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## EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL 2007  
*Ph.D. in Sociology*  
Dissertation Title: *Capitalism and Conscience: Social Enterprise Employment Programs and the Privatization of Job-Training Services*

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL 2003  
*M.A. in Sociology*

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 2000  
*B.A. in Sociology and Communication*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winona State University Fall 2007- Present  
Associate Professor  
*Courses regularly taught include:*  
*Race Relations and Ethnic Minority Groups*  
*Urban Sociology*  
*Sociology of Gender and Sexuality*  
*Introduction to Sociology*

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL Fall 2002-Spring 2007  
Instructor

## PROFESSIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL January 2006 – May 2007  
Center for Urban Research and Learning  
*Community Research Coordinator*

Magis Initiative Aug. 2004- Aug. 2005  
*Graduate Assistant*

The Enterprising Kitchen, Chicago, IL May 2003- July 2004  
*Client Services Coordinator*

Center for Urban Research and Learning, Chicago, IL June 2001-Sept. 2001  
*Graduate Research Assistant*

Wilder Foundation Research Center, St. Paul, MN May 1998 – Aug. 2000  
*Data Collection Specialist II*

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Chernega, Jennifer and Kim Fox. 2012. "Aliens, Queens, and Massahs: Creating and Maintaining Boundaries of Race and Class." *Sociological Imagination*. Journal of the Wisconsin Sociological Society. 48 (1): 5-16.
- Chernega, Jennifer Nargang and Aurea K. Osgood. 2012. "Bringing Students into a Discipline: Reflections on a Travel Study." *College Teaching*. 60 (3):85-86 .
- Osgood, Aurea K. and Jennifer N. Chernega. 2011. "Getting Students Excited about Social Research" *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- Chernega, Jennifer N. and Aurea K Osgood. 2011. "Travel with Students: A Review of Existing Literature." *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- George, Christine; Jennifer Nargang Chernega, Sarah Stawiski, Anne Figert and Arturo Valdivia Bendixen. 2008. "Connecting Fractured Lives to a Fragmented System: The Chicago Housing for Health Partnership." *Equal Opportunities International (Currently published as: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: An International Journal)*. 27:2.

## RESEARCH REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Chernega, Jennifer. Forthcoming in early 2015. "Book Review of *Learning and Education for a Better World: The Role of Social Movements*." *Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement*.
- George, Christine C. and Jennifer Chernega, co-editors. 2014. *Housing the Homeless: Emerging Research on New Programs, a Special Issue of the Journal of Poverty*. August 2014, Vol. 18 (3).
- Chernega, Jennifer and Christine C. George. 2014. "Searching for Solutions to the Difficult Problems of Homelessness." *Housing the Homeless: Emerging Research on New Programs, a Special Issue of the Journal of Poverty*. August 2014, Vol. 18 (3): 229-234.
- Chernega, Jennifer with Students of Sociology 378 (Intermediate Social Research). 2013. "Workforce Development at HCO: Improving Retention, Job Satisfaction and Work Quality." A research report presented to the Home and Community Options Executive Leadership Group in December 2013.
- Chernega, Jennifer. 2013. "Race and Ethnicity (Chapter 9)." *Sociology in the Fastlane*. ByPass Publishing, Grandview Group/Kendall-Hunt. Digital course material available at [www.bypasspublishing.com](http://www.bypasspublishing.com).
- Chernega, Jennifer, John Collins and Jay Palmer. 2013. "Responses from 'Hard to Reach' Constituents, an Addendum to Strengthening the Relationships among Consumers,

Guardians and Caregivers.” A research report presented to the Home and Community Options Executive Leadership Group.

Chernega, Jennifer; John Collins, Jay Palmer and Anne Janey. 2011. “Strengthening the Relationships among Consumers, Guardians, and Caregivers: Report on HCO Focus Groups with Consumers, Guardians, and Caregivers.” A research report presented to the Home and Community Options Executive Leadership Group.

Chernega, Jennifer. 2009 (updated 2011). “Facilitating Discussions about Race” A teaching supplement to *Race and Ethnicity in Society: The Changing Landscape*, Elizabeth Higginbotham and Margaret Anderson, eds. Cengage Learning: Belmont, CA.

