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EMPLOYMENT:

2013-present Associate Professor, Boston University
2007-2013 Assistant Professor, Boston University
2011-present Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Iceland

EDUCATION:

2007 Ph.D. Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
Thesis: *Medicalizing Mental Health: A Comparative View of the Public, Private, and Professional Construction of Mental Illness* (Committee: Bernice A. Pescosolido, Chair; Clem Brooks; Patricia McManus; Eliza K. Pavalko; Brian Steensland; and Runar Vilhjalmsson.

Minor: Applied Social Statistics
Examination: Medical Sociology and Stratification (Committee: Bernice A. Pescosolido, Chair; Eliza K. Pavalko; and Clem Brooks).

2006 Preparing Future Faculty Certification

2002 M.A. Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
Thesis: *Medical Treatment or Mental Health Treatment? Americans' Treatment Preferences for Mental Health Problems* (Committee: Bernice A. Pescosolido, Chair; and Patricia McManus).

1998 B.A. Sociology. University of Iceland, Reykjavik
Thesis: *Suicide among Adolescents* (Adviser: Thorolfur Thorlindsson)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

Medical Sociology (Health Disparities, Organization of Health Care, Utilization, Mental Health)
Political Sociology (The Welfare State, Globalization, Cultural Representation, Social Policy)
Comparative Research (Medical Systems, Political Systems, Cultural Systems)
Research Methods (Quantitative and Qualitative)

PUBLICATIONS:*Peer-Reviewed Articles*

Olafsdottir, Sigrun, Jason Beckfield, and Elyas Bakhtiari. Forthcoming. "Contextualizing Disparities: The Case for Comparative Research on Social Inequalities in Healthcare." *The Sociology of Health Care*, 31:

Beckfield, Jason, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Ben Sosnaud. 2013. "Healthcare Systems in Comparative Perspective: Classification, Convergence, Institutions, Disparities, and Five Missed Turns." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39:127-46.

Beckfield, Jason, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Elyas Bakhtiari. 2013. "Health Inequalities in Global Context." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57:1014-39.

Ragnarsdottir, Berglind H., Jon G. Bernburg and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2013. The Global Financial Crisis and Individual Distress: The Role of Subjective Comparisons after the Collapse of the Icelandic Economy." *Sociology* 47:755-75.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. 2011. "Constructing Illness: How the Public in Eight Western Nations Responds to a Clinical Description of "Schizophrenia." *Social Science and Medicine*, 73:929-38.

Beckfield, Jason and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2010. "Empowering Health: A Comparative Political Sociology of Health Disparities." *Perspectives on Europe* 39:9-12.

Pescosolido, Bernice and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2010. "The Cultural Turn in Sociology: Can it help us Resolve an Age-Old Problem in Understanding Decision-Making for Health Care?" *Sociological Forum* 25:655-76.

Sachweh, Patrick and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2010. "The Welfare State and Equality? Stratification Realities and Aspirations in Three Welfare Regimes." *European Sociological Review*.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. 2009. "Drawing the Line: The Cultural Cartography of Utilization Preferences for Mental Health Problems." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50:228-44.

Bolzendahl, Catherine and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2008. "Gender Group Interest or Gender Ideology? Comparing Americans' Support of Family Policy within the Liberal Welfare Regime." *Sociological Perspectives* 51:281-304.

Kikuzawa, Saeko, Sigrun Olafsdottir, and Bernice A. Pescosolido. 2008. "Similar Pressures, Different Context: Public Attitudes to Government Intervention for Health Care in 21 Nations." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 49:385-99.

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Jack K. Martin, Annie Lang, and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2008. "Rethinking Theoretical Approaches to Stigma: A Framework Integrating Normative Influences on Stigma (FINIS)." *Social Science and Medicine* 67:431-40.

Pescosolido, Bernice, A., Peter Jensen, Jack K. Martin, Jane McLeod, Brea L. Perry, Sigrun Olafsdottir, and Danielle Fettes. 2008. Public Knowledge and Assessment of Child Mental Health Problems: Findings from the National Stigma Study-Children." *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* 47:339-49.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2007. "Fundamental Causes of Health Disparities: Stratification, the Welfare State, and Health in the United States and Iceland." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 48:239-53.

