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Education

2000 PhD, Sociology, The University of Iowa
1993 MA, Sociology, California State University Fullerton
1991 B.A, Sociology and Psychology, California State University Fullerton,

Academic Positions

2022 Professor, Kent State University
2006 Associate Professor, Kent State University
2000 Assistant Professor, Kent State University

Teaching and Research Interests: Social Psychology, Self and Identity, Mental Health, Stigma and Mental Illness

Honors and Awards

2018 University Distinguished Undergraduate Student Mentorship Award
2010 University Distinguished Teaching Award Recipient
2009 University Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist
2008 Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology
2008 University Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist
2003 Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee
2002 Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology
2001 Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee
1999 Carl J. Couch Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, The University of Iowa
1998 Outstanding Teaching Award, The University of Iowa Council on Teaching, The University of Iowa

Research Grants and Fellowships

External Funding

Marcussen, Kristen, Principal Investigator. 2021. "Understanding Social Stigma, Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Identity." *National Science Foundation* (\$213,000).

Marcussen, Kristen, Principal Investigator (with Mary Gallagher). 2011. "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Sources of Psychological Distress among Adults." *National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Award* (\$8,759).

Marcussen, Kristen, Principal Investigator (with Richard T. Serpe). 2010. "An Identity Theory of Psychological Distress." *National Science Foundation* (\$146,872).

Ritter, Christian (Principal Investigator), Mark Munetz, Jennifer Teller, Kristen Marcussen, and Brent Teasdale (Investigators/Senior Personnel). "Mental Health Court: For Whom Does it Work and Why." Funded by the *Ohio Department of Mental Health* and the *Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services* (\$32,000).

Mickelson, Kristin (Principal Investigator), Kristen Marcussen and Amy Kroska (Co-Investigators). 2008. "Postpartum Distress in First-Time Mothers and Fathers Risk and Protective Factors." *Ohio Board of Regents Research Grant* (\$49,838).

Marcussen, Kristen, Principal Investigator (with Elizabeth Piatt). 2005. "Race Differences in the Psychosocial Determinants of Depressive Symptoms." *National Institute of Mental Health Minority Dissertation Research Grant* (\$30,000).

Marcussen, Kristen, Faculty Sponsor (for Elizabeth Piatt). 2001-2004. *National Institute of Mental Health /American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program* (\$65,000).

Simon, Robin W., Principal Investigator (with Kristen Marcussen). 1999. "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Marital Status and Psychological Well-Being: A Comparison of Married and Cohabiting Individuals." *National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Award* (\$4,750)

Internal Funding

Research and Creative Activity Summer Appointment. 2018. "Measuring the Mental Illness Identity." *Kent State University* (\$10,000).

Research Activity Support. 2018. "The Mental Illness Identity." *Kent State University* (\$3,500).

Research Activity Support. 2012. "Identities, Life Experiences and Well-being." *Kent State University* (\$2,500).

Collaborative Research Grant, Principal Investigator (with Richard T. Serpe and Christian Ritter). 2012. "Identities, Life Experiences and Well-Being." *Northeastern Ohio Medical University and Kent State University* (\$10,000).

Transformative Learning Grant. 2009. "Using Student Response Systems in Large Classrooms." Office of the Provost, *Kent State University* (\$15,000).

Research Activity Support. 2008. "Aspirations and Obligations in Adult Social Roles." *Kent State University* (\$2,500).

Other University Research Awards

2012 Research and Creative Activity Leave, Fall/Spring 2012-12, *Kent State University*

2007 Research and Creative Activity Leave, Spring 2007, *Kent State University*

2004 Research and Creative Activity Leave, Spring 2004, *Kent State University*

2002 Research and Creative Activity Leave, Fall 2002, *Kent State University*

Publications

Gallagher, Mary, Kristen Marcussen, and Richard T. Serpe. 2022. "Multiple Identities and Sources of Reflected Appraisals in Identity Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 85: 142-163. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725221081798>

