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Education:

Brandeis University

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, February 2005.

Joint Master of Arts in Women's Studies and Sociology, May 2002.

Dissertation: "Rage and the Sociological Imagination." Dissertation committee chair: Gordon Fellman, Brandeis University; George Ross, Brandeis University and outside reader: Emily Kane, Chair of the Department of Sociology at Bates College.

University of Texas-Austin

Master of Arts in Sociology, August 1994.

Masters thesis: "Men Who Batter: The Social Context of Tolerance."

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Certificate in Women's Studies

Graduated with Distinction, May 1992.

Senior thesis: "Children in Transit: The Impact of Discontinuity and Homelessness on Children at Risk."

Additional Graduate Training:

Radcliffe College Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies

These courses bring together a variety of students from participating institutions in the Boston area such as Harvard University, Brandeis University, Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern University, etc. Professors are also drawn from this group of universities and the courses are team-taught and interdisciplinary. Enrolled in courses entitled, "Gender, Representation and Social Control" and "Feminist Methods and Social Research" in the spring of 1995 and 1996 respectively.

Boston College

Enrolled in "Black and Third World Women," Spring 1996.

Areas of Specialization in Research and Teaching:

Gender; Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence; Family; Race/Ethnicity; The Body; Research Methods; Feminist Theory and Practice; Service Learning and Civic Engagement; the

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning with emphasis on Transformative and Feminist Pedagogy; and Creative Nonfiction and Memoir.

Full-Time Faculty Positions:

University of South Carolina Beaufort

Department of Social Sciences

Professor (2021-Present)

Associate Professor (2017-2021)

Assistant Professor (2012-2017)

Carrying a 4/4 load. Teaching face-to-face classes as well as online classes for Palmetto College.

Regis College, 2008-2010

Department of Sociology

Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

Carried a 4/4 load.

Connecticut College, 2007-2008

Department of Sociology

Visiting Assistant Professor

Carried a 3/2 load and maintained an undergraduate advising load of approximately 20 students. Also, supervised a senior independent study on the topic of the political economy of Black women.

Suffolk University, 2006-2007 (Replacement for a faculty member on medical leave)

Departments of Sociology and Women's Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor

Carried a 3/3 load; Advising included 40 students.

Framingham State College, Fall 2005 (Temporary position; fall semester only for sabbatical replacement)

Department of Sociology

Visiting Assistant Professor

University of Connecticut-Storrs, 2002-2005

School of Family Studies

Assistant Professor-In-Residence

Maintained a 3/2 load and undergraduate advising of about 30 students. Contributed the highest number of writing intensive courses to the curriculum while there. Supervised 12 independent study projects. Supervised a graduate teaching assistant. Implemented an undergraduate teaching assistant program and mentored 12 students in this. Also, the family violence course that I designed involved the coordination and supervision of a symposium on violence awareness and prevention, with events and activities designed by students enrolled in the family violence classes and offered to the entire campus and community.

Part-Time Faculty Positions and Other Academic Employment Experiences:

University of Massachusetts-Boston, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012
Department of Sociology
Lecturer

Harvard University, 2007-2009

• **Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program**

Lecturer for combined undergraduate and graduate level courses; supervised a graduate teaching fellow.

• **Committee on Degrees in Social Studies**

Senior Thesis Adviser for ethnographic project on survivors' experiences of domestic violence in rural Montana. Summer 2008-Spring 2009. Project nominated for Hoopes Prize, the highest undergraduate honor at Harvard.

Northeastern University, 2004

Department of Sociology

Visiting Assistant Professor for graduate seminar

Curry College, 2000

Departments of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Lecturer

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999

Women's Studies Program

Lecturer

Tufts University, 1995-1999

Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program

- Lecturer (1996-1999)
- Second reader for senior thesis about rape and war. (Spring 1999)
- Teaching Assistant (Fall 1995-Spring 1996)

Framingham State College, 1997

Department of Sociology

Lecturer

Wheaton College, 1996

Department of Sociology

Lecturer; also organized and led a symposium on violence against women for the campus and community to raise awareness and promote social change.

Brandeis University, 1994-1999

- Graduate Assistant for Writing Skills; involved teaching writing skills on an individual and group basis to low income and first-generation college students; also involved creating and presenting writing workshops, Office of Student Support Services and Student Enrichment. (Fall 1999)
- Advisor for undergraduate senior thesis on college students' interpretations of feminism. (Spring 1998)
- Graduate student mentor for undergraduate senior honors thesis on race relations at Brandeis. (Spring 1996)
- Writing Lab Instructor (Fall 1995)
- Reader/Grader for American Studies Department (Spring 1995)
- Teaching Assistant in Women's Studies Department (Fall 1994)

Courses Taught (25 different courses):

- Introduction to Sociology (I have taught this both in person and online)
- Social Problems
- Sociological Theory (I have taught this both in person and online)
- American Society
- Senior Research Seminar
- Values, Interests and Conflicts
- Deviance and Social Control (I have taught this both in person and online)
- Protest and Social Change (Social Movements)
- Changing Families / Sociology of the Family/ Families in Society
- Intimacy and Violence (also called Family Violence and Violence Against Women at some institutions)
- Oppression, Prejudice, and Discrimination
- Cultural Diversity and Human Needs
- Minority Group Relations (I have taught this both in person and online, and also as a hybrid)
- Off the Page and Into the World: Feminist Praxis in the Community, an activity-based learning course (similar to service learning with a supervised internship component)
- Women in Society
- Sex and Gender/Introduction to Gender Studies
- Diversity Among Women
- Women, Science, and Society
- Sociology of the Body (I have taught this both in person and online)
- Sociology of Food (I have taught this online)
- Sociology of Love and Intimacy
- Introduction to Women's Studies
- Feminist Theory and Practice
- Whiteness and the Politics of Feminism
- Writing course partnered with a Sociology course titled Obligations of Social Solidarity

Community Writing Programs Where I Have Taught Creative Nonfiction:

- Invited Writing Teacher, Muse Writing Center, Norfolk, Virginia; taught a half day class via Zoom on writing about family secrets, July 11, 2021.
- Invited Writing Teacher, Literary Cleveland, taught a creative nonfiction writing class, February 17, 2020 (class was overenrolled with 30 people).

Research Positions:

June 2001-June 2002

Research Assistant for Emily Kane, Professor and Chair of Sociology Department, Bates College

Responsibilities included: recruiting subjects and conducting in-depth qualitative interviews for a project on parents' experiences with sons and daughters. Contributed to analysis of emerging themes and patterns.

September 1993 — May 1994

Research Assistant for Sarah Weddington, Lawyer for Roe vs. Wade case and University of Texas Government Professor

Responsibilities included: finding, documenting, analyzing, and discussing the most recent and germane research on a variety of topics pertinent to a book and class on leadership.

Publications:

Book:

Welcome to Wherever We Are: A Memoir of Family, Caregiving, and Redemption. Rutgers University Press, 2020.