Martin, Jack K., Bernice A. Pescosolido, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Jane D. McLeod. 2007. "The Construction of Fear: Modeling American's Preferences for Social Distance from Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Problems." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 48:50-67.

Other Peer-Reviewed Publications

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2011. "Health" *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Sociology*, edited by Jeff Manza. New York: Oxford University Press.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Jon G. Bernburg. 2010. "Fordómar og Geðræn Vandamál: Samanburður á Þremur Löndum [Stigma and Mental Illness: A Three-Country Comparison]" *Íslenska Þjóðfélagið* 1:69-94.

Book Chapters

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2012. "Social Construction and Illness." Pp. 41-59 in *Health Sociology on the Move: New Directions in Theory*, edited by William C. Cockerham. New York, NY: Springer.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2011. "Medicalization and Mental Health: The Critique of Medical Expansion, and a Consideration of how National States, Markets, and Citizens Matter." Pp. 239-60 in *The SAGE Handbook of Mental Health and Illness*, edited by David Pilgrim, Anne Rogers, and Bernice A. Pescosolido. London, England: Sage Publications.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Jason Beckfield. 2011. "Health and the Social Rights of Citizenship: Integrating Welfare State Theory and Medical Sociology." Pp 101-15 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healing: A Blueprint for the 21st Century*, edited by Bernice A. Pescosolido, Jack K. Martin, Jane D. McLeod, and Anne Rogers. New York, NY: Springer.

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Sigrun Olafsdottir, Jack K. Martin, and J. Scott Long. 2008. "Cross-Cultural Issues of the Stigma of Mental Illness." Pp. 19-35 in *Understanding the Stigma of Mental Illness: Theory and Interventions*, edited by Julio Arboleda-Florez and Norman Sartorius. West Sussex, England: John Wiley and Sons.

Other Publications

Pescosolido, Bernice A. and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2013. "Beyond Dichotomies: Confronting the Complexity of How and Why Individuals Come or Do Not Come to Mental Health Care." *World Psychiatry*.

Bernburg, Jon G. and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2012. "Vidhorf Islendinga til tekjujofnudar." (Icelanders' Attitudes toward Income Inequality). Pp. in *Throun Lifskjara og Velferdar (The Development of Quality of Life and Welfare)*, edited by Gudny B. Eydal and Stefan Olafsson. Reykjavik, Iceland. The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2011. "Er sjúkdómsvæðing góð eða slæm þróun á Íslandi? Orðræða stefnumótenda, sérfræðinga og hagsmunaaðila" (Is Medicalization Good or Bad Societal Development in Iceland? The Discourse of Policymakers, Specialists and Advocates). Pp. 511-18 in *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum XII: Félags-og Mannvísindadeild (Social Science Research XII: Sociology and Anthropology)* edited by Asa G. Asgeirsdottir, Helga Bjornsdottir and Helga Olafs. Reykjavik, Iceland: The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Palmadottir, Linda B., Jon G. Bernburg, Anna S. Vikingsdottir and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2011. "Fordómar og umburðarlyndi Íslendinga fyrir og eftir hrun" (Prejudice and Tolerance among Icelanders before and after an Economic Collapse). Pp. 421-27 in *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum XII: Félags-og Mannvísindadeild (Social Science Research XII: Sociology and Anthropology)* edited by Asa G. Asgeirsdottir, Helga Bjornsdottir and Helga Olafs. Reykjavik, Iceland: The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Bernburg, Jon G., Berglind H. Ragnarsdottir, and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2010. "Hverjir tóku þátt í Búsáaldabyltingunni?" (Who Participated in the Kitchen Tool Revolution?). Pp. 106-13 in *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum XI: Félags-og Mannvísindadeild – Ritstýrðar Greinar (Social Science Research XI: Sociology and Anthropology – Edited Articles)* edited by Helga Olafs and Hulda Proppe. Reykjavik, Iceland: The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Bernburg, Jon G., Berglind H. Ragnarsdottir, and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2009. "Viðhorf til eigin Atvinnutekna og Félagsleg Lagskipting" (Attitudes towards Income and Social Stratification). Pp. 179-88 in *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum X (Social Science Research X)* edited by Gunnar T. Johannesson and Helga Bjornsdottir. Reykjavik, Iceland: The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Jon G. Bernburg. 2009. *Viðhorf Íslendinga til Geðrænna Vandamála (Icelanders' Attitudes towards Mental Health Problems)*. Reykjavik, Iceland: Hugarafli.

