as invested in your continued good health as you should be:” An exploration of the post-surgical relationships between weight-loss surgery patients and their bariatric clinics.

2016 – 2018: Principal Investigator: “To each his own:” Discussions of vaccine decision-making in top parenting blogs. With Basch, C.; MacLean, S.; Scheibner, C., & Cadorett, V.

- 2011- 2013: “‘Banding Together:’ Biosociality, Weight Loss Surgery, and Neoliberal Discourses Around Obesity.” Dissertation Research, The Graduate Center. City University of New York

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

- 2007 – 2008: Observation study. Principal Investigators, Thomas Farley, Erin Baker, Lauren Furtell, & Janet Rice.
- 2006 – 2007: Youth-involved participatory action project. Principal Investigator, Nicholas Freudenberg

DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- *Urban Health Collaborative*. City University of New York. With N. Freudenberg. Assisted with literature reviews and other aspects of the research process; organized and promoted project conferences, talks, and events; provided general project management.
- *Corporations and Health Project*. Research Foundation, New York, N.Y.. With N. Freudenberg. Assisted in original research conceptualization, design, implementation, analysis, and write up; managed grant applications and Institutional Review Board applications; organized project events; presented on project at academic conferences; maintained project website.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATE

- *Women’s Studies Quarterly Journal*. New York, NY. (2008 -2011). Reported to the general editors and worked with the other administrative associate and managing editor. Oversaw scheduling, board meetings, and trafficking of the issue and relevant documents up until the copyediting process began. Maintained the email and listserv correspondence. Performed research for the general editors as necessary. Oversaw CFP postings, book reviews, and consent-to-publish forms. Collaborated on various marketing efforts for the journal

LGBTQ TOBACCO HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- *SafeGuards Project*. Philadelphia, PA. (2003 – 2006). Designed and managed city-wide antismoking outreach and education campaign targeting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) population; Provided cultural competency presentations for health care professionals on LGBTQ populations and smoking; Provided technical assistance to public health agencies throughout the United States and Canada on tobacco and LGBTQ populations; Participated in PA statewide strategic working group on tobacco-related health disparities; Served on PA Department of Health’s Technical Review team.

WOMEN’S HEALTH EDUCATOR

- *Medical Education Teaching Associates*. Philadelphia, PA. (1997– 2005). Co-taught Philadelphia-area first, second, and third year medical students, nursing students, and physician assistant students. Areas of focus: feminist education model for women’s health care and structural determinants of health. Co-trained and tested students on well woman OB/GYN and breast exam.
- *Drexel University Medical School*. Philadelphia, PA. (1997 – 2004). Taught and tested second year medical students on breast exam skills. Co-developed breast exam clinical skills exam.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Public Health Association
- Member, New Jersey Public Health Association
- Member, New York State Public Health Association
- Member, Public Health Association of New York City
- Member, American Sociological Association
- Member, Eastern Sociological Society
- Member, New York City Nutrition Education Network

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Public Health Assessment Committee Member – William Paterson University (Fall 2016 – Present)
- Public Health Library Liaison - William Paterson University (Fall 2016 – Present)
- Public Health American Federation of Teachers Representative – William Paterson University (Fall 2017 – Present)
- Social Justice Steering Committee Member – William Paterson University (Fall 2017 – Present)

COURSE DEVELOPMENT:

- Disability and Public Health – William Paterson University
- Structural Determinants of Health – William Paterson University

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

- *Fat Studies Journal*, (Summer 2012, Winter 2013, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)
- *Feminist Foundations*, (Summer 2013)
- *Health Sociology Review*, (Winter 2015, Spring 2015)
- *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*, (Summer 2018)
- *M/C Journal*, (Spring 2015)
- *Sociology of Health and Illness*, (Summer 2016, Spring 2017)
- *Somatechnics*, (Summer 2011, Fall 2011)

BOOK REVIEW

- *Jones & Bartlett Learning* (Summer 2018)