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**EDUCATION**

- 8/08- 8/09                    M.A., Communication  
Degree conferred 12/09 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois  
Thesis project: Photobook entitled *America Under Construction*  
Thesis paper: "America Under Construction: The ever-evolving state of American Identity as communicated through picture"
- 8/00-12/05                    A.B.D., PhD program, Sociology (International, Comparative, and Asian Societies)  
department                    University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
exam passed 11/02            Dissertation: "Making Visible the Invisible Nation: Aung San Suu Kyi and The Importance of Leadership in the Transnational Fight for Political Freedom." (Put on hold)
- 3/4 complete                Certificate, Gender and Women Studies  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- August 2000                    Masters of Arts, Sociology (emphasis in Applied Social Research)  
California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, California  
Thesis:                        "Portrait of Oppression: Displacement of Burmese Individuals, Both Within and Outside of the National Borders, as a Form of Oppression and Its Effect on their Democratic Freedom Movement"
- December 1997                Bachelor of Science, Sociology (Criminology), English Minor  
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 1/07 - present    **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois**  
Soc 1100:                    Introduction to Sociology (6+ times, **one online**)  
Soc 1120:                    Sex, Gender, and Power  
Soc 2220:                    Sexual Relationships, Marriage, and The Family (6+ times, **two online**)  
Soc 2230:                    Criminology (3 times, **one online**)
- 9/03 - present    **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois**  
Soc 101:                    Introduction to Sociology (5+ times/ **took over mid semester once**)  
Soc 210:                    Sociology of the Family (2 times)  
Soc/CJ 213                    Writing for the Social Sciences and Law (**hybrid**)  
Soc/CJ 220:                    Social Deviance (**took over mid semester**)  
Soc 221:                    Social Problems  
Soc225/LS275:                Race and Ethnic relations (2 times)  
Soc/CJ/WMStu 235:            Sex, Society, and Culture  
Soc 255:                    Sociology of Sport  
CJ 302:                    Organized Crime (2 times)  
Soc/CJ 307:                    Delinquency (2 times)  
Soc/CJ 316:                    Crime Victims (3 times, **one online**)  
Soc 370:                    Sociology of Art (2 times)  
SocGr 570:                    Theory and Practice of Social Change (for Business department)

- 8/08 - 5/09     **INSTRUCTOR**  
**COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois**  
Coms 100:            Fundamentals of Communication (2 times)
- 8/08 - 5/09     **TEACHING ASSISTANT**  
**COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois**  
Jour 335:            Principles of Public Relations (2 times)
- 1/01 - 5/08     **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Morton College, Cicero, Illinois**  
Soc 100:            Introduction to Sociology (19 times)  
Soc 101:            The Family (6 times)  
Ind 199:            Independent Study: Family and self-esteem  
Soc 201:            Minority/Majority group relations  
Soc 220:            Introduction to Social Work (4 times)
- 9/04 - 5/05     **INSTRUCTOR**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois**  
CJ 255:            Introduction to Criminology  
Soc/CJ 265:         Crime and Social Justice (**took over mid semester**)  
Soc 382:            Social Change (**took over mid semester**)
- 2/04- 12/04    **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois**  
LJ360:            Social Deviance and Control  
LJ370:            Conflict, Mediation, and Cooperation  
LJ380:            Sociology of Careers and the Emerging Workplace  
LJ390:            Political Sociology (2 times)
- 8/03 - 5/04     **VISITING LECTURER**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois**  
Soc 100:            Introduction to Sociology  
Soc 105:            Social Problems
- 9/04-12/04     **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois**  
PADM 403:           Quantitative Methods
- 9/02 - 11/02    **INSTRUCTOR**  
**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois**  
Soc 419:            Urban Sociology
- 1/01 - 12/02    **INSTRUCTOR**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois**  
Soc 100:            Introduction to Sociology (6 times)  
Soc 105:            Men, Women, and Social Change  
Soc 319:            Sociology of Media  
Soc 320C:          Topics in Race and Gender: Global perspectives of Identity, Oppression,  
                          and Social Movements  
Soc 396:            Independent Study: Group Profiling

