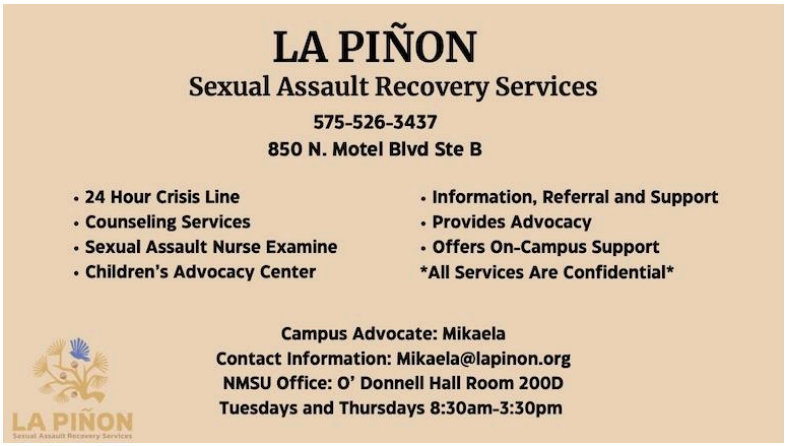
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2002, The Ohio State University
M.A. in Sociology, 1995, The Ohio State University
B.A. in Biology, 1984, Albion College, Michigan

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024 – 2027	Editorial Board Member, *Dialogues in Sociology* published by Sage
2026 – 2029	Associate Editor, Frontiers in Education, Multidisciplinary Open Access
2018 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, NMSU
	Associated Faculty, Borderlands and Ethnic Studies Program, NMSU
2012 – 2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NMSU
2009 – 2012	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NMSU
2002 – 2009	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis
	Faculty Affiliate, The Center for Research on Women
	Faculty Affiliate, The Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Social Inequalities and Stratification
Sociology of Sex and Gender
Collective Memory Studies
Scholarship on Teaching and Learning
Decolonizing & Indigenizing Sociology
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Sport
Social Movements & Social Change
Settler Colonialism & US Land Grant Institutions

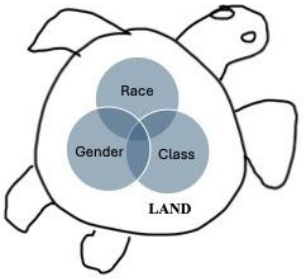
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Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2015. "Institutionalizing counter-memories of the U.S. civil rights movement: The National Civil Rights Museum and an application of the interest-convergence principle." ***Sociological Forum*** 30(2): 305-327.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio, Jane Asche, Joy Goldbaum and Dale Yeo. 2015. ***A Study of Quality Of Life & Well-Being in Doña Ana*** County, Las Cruces, NM: League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces. [Available at http://www.lwvglc.org/documents/lwvglc_qol_final2_2015.pdf]

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Reprinted in Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila Rupp (Eds.). 2006. ***Feminist Frontiers*** (Seventh Edition). New York: McGraw-Hill.

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Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2011. Review of *From Servants to Workers: South African Domestic Workers and the Democratic State* by Shireen Ally. ***American Journal of Sociology*** 116 (4): 1351-1354.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2007. Review of *Laduma!: Soccer, Politics, and Society in South Africa* by Peter Alegi. ***International Journal of African Historical Studie***s, 40 (1).

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UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2015. DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN -- College of ARTS & SCIENCES (CAS) at NMSU. Proposed by CAS DIVERSITY COMMITTEE under the Deanship of Dr. Christa Slaton.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2013. *Report of The College of Arts and Sciences' Student Diversity Survey.* Prepared for the Diversity Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, New Mexico State University.

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. *Final Report of South African Women Footballers' Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of Soccer Athletes participating in the SAFA-Western Province Women's Football League in South Africa.* Prepared for the South African Football Association (SAFA).

Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2003. *Final Report of South Africa Netball Participant Survey 2000: Experiences and Views of South African Netball Players, Coaches, and Managers.* Prepared for the South African Netball Association.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROCESS

Pelak, Cynthia F. and Erika Gisen. "Moves To Accountability: Settler Land-Acknowledgements as a Pedagogical Tool." Under review at TEACHING SOCIOLOGY.

Geisen, Erika and Cynthia F. Pelak. "Restructuring Environmental Sociology Curricula: Considering Indigenous Perspectives and Decolonization." Under review at TEACHING SOCIOLOGY.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. Manuscript in process: "Beyond Performance and Moves to Innocence: Sociology Department politics, Disciplinary Betrayal, and Sexual Violence."