George, Christine; Anne Figert; Jennifer Nargang Chernega; and Sarah Stawiski. 2006. *Connecting Fractured Lives to a Fragmented System: A Process Evaluation of the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership*. Presented to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Available at <http://www.luc.edu/curl/publications.shtml>. Center for Urban Research and Learning Publication. Chicago, IL.

Hoereth, Joseph; Christine George; Nicole Rousseau, Jenna Nargang, and Arianne Harper. 2001. *An Evaluation of Service Use and Satisfaction at Lathrop Homes and Henry Horner Homes*. Available at <http://www.luc.edu/curl/publications.shtml>. Center for Urban Research and Learning Publication. Chicago, IL.

Abuinnab, Rafah; Christine George; Kathleen McCourt; Jennifer Nargang; and Lisa Speicher. 2001. “A Partnership for Women’s Self-Sufficiency: The Enterprising Kitchen and Apna Ghar.” *The Status of Women: Facing the Facts, Forging the Future, Conference Proceedings*. Institute for Women’s Policy Research: Washington D.C.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

Chernega, Jennifer. Presider. “Three Perspectives on Sociology and Social Policy: Experience from the Field.” Invited Panel Session. *ASA Annual Meeting, New York, NY*. August 2013.

Chernega, Jennifer. Discussant. “Local Practices and Local Research Informing Regional, National and International Policy.” Paper Session. *ASA Annual Meeting, New York, NY*. August 2013.

Chernega, Jennifer. Discussant. “The Contributions of Sociological Practice and Public Sociology to Building Better Futures.” Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Paper Session. *ASA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO*. August 2012.

Chernega, Jennifer. “Capitalism and Conscience: Social Enterprise Employment Programs and the Privatization of Job-Training Services.” Session: The New Capitalism - Using Social Enterprise Partnerships as a Conduit to Global Social Change. *MSS Annual Meeting*. March 2012.

Chernega, Jennifer; Jay Palmer; John Collins and Anne Janey. "Doing Action Research with HCO: An Organization Serving People with Developmental Disabilities." *Center for Urban Research and Learning Friday Seminar Series, Fall 2011*. Chicago, IL. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chernega, Jennifer and Aurea K. Osgood. "Urban Experiments: The Challenges and Benefits of a Sociology Travel Study Course." *ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV*. August 2011.

Chernega, Jennifer; Sarah Stawiski, Christine George and Anne Figert. "Social Identity, Anticipatory Socialization and Harm Reduction: Helping the Homeless Transition to Housing." *ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV*. August 2011.

Chernega, Jennifer and Aurea K. Osgood. "To the City: A Travel Study Experience." Roundtable: Innovation, Challenge and Peril for Teaching Faculty. *MSS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*. March 2010.

Chernega, Jennifer; Philip Nyden, Dennericka Brooks, and Eilleen Rollerson. "Transforming Communities through Social Service Agencies" Session: Population Change and Community Development. *MSS Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA*. April 2009.

Chernega, Jennifer. "Market Fundamentalism, Social Enterprise and Job Training." Session: Poverty and Welfare Reform. *MSS Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA*. April 2009.

Chernega, Jennifer. *Invited panelist*. Panel: Public Sociology: Teaching and Research. *MSS Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA*. April 2009.

Figert, Anne; Christine George; Sarah Stawiski and Jennifer Chernega. "Homelessness, Harm Reduction and Housing: An Alternative to Current Policies and Programs." Session: Exploring Dimensions of the Homeless Experience. *MSS Annual Meeting, St. Louis*. March 2008.

Chernega, Jennifer. "Making Room at the Table" Session: Participatory Action Research: Partnering for Social Change." *MSS Annual Meeting, St. Louis*. March 2008.

Nyden, Philip; Eilleen Rollerson, Dennericka Brooks, and Jennifer Chernega. "Who Do We Serve: Organizational Responses to Gentrification." Session: Response to Gentrification. *Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore*. April 2008.

Chernega, Jennifer; Sarah Stawiski; Christine George and Anne Figert. "Shifting Identities: Homeless Individuals and the Transition to Housing." Session: Networks, Neighborhoods and Poverty. *SSSP Annual Meeting, New York*. August 2007.

Chernega, Jennifer. *Invited Panelist*. "Student, Teacher, Researcher, Mother: Balancing Work and Family Issues as a Graduate Student Instructor." Professional Workshop: "Graduate Student Teachers: Issues and Experiences Within and Beyond the Classroom." *ASA Annual Meeting, New York, New York*. August 2007.