Marcussen, Kristen, Katharine Gary and Richard T. Serpe. 2021. "Meaning Matters: Measuring the Mental Illness Identity." *Social Science Research*. 100. 102617
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X21000946?dgcid=author>

Marcussen, Kristen, Mary Gallagher, and Christian Ritter. 2021. "Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Identity." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62: 19-36.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146520976624>

Marcussen, Kristen, Mary Gallagher, and Christian Ritter. 2019. "Mental Illness as a Stigmatized Identity." *Society and Mental Health* 9: 211-227. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2156869318810326>

Marcussen, Kristen and Mary Gallagher. 2017. "The Role of Aspirations and Obligations in Explaining the Relationship between Identity Discrepancies and Psychological Distress." *Sociological Perspectives* 60: 1019-1038. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121417707754>

Gross, Christi L. and Kristen Marcussen. 2017. "Postpartum Depression in Mothers and Fathers: The Role of Parenting Efficacy Expectations During the Transition to Parenthood." *Sex Roles* 76: 290-305. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-016-0629-7>

Kalkhoff, Will, Kristen Marcussen, and Richard T. Serpe. 2016. "To Thine Own Self Be True? Clarifying the Effects of Identity Discrepancies on Psychological Distress and Emotions." *Social Science Research* 58:14-33. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2016.02.007> (1.96)

Marcussen, Kristen and Emily K. Asencio. 2016. "Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Self-View." PP. 473-508 in Jan E. Stets and Richard T. Serpe (eds.) *New Directions in Identity Theory & Research*. Oxford University Press.

Marcussen, Kristen and Christian Ritter. 2016. Revisiting the Relationships among Community Mental Health Services, Stigma, and Well-Being, pp. 177-206 in Brea L. Perry (ed.) *50 Years After Deinstitutionalization: Mental Illness in Contemporary Communities (Advances in Medical Sociology, Volume 17)* Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/S1057-629020160000017007>

Ritter, Christian, Jennifer L.S. Teller, Kristen Marcussen, Mark Munetz and Brent Teasdale. 2011. "Crisis Intervention Team Officer Dispatch, Assessment, and Disposition: Interactions with Individuals with Severe Mental Illness." *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 34:30-38. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlp.2010.11.005>

Marcussen, Kristen, Christian Ritter and Mark Munetz. 2010. "The Role of Self and Social Support in the Relationship between Mental Health Services Mental Services, Stigma and Quality of Life." *Psychiatric Services* 61:1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1176/ps.2010.61.5.489>

Ritter, Christian, Jennifer L.S. Teller, Kristen Marcussen, Natalie Bonfine, Dana L. Sohmer, and Mark R. Munetz. 2007. "The Quality of Life of People with Mental Illness: Effects of Participation in Akron's Mental Health Court on Consumers' Quality Of Life" in Dee Roth and Wilma J. Lutz (eds) *New Research in Mental Health* (pp. 124-135).

Marcussen, Kristen. 2006. "Identities, Self-Esteem, and Distress: An Application of Identity-Discrepancy Theory." *Sociological Perspectives* 49:1-24.
<https://doi.org/10.1525/sop.2006.49.1.1>

Marcussen, Kristen. 2005. "Explaining Differences in Mental Health between Married and Cohabiting Individuals." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 68: 239-257. <https://doi.org/10.1177/019027250506800304>

Marcussen, Kristen and Liz Piatt. 2005. "Race Differences in the Relationship between Role Experiences and Well-Being." *health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness, and Medicine* 9:379-402. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363459305053165>

Marcussen, Kristen, Christian Ritter, and Deborah Safron. 2004. "The Role of Identity Salience and Commitment in the Stress Process." *Sociological Perspectives* 47: 289-312. <https://doi.org/10.1525/sop.2004.47.3.289>

Marcussen, Kristen and Michael D. Large. 2003. "Using Identity Discrepancy Theory to Predict Psychological Distress" in *Advances in Identity Theory and Research*, Peter J. Burke, Timothy J. Owens, Richard T. Serpe, and Peggy A. Thoits (eds). Kluwer/Plenum: NY.