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. April 23, 2026. "*The Ethics of Servingness of a "white" settler professor: My journey of 'unsettling' the colonial roots of Sociology and Indigenizing my pedagogy."* Roundtable presentation at the Servingness Summit sponsored by the College of Health, Education and Social Transformation (HEST) at New Mexico State University.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. February 2017. "Decolonial Anti-racist pedagogy: Teaching and Learning about pseudo-Indian sport mascots." NMSU Department of Sociology Colloquium Series 2016-2017.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio and Luis Sarellano. 2015. "Decolonial Pedagogy in the Borderlands: Teaching about the American Indian movement to eliminate racist and colonialist imagery in U.S. sports." North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) Annual Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2015. "Quality of Life and Well-Being in Dona Ana County, New Mexico: 2013-2014." League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces publication. Presentation in Las Cruces, NM on February 23, 2015.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2014. "Reclaiming and Remembering the Genius of Beah Richards' A Black Woman Speaks… of White Womanhood, of White Supremacy, of Peace." Poster Presentation at the 14th Annual NMSU University Research Council Research and Creative Activities Fair. Las Cruces, NM. October 6, 2014.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2014. "Theorizing the Intersections of Race, Gender and Class in the 1950s: Beah Richards' *A Black Woman Speaks… of White Womanhood, of White Supremacy, of Peace.*" Race, Gender and Class Annual Conference, University of New Orleans, March 2014.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2013. "Remembering and Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards' *A Black Woman Speaks… of White Womanhood, of White Supremacy, of Peace.*" Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University. February 18, 2013.

Hamzeh, Manal, Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak and Heather Sykes. 2011. "Hijabizing sexism and Islamophobia: The FIFA ban of Iranian women's soccer." North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2011. "Remembering and Forgetting the Black Freedom Struggle." Invited lecture at the Civil Rights Heritage Center at the Natatorium, Indiana University- South Bend.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2011. "Sex testing, "Real" Women, and Racialized bodies in Sports." Women's History Month Lecture Series, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. March 2011.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2010. "Author Meets Critics: Jerry Lembcke's Hanoi Jane: Hanoi Jane: war, Sex & Fantasies of Betrayal." Annual Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Santa Fe, NM: November 2010.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2010. "Our history is not for sale": Contesting Collective Memory at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. Collective Memory Regular Session, Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA: August 16, 2010.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2010. "Gendering Soccer and Citizenship in the New South Africa." Invited Lecture for African Studies Seminar: FIFA 2010: Soccer in Africa. Kansas African Studies Center, University of Kansas.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2008. "Contesting Public Commemoration of the Black Freedom Struggle in the Context of Neoliberal Urban Governance." Mid-South Sociological Association, Huntsville, Alabama.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2008. "Still Standing at the River: Race and Class Hierarchies 40 years after the Memphis Sanitation Worker Strike." Invited by African & African American Studies Program at SUNY-Oswego for Black History Month.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2007. "Sexist Naming Practices and Athletic Opportunities in Colleges and Universities in the U.S. South." Girls & Women Rock: Celebrating 35 years of Sport & Title IX, Academic and Legal Conference. Cleveland State University.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio and Patricia Clark. 2006. "Reclaiming the Genius of Beah Richards: A cross-disciplinary analysis of *A Black Woman Speaks… of White Womanhood*." Annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association in Oakland, CA.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2006. "Sexist Naming Practices and Opportunities in Collegiate Athletics." Women's Research Forum, Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2005. "Gender, Race, and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Invited speaker for Gender Lecture Series at Mississippi State University.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2004. "Athletes and sports administrators as agents of change: An examination of shifting race relations within women's netball in post-apartheid South Africa." Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2004. "Future Directions in Masculinities Research." Presentation for Research Interest Group on Inequality and Social Change organized by the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Memphis.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2003. "Athletes as Agents of Change: A case study of shifting race relations within women's netball in post-apartheid South Africa." Department of Sociology's Colloquium Series, University of Memphis.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2003. "Some Paradoxes of Race, Gender, and Class in the Masculine Domain of Boxing." Into the Ring with Boxing: A Symposium presented by the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities. University of Memphis.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2002. "Answering the Call to Racialize Gender Analyses in Sport: A Case Study of Netball from Post-apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA), Memphis, Tennessee.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2001. "Exploring Intersections of Race, Gender and Class in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Anaheim, California.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2000. "Preliminary Findings from a Case Study of Gender and Sports in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2000. "Gender and the Democratic Transition in South Africa."