- Audiobook version, Summer 2020,

<https://www.audiobooks.com/audiobook/welcome-to-wherever-we-are-a-memoir-of-family-caregiving-and-redemption/425995>

Book Reviews So Far:

“With scrupulous honesty, and what Deborah so beautifully calls “tender curiosity,” this is a journey toward reconciliation with the ambivalence she felt towards an emotionally abusive father. She winds up with love. Her memoir is an inspiration.”-- Abigail Thomas, New York Times Bestselling Author, *What Comes Next and How to Like It: A Memoir* and *A Three Dog Life*

“Cohan’s beautifully-nuanced book is an important addition to a distinctly American strain of memoir that seeks to fully explore family dynamics with all of its complications, glories, travails, and facing mortality. This is a slice of life that is both wide and deep.”-- Sue William Silverman, author of *Because I Remember Terror, Father, I Remember You*

“*Welcome to Wherever We Are* is a memoir of a difficult family, a relationship between a father and a daughter. It involves abuse, dislike, love and a great deal of caring. It is a memoir, but one guided by the sociological lens of writer Deborah Cohan. She offers us a personal story set in the context of complicated family relationships in contemporary American society.”--

Barbara J. Risman, Sociologist and co-editor of *Families as They Really Are*

"Love the sinner, hate the sin: thus, unfurls Cohan's memoir. Fractional love and uncomfortable rage toward her father blend with her longing for his abusive behavior to disappear and leave only the often extraordinary father. Cohan's crystalline honest prose brings the reader inside the dilemma of caring for an aging parent who brought her torment laced with love and magic--what is it like to adore, fear, and protect yourself from the father you feared and cherished?" -- Randy Susan Meyers, author of *The Murderer's Daughters and Waisted*

"Deborah Cohan has written a brave and beautiful memoir...not 'beautiful' in the sense of pretty or lovely or sugarcoated in any way. Beautifully written, yes, but also beautiful in its raw, graphic honesty—that is, in the sense that truth is beauty. There is much hard-won wisdom in these pages--wisdom gleaned from Cohan's years of caregiving for an abusive parent--and it will benefit those who find themselves navigating that rocky terrain. But this is also a story about life and death, love and loss, and the complicated nature of family and relationship. Which makes *Welcome to Wherever We Are* a universal story, one with wisdom for us all." -- Abby Seixas, author of *Finding the Deep River Within*

The book has been featured in the following round-up/best lists:

- *She Reads*, Most Anticipated Memoirs of 2020: <https://shereads.com/most-anticipated-memoirs-of-2020/>
- *She Reads*, 11 Memoirs by Unbreakable Women: <https://shereads.com/memoirs-by-unbreakable-women/>
- *Ms. Magazine*, February 2020 Reads: <https://msmagazine.com/2020/02/03/february-2020-reads-for-the-rest-of-us/>
- Best Domestic Violence Books List: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/resources/books/abuse-survivor-stories>

The book was reviewed by the following national media outlets:

- BuzzFeed: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.buzzfeednews.com/amphtml/wendyjfox/21-great-books-from-small-presses-to-read-now>
- Ms. Magazine: <https://msmagazine.com/2020/03/12/in-new-memoir-deborah-j-cohan-explores-the-complexities-of-love-illness-and-parental-abuse/>
- Chicago Tribune: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/columns/heidi-stevens/ct-heidi-stevens-coronavirus-welcome-to-whenever-we-are-book-0331-20200331-hfnbmfz7jdfavxle5tpu6j7i-story.html>
- The Cleveland Plain Dealer: <https://www.cleveland.com/living/2020/02/author-and-shaker-heights-native-deborah-j-cohan-to-discuss-her-new-book-welcome-to-whenever-we-are.html>
- Atlanta Journal-Constitution: <https://www.ajc.com/lifestyles/girl-dad-nice-sentiment-but-might-come-with-mixed-emotions/sSVEg8IX35QBA8FNsWjU0N/>
- The Boston Globe: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/05/arts/greater-boston-author-readings-march-8-14/>

Excerpt from the book appears in:

- *Ms. Magazine*, July 7, 2021. <https://msmagazine.com/2021/07/07/welcome-to-whenever-we-are-memoir-family-caregiving-dad-father-love-trauma-child-abuse/>
- *Ravishly*, February 13, 2020: <https://www.ravishly.com/phone-calls-excerpt-welcome-whenever-we-are>

Other coverage of the book:

- Cleveland Jewish News: https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/news/briefs/arts_briefs/former-shaker-heights-resident-deborah-j-cohan-to-sign-book/article_5947321c-482d-11ea-a7e7-2b8ebcea8f45.html
- Akron Beacon Journal: <https://www.beaconjournal.com/entertainment/20200212/book-talk-heres-proof-that--cleveland-rocks>
- Poets & Writers: https://www.pw.org/literary_events/deborah_j_cohan

- Wisconsin Isthmus: <https://isthmus.com/events/deborah-j-cohan/>

Book Tour (events were suspended after March 15 due to COVID-19)

- Barnes & Noble, Woodmere, Ohio, February 16, 2020
- Literary Cleveland, taught a memoir writing class, February 17, 2020
- The Book Cellar Chicago, Illinois, February 20, 2020
- A Room of One's Own, Madison, Wisconsin, February 21, 2020
- Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, spoke with thirty graduate students about public sociology and the job market, February 24, 2020
- OLLI, March 4, 2020
- Zonta Hilton Head, March 5, 2020
- Brookline Booksmith, March 11, 2020
- Delicious Reads, Hub City Bookstore, Spartanburg, March 15, 2020

My book was selected among 20 for the 180 Day Discovery Party for SIBA, the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance, September 13, 2019. (for books launching within six months of 9/13/19); the event included a book signing of advance reader copies of the book, Spartanburg, SC.

Online Literary Events (During COVID-19):

- Interview with Zibby Owens, Creator of the podcast, Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books, March 23, 2020
- Interview with Madeline Dyer, Writer, United Kingdom, March 24, 2020
- West Palm Beach Book Club, West Palm Beach, FL, March 25, 2020
- International Jewish Book Council, July 14, 2020
- Malaprops Bookstore Asheville, NC, August 26, 2020
- Ethics Committee, Henry Ford Health System, Bloomfield, MI, November 5, 2020
- Gerontology Class, Central Connecticut State University, taught by Dr. Christina Barmon, December 1, 2020
- TGI: The Greatest Indoor Online Reading Series, January 22, 2021.
- Mandel JCC, Beachwood, OH, Local Authors Event (born and raised in Cleveland and invited back), February 7, 2021
- Hub City Bookshop, A Conversation about Writing with Sue William Silverman, February 25, 2021
- Spanish River Book Club, Boca Raton, FL, March 3, 2021.

Book Projects In Progress and Under Review:

I have signed with a New York literary agent to represent my books and the future of my writing career.

- 1) *Going to College Together and Apart: A Professor Translates the Campus Experience for Parents and Students* (most of the writing for this book is complete and the proposal is being shopped with publishers)
- 2) *The Class of 2024/5: Students Reinvent Their Lives During the Pandemic* (proposal under review)
- 3) *The Grief of a Teacher: What's Involved and What's at Stake in Teaching About Intimacy, the Body and Violence.* (most of the writing is complete)

Book Chapters in Print:

- "Rethinking What We Value: Pandemic Pedagogy and the Art of Letting Go" in *COVID-19: Social Consequences and Cultural Adaptations*, lead chapter in volume edited by Michael Ryan, Routledge. December 2020.

- “Gender, Intimacy, and Violence,” in *Social Studies of Gender: A Next Wave Reader*, edited by Christine V. Wood, Cognella Academic Publishing. Online Summer 2020, Print 2021.
- “Violence, Rage, Creativity and the Re-birth of the Self,” in *Violent States: Individual to International Creative States: Overcoming Violence*. Editors: John Adlam, James Gilligan, Tilman Kluttig, Bandy X. Lee and John L. Young. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2018.
- “Rage and Activism: The Promise of Black Lives Matter” in *Violence Against Black Bodies: An Intersectional Analysis on Why Black Lives Continue to Matter*, edited by Sandra Weissinger, Dwayne Mack and Elwood Watson. Routledge. 2017.
- “Learning for a Change: Rage and the Promise of the Feminist Classroom,” in *Teaching Sex and Gender in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristin Haltinner and Ryanne Pilgeram. Springer Press. May 2016. <http://www.springer.com/jp/book/9783319303628>
- “The Gold Pen,” essay in anthology titled, *Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insights and Activism*, co-edited by Catherine Valentine and Donna King, Vanderbilt University Press 2015. **The Utne Reader selected this chapter for reprinting and it ranked as one of their “most popular” articles on their website.**
<http://www.utne.com/mind-and-body/dementia-and-the-gold-pen-ze0z1604zsel.aspx>
- “Patriarchy Encourages Violence Against Women,” in *Violence Against Women*, edited book by Karen F. Balkin, Greenhaven Press, Thomson/Gale, 2004.