Chernega, Jennifer. Invited presider. "Using Interactive Data Sites as a Tool for Classroom Learning." Organized by Polly Fassinger. *MSS Annual Meeting*. April 2007.

George, Christine; Anne Figert; Jennifer Nargang Chernega and Sarah Stawiski. "Connecting Fractured Lives to a Fragmented System: A Process Evaluation of the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership." Friday Morning Seminar Series Presentation, Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago. October 2006.

Chernega, Jennifer Nargang. "Selling Skills and Self-Esteem: Globalization, Marketing and Alternative Trade Networks at Social Enterprise Job Training Programs." *SSSP Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec*. Session: Alternative Visions of Globalization. August 2006.

Chernega, Jennifer Nargang and Kimberly Fox. "Aliens, Queens, and Massahs: Name Calling, Race and Class in a Transitional Jobs Program." *ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec*. Section Session: Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. August 2006.

Chernega, Jennifer Nargang and Kimberly Fox. "The Use of Language in a Transitional Job Program: Conflicts of Race and Immigration Status." *SSSP Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec*. Session: Immigration and Employment. August, 2006.

Chernega, Jennifer Nargang and Polly Fassinger, Co-organizers. "What Can You Do With a Sociology Degree?" Panel Discussion. *MSS Annual Meeting*. April 2004.

Chernega, Jennifer Nargang. "Evaluation on a Shoe String: A Small Non-Profit Approach." Girl's Best Friend Foundation Evaluation Seminar. *Non-Profit Evaluation: It's Not Rocket Science*. Chicago, IL, November 18, 2003.

Nargang, Jennifer. "Local Impacts of Global Change: Diversity in a Microenterprise Job-Training Program." *Chicago Ethnography Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual*. Chicago, IL, Spring 2002.

Nargang, Jennifer and Lisa Speicher. "A Partnership for Women's Self-Sufficiency: The Enterprising Kitchen and Apna Ghar." Institute for Women's Policy Research Sixth Women's Policy Research Conference. *The Status of Women: Facing the Facts, Forging the Future*. Washington D.C., June 8-9, 2001.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Dr. John Collins, Dr. R. Jay Palmer and I have been working on a multi-phase action research project since 2010 with a community organization, Home and Community Options in Winona, MN. This research has focused on improving relationships between staff members and the family/guardians of the developmentally disabled clients they serve. Three phases of the research are complete and we are developing a fourth phase for implementation in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Dr. R. Jay Palmer and I are working on an article about university/community partnerships for submission to *Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement*.

Dr. Rafael Narvaez, Dr. Nikki Civettini and I are exploring the impact of computer usage in college classrooms on student learning outcomes. The first phase of data collection for this project took place from January-June 2014. We are analyzing the data and looking into further data collection to take place in the fall semester of 2014.

**HONORS AND GRANTS RECEIVED**

US-Norway Fulbright Foundation for Educational Exchange <i>Fulbright Award to teach at the University of Oslo, Norway- NOK 180,000</i>	January-June 2015
Winona State University <i>Innovation Fund Grant- \$1,300</i>	December 2010
<i>New Faculty Community of Practice Deans Council Grant- \$4,000</i>	April 2008
<i>Travel Study Exploratory Trip Grant- \$750</i>	August 2008
Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Research and Learning <i>Recipient of Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship</i>	January 2006- present
The Graduate School <i>Nominee for the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Outstanding Thesis Award</i>	November 2003
Department of Sociology and The Graduate School <i>Master's Thesis received Mark of Distinction</i>	May 2003
Department of Sociology and Anthropology <i>Department Fellowship</i>	Annually 2000-2004

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Winona State University Faculty Senate <i>Senator (elected 2 terms)</i>	2012-2015
Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association <i>Elected Section Council Member</i>	2010-2013
Social Action Committee, Midwest Sociological Society <i>Committee Member</i>	2003 – 2006
Midwest Sociological Society <i>Member</i>	2003 – Present
American Sociological Association <i>Member</i>	2004 – Present
Sociologists of Minnesota <i>Member</i>	2010 – Present
Society for the Study of Social Problems <i>Member</i>	2006 – 2009