Interdisciplinary Symposium on Race and Gender at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 2000. "Women and Sport in an International Context: A Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa." Women in Sport Symposium, Bowling Green University, Ohio.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 1998. "Serendipitous Findings: Interviewer-gender Effects in a Telephone Survey about Gender and Sport." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, California.

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio. 1995. "The Ice Rink as Gendered Space: Women Ice Hockey Players Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), Sacramento, California.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Paper Awards

2006 *Outstanding Article Award* from the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. "Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations within Women's Netball in Post-apartheid South Africa." *Sociology of Sport Journal* (2005), 21: 59-77.*

1997 *The Clyde W. Franklin Award* for the Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Gender and/or Race, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University. Paper title: "Contested Sport Space: An Exploration of Women Challenging the Chilly Climate of Collegiate Ice Hockey."

Teaching Awards and Grants

2013 *The Apple Award* for Distinguished Members from the Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University. Spring 2013.

2003 *Technology Access Fee (TAF) Grant.* ($9,699) "Teaching about Globalization, Culture, and Information Technology: "Is 'Place' Still Relevant?" This grant was co-authored with Drs. York Bradshaw, Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak, Steve Scanlan, and Barbara Ellen Smith. The grant supported a cross-continental honors course for students at the University of Memphis and University of Pretoria (South Africa).

2000 *Teaching Excellence Award.* Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

Service Awards

2002 *Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award* for service with the Undergraduate Student Services in the Department of Sociology, Ohio State University. Awarded by the Office of the President, Ohio State University.

2000 *Professional Development Fund Grant.* Council of Graduate Students, Ohio State University. ($300)

1999 *Preparing Future Faculty Fellow.* Graduate School, Ohio State University. ($150)

Research Grants and Fellowships

2007 *Donovan Travel Award* ($500), College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis. The funds will be used to support qualitative data collection for research on sexist naming practices in collegiate athletics in the Southern United States.

2005-2007 *Working Group Program Grants* ($750 and $500), Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis. "Southern Africa Research Group." The grants have and will support the work of an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students organized to encourage new theoretical insights and research on transnational struggles for social justice.

2004-2005 *Academic Enrichment Funds Grant* ($4,000) and *Public Service Funds* ($1,000), University of Memphis. "Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA." This grant was co-authored with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan, Cynthia Pelak and Melissa Checker for the Center for Research on Women (CROW). The grant supported an international symposium on NAFTA and social justice issues.

2003 *New Faculty Research Initiation Award.* (Summer Salary). Office of the Provost, University of Memphis.

2003 *Faculty Development Supplementary Travel Fund.* ($500). Center for International Programs and Services, University of Memphis. *Project Title*: A Consideration of Global Economic Factors and Changing Race and Gender Relations in post-apartheid South Africa.

2000-2001 *Research Support Awards.* ($350 and $500). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

2000 *Elizabeth D. Gee Dissertation Fund Grant.* ($1,000). Department of Women's Studies, Ohio State University.

2000 *International Dissertation Research Travel Grant.* ($1,600). Office of International Studies, Ohio State University.

1999 *Summer Research & Publishing Fellowship.* ($3,750). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

1998 *Survey Research Fellowship.* ($3,000). Survey Research Center, College of Arts and Science, Ohio State University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University

- ☐ Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate, Classroom and Online)
- ☐ Gender and Society (Undergraduate, Classroom and Online)
- ☐ Sociology of Families (Undergraduate, Online)
- ☐ Sport and Society: Viewing the Wider World (Undergraduate, Classroom and Online)
- ☐ Advanced Racial and Ethnic Relations (Graduate, Classroom and Online)
- ☐ Social Movement Theories (Graduate, classroom)
- ☐ Social Stratification (Graduate, Online)
- ☐ Special Topics: Social Inequalities (Graduate/Undergraduate, classroom)
- ☐ Sociological Theories (Graduate, Classroom and Online)

Department of Sociology, University of Memphis

- ☐ Race and Ethnic Minorities (Undergraduate)
- ☐ Sociology of Gender (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- ☐ METHODS of Social Research (Graduate)
- ☐ Multi-Racial Feminist Theory (Graduate)
- ☐ Women, Race, and Social Inequality (Graduate)

Department of Sociology, Ohio State University

- ☐ Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
- ☐ Types of Sociological Inquiry (Undergraduate)
- ☐ Social Stratification (Undergraduate)
- ☐ Sociology of Sport (Undergraduate)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2001-2002 *Undergraduate Student Advisor*, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

1996-1998 *Graduate Survey Research Associate*, Survey Research Center, The Ohio State University. Paul J. Lavrakas, Director.