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scholarly Journals:

- “It’s Time to Make Our Way Home: How Contingent Labor Practices Impact Transformative Possibilities of Teaching about Violence Against Women,” accepted for a special issue of *Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal* on transforming campus cultures and activism to end gender-based violence. Vol. 25, No. 11. August 2019 online and September 2019 in print. Six articles accepted for this special issue among 65 submissions.
- “Considering Rage and Gender in Donald Glover’s ‘This is America’” in the journal, *Anthropology Now*, Vol. 10, No.2, September 2018. Pp. 106-111.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19428200.2018.1494461>
- “Writing Grabs Back: Creativity, Resistance and Activism in the Trump Era” in *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Equality and Diversity*, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 1-9, Spring 2017. Special issue on the election of Donald Trump and the women’s marches.
<http://journals.hw.ac.uk/index.php/IPED/article/view/52/26>
- “It’s S’More Than All That!: Gender Benders and the Creation of Feminist Community at USCB,” co-authored with Kimberly Cavanagh, Ph.D., *Feminist Teacher*, Vol. 25, No.2-3, pp-124-138. Spring 2016.

- “The Grief of a Teacher: Trauma, Dis/connection and Institutional Paradox,” in *The E-Journal of Public Affairs, Special Issue on Higher Education’s Role in Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence*, September 2015.

<https://ejopa.missouristate.edu/index.php/ejournal/article/view/78/90>

- “Sugar,” *The Journal of Life Writing*; special issue entitled *Writing the Father*; Taylor and Francis/Routledge. February 2014, print version; September 2013, online version.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14484528.2013.838736#.UuiwkXn0BZg>

- “Research on Violence Against Women: Creating Survivor–Informed Collaborations,” co-authored with Susan Fineran, Mary Gilfus, Lisa Hartwick, Susan Jensen, Robin Spath, *Journal of Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal*, October 1999, special issue on collaborative research on violence against women.

<http://vaw.sagepub.com/content/5/10/1194.short>

Public Sociology Articles:

- Invited to regularly write for *Psychology Today*, <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/social-lights> **(I have written over 98 articles since Spring 2016 and have well over two million hits)**

Note: As a result of the success of my articles for *Psychology Today*, I have been invited to participate in a range of interviews including radio interviews on KGO-AM RADIO, out of San Francisco, California, CJAD 800, #1 News Station in Montreal, Canada and Kansas Public Radio.

- RealClearEducation, my article was reprinted by them. June 14, 2021. RealClearEducation (RCED) is described as “one of the Internet’s leading voices on global education news and commentary. RCED team curates the smartest news, opinion and punditry offering its readers a comprehensive, non-partisan summary of the top education news happenings of the day.”

https://www.realcleareducation.com/authors/deborah_j_cohan/

- Published op-ed in *The Post and Courier* on education and vaccinations, June 13, 2021.

https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/commentary/commentary-sc-must-do-better-and-that-starts-with-vaccinations/article_4c30dcd4-c916-11eb-87af-d3efa9025f67.html

- Invited to write for *AlzAuthors*, about dementia, caregiving and domestic violence, February 23, 2021.

<https://alzauthors.com/2021/02/23/dementia-domestic-abuse-deborah-cohan/>

- Invited Writer for Hopeful Horizons Blog, “Lessons on Abuse,” October 30, 2020.

<https://www.hopefulhorizons.org/single-post/lessons-on-abuse>

- Invited to write for *Psychology Today Magazine*, online and special print feature article about college students, complicated family dynamics, and the pandemic, July/August 2020.
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/202007/together-again>
- Published article about the fetishization of the hyflex model in higher education for *The Satirist*. July 11, 2020. Less than 10% of submissions are accepted for publication.
<https://www.thesatirist.com/satires/flex-u.html>
- Invited to write for *Brandeis Magazine*, article about fathers, Father's Day, and life's turning points, June 2020. <https://www.brandeis.edu/magazine/2020/summer/turning-points.html>
- Published essay on campus life and the pandemic, in *Inside Higher Ed*, June 2, 2020
<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2020/06/02/what's-needed-make-campus-safe-now-odds-iconic-college-experience-people-crave>
- Invited to write for *Culturico*, article on divorce and the pandemic, April 12, 2020.
<https://culturico.com/2020/04/12/house-arrest-considering-divorce-during-a-pandemic/>
- Published essay on teaching during the pandemic, in *Inside Higher Ed*, March 20, 2020.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/03/20/beyond-focusing-educational-delivery-models-faculty-should-prioritize-essential>
- Published essay on grading more efficiently, in *Inside Higher Ed*, February 11, 2020.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/02/11/advice-grading-more-efficiently-opinion>
- Published piece on students and e-mail, *Chicago Tribune*, December 27, 2019.
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/letters/ct-letters-vp-122819-20191227-3fs4zlt6nvhy5k66fltkjbtqua-story.html>
- Published essay on writing on a heavy teaching load, in *Inside Higher Ed*, December 5, 2019.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/12/05/how-write-more-regularly-and-publish-more-often-despite-having-heavy-teaching-load>
- Published essay on diversity trainings, in *Inside Higher Ed*, August 21, 2019.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/08/21/diversity-and-antiharassment-trainings-must-be-improved-opinion>
- Published essay on reproductive rights and social justice, in *Medium*, May 23, 2019
https://medium.com/@debjcoh/an-open-letter-to-college-students-about-the-heartbeat-bill-notes-from-a-college-professor-on-63effdcabdb6?fbclid=IwAR1J_-pQAEiBP5OSnGdN-RScs6CNjA6fadkg7Tq1Tgtv1IR0Av-9ruya3uM
- Published essay on anger in the classroom, in *Inside Higher Ed*, April 30, 2019.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/04/30/embracing-and-transforming-rage-classroom-opinion>
- Published essay on self-care and work/life balance, in *Inside Higher Ed*, January 17, 2019.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/01/17/professor-gives-advice-colleagues-starting-new-year-self-care-opinion>

- Published essay on the good enough sabbatical, in *Inside Higher Ed*, October 23, 2018
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/10/23/releasing-oneself-pressure-having-perfect-sabbatical-opinion>
- *Teen Vogue*, “Things to Never Ask Your Professor,” October 8, 2018.
<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/16-things-you-should-never-say-college-professors>
- Published essay on being a badass and heartfelt teacher, in *Inside Higher Ed*, July 17, 2018.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/07/17/how-be-both-tough-and-supportive-classroom-opinion>
- Published essay on the debates on extra credit, in *Inside Higher Ed*, January 16, 2018.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/01/16/professor-explains-why-she-offers-extra-credit-her-classes-opinion>
- Published essay on the case against the term paper, in *Inside Higher Ed*, December 12 2017.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/12/12/why-professor-doesnt-assign-term-papers-opinion>
- Published essay on teaching effectiveness in large classes, in *Inside Higher Ed*, September 19, 2017.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/09/19/how-teach-large-classes-students-effectively-essay>
- Published essay on why faculty should not help with move-in day, in *Inside Higher Ed*, August 8, 2017.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/08/08/downside-faculty-members-helping-students-move-essay>
- Published essay on advice to faculty in *Inside Higher Ed*, March 16, 2017.
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/03/16/advice-how-and-when-untentured-professors-should-speak-their-minds-essay>
- Published Op-ed on gender and the election in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, August 3, 2016.
<http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Gender-matters-in-the-presidential-election-9111255.php?t=981cc13ba2958a2cf9&cmpid=fb-premium>
- Published Op-ed on the controversy in North Carolina on transgender students and restrooms.
Myrtle Beach Sun News, May 9, 2016.
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article76488342.html>