Bernburg, Jon G. and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2008. "Sjúkdómsvæðing og Viðhorf Íslendinga til Geðrænna Vandamála" (Medicalization and Icelanders' Attitudes toward Mental Illness). Pp. 268-79 in *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum IX (Social Science Research IX)*, edited by Gunnar T. Johannesson and Helga Bjornsdottir. Reykjavik, Iceland: The Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2004. "Heilsufélagsfræði" (Medical Sociology). *Íslensk Félagsfræði: Landnám Alþjóðlegrar Fræðigreinar (Icelandic Sociology: Establishing an International Discipline)*, edited by Helgi Gunnlaugsson and Thoroddur Bjarnason. Reykjavik, Iceland: The University of Iceland Press.

Thorlindsson, Thorolfur and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2001. "Þróun Vímuefnaneyslu 1985-2000 (Trends in Drug Use 1985-2000)." *Fíkniefni og forvarnir: Handbók fyrir heimili og skóla, (Drugs and Prevention: Handbook for Home and School)*, edited by Árni Einarsson and Guðni Björnsson. Reykjavik: Fræðslumiðstöð í fíknivörnum.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 1999. "Sjálfsvíg Ungs Fólks (Suicide among Adolescents)." *Samfélagstíðindi (Journal of Society)*, 17:19-37.

Teaching Publications

Fettes, Danielle., Fang Gong, Sigrun Olafsdottir, and Eliza Pavalko (Eds.). 2002. *The Life Course: A Handbook of Syllabi & Instructional Materials*, third edition. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.

Book Reviews

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. 2012. "The Narcissism of Minor Differences: How America and Europe are Alike." *Social Forces*, Advanced access published July 3, 2012.

Encyclopedia Entries

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Elyas Bakhtiari. 2013. "The Social Construction of Mental Illness." Pp. in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall and Stella Quah.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Elyas Bakhtiari. 2013. "Social Constructivism." Forthcoming. Pp. in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall and Stella Quah.

Bakhtiari, Elyas and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2013. "Medicalization of Mental Illness." Pp. in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall and Stella Quah.

Crow, Elizabeth and Sigrun Olafsdottir. 2013. "Utilization of Mental Health Preventive Services." Pp. in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall and Stella Quah.

UNDER REVIEW:

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. "Professional Boundaries and Public Responses: How Lay Preferences for Advice Support and Counter Struggle in the Medical Division of Labor."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun, Elyas Bakhtiari and Emily A. Barman. "Public or Private? The Role of the State and Civil Society in Health and Health Inequalities Within and Across Nations."

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Sigrun Olafsdottir, Olaf Sporns, Eric Meslin, Tony H. Grubestic, Jack K. Martin, Laura M. Koehly, William Pridemore, Allesandro Vespignani, Tatiana Foroud, and Anatha Shekar. "The Social Symbiome Framework: Linking *Genes-to-Global* Cultures in Public Health Using Networks and Complex Systems Science.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. "Beds or Meds: The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-200."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. "Is Health Care Reform Contested in the U.S.? Public Attitudes Toward Government Involvement in Health Care, 1973-2010."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun. "The Welfare State in a Time of Crisis: Public Support and Determinants of Welfare Attitudes across 38 countries."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. "The Global Cartography of Utilization Preferences: Public Attitudes in a Cross-National Perspective."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. "How Dangerous are the Mentally Ill? A Cross-National Examination of Perceived Dangerousness of Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness.

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. "Successful Health Care Systems? Variations and Determinants of Public Attitudes in 33 Nations."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Bernice A. Pescosolido. "Converging Cultures of Health Care: A Cross-National Study of Citizen's Preferences for Government Involvement, 1985-2006."

Olafsdottir, Sigrun and Jason Beckfield. “Welfare, Wealth or Health Care: What Impacts Individual Health across Advanced, Industrialized Nations?”

Bakhtiari, Elyas, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Jason Beckfield. “Are Immigrants Always Healthier? Evaluating the ‘Healthy Immigrant Effect’ in Europe.”

