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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 – Present	University of Pennsylvania Visiting Scholar in Sociology
2017 – 2020	Franklin & Marshall College Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
2014 – 2017	Hamilton College Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

## EDUCATION

2014	University of Pennsylvania Ph.D. in Sociology
2008	University of Pennsylvania M.A. in Sociology
2006	Cornell University B.A., Magna Cum Laude, College Scholar's Program

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health & Illness; Disability; Culture; Qualitative Methods; Work and Organizations;  
Theory; Aging.

## BOOK PROJECT

**DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin.** *Beyond Disease and Difference: Autistic Adults among Family and Community* (Under Contract with Princeton University Press)

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 DiCicco-Bloom, Barbara and **Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom (equal authorship)**. “Secondary Emotional Labor: Supervisors Withholding Support and Guidance in Interdisciplinary Group Meetings in a Community Hospice Program.” *Work & Occupations* 46(3): 339-368.
- 2016 DiCicco-Bloom, Barbara and **Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom (equal authorship)**. “The Benefits of Respectful Interactions: Fluid Alliancing and Inter-Occupational Information Sharing in Primary Care.” *Sociology of Health & Illness* 38(6): 965-979.
- 2012 **DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin** and Daniel Romer. “Poker, Sports Betting and Less Popular Alternatives: Status, Friendship Networks, and Male Adolescent Gambling.” *Youth & Society* 41(1): 141-170.
- 2010 **DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin** and David R. Gibson (**equal authorship**). “More Than a Game: Sociological Theory from the Theories of Games.” *Sociological Theory* 28(3): 247-271. (Lead Article)

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS & OTHER WRITING**

- 2018 DiCicco-Bloom, Barbara and **Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom**. “Secondary Emotional Labor: The Implications of Supervisor Responses to Emotional Labor of Hospice Nurses.” *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 56(6): e61- e62 (Selected Abstracts from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Congress on Palliative Care).
- 2016 **DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin**. “The Dynamics of Care: Communication, Management and Adults with Autism.” in *Autism Spectrum Disorder in Mid and Later Life*. S. Wright (Ed.) London: Jessica Kingsley Press.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROCESS**

**DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin**. “My Ethnographic Trial: Objectification, Consent, and Voice in a Study of Autistic Adults.” (In Process)

**DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin** and David Yang (Student). “Dynamic Institutionalism: Grassroots Navigation of China’s Mandatory Retirement Age.” (In Process)

DiCicco-Bloom, Barbara and **Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom (Equal Authorship)**. “Emotional Labor Talk: Institutionalizing Support for Emotional Laborers in Healthcare Settings” (In Process)

DiCicco-Bloom, Barbara and **Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom (Equal Authorship)**. “Ethical Agendas in Constrained Contexts: Palliative Care Professionals Supporting Sick and Dying Patients in an Academic Medical Center.” (In Process)

**DiCicco-Bloom, Benjamin**. “The Ambiguity of Deviance: Definitions and Social Control among Families of Adults with Autism.” (In Process)