- My Sociology of the Body course was selected to be featured on the following website, Fall 2015:

<http://www.contemplativepracticesforantioppressionpedagogy.com/blog/embodied-writing-in-a-sociology-of-the-body-class-by-dr-deborah-j-cohan>

- Invited Expert, Collaborator, and Writer for website to assist LGBTQ youth and school personnel, Fall 2015:

<http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/lgbtq-student-support/>

- “Whiteness and the Politics of Feminism,” in *Teaching Resources on Racism, White Privilege, and Anti-White Supremacy*, edited by Shu-Ju Ada Cheng; National Women’s Studies Association Resource Publication, 2006.

<http://uiswcmsweb.prod.lsu.edu/hss/wgs/files/item47236.pdf>

- “Sitting in (on) Patriarchy: Exploring Issues of Space in a Battering Intervention Program,” in *Off Our Backs: A Feminist News Journal*, December 2001.

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-81170916.html>

Literary Magazines:

- Shortlisted for my essay, “The Volunteer” for #MeToo contest sponsored by *Memoir Magazine*, April 2018.

- “The Pornography of Trump,” in *Dryland Lit*, Los Angeles, Winter Issue, January 2017. Selected to be featured on the website of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; http://www.ncdsv.org/publications_pornography.html

Poetry:

- “The Monday After Umpqua,” poem on gun violence and mass shootings featured in BANG!, an anthology. Over 700 poems were submitted and approximately 80 are being published. Forthcoming, Winter 2020.

- “A Rage Against/ From the Female Body,” poem featured in the anthology, *Purple Sparks: Poetry by Survivors of Sexual Assault*, Youth Sparks, January 2016.

Refereed Papers and Presentations Delivered at Academic Conferences:

- Presentation entitled, “Pandemic Pedagogy and the Art of Letting Go,” for Global Conference on COVID-19, sponsored by Nazerbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, April 19, 2021.

- My book, *Welcome to Wherever We Are* was chosen for an Author Meets Critics Session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 8, 2021, virtual conference due to COVID-19.

- “*Reflections on Teaching Feminist Memoir*,” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Conference, virtual conference because of COVID-19, March 12, 2021.
- Invited Panelist, A Webinar Conversation about Michael Ryan’s Two Volume Set, about the pandemic and social consequences; published by Routledge, November 10, 2020.
- My book, *Welcome to Wherever We Are* was chosen for an Author Meets Critics Session at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 14-18, 2020. Unable to attend due to cancelation of conference because of COVID-19.
- My book, *Welcome to Wherever We Are* was chosen for an Author Meets Critics Session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL, April 1-4, 2020. Unable to attend due to cancelation of conference because of COVID-19.
- Peer-reviewed paper titled, “*Disobedience and Affinity in Feminist Memoir*,” accepted for the 2020 Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Conference at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, Florida, March 26-28, 2020. Unable to attend due to cancelation of conference because of COVID-19.
- Presentation entitled, “Hot Topics, the Warm South, and a Chilling Political Climate: Strategies for Teaching,” South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC, February 24, 2018.
- Presentation entitled, “Thinking about Trigger Warnings on Campus,” Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 18, 2016.
- Presentation entitled, “Enhancing Teaching Effectiveness in Large Classes,” South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, February 20, 2016.
- Presentation entitled, “The Problem with Guns and South Carolina College Campuses,” South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, February 20, 2016.
- Paper entitled, “Using Feminist Memoir to Teach Sociology of the Body.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Meeting, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, March 26-29, 2015. I also served as the presider and discussant at this session.
- Paper entitled, “Sociology of the Body: A Meditation on Memoir and Pedagogy.” South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, February 21, 2015.
- Paper entitled, “The Gold Pen,” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association, UNC-Wilmington, March 27-29, 2014.
- Presentation entitled, “Let’s Give Them Something to Talk About: Gender Benders and the Creation of Feminist Community at USC-Beaufort,” with Kimberly Cavanagh, Ph.D. at USC-Columbia Gender Studies Conference, February 20-21, 2014.
- Paper entitled, “Sugar: A Sociological Memoir,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 26-28, 2013.

- Paper entitled, “The Grief of a Teacher: What It Means To Teach About Intimacy and Violence,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 18-21, 2010.
- Paper entitled, “The Sociology of Rage: Problems and Possibilities,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, February 27-March 2, 2003.
- Paper entitled, “Five Dimensions of Rage,” Brandeis University Graduate Symposium, selected among graduate students across disciplines to deliver a paper; November 9, 2002.
- Paper entitled, “Toward a Sociology of Rage,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 7-10, 2002.
- Paper entitled, “Speaking the Unspoken: Teaching About Rage in Sociology and Women’s Studies Classes,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 18–22, 2001.
- Paper entitled, “Rage in the Matrix of Domination,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 17–19, 2001.
- Presentation entitled, “Reeling Interrogations: Critical Race Perspectives on White Patriarchy,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD; invited panelist by the Committee on Undergraduate Education to discuss innovative uses of media to teach sociological theory; March 3, 2000.
- Paper entitled, “A Feminist Response To Barry Laffan’s *Communal Organization and Social Transition: A Case Study of The Counter Culture of the 60s and 70s*”; invited panelist for Community Studies Conference, Brattleboro, VT, August 1, 1998.
- Paper entitled, “A Sometimes Symbiotic Relationship: Reflections on Teaching Domestic Violence and Counseling Batterers,” Society for The Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. August 8–10, 1997.
- Paper entitled, “Contested Territories: Perceptions and Projections of Masculinities in Ultra-Modern Society,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, April 10–13, 1997.
- Paper entitled, “Teaching Masculinities,” American Men’s Studies Association Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March 21–23, 1997.
- Paper entitled, "Have I Got A Story For You: Exploring Media Coverage of Battering," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, August 15–17, 1996.
- Paper entitled, "Perceptions of Formal Social Control in the Lives of Men Who Batter," Fourth Annual Graduate Forum in Women's Studies, Brandeis University, May 4, 1995.
- Paper entitled, "Reflections on Being a Feminist Sociologist or a Sociological Feminist: Rethinking if We've Really Come a Long Way," New England Women’s Studies Association Conference, University of Connecticut–Storrs, April 22, 1995.

- Paper entitled, "In Our Faces: Battering is Gender Inequality," Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 28–31, 1995.
- Paper entitled, "The Image of Women from the Perspective of Men Who Batter," Society for the Study of Social Imagery Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, March 9–11, 1995.
- Paper entitled, "The Impact of Social Ties in the Lives of Men Who Batter," New England Sociological Association Fall Conference, Northeastern University, November 5, 1994.
- Paper entitled, "Men Who Batter: The Social Context of Tolerance," The National Graduate Women's Studies Conference, University of California–San Diego, April 14, 1994.