Muller, Christopher, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Christopher Wildeman. “Does Deinstitutionalization cause Incarceration?” The Relationship between the Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System in Advanced, Industrialized Nations.”

Pescosolido, Bernice A. and Sigrun Olafsdottir. “The Global Landscape of Psychiatry: Public Support for Psychiatric Treatment in 16 countries.”

GRANTS:

- 2013-2015 The Icelandic Centre for Research: The Icelandic Research Fund. “Cross-National Data on Gender and Nationalism.” Award: \$150,000 (PI with Gudbjorg A. Jonsdottir, Gudbjorg L. Rafnsdottir, Thorgerdur J. Einarsdottir, Catherine I. Bolzendahl and Tom Smith).
- 2012 The Ministry of Environment. “ISSP Survey on the Environment.” Award: \$10,000 (PI with Jon G. Bernburg and Sara Sigurbjorns-Oldudottir).
- 2011 Landsbankinn – Environmental Fund. “ISSP Survey on the Environment.” Award: \$4,000 (PI with Jon G. Bernburg and Sara Sigurbjorns-Oldudottir).
- 2011 Landsvirkjun – Community Fund. “ISSP Survey on the Environment.” Award: \$6,000 (PI with Jon G. Bernburg)
- 2011-2012 Edda – Center of Excellence. “Social Inequality, Subjective Justice, and Well-Being.” Award: \$35,000 (Co-PI with Jon G. Bernburg).
- 2010-2012 The National Institutes of Health: NICHD. “A Comparative Approach to Social Inequalities in Health.” R03 (1R03HD066013-01). Award: \$179,167. (PI with Jason Beckfield).
- 2009-2011 The Icelandic Centre for Research: The Icelandic Research Fund. “Cross-National Data on Social Inequality and the Environment.” Award: \$150,000. (with Jon Gunnar Bernburg and Tom Smith).
- 2008 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Seed Grant for the project: “The Comparative Political Economy of Health Inequities, 1960-2005.” Award: \$35,000. (with Jason Beckfield, Nancy Krieger, Mauricio A. Pabon, and Claus Wendt).

- 2008 ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for a national conference “Expanding Comparative Frames for Medical Sociology: Professionals, Patients, and the Public.” Award: \$3,100. (With Karen Lutfey and Patricia Rieker).
- 2005-2007 The Icelandic Centre for Research: The Icelandic Research Fund. “Stigma in a Global Context: Icelander’s Attitudes towards Mental Health Problems.” Award: \$100,000. (with Bernice A. Pescosolido, Thorolfur Thorlindsson, and Jon Gunnar Bernburg).
- 2006 University of Iceland: University Research Fund. “Stigma in a Global Context: Icelander’s Attitudes towards Mental Health Problems.” Award: \$20,000. (with Bernice A. Pescosolido, Thorolfur Thorlindsson, and Jon Gunnar Bernburg).
- 2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science, SES-0526236. “Medicalizing Mental Health: A Comparative View of the Public, Private and Professional Construction of Mental Illness.” Award: \$6,250.
- 2003 The Icelandic Centre for Research: The Icelandic Research Fund for Graduate Students. “Medicalizing Mental Health: A Comparative View of the Public, Private and Professional Construction of Mental Illness.” Award: \$22,000.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- 2013 Morris Collaborative Research Grant, Boston University, Award: \$2,500 (with Elyas Bakhtiari).
- 2012 Dean’s International Travel Grant, Boston University, Award: \$2,000.
- 2012 Morris Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, Boston University. Award: \$500.
- 2011 Morris Junior Faculty Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Boston University. Award: \$2,500.
- 2010 ICPSR-Junior Faculty Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University. Award: \$2,500 (deferred to 2011).
- 2010 Morris Faculty Research Award, Department of Sociology, Boston University. Award: \$4,000.