8/00 - 12/02    **TEACHING ASSISTANT**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois**  
Soc 100:                    Introduction to Sociology (3 times)  
Soc 202:                    Introduction to Statistics  
Soc 220:                    Research Methods  
Soc 220/400:                Research Methods/Advanced Research Methods

**RESEARCH/CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

1/03-present    **COMMUNICATION CONSULTANT/PHOTOGRAPHER/DIRECTOR/FOUNDER**  
**ALFORD ENTERPRISES, Berwyn, Illinois**  
Am currently working or have worked on public relations, research, and/or photography jobs for various individuals and agencies, including a documentary film premiere, Stewart Private Capital, opera singer Celeste Martino, NiPDi, Cook County Department of Public Health, and the Young Adult Ministry Program for the Catholic Diocese. Includes fundraising, event planning, and research for fundraising opportunities.

4/10- 7/10      **Census Taker (Enumerator)**  
**UNITED STATE CENSUS - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Lombard, Illinois**  
Interview citizens. Complete census forms.

9/02-1/03      **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**  
**GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE, UIC, Chicago, Illinois**  
Conducted research regarding Arabs and Arab Americans and the effect September 11<sup>th</sup> had on their identity issues, as well as other issues. Much of the research was conducted online and in newspapers, but also includes traditional methods as well.

5/99-1/02      **RESEARCH CONSULTANT/DIRECTOR/FOUNDER**  
**ALFORD RESEARCH CENTER, Placentia, California and Berwyn, Illinois**  
Have completed research jobs for various individuals and agencies, including CSUF Dean of Students Office and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

5/99-7/00      **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**  
**CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, Fullerton/Anaheim, California**  
Assigned to the Orange County Probation's research department. Handled all data collection regarding the youth in the Repeat Offender Prevention Program (ROPP) and their control group counterparts.

**PUBLICATIONS (or related)**

Alford, Bonniejean. 2008. "Five Souls Stolen but Teach a Valuable Lesson." Breathe Again Magazine, August 2008 issue. online: <http://www.breatheagainmagazine.com/story11.htm>.

Hinde, Bonniejean Alford. 2009. Creator, moderator, and author for an Academic blog communicating social justice issues. Online: <http://socialevolutionreborn.wordpress.com>.

## PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS

- Alford, Bonniejean. "Finding the Normal." 2010. Photographic essay containing nine photographs on display at The Awakenings Foundation and Gallery. Chicago Illinois.
- Alford, Bonniejean. "*Let Me Out!*" 2002. First Place, Black and White Agriculture category. Old World Wisconsin, Annual Photography Contest.
- Alford, Bonniejean. "*Refugee Child With Food.*" 2002. Timeless Wishes. March 2002. Owing Mills: The International Library of Photography.
- Alford, Bonniejean. "*Refugee Children at Play,*" "*Refugee Home,*" and "*Refugee camp.*" 2001. Prism, V8:5.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "*Using Blogs to teach Sociology.*"
- "*Communicating Identity: Marriage, Salutations, and taking on the man's name.*"
- "*The Language of Belly Dancing.*"
- "*Breaking the Cocoon of Beauty: Barbie and the Imagined State of Girlhood power.*"
- "*Leading a People from Behind Closed Doors: Aung San Suu Kyi and the Burmese Democratic Freedom Movement.*"
- *An Unhealthy Displacement: The Burmese Military's use of Oppressive Tactics as Means of Control and as a Counter Movement Against the Democratic Freedom Movement.*
- "*Global Networks, Global Communities: Using the Internet as a Means to Understand the Existence of Transnational Social Movement Organizations.*"
- "*Communicating Equality: Using C. Wright Mills to extrapolate meaning for two differential quests for equality.*"