Large, Michael D. and Kristen Marcussen (authorship equal). 2000. "Extending Identity Theory to Predict Differential Forms and Degrees of Psychological Distress." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 63:49-59. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2695880>

Simon, Robin W. and Kristen Marcussen. 1999. "Marital Transitions, Marital Beliefs and Mental Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 40:111-125. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2676367>

Other Publications

Marcussen, Kristen. 2003. Review of "Just Living Together: Implications of Cohabitation on Families, Children, and Social Policy." *Contemporary Sociology*. 32:575-576.

Publications in progress

Mickelson, Kristin D. and Kristen Marcussen. 2022. "Hers, His, & Theirs: Understanding Gender and the Transition to Parenthood Through Three Lenses." *Under contract with Springer Books (expected completion date October 2022)*

Academic Presentations

Marcussen, Kristen, Mary Gallagher and Christian Ritter. 2020. "Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Identity." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Van Horn, Struther and Kristen Marcussen. 2020. "Mental Health Policy and Well-Being: The Role of Structural Stigma in Quality of Life." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Marcussen, Kristen and Emily K. Asencio. 2016. "An Identity Model of Mental Illness." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.

Marcussen, Kristen and Emily K. Asencio. 2015. "Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Self-View." Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Long Beach, CA.

Marcussen, Kristen and Richard T. Serpe. 2014. Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Portland, OR.

Kalkhoff, Will, Richard T. Serpe, and Kristen Marcussen. 2014. "Verification versus Enhancement Revisited: Clarifying the Effect of Identity Discrepancies on Psychological Distress and Moral Emotions." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA

Marcussen, Kristen and Emily K. Asencio. 2014. "Stigma Resistance and the Mental Illness Self-View." Identity Conference, Riverside CA.

Gross, Christi, Kristen Marcussen and Kristin D. Mickelson. 2012. "The Mental Health Implications of Unmet Parenting Efficacy Expectations." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, August, Denver CO.

Burke, Jessica and Kristen Marcussen. 2012. "Interracial Relationships and Mental Health: A Preliminary Analysis of Black/White Couples." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems meetings, August, Denver CO.

Piatt, Elizabeth and Kristen Marcussen. 2010. "Race Differences in the Effects of Social Roles on Mastery and Depressive Symptoms." American Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Gallagher, Mary, Christian Ritter and Kristen Marcussen. 2010. "Examining the Impact of Victimization on Distress, Substance Abuse, and Self-Concept among People with Severe Mental Illness." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Ritter, Christian, Jennifer Teller, Kristen Marcussen, Mark Munetz and Brent Teasdale. 2010. "Police Officers as Street Corner Psychiatrists: Assessments and Transportation to Treatment." 2010 CMHS National GAINS Center Conference, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Ritter, Christian and Kristen Marcussen. 2009. "The Relationship between Dispatch Codes and Disposition for Crisis Intervention Team Police Officers." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

Ritter, Christian and Kristen Marcussen. 2008. "The Effects of Mental Health Court on Criminal Recidivism, Stigma, Social Support and Self-Concept." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, Boston, MA.

Ritter, Christian and Kristen Marcussen. 2007. "The Role of Self and Social Support in the Relationship between Mental Health Services, Stigma, and Quality of Life." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Ritter, Christian and Kristen Marcussen. 2006. "The Stress of Stigma, Coping Resources, and Well-Being among Persons with Mental Illness," 10th International Conference on Stress Research, Portsmouth, NH.

Everett, Tiffani, Rebecca Erickson, and Kristen Marcussen. 2006. "Considering the Ties that Bind: Identity Characteristics, Stress, and Well-Being Among Registered Nurses." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA.

Ritter, Christian, Jennifer L.S. Teller, Kristen Marcussen, Natalie Bonfine, Dana L. Sohmer, and Mark R. Munetz. 2006. "The Quality of Life of People with Mental Illness: Effects of Participation in Akron's Mental Health Court on Consumers' Quality Of Life." The National GAINS conference, Boston, MA.