- 2009 Morris Junior Faculty Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Boston University. Award: \$6,500.
- 2008 Award for Best Dissertation in Mental Health. Mental Health Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2008 Esther L. Kinsley Ph.D. Dissertation Award for the Most Outstanding Dissertation, Indiana University. Award: \$4,000.
- 2008 Encouragement Award, Hugarafl (Mental Health Advocacy Group) for Outstanding Research on Mental Illness.
- 2007 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2006 Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Indiana University. Award: \$14,000.
- 2006 Junior Scholar Award to attend the Ohio State University Conference on Inequalities in Health and Well-Being over the Life Course.
- 2005 Research Award and Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSO), Indiana University.
- 2005 Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences (COAS), Indiana University.
- 2005 Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2005 Scholarship of the Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg. University of Mannheim, Germany.
- 2005 Fellowship for Outstanding Doctoral Student, the National Bank, Iceland.
- 2005 Paper Award from the Midwest Sociological Society in Honor of Nicholas Babchuk for “Public Solutions or Private Problems? Understanding U.S. Support for Family Policy in a Comparative Perspective.”
- 2003 Grant-in-Aid Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University.
- 2003 Two-Semester Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 2002 Travel Grant for ICPSR Summer Courses.
- 2000 American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship.

- 1999 Fulbright Fellowship. Award: \$12,000
- 1999-2002 Indiana University Departmental Fellowship.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2013 “Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003” University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- 2012 “The Welfare State in a Time of Crisis: Public Support and Determinants of Welfare Attitudes across 38 countries.” University of Iceland and Edda Center of Excellence. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2012 Is Health Care Reform Contested in the U.S.? Public Attitudes Toward Government Involvement in Health Care, 1973-2010. Research in American and Comparative Politics Workshop, Boston University Department of Political Science, Boston, MA.
- 2011 “What to Do? Icelanders’ Attitudes toward Mental Health Service Use in a Comparative Perspective.” Seminar Series of the Department of Public Health and the National Museum in Iceland to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the University of Iceland. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2011 “Is Iceland Unequal? University of Iceland, Department of Social and Human Sciences and the Icelandic Sociological Society, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2011 “Medicalizing Mental Health: A Comparative View of the Public, Private and Professional Construction of Mental Illness.” Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA.
- 2010 “Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003” Universität Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany.
- 2010 “Gendered Welfare Support? Exploring Public Attitudes toward State Involvement in the Mental Health Field.” University of California, Irvine, CA.
- 2009 “Successful Health Care Systems? Variations and Determinants of Public Attitudes in 33 Nations.” The Duke Center for European Studies, Durham, NC.

- 2009 “Do Icelanders have Prejudice toward Mental Health Problems.” Hugarafll, Reykjavik, Iceland (with Jon Gunnar Bernburg).
- 2008 “The Socioeconomic Gradient in Health: A Cross-National Variable.” The Harvard Center for European Studies. Harvard University, Boston, MA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2008 “Income Inequality and Health: New Directions for Research.” The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Seminar Series. Harvard University, Boston, MA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2008 “The Socioeconomic Gradient in Health: A Cross-National Variable.” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2008 “Welfare, Wealth or Health Care: What impacts Individual Health across Advanced, Industrialized Nations?” American Sociological Association, Boston, MA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2008 “Logistics of Survey Implementation: Issues in Translation and Cultural Boundaries.” International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional, and Multicultural Context (3MC), Berlin, Germany (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2007 “Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003.” The Social Welfare Analysis Working Papers Colloquium. Boston University, Boston, MA.
- 2006 “Stigma in Global Context – Mental Health Study (SGC-MHS): Preliminary Findings.” World Psychiatric Association International Congress, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2006 “The Socioeconomic Gradient in Health: A Cross-National Variable.” The Pitt International Conference on Inequality, Health, and Society. Pittsburg, PA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2005 “Medicalizing Mental Health: A Comparative View of the Public, Private, and Professional Construction of Mental Illness.” The Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES). Universität Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2013 “The Health Consequences of Collapsed Economy: Evaluating the Impact of the Economic Crisis in Iceland on Health and Health Inequalities.” Council of European Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2013 “Who is Stigmatized? Exploring Cross-National Variation in Stigma in Europe.” Council of European Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2012 “The Global Schizophrenia Paradox: Stigma and Levels of Development.” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO (with Jack K. Martin, Bernice A. Pescosolido, Tait Medina, and J. Scott Long).
- 2012 “Are Immigrants Always Healthier? Evaluating the ‘Healthy Immigrant Effect’ in Europe.” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO (with Elyas Bakhtiari and Jason Beckfield).
- 2012 “Converging Cultures of Health Care: A Cross-National Study of Citizen’s Preferences for Government Involvement, 1985-2006.” Council for European Studies, Boston MA (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2012 “Are Immigrants Always Healthier? Evaluating the ‘Healthy Immigrant Effect’ Cross-Nationally in Europe.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY (with Elyas Bakhtiari and Jason Beckfield).
- 2011 “Constructing Illness: How the Public in Eight Western Nations Responds to a Clinical Description of “Schizophrenia.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2011 “Compassion or Expertise? The Sources and Determinants of Public Trust in Doctors in the United States and Iceland.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2010 “Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 “Wealth, Health Care and the Welfare State: The Impact of Institutional Arrangements on Health across 22 European Countries.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2010 “The Cultural Turn In Sociology: Can It Help Us Resolve an Age-Old Problem in Health Sociology?” XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).