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| March 2010          | Philosophy of Religion course, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois<br><b>Guest Lecturer</b> (twice), "My personal faith journey"  |
| March 2010          | Career planning course, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois<br><b>Guest lecturer</b> , "interviewing skills and the real job market"  |
| April 2009          | Principles of Public Relations course, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois<br><b>Guest lecturer</b> , " <i>WalMart - Marketing Genius or PR Nightmare.</i> "  |
| April 2009          | Career planning course, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois<br><b>Guest lecturer</b> , " <i>Making Decisions about graduate school.</i> "   |
| October 2008        | Principles of Public Relations course, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois<br><b>Guest lecturer</b> , " <i>WalMart - Marketing Genius or PR Nightmare.</i> "  |
| October 2008        | Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois<br><b>Presenter/Workshop Leader</b> , " <i>Critical Thinking for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student.</i> "  |
| June 2003-June 2006 | <b>Presenter</b> , Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, Illinois<br>Various topics and presentations in and around the Chicago area.   |
| April 2003          | <u>Midwest Sociological Association Annual Conference</u> , Chicago, Illinois<br><b>Presenter.</b> " <i>Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy: Leading a Nation to Freedom from Behind Closed Doors.</i> "<br><b>Presenter.</b> " <i>Global Networks and Global Communities: Using the Internet to Understand Transnational Social Movements as Communities.</i> "<br><b>Session organizer.</b> " <i>Notable Social Leadership: Women Organizers of Transnational and Domestic Social Movements</i> "<br><b>Session organizer.</b> " <i>Community Across Borders: Activism and Organizational Development as a Path to Understand Transnational and Global Communities.</i> "<br><b>Session organizer, Discussant.</b> " <i>Curriculum Without Boundaries: A Cross-Disciplinary Approach to Bringing the World into the Classroom.</i> " |

- March 2003 5th Annual Conference on Ethnography, Chicago, Illinois  
**Presenter.** *“Gang Youth in Prison: An Exploration of family, Respect, and Trust.”*
- November 2002 Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, Illinois  
**Presenter.** *“Rape as a War Crime in Burma.”*
- October 2002 Sociology Day 2002: Building Bridges: Making Weak Ties Strong, UIC, Chicago, Illinois.  
**Planning Committee.**  
**Presenter.** *“Global Networks, Global Communities, and the Actor Network Theory: Using the Internet as a Means to Understand the Existence of Transnational Social Movements.”*
- February 2002 4th Annual Conference on Ethnography, Chicago, Illinois  
**Presenter.** *“Portrait of Oppression: Another Look.”*
- February 2000 Newman Catholic Student Center, DeKalb, Illinois.  
**Presenter.** *“Promoting Social Justice: A discussion on the experiences working with the Burmese Refugees in Thailand.”*
- March 2000 Sociology Day 2000, California State University Fullerton  
**Planning committee, attendee, speaker presenter, and graduate student panel.**
- March 1999 Campus Outreach and Opportunity League, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
**Presenter.** *“Being a Successful Volunteer: Regaining a sense of purpose and appreciation for their service.”*  
**Co-Presenter** with Angeline Santiago, CSUF. *“Building Service Projects from the Foundation Upward: The development of a successful project.”*

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- 8/08-05/09 Tuition Waiver  
 Department of Communication, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois
- June 2005 All Around Advocate (a.k.a. Volunteer of the Year -one of 3)  
 Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, Illinois
- June 2004 All Around Advocate (a.k.a. Volunteer of the Year -one of 3)  
 Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, Illinois
- 8/00 - 5/04 Tuition Waiver  
 Department of Sociology, UIC, Chicago, Illinois
- Spring 2002 Classroom Assessment Techniques Implementation Grant  
 Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois
- Fall 2001 Classroom Assessment Techniques Grant  
 Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois
- May 2000 Outstanding Leadership and Student Service  
 Department of Sociology, CSUF, Fullerton, California
- May 2000 Outstanding and Devoted Service  
 Alpha Kappa Delta, CSUF, Fullerton, California
- April 2000 Outstanding Service to Your Community  
 Community-based Learning And Service Center, CSUF, Fullerton, California
- May 1999 Outstanding and Devoted Service  
 Community-based Learning And Service Center, CSUF, Fullerton, California
- May 1999 Appreciation for Dedication and Volunteer Service  
 County of Orange, Orange, California