Guest Lectures:

- Invited Speaker/Trainer; workshop for faculty and staff on work/life balance, self-care, and creativity, Brescia College, Canada, virtual session, May 3, 2021.
- Invited Speaker for Sociology Department at Randolph Macon College, Ashland, VA; invited by Dr. Nazneen Kane to speak with majors and minors and faculty. March 4, 2021.
- Invited Speaker for Sociology Class, Nazerbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan taught by Dr. J. Michael Ryan, January 25, 2021.
- Invited Speaker for Gerontology Class, Central Connecticut State University, taught by Dr. Christina Barmon, December 1, 2020.
- Invited Panelist, Pandemic Webinar Series, Ryerson University, Canada, "Pedagogical Shifts in Higher Education During COVID-19," July 2, 2020.
<https://mlc.ryerson.ca/news/webinars/pandemic-webinar-8-pedagogical-shifts-in-higher-education-during-covid-19>
- Invited Speaker for Graduate Program, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison; spoke with thirty graduate students about public sociology and the job market, in Madison, WI, February 24, 2020.
- Invited Speaker and Facilitator for Day Long Retreat at George Mason University Gender Studies Program, "The Deep River Within: Self Care and Social Justice Activism." June 5, 2018 in Fairfax, VA.
- Invited Keynote Speaker, CUSSS (Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium), Clemson University, April 12, 2018.
- Invited Speaker and Facilitator for Workshops at USC-Upstate Gender Studies Program, "The Deep River Within: Finding Balance and Meaning in Everyday Life." September 22, 2016 and April 6 and 7, 2017.

- Invited Speaker for the Aging Gracefully group, to discuss body image and aging issues, on Hilton Head Island, SC. September 6, 2015.
- Invited Speaker for the Dinner and Lecture Series at the Cottage Restaurant, Bluffton, SC. “Sugar: A Sociological Memoir.” November 13, 2013.
- Invited Speaker for the Psychology Club’s Domestic Violence Awareness Week, February 13, 2013.
- Invited Trainer and Facilitator, “Learning to Look: Uncovering Hidden Meanings in Advertising” at the Wheeler School for all seventh and eighth grade girls, Providence, RI, May 10, 2012.
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, “Safe Jewish Homes: We Need to Talk About It,” at Temple Israel, Sharon, MA, February 12, 2012.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, “A Response to the Film, ‘Telling Amy’s Story’” an event open to all residents of Sharon, MA, Sharon Public Library, October 20, 2011.
- Invited Trainer and Facilitator, “Sexuality and the Media,” at the Wheeler School for faculty and administrators, Providence, RI, October 19, 2010.
- Invited Panelist, President’s Leadership Series in Health, in Partnership with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. “Obesity: Social and Cultural Perspectives.” Regis College, Weston, MA. November 18, 2009.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Peace in the New Millenium class taught by Kathleen Kautzer, Regis College. Talk titled: “Stories of Survival and Resistance,” October 27, 2009.
- Invited Lecturer, Banquet for Students in the Honors Program at Regis College. November 12, 2008.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Social Movements and Community Health class taught by Kevin Irwin, Community Health Program, Tufts University, Medford, MA. Talk titled, “Domestic Violence as a Community Health Issue: Visions for Change,” October 28, 2008.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Women at Midlife, psychology course taught by Mary-Jane Eisen, Ed.D., Saint Joseph’s College, West Hartford, CT. Talk titled: “Domestic Violence and the Lifecycle,” June 4, 2008.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Women’s Studies course taught by Mary-Jane Eisen, Ed.D., University of Hartford, Hartford, CT. Talk titled: “Imagining a World Without Intimate Partner Violence,” March 11, 2008.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Adolescent Psychology course taught by Mary-Jane Eisen, Ed.D., Saint Joseph’s College, West Hartford, CT. Talk titled: “Colonizing the Imagination: Pornography as Adolescent Male Sex Education,” March 11, 2008.
- Invited Panelist, Society Organized Against Racism, Dinner/ fundraiser at Connecticut College,

Panel titled: "Race and Gender in the 2008 Election." Talk titled: "The (In)Visibility of Race and Gender in the 2008 Election," November 16, 2007.

- Invited Guest Lecturer, Women at Midlife, psychology course taught by Mary-Jane Eisen, Ed.D., Saint Joseph's College, West Hartford, CT. Talk titled: "Entrapment and Entitlement: An Exploration of Domestic Violence Dynamics," June 20, 2007.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Research Methods Class, taught by Greta Meszoely, Suffolk University, Boston, MA, "The Dangers of Drive-by Qualitative Research: Why In-Depth Interviewing with Violent Men Must be Accountable to Survivors and Communities," March 26, 2007.
- Invited Panelist, Battered Women's Resources, Inc., Ayer, MA, "Ending Domestic Violence: An Evening with Community Advocates," October 19, 2006.
- Invited Trainer, Continuing Education Series for Therapists, sponsored by Tri-City Mental Health and Retardation Center; presentation on working with survivors and perpetrators of abuse and making appropriate referrals, June 4, 2002.
- Invited Trainer, Statewide Meeting for Homeless Advocates, conducted training for homeless advocates on working with homeless people experiencing perpetration and/or victimization of violence and developing strategies for intervention, November 28, 2001.
- Invited Panelist, Emerson College, Boston, MA, "An Evening for Thinking About Ending Violence Against Women," October 30, 2001.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Sixth Annual Convocation on the Abolition of Homelessness, a state-wide conference on homelessness, housing and social policy, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, the Department of Mental Health, and Tri-City Mental Health and Retardation Center. Led workshop entitled, "Violence, Control, and Intimidation Amongst Intimate Partners Who Are Homeless," October 25, 2001.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Regis College, Weston, MA, "Uncovering Batterers' Tactics of Control," March 19, 2001.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Harvard School of Public Health, "Uncovering Abuse in Medical Settings: Intervening with Abusive Men and Their Female Partners," September 21, 2000.
- Invited Trainer, Simmons College, led workshop for students involved in peer counseling on intimate partner violence, September 16, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Worcester YWCA, "Assessing Abusive Patterns in Legal Cases: On Providing Legal Advocacy for Survivors of Abuse," presentation given to attorneys interested in working on domestic violence cases, September 12, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Harvard School of Public Health, "Uncovering Abuse in Medical Settings: Intervening with Abusive Men and Their Female Partners," May 16, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, gave three lectures, the first of which was a keynote address open to the entire campus and the other two were guest lectures in Professor Jerry Anderson's political science courses. Lectures titled: 1) "Ruptured Rapture: An

Activist Interrogates Sexual Violence,” 2) “Out of Love, Out of Rage: How and Why I Work With Abusive Men” and 3) “Whiteness and Masculinity: Interrogating the Connection Through Critical Interpretations of Media Representations,” April 25 and 26, 2000.

