

Julia E. Szymczak

Video Intervention/Prevention Assessment (VIA)
Center on Media and Child Health (CMCH)
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EDUCATION

2000-2004 Brandeis University
B.A., Community and Public Health Studies, May 2004
(Independent Interdisciplinary Major)
Summa Cum Laude
Thesis: "Medicalizing the Aging Male Body"
Advisor: Peter Conrad, Ph.D.
Highest Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Gender; Health, Aging and the Life Course; Qualitative Methods; Health Policy; Sociology of the Body

RELATED EXPERIENCES

RESEARCH

2004-present *Research Assistant*, Video Intervention/Prevention Assessment (VIA), Children's Hospital Boston
Responsibilities include assisting the Analysis Coordinator manage and code data using NVivo qualitative analysis software, serving as a liaison between summer interns and the research team, assisting in the preparation of grant applications, and recruiting, enrolling and supporting participants while they make VIA visual illness narratives.

2002-2003 *Research Intern*, Video Intervention/Prevention Assessment (VIA), Children's Hospital Boston
Viewed videotapes created by children and adolescents with chronic illness. Logged the content of these videotapes and identified relevant subject matter. Presented findings at weekly meetings with the research team.

PUBLICATIONS

- Szymczak, Julia and Peter Conrad. Forthcoming. "Medicalizing the Aging Male Body: Andropause and Baldness" in Medicalized Masculinities Rosenfeld and Faircloth (eds). Temple University Press: Philadelphia.

PRESENTATIONS

- Szymczak, Julia. October 2005. "Medicalizing the Aging Male Body." Guest Lecture, EXP-0028 F: The Worlds of Men-Cross Cultural Perspectives of Masculinity. Tufts University.

- Szymczak, Julia. August 2005. “See Your Doctor: Imaging the Medicalized Aging Male Body.” International Visual Sociology Association (IVSA) Annual Meeting. Dublin, Ireland.
- Szymczak, Julia. July 2005. “A Message in the Body: Media Influences on Young Women’s Body Image.” Center on Young Women’s Health Peer Mentor Program Training. Children’s Hospital Boston.
- Szymczak, Julia. June 2005. “A Message in the Body: Media Influences on Young Women’s Body Image.” Weston Public Schools Health and Communication Forum. Weston, MA.
- Szymczak, Julia. March 2005. “Medicalizing the Aging Male Body: Andropause and Baldness.” Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- Szymczak, Julia and Jennifer Patashnick. November 2004. “Video Intervention/Prevention Assessment (VIA): Using Media to Improve the Health of Children and Adolescents.” Center on Media and Child Health (CMCH) Advisory Board Meeting. Boston, MA.
- Szymczak, Julia. April 2004. “Medicalizing the Aging Male Body: Andropause and Erectile Dysfunction.” Guest Lecture, Sociology 189: Sociology of Body and Health. Brandeis University
- Szymczak, Julia. March 2004. “Medicalizing the Aging Male Body.” Guest Lecture, Anthropology 127: Medicine, Body and Culture. Brandeis University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2004	Highest Honors awarded to “Medicalizing the Aging Male Body”
2004	Phi Beta Kappa, Brandeis University
2004	Brandeis University Richard Kaufman ’58 Memorial Prize for Leadership and Academic Excellence
2000-2004	Dean’s List, Brandeis University
2000-2004	Presidential Scholar, Brandeis University

TEACHING

Fall 2003	Teaching Assistant for Sociology 191: <i>Health, Community and Society</i> , Peter Conrad, Ph.D.
Spring 2004	Teaching Assistant for Sociology 189: <i>Sociology of Body and Health</i> , Emily Kolker, M.A. Assisted first and second year students with writing assignments, aided the professor in classroom activities and acted as a liaison between students and the professor.