- 2010 Shifting Institutions, Shifting Inequalities? How Institutional Changes in European Healthcare Systems Relate to Changing Health Inequalities.” XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2010 “Professional Boundaries and Public Responses: How Cultural Preferences for Child Mental Health Treatment Support and Counter Struggles in the Medical Division of Labor.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2010 “Social Comparisons and Attitudes Toward Own Pay: A Cross-National Analysis.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA (with Jon Bernburg and Berglind Ragnarsdottir).
- 2009 “Health Inequities in Global Context: Evidence from the World Values Survey.” American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA (with Jason Beckfield).
- 2009 “Gendered Welfare Support? Exploring Public Attitudes toward State Involvement across 15 Nations.” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- 2008 “Sjúkdómsvæðing og Viðhorf Íslendinga til Geðrænna Vandamála” (Medicalization and Icelanders’ Attitudes toward Mental Illness). Thjodarspegill, Reykjavik, Iceland (with Jon G. Bernburg).
- 2008 “The Welfare State and Equality? Stratification Realities and Aspirations in Three Welfare Regimes.” The First ISA Forum of Sociology: Sociological Research and Public Debate. Barcelona, Spain (with Patrick Sachweh).
- 2006 “The Interplay of Globalization and the Social Organization of Welfare in the Medicalization of Mental Health: A Comparative View of 21 OECD Countries.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 “Drawing the Line: The Cultural Cartography of Utilization Preferences for Mental Health Problems.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada (with Bernice A. Pescosolido).

- 2005 “The Construction of Fear: Modeling Americans’ Preferences for Social Distance from Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Problems.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (with Jack K. Martin, Bernice A. Pescosolido, and Jane D. McLeod).
- 2005 “Global Networks, Local Processes: Understanding the Influence of Global Structures and Discourse on National Actors in the Mental Health Field.” The 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2005 “Public Solutions or Private Problems? Understanding U.S. Support for Family Policy in a Comparative Perspective.” The Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN (with Catherine I. Bolzendahl).
- 2004 "Seifu hairyo bunya ni donoteido kainyu subekika?: 21kakoku ni miru kokuminishiki no shuren to bunki." (How much government intervention is appropriate in health care? Convergence and divergence in public attitudes among 21 countries)" Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology, Tokyo, Japan. (with Saeko Kikuzawa and Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2004 “Global Convergence or Persistent Cultural Variation? Public Attitudes to Government Intervention for Health Care.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (With Saeko Kikuzawa and Bernice A. Pescosolido).
- 2003 “Converging Medical Systems? A Dynamic View of Public Attitudes in the United States, Australia, Great Britain, Germany, and Italy.” American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA (With Bernice A. Pescosolido and Saeko Kikuzawa).
- 2003 “Revisiting American Exceptionalism: Public Attitudes towards Gender and Gender Policies in Five Liberal Welfare States.” Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA (With Catherine I. Bolzendahl).
- 2001 “Inequality in an Equal Society? Class differences in Health in Iceland.” American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA.
- 1999 “Suicide among Adolescents.” NYRIS (The Sixth Nordic Youth Research Symposium), Reykjavik, Iceland.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2009-present Co-Principal Investigator for “Icelanders’ Attitudes toward Social Inequality and the Environment.
- 2005-2008 Co-Principal Investigator for “Stigma in a Global Context: Icelandic’s Attitudes towards Mental Health Problems.”
- 2002-2007 Research Assistant for Bernice A. Pescosolido, NIMH Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research (ICMHSR)
- 2001- 2002 Research Assistant: “Work and Health Among Midlife Women”(Grant #: R29-AG11564). Eliza K. Pavalko (principal investigator), National Institute of Aging.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Boston University, *Society and Health, Sociological Methods, Political Sociology, Sociology of Mental Illness, Mental Illness Seminar, Medical Sociology Seminar* (Undergraduate), *Sociological Methods, Dissertation Workshop, Independent Study in Categorical Data Analysis, Independent Study in Medical Sociology, Independent Study in the Sociology of Gender, Independent Study in Quantitative Methods, Independent Study in Qualitative Methods, Independent Study in Medical Sociology* (Graduate).