1994-1995 *Graduate Research Associate*, The Center for Human Resource Research, The Ohio State University. National Longitudinal Survey (NLS).

HISTORY OF SERVICE

Professional Service

Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS). 2026-2027 Committee Chair for the Cheryl Allyn Miller Award in Gender and Work Scholarship. Appointed position.

Manuscript reviewer for *American Sociological Review, Social Problems, Sociological Quarterly*, *Qualitative Sociology, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Critical African Studies, Sociological Forum, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Sociology of Education, Journal of Masculinities, Journal of Women's History, Gender and Society, Social Currents, Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal, International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Sport in Society,* and *Sociology of Sport Journal.*

Presider/discussant for the *Collective Memory* session "Forgetting and Remembering Past Conflicts" at the 2011 Annual meeting of American Sociological Association (ASA) in Las Vegas, NV.

Presider/discussant for *Race, Class, and Gender* session "Transforming Struggles over Race, Class, and Gender" at the 2005 Annual meeting of American Sociological Association (ASA) in Philadelphia, PA.

Organizer of the *Race and Sports* sessions at the 2004 Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sports (NASSS) in Tucson, AZ.

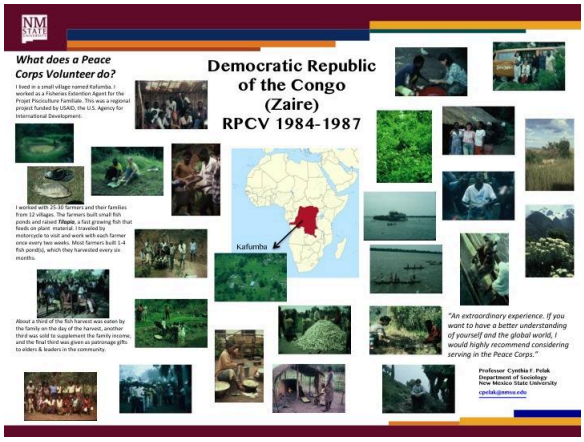
Discussant for Fall 2004 Research Workshop titled "Shifting Demographics & Identity" sponsored by the Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis.

Organizer/Presider for a *Graduate* Student Research session at the 1996 Annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.

Assistant Program Coordinator for the 1995 Annual meeting of the North American Society

for the Sociology of Sport. Timothy Curry, President Elect of NASSS.

Peace Corps Volunteer, Agricultural Extension Agent (Fisheries), The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa;1984-1987.



Academic Departmental Service

Sociology Ethics Committee Co-Chair, Department of Sociology, NMSU, 2023-2024.

Department Head Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University, 2019-2020.

Undergraduate Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University, 2013-present.

Library Liaison for the Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program at New Mexico State University, 2009 to present.

Search Committee for the Director of the Center for Research on Women (CROW), University of Memphis, 2005.

Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2003-2007.

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis, 2002 & 2006.

Affirmative Action Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 1996-99.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 1997-98.

College and University Service

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Student organization – *The Spooky People Club*, 2023-present. See https://crimsonconnection.nmsu.edu/organization/spookypeopleclub

Diversity Council Committee Member, College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation, NMSU, 2021- present. DEI Statement for HEST.

General Education Assessment Committee, Office of the Provost, New Mexico State University, 2016 - 2018.

CAS Diversity Committee Member, College of Arts & Sciences, New Mexico State University, 2012 – 2017.

Search Committee for the Director of the Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis, 2007.

Subcommittee for Equity, Welfare, and Sporting Conduct of the Self-Study of Athletic Programs and NCAA Certification, University of Memphis, 2003-2004.

Coordination Committee for Social Science Research Consortium, University of Memphis, Fall 2003.

Preparing Future Faculty Advisory Committee, Graduate School, Ohio State University, 1999-2000.

Other Campus Service/Partnerships

Philanthropy Fair Participant with the League of Women Voters of Southern NM, Organized by the Office of Experiential Learning, November 15, 2023.

Survivors Matter Panel Discussion, New Mexico State University, April 19, 2022.

Peace Corps Cultural Night, Presenter, New Mexico State University, February 26, 2014.

Implementing Writing Across the Curriculum, Panel Participant, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University, October 18, 2013.

Panel member of the 1st Annual Town Hall Testimonios: "The Prevalence of the Perceived Absence" presented by The Critical Multicultural Educators Graduate Student Organization at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. April 16, 2013.

Organizer of the "Voices of Social Change" Film Series sponsored by the Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University, 2010 – present.