Marcussen, Kristen. "Exploring the Relationship between Identities, Self-Esteem, and Distress: An Application of Identity-Discrepancy Theory." 2005. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Marcussen, Kristen. 2004. "Explaining Differences in Mental Health between Married and Cohabiting Individuals." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Piatt, Liz and Kristen Marcussen. 2003. "Race Differences in the Effect of Balancing Work and Family Roles on Well-Being." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

Marcussen, Kristen, Deborah J. Safron, Christian Ritter, and Kathleen M. Brennan. 2002. "Using Identity Theory to Examine the Relationship between Inequity, Coping Resources, and Psychological Well-Being," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Marcussen, Kristen. 2001. "Revisiting Marital Status and Mental Health: Assessing the Transition from Cohabitation to Marriage," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.

Simon, Robin W. and Kristen Marcussen. 1998. "Marital Transitions, Marital Beliefs and Mental Health," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

Marcussen, Kristen and Michael D. Large. "Extending Identity Theory to Predict Differential Forms and Degrees of Psychosocial Distress," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Toronto, Canada.

Marcussen, Kristen. "The Costs and Benefits of Women's Employment: An Application of Self-Discrepancy Theory," 1996. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

Marcussen, Kristen and Michael D. Large. 1996. "Specifying Affective Responses: Extending Identity Theory," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

Invited Presentations and Professional Activities

Organizer and Presider, "*Social Psychology Open Topic Session.*" 2018. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Presider, "*Stratification and Mental Health.*" 2017. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, BC.

Organizer and Presider, "*Social Psychological Approaches to the Study of Mental Health.*" 2003. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.

Presider, "*Roles and Racial Variations in Mental Health.*" 2003. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.

Panelist, "*Teaching the Sociology of Mental Health.*" 2001. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.

Organizer, Social Psychology Regular Session "Social Psychological Aspects of Health." 2001. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. St. Louis, MO.

Co-Presenter, "*Teaching in the Aftermath of National Tragedy.*" 2001. Celebrating College Teaching Conference Schedule (with Jerry Lewis). Kent, OH.

Presider, Social Psychology Roundtable Session. 2000. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Washington, DC.

Discussant, Social Psychology Paper Session. 1999. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Undergraduate Recruitment, Iowa Sociological Association Meetings. 1999.

Professional Service

University Committee Memberships and Positions

College Advisory Committee, Kent State University, 2020-2021.

Faculty for the Institute of Student Success, Kent State University, 2018-2019.

College Curriculum Committee, Kent State University, 2008-2011

University Teaching Council Conference Committee, Kent State University, 2002-2003

Department Committee Memberships and Positions

Alpha Kappa Delta Advisor, Kent State University, Department of Sociology, 2016-2021

Undergraduate Coordinator, Kent State University, Department of Sociology, 2008-2011

Faculty Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, 2002-2021 (4 terms)

Graduate Education Committee, Department of Sociology, 2013-2020 (3 terms)
Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2000-2011 (3 terms)

National Committee Memberships

American Sociological Association Mental Health Section, Chair (2019-2021)
American Sociological Association Mental Health Section, Secretary/Treasurer (2012-2014)
American Sociological Association Mental Health Section, Membership Chair (2008-2011)
American Sociological Association Mental Health Section, Council Member (2005-2007)
American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section, Student Member (2000-2002)

Editorial Review Boards

Social Psychology Quarterly (2010-2012) (2023-2025)
Society and Mental Health (2010-2012; 2020-2022)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

National Science Foundation; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Social Psychological Quarterly; Sociological Focus; Sociological Perspectives; health: An Interdisciplinary; Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness, and Medicine; The Sociological Quarterly; Current Research in Social Psychology; Journal of Family Issues; Symbolic Interaction; Social Forces; Sex Roles; American Sociological Review; Social Currents; Journal of Marriage and the Family, Society and Mental Health.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (Mental Health, Medical Sociology, Social Psychology)
Society for the Study of Social Problems