- Invited Guest Lecturer, Tufts University, Tufts Men Against Violence, Educational Session, “So Close and Yet So Far: Effects of Domestic Violence on College Aged Students,” March 27, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Domestic Violence Class taught by Chris Wellington, Curry College, “Improving the Responsiveness of Police Officers and Detectives,” February 28, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Domestic Violence Class, taught by Christina Borland, Tufts University, “Multidimensionality of Men Who Batter,” February 22, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Harvard Medical School, “Uncovering Abuse in Medical Settings: Intervening with Abusive Men and Their Female Partners,” February 15, 2000.
- Invited Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, session entitled, “Dangerous Liaisons,” presentation entitled, “Detecting Abusive Patterns in Relationships, Creating Healthier Partnerships,” February 8, 2000.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Introductory Psychiatric Nursing Class taught by Deborah Westaway, Bunker Hill Community College, “Challenging Men’s Entitlement in Batterers’ Intervention Groups,” May 12, 1999.
- Invited Moderator, Tufts University, “Various Viewpoints on Violence Against Women: A Panel Discussion,” April 7, 1999.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Tufts University, Tufts Men Against Violence, Educational Session, “Heteropatriarchy: Interrogating the Relationship of Sexism and Homophobia In College Aged Men,” March 29, 1999.
- Invited Panelist, Tufts University, Panel on Body Image and Eating Problems Among Women, my presentation entitled, “Searching for The Woman in the Body and The Body in The Woman: Toward an Embodied Feminist Theory,” March 11, 1999.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Boston College School of Law, Domestic Violence and the Law Class taught by Mithra Merryman, “Assessing the Control Tactics and Strategies of Men Who Batter in Court,” March 9, 1999.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Violence in Contemporary Society Class taught by Susan Fineran, Boston University School of Social Work, “The Dilemmas of Batterers’ Intervention,” February 18, 1999.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Tufts University Women’s Center, provided training session to legal advocates for battered women in court, February 4, 1999.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Women and Violence Class taught by Robin Spath, Trinity College, “Can Abusive Men Really Change?,” December 9, 1998.

- Invited Guest Lecturer, Tufts University, Tufts Men Against Violence, Educational Session, “An Introduction to the Sociology of Masculinities,” October 19, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Sociology of the Family, class taught by Paula Aymer, Tufts University; substitute for the last two weeks of the class; led classes on violence in the family and divorce; June 1998.
- Invited Keynote Speaker, “Taking Back The Night, Taking Back Ourselves,” Newbury College, Take Back The Night Rally Against Sexual Violence, April 15, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Introductory Psychiatric Nursing Class taught by Deborah Westaway, Bunker Hill Community College, “Challenging Men’s Entitlement in Batterers’ Intervention Groups,” April 1, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, AIDS, Addiction, and Violence Class taught by Elarawee Gadsden, Regis College, March 28, 1998, “Holding Men Accountable in Batterers’ Intervention Groups: Examining Men’s Excuses for Violence.”
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Domestic Violence in Literature Class taught by Amy Curtis-Weber, Bentley College, Waltham, MA, “An Introduction to Batterers’ Intervention Programs,” March 6, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Violence in Contemporary Society Class taught by Susan Fineran, Boston University School of Social Work, “The Dilemmas of Being A Woman Counselor In A Batterers’ Intervention Program,” February 19, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Social Stratification Class taught by Susan Ostrander, Tufts University, “An Introduction to the Sociology of Gender,” February 12, 1998.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Introductory Psychiatric Nursing Class taught by Deborah Westaway, Bunker Hill Community College, “Approaching Domestic Violence Within The Medical System.” April 3, 1997.
- Invited Panelist, discussion entitled, “Can Men Be Feminists?” Brandeis University, March 31, 1997.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Qualitative Methods Course taught by Judith Francis, The Heller School, Brandeis University, “A Method to the Madness: Researching Men Who Batter,” February 13, 1997.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Criminal Justice Process Course taught by Nicole Hahn Rafter, Northeastern University, “An Introduction to Domestic Violence,” February 8, 1996.
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Introductory Sociology taught by Alex Liazos, Regis College, Weston, MA, “Understanding Violence Against Women,” November 28, 1994.
- Invited Presenter, with Robert Jensen, "Pornography: A Practice of Inequality," University of Texas, Austin, Texas, April 12, 1994

Professional Service on the USCB Campus and in the Community of the Lowcountry and the Southeast Region:

- President-Elect, South Carolina Sociological Association, 2020-2022.
- Invited by the Dean to serve on the USCB Honor Court
- Invited to be a member of the committee to evaluate UNIV 101 at USCB, 2019.
- Invited to be a member of the search committee to hire a Visiting Assistant Professor in Sociology, 2019.
- Member of the USCB Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2018-Present.
- Elected member of the USCB Faculty Development Committee (2013-2018 and 2019-Present).
- Elected to the USCB Grievance Committee, 2017-2018.
- Participant on Social Sciences Task Force to rewrite the departmental guidelines for promotion and tenure, 2019.
- Invited to be on the Programs Committee for USCB's Strategic Planning 2016.
- Closely mentored three students to submit their scholarly papers to the journal at USCB, *The May River Review*; Zoe Macinsky and Jeffrey Williams, Spring 2015; Alexys Walker, Fall 2015; all were accepted and published.
- Recognized numerous times by the USCB Softball and Soccer Teams for outstanding mentorship to student athletes.
- Chosen to represent USCB on the Human Relations Council, Summer 2015-Present.
- Invited panelist for the USCB Athletic Department, "Creating Success Among Student Athletes," August 25, 2015.
- Invited panelist for the campus-wide screening and discussion of *The Hunting Ground*, a film about sexual assault on campus and institutional response, February 9, 2016, co-sponsored by Zonta of Hilton Head and Hope Haven.
- Elected to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (served from November 2014 - January 2016).
- Created the monthly evening series titled "Gender Benders: Conversations on Gender and Sexuality from an Interdisciplinary Perspective" with Kimberly Cavanagh, Ph.D., Anthropologist at USCB. Organized speaker panels, films, lectures and discussions to deepen and enrich conversations about gender among faculty, staff, students, community agencies, and community members. Topics have included: what is gender; LGBTQ community issues; masculinity and disability; cancer and social movements; what it means to be an ally; sexual violence in the

military; parenting; acid violence in Bangladesh; girls and sports; men and feminism. We published an article in a scholarly journal on this co-curricular program.

- Established the USCB Sociology Club in Spring 2013 and serve as the faculty adviser for it. Organized evening events on topics related to body image, human trafficking, self-injury, autism awareness, creative nonfiction and poetry readings, sexual and domestic violence, and HIV/AIDS prevention and education. The club was recognized and awarded in April 2015 for being the **Best Student Organization of the Year at USCB**.
- Regularly offer classes at the various campuses of OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
 - Welcome to Wherever We Are*, reading and discussion of my new book, March 4, 2020 in Bluffton, SC
 - Panel on civil discourse, January 26, 2018, Bluffton, SC
 - Family Secrets, September 21, 2015, Bluffton, SC
 - The Deep River Within: Finding Balance and Meaning in Everyday Life, February 26, 2015, Beaufort, SC
 - The Home Stretch: Aligning Our Interior and Exterior Spaces, February 27, 2014 Bluffton, SC
 - The Deep River Within: Finding Balance and Meaning in Everyday Life, September 25, 2013 in Bluffton, SC
 - Intimacy and Violence, September 18, 2013 Beaufort, SC
 - Intimacy and Violence, March 1 and 8, 2013, Bluffton, SC
- Presenter for the USCB Brown Bag Series sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee. “Sugar: A Sociological Memoir,” December 6, 2013.
- Organized events on campus to raise awareness about human trafficking. Hosted a film screening of “Not My Life” in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Hilton Head. October 22, 2013. Brought the film director, Robert Bilheimer, to campus on October 28, 2013 to speak to students.
- Invited Speaker for Professional Development Workshop, “The Deep River Within: Finding Balance and Meaning in Everyday Life on and off Our Campus.” Organized by Rachel Hoover, Director of Career Services for USCB. September 20, 2013.
- Invited Trainer for new team of Resident Assistants, “How to Be An Ally,” August 13, 2013.
- Created first campus-wide symposium at USCB with my Intimacy and Violence course in 2013; this is designed to be a capstone experience for an emotionally difficult and often draining class and a way to counter heavy forces of despair and hopelessness. “Fear into anger, anger into action” is part of the spirit of the battered women’s movement and the symposium planning, learning process, and execution of activities bring this idea to life. Activities are both academic and co-curricular; students are responsible for educating their peers across campus, and in the larger community about the causes and consequences of domestic and sexual violence and pathways toward healing and recovery. The symposium attempts to nurture lifelong habits of leadership, ethical decision-making, and civic responsibility. (See also section in CV on Media Coverage).
- Member of the USCB Faculty Development Committee, 2013-2017

- Member of the USCB Search Committees for Communications Studies Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, 2013, Sociology Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, 2015, and Sociology Visiting Assistant Professor, 2014.
- Earned certification as a trained facilitator for Deep River groups in Spring 2013. For more information, please see the website: www.deepriverwithin.com.
- Invited to represent USCB at the 32nd Annual First Year Experience Conference in Orlando, FL February 22-25, 2013.