2014 Winner, Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Disability Division.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2016 – 2017 New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium Upstate-Global Collective Grant (from an award by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation). “Care and Support in Aging Communities, with a Focus on End of Life Care.” *Co-Principal Organizer* (with Carol Weisse). \$52,000.
- 2014 – 2016 Faculty Research Grant, Hamilton College: 2014 (\$800); 2015 (\$800); 2016 (\$800).
- 2014 Graduate Student Paper Award, Disability Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2013 Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics (\$800).
- 2011 Travel Grant, University of Michigan Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Program (\$800).
- 2008 - 2011 Otto and Gertrude K. Pollak Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania: 2008 (\$3000); 2009 (\$4000); 2011 (\$2000).
- 2007 -2008 Summer Research Grant, Adolescent Communication Institute, Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania: 2007 (\$4000); 2008 (\$2000).
- 2007 Presidential Summer Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$2000).
- 2006-2011 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2006 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “ ‘The Interviewee is the Expert,’ ...  
• Prof. Julia Szymczak, Qualitative Methods in the Study of Health, Disease and Medical Systems Course, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2019 “ ‘The Interviewee is the Expert,’ ...  
• Prof. Julia Szymczak, Qualitative Methods in the Study of Health, Disease and Medical Systems Course, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
• Prof. Ksenia Gorbenko, Tools in Qualitative Research in Clinical and Translational Science Course, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 “ ‘The Interviewee is the Expert,’ and Other Things I’ve Learned Doing Ethnography.” Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA). Qualitative Methods in the Study of Health, Disease and Medical Systems, Graduate Seminar, Prof. Julia Szymczak, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “The Medicalization of Autism: Simplifications and Distortions of the Disease Narrative.” Temple University, Department of Sociology (Philadelphia, PA) January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 “The Dynamics of Care: Communication, Management and Adults with Autism, with a discussion of Ethnographic Methods.” SUNY Polytechnic Institute’s Sociology Program, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alpha Kappa Delta induction ceremony Honors Lecturer, (Utica, NY) April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
  
“Aging and Autism.” Union College, NY6 New York Global Collective Symposium on Care and Support in Aging Communities, (Schenectady, NY) June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
  
“The Medicalization of Autism: The Search for a Cure and the Challenges of Long-Term Support.” Kenyon College, Department of Sociology (Gambier, OH) November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “The Ambiguity of Deviance: Framing and Social Control among Caretakers of Adults with Autism.” Hamilton College, Department of Sociology (Clinton, NY) April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

(\* not present for presentation; ^ Canceled for Covid-19)

- 2020 “An Ethnographic Audit: Ableism, Consent, and Voice in a Study of Autistic Adults.” Thematic Session: Beyond Dreaming the Future of Disability Research, Division of Disability. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) August 7<sup>th</sup>.<sup>^</sup>
- 2018 Barbara DiCicco-Bloom & Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom\*. “Secondary Emotional Labor: Supervisor Responses to Emotional Labor of Hospice Nurses.” 22<sup>nd</sup> *International Conference on Palliative Care* (Montreal, Que., Canada) October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2017 “Growth in Context: The Emergence of a Disability Frame in Accounts of the Development of Adults with Autism.” Thematic Session: Division of Disability; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; and Society and Mental Health. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* Annual Meeting (Montreal, Que., Canada) August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- “Growth in Context: The Emergence of a Disability Frame in Accounts of the Development of Adults with Autism.” Roundtable: Section on Disability and Society. *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting (Montreal, Que., Canada) August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- “Growth in Context: The Emergence of a Disability Frame in Accounts of the Development of Adults with Autism.” Open Session: Sensitizing STS Analyses of Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Society for Social Studies of Science* Annual Meeting (Boston, MA) September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Barbara DiCicco-Bloom & Benjamin DiCicco-Bloom\*. “Secondary Emotional Labor: Supervisor Support vs. Non-Support of the Emotional Labor of Hospice Nurses.” Thematic Session: Section on Health of the Nursing Workforce. *Sigma Theta Tau* Biennial Convention (Indianapolis, IN) October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 “It Takes a Village: Communication and Management in Care for Adults with Autism.” Papers in the Round: Division of Health, Health Policy, and Health Services. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL) August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- “It Takes a Village: Communication and Management in Care for Adults with Autism.” Regular Session: Section on Disability and Society. *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL) August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 2014 “The Ambiguity of Deviance: Framing and Social Control among Caretakers of Adults with Autism.” Papers in the Round: Disability Division. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2013 “The Absence of Prognosis in the Conceptualization of Autism.” Ethics Panel Session. *American Psychiatric Association* Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2011 “The Everyday Experience of Families Raising a Child with Autism.” Poster session. *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Symposium: Social Determinants of Child Health*, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- “Autism: Families, the Making of a Diagnosis, and the Crisis of Adulthood.” Panel Presentation & co-led two Focus Groups. *Categories & Controversies: The Ethical Dimensions of the DSM V*, Conference hosted by *The Scattergood Program for the Applied Ethics of Behavioral Health*, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics (Philadelphia, PA) September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2009 “Poker and its Less Popular Relatives: An Application of the General Theory of Status Relations to Adolescent Gambling among Males.” 14<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking* (Lake Tahoe, NV) May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- “More than a Game: Sociological Theory from the Theories of Games.” Regular Session: Theory Section. *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2008 “Poker and Its Less Popular Relatives: High School Gambling and the General Theory of Status Relations.” *Inter-Ivy Sociology* Symposium, Princeton University (Princeton, NJ) March 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### HOME CAMPUS TALKS