Organizer for film screening of *Proof of Innocence* and discussion with wrongly convicted Memphian Clark McMillan. University of Memphis, April 21, 2009.

Faculty facilitator for campus "Real Talk" discussion sponsored by the Empowered Men of Color on the campus of the University of Memphis, November 2008.

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Forum, University of Memphis. "Sexist Naming Practices at Southern Colleges and Universities", April 13, 2007.

Organized film *Moolaade,* sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, University of Memphis, March 2007.

Guest Speaker for Social Pupils, Undergraduate Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis. Presentation on "Experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central Africa" given during 2006.

Organized event for 2006 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Department of Sociology and The Benjamin Hooks Institute. Invited speaker: Dr. Townsand Price-Spratlen, Ohio State University. "Safe and Sacred Spaces in African American Community-Building: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives." April 2006.

Faculty facilitator of student-organized Forum on Racism on Campus, University of Memphis, October 2006.

Honorary Coach for the Women's Basketball Team, University of Memphis, January 2006.

Organized screening of *Long Night's Journey into Day: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa.* Southern Africa Research Group, University of Memphis, 2005.

Co-organizer of International Conference *The Transnational Linkages and Conflicts of NAFTA.* Organized with Drs. Barbara Ellen Smith, Jane Henrici, Stephen Scanlan and Melissa Checker, University of Memphis, March 2005.

Faculty organizer and discussant for an *Election Film Series* sponsored by the Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis, Autumn 2004.

Faculty evaluator for *Works in Progress Symposium*, University Honors Program, University of Memphis. November 2003.

Faculty facilitator for the *"It's Not All Black and White: Exploring Reparations Symposium*," African and African American Studies, University of Memphis, November 2002.

Teaching Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 2000.

Presenter for United Black World Month. "Black Feminisms," Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 2000.

Community Service, Media Appearances, and Outreach

NMSU The Round Up. November 15, 2025. "Mic'd & Marginalized podcaster shares Indigenous stories and navigates Diné identity" Byline photo of Farrah PeiperFarrah Peiper, Staff Writer. https://nmsuroundup.com/31007/showcase/micd-marginalized-podcaster-shares-indigenous-stories-and-navigates-dine-identity/#

Volunteer work with a Local Bee Rescue group -- The Beesters (January 2020 - present). We safely remove unwanted Honeybee colonies/hives on behalf of local Doña Ana County residents and reestablish the Honeybee colonies in fabricated hives to do pollination work in the community. [See the *Neighbors* magazine for May/June 2022 (https://lascruces.com/the-benefits-of-bees-and-local-honey/), which was written by a NMSU student, Melissa Luna, who is a budding photo-journalist.]

Election Official Presiding Judge/Judge/Clerk, Doña Ana County's Board of Elections Office, Election Day November 2020; Early Voting October 2021; Election Day November 2021; Primary Early Voting May 2022; and Primary Election Day June 2022.

Facilitator, *NM Listens Project,* League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico, February 2022 to present. Sponsored by the NM Humanities Council.

"Population in Need" article in MoneyHub (Ask the Experts). https://wallethub.com/edu/cities-with-the-highest-and-lowest-population-in-need/8795/#cynthia-fabrizio-pelak December 13, 2017.

Appearance on Las Cruces, NM's KRWG Public TV/FM. Interviewed for story titled: Film 'Snowden' Reignites Privacy and Security Debate, September 23, 2016. [http://krwg.org/post/film-snowden-reignites-privacy-and-security-debate]

Appearance on *Channel 5 WMC-TV News* as a social science expert on race relations in Memphis, Tennessee. April 14, 2007.

Organizer of the *Africa Shoe Drive* with the Memphis tennis community, which sent 60 pairs of good "used" tennis shoes to the Kigali Sport Club in Rwanda, Africa. Spring 2006.

Chairperson for Fundraising Effort for the Association of Genocide Widows (AVEGA), Kigali, Rwanda. June 2005.

"Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics." Presentation for Memphis Area Women's Council, Memphis, Tennessee, July 18, 2005.

"Status of Women in Sports in the New South Africa." Presentation given for Women's Sports Day at the Pretoria Prison for Women, Pretoria, South Africa, August 2000.

"Gender Equity in Sports and Beyond." State Conference of the Ohio National Organization for Women, Westerville, Ohio, October 1999.

South African Athletes of Color Fundraising Project, Columbus, Ohio, FALL 1999.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS – Past and Present

Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS) – Current active member 2027
American Sociological Association (ASA)
North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)
Association of Humanist Sociology
Mid-South Sociological Association
National Women's Studies Association