Professional Service to the Discipline:

- President-Elect, South Carolina Sociological Association, 2020-2022.
- Due to my public sociology contributions, numerous people reach out to me. I am now involved in mentoring people who specifically sought me out for mentoring for the following reasons: being a successful new faculty member, teaching effectiveness, writing and publishing, and public sociology. These include: Daniela Jauk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the University of Akron; Molly King, Ph.D. at Stanford, starting as an Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University; Lindsay Berkowitz, doctoral candidate at University of California-Berkeley; Meg Krausch, Ph.D. at University of Minnesota, independent scholar, and Mary Beth Morrissey, doctoral student at Cornell University.
- Invited to be a reviewer for Oxford University Press (2017-Present)
- Invited to be a reviewer for Routledge (2021)
- Elected to the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Sociological Association, 2016-Present
- Collaborating with Dr. Chris Gabbard at the University of North Florida and Dr. Kate Washington in California as a group of panelists on caregiving, identity, and trauma; doing public events and talks.
- Organizer and presider with Rifat Anjum Salam, Ph.D., for panel at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 2019, Boston, MA, “Caring for Our Students and Ourselves: A Conversation about Emotional Labor.”
- Organizer and Speaker, “The Deep River in Academia,” for the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 2019, Boston, MA.
- Organizer and presider for panels at the South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2017 and 2018.
- Invited to participate in Author Meets Critic Session at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, March 2017, Greenville, SC.

- Invited to Facilitate Two Roundtables for the Annual Meeting of Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society). One was about generating discussion in very large classes and the other was about achieving work/life balance on a 4/4 load. March 2017, Greenville, SC.
- Co-Organizer (with Tracy Citeroni of Mary Washington University) for Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, “Teaching Sociology in the Age of Trigger Warnings,” Boston, MA, March 18, 2016.
- Co-organizer (with Donna King of UNC-Wilmington) of panel titled, *Toward a Feminist Theory of Letting Go*, for a meeting of the Southeast Women’s Studies Association, Wilmington, NC; March 27-29, 2014.
- Reviewer for the journal of *Feminist Criminology*. Sage Publications, 2015-Present.
- Ad hoc Reviewer for *Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal*, Sage Publications, 2005-Present.
- Organizer of Teaching Workshop at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society entitled, “Incorporating Undergraduate Teaching Assistants in the College Classroom,” Washington, D.C, March 19, 2005.
- Invited Presenter for a Teaching Workshop at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society entitled, “Best Practices: Teaching Criminology and Deviance,” New York, NY, February 21, 2004.
- Co-organizer (with Ann Goetting of Western Kentucky University and Raquel Bergen of St. Joseph’s University) of roundtable for annual meeting of The American Society of Criminology, roundtable entitled, “Clarifying our Pedagogical Strategies: Issues in Teaching about Family Violence,” Denver, CO; November 20, 2003.
- Co-organizer (with Ann Goetting of Western Kentucky University) of panel for annual summer meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society; co-sponsored with ASA and SSSP; panel entitled, “Teaching About Family Violence: Issues and Perspectives,” Chicago, IL; August 2002.

Professional Service on Campuses in New England (prior to my arrival at USCB) and Service in the Northeast Region:

- Elected Member of the Board of Directors of Greater Boston PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays); served on Publicity and Outreach Committee. 2010-2012.
- Scholar for the program, “Teachers as Scholars.” This is a program in which K-12 teachers, guidance counselors and school nurses participate in small, multiple-day seminars led by leading professors in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences. Created and offered course titled: “‘Sex and the City’: Grappling with the Culture’s Preoccupation with Sexualization and Its Impact on Pre-Adolescent and Adolescent Girls.” May 2010 and October 2010.
- Member of the Regis College Committee on Faculty Development and Research (2009-2010)

- External Reader for two senior theses at Marlboro College, on the following topics: 1) oppression, trauma, food, and school lunch programming and 2) bilingual education. May 2008.
- Organizer and Committee Member, Steering Committee for Campus Conference titled, “The Right to Security of Person: Human Rights vs. Acquaintance Rape at Connecticut College,” March 27-28, 2008.
- External Reader for senior honors thesis at Bates College on the subject of domestic violence court proceedings; April 2005.
- Participant in Family Violence Initiative group, sponsored by the School of Family Studies, The University of Connecticut-Storrs, Fall 2002-Fall 2003.
- Invited Participant in domestic violence research group, sponsored by the Simmons College Institute for Leadership and Social Change, Boston, MA. 1996-2000.

Clinical Work Experience and Community Service with Populations at Risk:

March 2007— June 2007

New Hope, Attleboro, Massachusetts (A Comprehensive Domestic and Sexual Violence Program)

Counselor; Responsibilities include: co-facilitating three groups for men who batter and being in contact with probation officers and therapists.

June 2000 — August 2002 and January 2006-February 2007

Tri-City Mental Health Center; Malden, Massachusetts

Clinical supervisor; Responsibilities included: clinical supervision of six adult batterers’ intervention groups, staff recruitment, hiring and firing, periodic observations of clinical groups, providing regular consultations with director, providing ongoing training to counselors, overseeing paperwork sent to probation offices and to partners of abusers, improving and re-creating basic systems, and providing and overseeing outreach to community. Additionally provided three months of clinical supervision for two other groups, including an adolescent perpetrators’ group and a Spanish-speaking adult batterers’ group.

August 1994-August 2002 and Summer 2006

EMERGE; Cambridge, Massachusetts (Battering intervention program)

Counselor; Responsibilities included: co-facilitating a group for men who batter and being in contact with female partners, probation officers and therapists. Experienced working with lesbian batterers. Also, served as a counselor for teenage boys who perpetrated violence in dating relationships and/or in their families. Actively involved with the Emerge speakers panel. Involved in ongoing training of future counselors (nationally and internationally) and consulted with other programs to improve their compliance with the standards set forth by the Department of Public Health. Assisted in the editing of the Emerge manual and the production of a CD-ROM, both used as training tools by other programs worldwide.

June 1993 — August 1994

Center for Battered Women, Austin, Texas

Volunteer; actively participated in the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program in which we, as volunteers, went to area high schools to give presentations on sex role stereotypes and abuse/respect.

June 1991 — January 1992

Dane County Shelter Home, Madison, Wisconsin

Volunteer work with children as an aide to the teacher; worked on an individual basis with residents at the Shelter Home, who for one reason or another, are unable to attend regular school. Helped with math, science, art and social science instruction.