- 2017 “The Medicalization of Autism: Simplifications and Distortions of the Disease Narrative.” Hamilton College, Department of Sociology (Clinton, NY) January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 “Autism in Adulthood.” Hamilton College, Panel Discussion hosted by HAAND and the Kelberman Center, (Clinton, NY) April 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 2015 “It Takes a Village: Communication and Management in Care for Adults with Autism.” Hamilton College, talk hosted by HAAND and the Kelberman Center, (Clinton, NY) April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Franklin & Marshall College*

#### Courses:

Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology (2017 F, 2018 S, 2x 2018 F, 2x 2019 F, 2x 2020 S)  
Sociology/Women, Gender, Sexuality 371: Disability (2017 F, 2019 S)  
Sociology/Public Health 371: Aging (2018 S)  
Sociology/Public Health 374: Health & Illness (2019 S)  
Sociology 490: Independent Study (2019 F, 2019 S, with David Yang)

### *Hamilton College*

#### Courses:

Sociology 110: American Society (2014 F, 2015 F, 2016 F)  
Sociology 216: Aging (2016 F)  
Sociology 226: Health & Illness (2014 F, 2015 S, 2016 S, 2017 S)  
Sociology 304: Into the Field: Ethnographic Methods (2015 S, 2015 F)  
Sociology 357: Dependency (2014 F)  
Sociology 372: Disability (2016 S, 2017 S)

#### Senior Theses Advised:

Samantha Levy - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2015  
Katherine Bishop - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Emily Fisher - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Eliza Geeslin - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Steven Gross - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Maddison Hicks - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Ronald Sprague - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2016  
Jose Olivares - Hamilton BA in Sociology, 2017

### *University of Pennsylvania*

- 2009 TA, Introduction to Sociology (primary instructor: A. Lareau)  
2008 TA, Introduction to Sociology (primary instructor: T. Nopper)  
2008 TA, Media & Popular Culture (primary instructor: D. Grazian)

2007 TA, Sociological Research (primary instructor: D. Gibson)

## **PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### Manuscript Referee Service

*American Journal of Sociology; BioSocieties; Emotions and Society; International Journal of Financial Studies; Journal of Youth Studies; Social Science & Medicine; Vanderbilt University Press; Youth & Society.*

### Disciplinary Service

ASA Disability and Society Section, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2016

### Institutional Service

*Franklin & Marshall College*

Invited Faculty Participant, Posse Plus Retreat. Spring 2018.

*Hamilton College*

Member of the CHAS Grant Faculty Workshop: “Faculty Development on Teaching Diverse First-Year Students.” Spring 2016.

*University of Pennsylvania*

Member of DSM-5 Working Group (University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics)—chaired by Dominic Sisti & Arthur L. Caplan. *Culminated in Conference: Categories & Controversies: The Ethical Dimensions of the DSM V* (see presentations). Fall 2010 – Fall 2011.

Africana Center Summer Institute, Graduate Fellow, Summer 2009; Summer 2010.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Sections: Disability Division; Division of Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Division of Institutional Ethnography; Division of Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.

American Sociological Association



Sections: Aging and the Life Course; Disability and Society;  
Medical Sociology; Organizations, Occupations, and Work;  
Sociology of Culture.

## REFERENCES

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