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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 1994 M.A., M. Phil. Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 1989-1990 Certificate of completion. Johns Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing, China. Classes in PRC politics, history and society. Classes in Mandarin. Wrote a 30,000-character novella in Chinese.
- 1984 B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature. Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

NPC Research, Portland, Oregon. Project Director and PI for multiple studies, including the evaluation of Native American substance abuse treatment programs with wraparound services to support families in recovery, a study exploring the effectiveness of the medicine assisted treatment of alcoholism in drug court, a Native American youth suicide prevention program, the process evaluation of an employment enhancement to both juvenile and adult drug court programs in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition, she was Project Director for an evaluation of how effective Missouri drug courts have been for methamphetamine-involved drug court participants. In these capacities Dr. Perkins works on culturally responsive evaluation design, survey instrument design and implementation, database development and management, field-based data collection, data analysis, as well as report and grant writing. 2007 – present.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ANALYST

Native American Rehabilitation Association, Northwest (NARA-NW), Portland, Oregon. Responsibility for all aspects of program evaluation design and implementation, data collection, analysis, database creation and management, grant writing, IRB protocol design and submission, consulting and technical support to organization staff. Lead Evaluator for SAMHSA Targeted Capacity Grant. Evaluation team member and data administrator for cross-site evaluation on SAMHSA grant involving several Oregon Native American tribes/tribal confederations. Data analysis and policy recommendation support for Clinical Leadership Team. 2005-2007.

RESEARCH ANALYST

Office of Research and Evaluation, Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Portland, Oregon. Duties included data analysis, report writing, grant writing and editing, and program evaluation. Developed processes and systems for new R&E office as well as provided consulting and technical support to Department staff and external service providers on SPSS, Excel, developing outcomes, research design and performance measures development and tracking. 2004-2005.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon. Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Quantitative Methods, Introduction to East Asian Studies, Inventing America, Inequality and Stratification in China. 2001-2004.

STATISTICAL CONSULTANT

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Washington State) Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH). Duties included data input, analysis, and management, report writing and consultation with project staff on this project investigating the relationship between Native American cultural identity and alcohol and drug-related behaviors on the Colville Reservation. 2006.

PROGRAM DEAN

Institute for the International Education of Students (IES), Chicago, Illinois. Responsible for curriculum, program development, intercultural competency issues, budgets and administration for Asian and Australian non-profit study abroad programs. 1999-2000.

TEAM MEMBER

North China rural household socioeconomic survey project. This project surveyed six villages using the World Bank Living Standard Measurement Survey. Preparatory phase responsibilities included negotiating with central and local level officials from the Chinese government; conducting and monitoring pre-test interviews with farming families; localizing the questionnaire to fit the specific situation in northern Chinese villages; trained Chinese surveyors in questionnaire implementation and theory. 1992.

LANGUAGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Moran, Stahl & Boyer, Boulder, Colorado. Located and trained foreign language teachers in intensive language training techniques for foreign language programs. These cross-cultural and language training programs helped prepare staff being relocated abroad by corporate clients such as AT&T, Hewlett Packard, Procter & Gamble and Chrysler. 1988-1989.

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2005-2008 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded evaluation project, titled: "Enhanced Evaluation of Native Youth Suicide Prevention Program." Serving as Principal Investigator on this grant to evaluate tribal youth suicide intervention programs.
- 2003-2005 NSF funded research project, titled "Rational Calculation vs. Trust: A Comparative Institutional Analysis of Emerging Credit Card Markets in Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies." Served as co-Researcher.

- 2000-2001 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs—Harvard Academy of Scholars Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- 1997 Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon Association of San Diego Graduate Fellowship.
- 1994-1995 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grant.

SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Mackin, J.R., Rockhill, A., and Perkins, T. (January 2009). "Native Youth Suicide Prevention Program Site-Specific Annual Reports." Prepared for eight of the Oregon tribal communities participating in the program.
- Mackin, J.R., Perkins, T., Powell, M., Rockhill, A. (August 2008). Native Youth Suicide Prevention Program Enhanced Evaluation: Baseline Comparison Report: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey Data, 2004-2005.
- Perkins, T. and Mackin, J.R. (February 2008). "The NARA NW Family Circle Program: Midterm Implementation and Outcome Report." Prepared for the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest.
- Perkins, T. Mackin, J.R. and Weller, J.M. (February 2008). "Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Employment Readiness and Placement Program, the SELF Project, at Baltimore City Juvenile Drug Court Process Evaluation." Prepared for Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake. February 2008.
- Perkins, T. and Mackin, J.R. (December, 2007). "Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake Employment Enhancement Program at Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: *Process Evaluation*." Prepared for the Maryland Office of Problem-Solving Courts.
- Perkins, T. (February 2006). "CPMS Data – Selected Statistics from Calendar Years 2003-2005 with Comparisons of NARA NW and Oregon (Non-NARA NW) Clients, UNDUPLICATED." Technical report prepared for the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest.
- Perkins, T. (September 2005). "Treatment Readiness Integration Program (TRIP): One-Year Evaluation." Prepared for Multnomah County Department of Research and Evaluation.
- Perkins, T. (June 2005). "Severe and Persistent Mental Illness: Multnomah County Utilization of the State Hospitals in Comparative Perspective." Prepared for Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- Perkins, T. (May 2005). "Brief Overview of Developmental Disabilities Program Client Race/Ethnicity and Language." Prepared for the Multnomah County Developmental Disabilities Program.
- Perkins, T. (April 2005). 'Using the IRMA Database to Compare Multnomah County DUII Clients with "Successful" and "Unsuccessful" Treatments.' Prepared for the Multnomah County Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) Unit. April 2005.
- "Canary in the Mineshaft: Tracking Changes in Involuntary Commitment Investigator Workload." Prepared for the Multnomah County Involuntary Commitment Program. December 2004.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"The Other Side of Nightlife: Family and Community in the Life of a Dance Hall Hostess." In *China: An International Journal* 6(1) March, 2008.

"Honest Farmers and Entrepreneurial Fiends: Intravillage Inequality in a Rural Chinese Township," in *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 51(3) April, 2003:719-751.

Village, Market and Well-Being in a Rural Chinese Township. New York and London: Routledge, 2002.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS, PANELS AND LECTURES

Perkins, T. (April 16, 2009). *The power of protection: A population-based comparison of Native and non-Native youth suicide attempters*. Powerpoint presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, San Francisco, CA.

Carey, S. M., & Perkins, T. (April 24, 2008). *Methamphetamine and the latest research on promising practices for drug courts*. Powerpoint presented at the annual meeting of the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, Osage Beach, MO.

Panel Organizer of "Trust, Rationality and the Challenges of Emerging Credit Card Markets" at the International Institute of Sociology Annual Conference held in Beijing, China July 7-11, 2004. Presented the paper, "Theorizing credit card decision making in mainland China."

"The Credit Card Market in Mainland China: An Example of Institutional Isomorphism?" Presented as part of a regular session in Economic Sociology at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 15-19, 2003.

"Credit Worthiness Decision-Making in Mainland China: An Overview and Some Observations." Presented at the interdisciplinary conference on Credit, Trust and Calculation, held at UCSD on November 15-17, 2002.

"History, Human Capital and Social Capital in Market Transformation: A View From a Rural Chinese Township." Presented as part of a regular session in Economic Sociology at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference held in Anaheim, California, August 18-22, 2001.

"Geography, Market, and Policy in China: Consequences for Village Development in a Rural Chinese Township." Invited lecture given on November 15, 2000, at Brandeis University as part of the East Asian Studies Colloquium Series.

"Western Research on Rural Stratification and Poverty Alleviation in China." Presented (in Mandarin) on August 4th, 1999, at the International Conference on Social Stratification and Social Mobility in China. This conference was in Beijing, China, and funded by the Ford Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Oregon Program Evaluator's Network
- American Evaluation Association