Representative Service as Expert Consultant:

- Invited Member of the Round Table Group, an expert services firm of top selected academic and industry experts who serve as consultants and expert witnesses.
- Consulted as an expert on behalf of a woman educator accused of having sex with a minor. August 2014. Consultations occurred with the law firm of Pontikes, LLC, 10 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108, 617-357-1888. Contact for references: Rebecca Pontikes.
- Consulted as an expert on behalf of a woman allegedly raped multiple times and sexually harassed at work. Details of case must be kept confidential. April and May 2008. Consultations occurred with the law firm of Pontikes, LLC.
- Consulted as an expert on behalf of a woman raped while involved in a study abroad program; *Whitney Stern vs. World Learning, Inc.*, Docket No. 1:06-CV-69, filed in the US District Court of Vermont. July 2006. Consultations occurred with the law firm of Pontikes, LLC.
- Consulted as an expert on behalf of Doe in *Doe v. Francis*; Case 03:cv 260, before Judge Smoak; this case is pending in the Federal District Court in the Northern District of Florida, Panama City Division. Seven minor girls (Doe) sued Joe Francis and his companies for violations of state and federal anti-child pornography statutes. August 2006. Consulted with Rachael G. Pontikes, Duane Morris LLP, 190 South LaSalle St., Chicago, IL, 60603, 312-499-6757

Media Coverage:

- **Channel 5, Charleston, SC**, interviewed for an investigative report about strangulation as a standalone felony offense, July 22, 2021.
<https://www.live5news.com/2021/07/22/strangulation-not-standalone-felony-sc-advocates-call-change/>
- **Shondaland**, quoted in story about being irresponsible responsibly, July 19, 2021
<https://www.shondaland.com/live/a37040193/how-to-be-irresponsible-responsibly/>
- **Medium**, extensive interview about reinventing oneself, July 12, 2021.
<https://medium.com/authority-magazine/deborah-j-cohan-second-chapters-how-i-reinvented-myself-in-the-second-chapter-of-my-life-1f4c8843a25d>

- **US News & World Report**, quoted in story about college tours, July 8, 2021.
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2018-06-04/10-key-places-to-see-on-college-tours>
- **Salon**, quoted in story about caregiving amidst the pandemic, June 11, 2021.
<https://www.salon.com/2021/06/11/i-had-to-be-all-things-for-my-husband-meet-the-caregivers-whose-lives-were-upended-by-covid/>
- **Bustle**, quoted in story about relationships, June 4, 2021.
<https://www.bustle.com/wellness/signs-youre-being-used-in-a-relationship-how-to-fix-the-problem>
- **Channel 5, Charleston, SC**, interviewed for a feature story about domestic violence amidst the pandemic, May 26, 2021.
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- **Ayer Access Television**, Invited panelist for Battered Women’s Resources, Inc. on television show about domestic violence; aired in the fall and early winter of 2006.
- **Malden Access Television**, Invited panelist on television show about domestic violence; aired regularly throughout November and December 2000.
- **Brookline Cable News**, Invited panelist on “The Safety Net,” a television show dealing with domestic violence related topics; aired regularly throughout October 2000.
- **USA Today**, December 16, 1997, featured in special story in Life Section on professional men who have been abusive in their relationships.

Program Evaluation Experience:

Summer 2006

Research Consultant, Partners Healthcare System, Boston, MA

Involved in constructing and refining measurement tools for evaluation study in preparation for conducting interviews with hospital and health care center providers and administrators to evaluate free care patients’ transitions into primary care.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

- American Sociological Association

- Southeast Women's Studies Association
- South Carolina Sociological Association
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Eastern Sociological Society
- Grub Street Writers, Boston, MA

Honors, Awards, and Community Recognition:

- **American Sociological Association**, Nominated for Public Understanding of Sociology Award. Waiting for winners to be announced.
- **Nominated by Rutgers University Press for a Pushcart Prize**; this prize honors the best of the small presses and is considered the most honored literary series in America. Waiting for winners to be announced.
- **Nominated by Rutgers University Press for the Ohioana Book Award**; this is one of the most prestigious state prizes for literary work in the country. Waiting for winners to be announced.
- **Nominated by Rutgers University Press for the Great Lakes New Writers Award by Rutgers University Press**. Waiting for winners to be announced.
- **Regis College, Student Choice Award Committee**, Nominated as Best Professor at the entire college, 2010.
- **Virginia Pyne Kaneb Faculty Scholar Award**
Regis College, 2009-2010. This award provides financial assistance to faculty for activities such as research and writing. Awarded for the purpose of continuing the development of a book: *The Grief of a Teacher: What It Means To Teach About Intimacy and Violence* – that explores what it means to teach about trauma through a sociological and feminist lens. Through auto-ethnographic methods and case studies, I examine the connection of emotion and social structure.
- **Tufts University, 1999 and 2000 Senior Survey Awards**
Selected by graduating seniors for two consecutive years 1) as an instructor of the best course they took; students were asked to identify the course they felt “best characterized what a truly excellent college course should be” and 2) as someone who greatly contributed to their intellectual and personal development.
- **American Sociological Association**, Received travel award to attend annual meetings in Anaheim, CA, August 2001.

- **Alfred McClung Lee Travel Award, 1997 and 2001** money awarded for travel to the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conferences in Toronto, Canada in August 1997 and Anaheim, CA, August 2001. Presentations entitled “A Sometimes Symbiotic Relationship: Reflections on Teaching Domestic Violence and Counseling Batterers,” (1997) and “Rage in the Matrix of Domination,” (2001).
- **Louise Troxell Award**, nominated by the Sociology Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Award given to an outstanding senior woman for “intellectual ability and curiosity, good citizenship, appreciation for the world outside herself and an interest in participating in its affairs.”
- **Alpha Kappa Delta**, University of Wisconsin–Madison, International Honor Society for sociology majors.
- **The Crucible**, University of Wisconsin–Madison, junior women’s honor society; among 20 women chosen across campus on the basis of high scholastic achievement and community involvement.
- **Golden Key National Honor Society**, selected on the basis of class rank in the top ten percent of college undergraduates nationwide.

Additional Certifications:

- Completed advanced certification training in adult batterers’ intervention, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Fall 2006.
- Completed certification training in adolescent perpetrators’ intervention, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Spring 2000.
- Completed certification training in adult batterers’ intervention, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Fall 1994.
- Earned certification as a trained facilitator for Deep River groups (focused on self-care, work/life balance, and creativity) in Spring 2013. For more information, please see the website: www.deepriverwithin.com.

Participation in Writing Institutes and Classes/Creative Nonfiction Writing Experiences

- “Advanced Memoir Workshop,” taught by Patricia Hampl, North Beach Writers Retreat, Minnesota, virtual workshop, June 12-13, 2021.
- “Corporeal Writing Workshop,” taught by Lidia Yuknavitch, Portland, Oregon, March 2018.
- “Fiction/Memoir Workshop,” taught by Andre Dubus III, Fine Arts Work Center, June 2016, Provincetown, Massachusetts.

- Key West Literary Seminar, January 2016.
- “Unlocking the Story,” taught by Joan Wickersham, Fine Arts Work Center, June 2014, Provincetown, Massachusetts.
- Grub Street’s Muse and the Marketplace Literary Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, May 2014.
- “The Self as the Story: Writing in the First Person,” taught by Ariel Levy, Fine Arts Work Center, July 2010, Provincetown, Massachusetts.
- “Into the Fire,” The Sun Writers’ Conference, May 2009, Rowe, Massachusetts.
- Union Institute and University, Montpelier, VT, August 2004; enrolled in creative non-fiction writing course taught by Sue William Silverman.
- Blue Hills Writing Institute, Curry College, Milton, MA, August 2003; enrolled in intensive memoir writing workshop with writer, Rebecca McClanahan.
- Grub Street Writers, Somerville, MA; enrolled in memoir writing workshop, Fall 2000.

Writing Coach Experience:

Founder, Writing for Life: to help adults write more effectively for their careers, in school, and in their lives more generally. Since 2004, I have worked with clients individually and in groups and have extensive experience teaching writing on the college level and in the community.