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

10/10-present	Association of Professional Genealogists
10/10-present	Alford American Family Association
9/03 - 8/06	American Association of University Professors
1/02 - 12/05	Midwest Sociological Society
1/01 - 12/05	American Judicature Society
1/99 - 12/05	Society for the Study of Social Problems
1/98 - 12/05	American Sociological Association
1/98 - 12/05	American Society of Criminology
11/99 - 11/00	National Center for Nonprofit Boards

**OTHER ACTIVITIES AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

11/2010-present	editor, AAFA quarterly newsletter
4/2010-6/2010	Visionary Awards Planning committee , RVA, Chicago, Illinois
May 2009	Blackboard Workshop, Teaching and Learning Center, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois (certificate issued)
2/2009-8/2009	Judicial Advocate, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
October 2008	Ethics training, State of Illinois via Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
Spring 2008	Teaching Squares, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn Illinois
Fall 2007	Teaching Squares, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn Illinois
2/07	Workshop for critical thinking, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois
9/06 - 12/06	Workshop for critical thinking (Certificate Issued), Morton College, Cicero, Illinois
October 2006	Ethics training, State of Illinois via Morton College, Cicero, Illinois
4/05 - 7/06	Volunteer, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois
7/02 - 6/06	Rape Victim Advocate, Educator, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> level advocate, RVA, Chicago, Illinois
8/03 - 8/04	President, Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter Formation Committee Sociology Department, UIC, Chicago, Illinois
7/03 - 7/05	Participant and Coordinator of the Chicago Office U.S. Campaign for Burma, Washington D.C. and Chicago, Illinois
7/03 - 12/03	Grant Writing Committee, Young Adult Ministry Expansion, Young Adult Ministry, Chicago Diocese, Chicago, Illinois
7/02 - 7/03	Sociology Department Graduate Advisory Counsel, UIC, Chicago, Illinois
3/99 - 7/2003	Participant and Coordinator of the Chicago Office Free Burma Coalition, Washington D.C. and Chicago, Illinois
Spring 02 and 03	Article referee for <u>The Sociological Quarterly</u>
Spring 2000	Reviewer for <u>Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World</u> , by Clark Neher Publisher, Southeast Asian Studies Department, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois
5/99-7/2000	President, Alpha Kappa Delta, CSUF Chapter, Fullerton, California
Spring 1999	Member, Alpha Kappa Delta, CSUF Chapter, Fullerton, California
11/98-5/00	CommUNITY Connection Project Director Community-based Learning Programs, CSUF, Fullerton, California
10/98-6/99	Graduate Assistant and Service Learning Student Advisor Community-based Learning Programs, CSUF, Fullerton, California
3/98-9/98	Child Care Worker Ettie Lee Homes, Bloomington, California
9/97-12/97	Youth Counselor, Intern Illinois Youth Correctional Center, St. Charles, Illinois

8/96-5/97 Student Admissions Representative  
Office of Admissions, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois

9/95-9/96 Director of Communications, American Marketing Association, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois

9/94-9/95 Editor and Coordinator of *Market Share Newsletter*, American Marketing Association, NIU,  
DeKalb, Illinois

**SPECIAL SKILLS AND TRAINING**

- Proficient with both IBM Compatible and Macintosh computers
- Software Proficiency: WordPerfect, Word, Windows, Dreamweaver, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, Access, SAS, SPSS, DOS, Unix-based programs, and others.
- Completed two semesters of Sign language and am able to communicate with hearing impaired individuals
- Able to understand Spanish well enough to communicate. Reads Spanish proficiently.
- US Census Training on using the 2002 Census information to track Immigrants and Ethnic groups in the United States, with particular focus on the Arab Americans. Southeast Asian Institute, Washington D.C., November 2002
- Certified as a rape victim advocate by the State of Illinois and RVA, June 2002
- Completed training as a rape awareness educator with RVA, October 2003
- Completed Classroom Assessment Technique Training, NEIU, Fall 2001
- Completed Conflict Resolution and Confrontation Skills training, May 1998
- Completed Professional Assault Response Training, March 1998
- Completed Paraprofessional Communications Skills training, NIU, April 1994