University of Iceland, *Sociology of Mental Illness, Research Methods* (Undergraduate).

University of Mannheim, Germany, *Health, Healing and the Welfare State* (Graduate).

Indiana University, *Medicine in America* (Undergraduate).

THESIS ADVISING (* indicates chair / co-chair / primary advisor)Dissertations:

- Asa Asgeirsdottir (University of Iceland, in progress)
 Karl Aspelund (Boston University, completed 2010)
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Qualifying Papers:

Elyas Bakhtiari (Boston University, completed 2013)*
Robin Branco (Boston University, in progress)
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STUDENT AWARDS

Elyas Bakhtiari (2012), NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellowship (GRFP)

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To the Profession

Discussant, session on Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Research Session. Issues in Health, Mental Health and Well-Being. American Sociological Association, New York (2013)

Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Editorial Board (2012-2015).

International Social Survey Programme (ISSP), Project Manager for Iceland (2010-present).

Discussant, session on “Learning from Episodes in Health Policy.” Council of European Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2013).

Chair, sessions on “Stigma of Mental Illness in Europe” and “Health, Politics, and Inequalities in Europe.” Council of European Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2013).

Discussant, session on “Complex Systems in Health and Healthcare Delivery.” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO (2012).

Chair, session on “European Health Care Systems”. Council for European Studies, Boston, MA (2012).

Íslenska Þjóðfélagið: Tímarit Félagsfræðingafélags Ísland (The Icelandic Society: The Journal of the Icelandic Sociological Society, Editorial Board (2011-present).

Organizer, Medical Sociology Regular Sessions. American Sociological Association (2011).

Organizer, the 4th US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Expanding Comparative Frames for Medical Sociology: Professionals, Patients, and the Public (2010-2012).

Presider, session on “Creating Attitudes: H1N1, HIV, ADHD and Social Risk. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA (2010).

Co-facilitator for a Working Group on Health Disparities, the 3rd US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Expanding Comparative Frames for Medical Sociology: Professionals, Patients, and the Public, Boston, MA (with Jason Beckfield; 2008).

Organizer, the 3rd US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Expanding Comparative Frames for Medical Sociology: Professionals, Patients, and the Public (2007-2008).

Member, Graduate Programs Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2007).

Reviewer: Journals

Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, BMC Public Health, Comparative Politics, Current Sociology, European Journal of Political Research, European Sociological Review, Health Expectations, Health Policy, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Journal of Social Welfare, International Sociology, International Studies Quarterly, Íslenska Thjóðfélagið (Icelandic Society), Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Population Studies, Social Forces, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Research, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Forum, The Sociological Quarterly, Stjornmal og Stjornsysla (Politics and Administration)

Reviewer: Presses

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To the University

Organizer, Sociology Seminar Series, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2007-present).

Official Representative, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Boston University (2008-present).

Member, the Boston University Premedical and Predental Advisory Board, Boston University (2009-present).

Organizer, Societies, Politics, and Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2009-present).

Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2012)

Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2010).

Member, Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2009).

Member, Morris Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2009)

Member, Merit Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2009).

Organizer, Work-in-Progress Seminar, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2008-2009).

Outstanding Mentor Committee, Indiana University (Member 2001-2002; Chair 2003-2005).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

--Sections: Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology

Eastern Sociological Association

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SPECIAL TRAINING:

- 2011 Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Course in Hierarchical Linear Modeling.
- 2005 German Language Training, Summer Semester, Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF), University of Mannheim, Germany.
- 2003 ResearchTalk, Inc. ATLAS.ti Users Training Workshop, Bloomington, IN.
- 2002 Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Courses in Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Simultaneous Equations Modeling and Social Network Analysis.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES:

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