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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Knox College, B.A. (1965); Sociology  
Vanderbilt University, M.A. (1968); Sociology  
Vanderbilt University, Ph.D. (1973); Sociology

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

#### Present positions

Research Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (2006-present)  
Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University (1994-2006)

#### Past positions

Chair, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University (1986-1995)  
Associate and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University (1972-1993)  
Director of Graduate Studies (1977-1980)  
Associate Director, African American Research Center, Fisk University (1971-1972)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Kirk Elifson's research interests focus on social and health disparities among disadvantaged populations. Among ongoing projects are studies that examine:

- (1) Emerging drug use trends and the associated social and health consequences including violence, abuse, sexually transmitted infections, and mental health effects;
- (2) Intergenerational drug use and the impact of individual, family/household, and community risk and protective factors;
- (3) Community-based HIV risk reduction interventions targeting high risk populations such as drug users, sex workers, incarcerated men, and the homeless;
- (4) A phenomenological inquiry of persistent cigarette smokers;
- (5) A social and ecological approach to HIV/AIDS and drug use

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Quantitative Methodology and Multivariate Statistics
- Survey Research and Sampling
- Qualitative Methodology and Analysis

- Substance abuse, sexuality and HIV
- Medical Sociology

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*Fundamentals of Social Statistics*, (Third edition) McGraw Hill Publishing Co., 1998. (Kirk W. Elifson, Richard Runyon and Audrey Haber).

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## MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

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## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- 2009-2015 Co-Principal Investigator, Neighborhood Effects on HIV Risk-Taking. National Institute on Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse. (1RO1DA0254940); Total amount \$3,619,190.
- 2009-2014 Co-Principal Investigator, Neighborhood Effects on Drug Use among African American Adults. National Institute on Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse. (1RO1DA025607); Total amount \$2,714,994).
- 2004-2009 Co-Principal Investigator, Current Smokers: A Phenomenological Inquiry. (R01DAO15707); Total amount: \$1,753,589.
- 2001-2006 Co-Principal Investigator, Young Adults and Drug Use: Careers and Familiar Factors. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (RO1DA09819). Total amount: \$1,863,624.
- 2001-2006 Co-Principal Investigator, Club Drugs: Ecstasy Use Patterns and HIV Risk. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (RO1DA14232). Total amount: \$1,587,361.

- 1999- 2004 Principal-Investigator, Emerging Drugs and Users: Social and Health Consequences. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse. (RO1DA12639). Total amount: \$1,677,970.
- 1999-2001 Co-Principal Investigator, Methamphetamine: Rural and Urban Use Patterns. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (RO1DA10642-03S1). Total amount: \$100,000.
- 1999 - 2001 Co-Principal Investigator, Methamphetamine Use and HIV/Hepatitis B and C. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (RO1DA10642-03S2). Total amount: \$ 117,571.
- 1997-2002 Co-Principal Investigator, HIV Gender-Specific Interventions for At-Risk Women. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (RO1DA10642). Total amount: \$2,600,500.
- 1997-1999 Co-Principal Investigator, Visual Ethnography and HIV Risk. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse (3RO1DA10642-S1). Total amount: \$117,571.
- 1996-1997 Principal Investigator, Atlanta Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) project. U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Total amount: \$100,000.
- 1993-1994 Co-Principal Investigator, The Impact of Social Ecology of the Development of Young Children. Foundation for Child Development, New York City. Total amount: \$50,000.
- 1992-1993 Principal Investigator, Sociology and Social Ecology. Georgia State University, Research Grant Program. Total amount: \$5,000.
- 1991-1992 Principal Investigator, Alcohol Use and HIV Risk-Taking". Georgia State University, Research Grant Program. Total amount: \$50,000.
- 1987-1991 Principal Investigator, Epidemiological Risk Factors Associated with HIV Infection among Male Prostitutes, Their Lovers, and Their Clients. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Total amount: \$600,000.

#### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (Selected since 1998)**

"Sexual Abuse History and Gender, and HIV Risk Practices among Urban-Dwelling African Americans." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 2014. Klein, Hugh, Sterk, Claire and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“Factors associated with having multiple sex partners among urban African American women in Atlanta, Georgia.” Paper presented at 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on HIV and Women, Washington D.C. , 2013. Klein, Hugh, Sterk, Claire, and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“A socio-ecological approach to depression among African American adults. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO., 2012. Yenting, Chen, DePadilla, Lara, **Elifson, Kirk** and Sterk, Claire.

“Be healthy: health insurance and health care utilization among drug users. Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, MD, 2012. Sterk, Claire, DePadilla, Lara, and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“Health and social service access among people at risk for HIV: People and places. Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, MD, 2012. **Elifson, Kirk**, Yarbrough, Johanna and Sterk, Claire.

“Female drug users and HIV: Individual and community dynamics. Invited presentation at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2010. Sterk, Claire and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“Mixing theories and mixing methods: Lessons learned from the Health Intervention Project.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM., 2009. Sterk, Claire, **Elifson, Kirk** and Kluge, Aukje.

“Intersection culture, class and context: Opportunities and barriers to adapt evidence-based interventions for women.” NIDA panel at the College for Problems on Drug and Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico., 2008. Sterk, Claire and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“Grant writing in the social sciences.” Georgia Sociological Association, St. Simon’s Island, GA, 2008. Sterk, Claire and **Elifson, Kirk**.

“Relapse among cigarette smokers: Triggers for starting to smoke again.” Paper presentation at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, 2007. Kluge, A., **Elifson, K.** and Sterk, C.

“Older Female Heroin Users: An Exploration of Drug Use Patters.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tample (Fl), 2007. Miriam Boeri, Aukje Kluge, **Kirk Elifson** and Claire Sterk.

“Cigarette Smokers and Harm Reduction” Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 2007. Miriam Boeri, **Kirk Elifson**, and Claire Sterk.

“Methamphetamine Use and Changing Worlds: A Life Course Perspective.” Paper presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, DC,

Canada, 2006. Claire E. Sterk, Miriam Boeri, and **Kirk Elifson**.

“Ethnographic Lessons for Drug Treatment from Women Who Use Drugs.” Paper presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, 2005. Claire E. Sterk, Melissa Schwartz, and **Kirk Elifson**.

“AIDS and Anthropology among Female Drug Users and Sex Workers in the US.” Paper presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, 2005. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Aging Baby-Boomers and Their Drug Use.” Paper presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, 2005. Miriam W. Boeri, Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Drug Use Vulnerability: Familial Relationships as an Environmental Factor.” Paper presentation at the APHA Annual Meeting, Washington, 2004. Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Dawn Comeau, Kristin Wilson.

“Predictors of Unsafe Sex among ‘At Risk’ Women.” Paper presentations at the APHA Annual Meeting, Washington, 2004. Hugh Klein, Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Social and Environmental Factors and their Influence on Drug Use Vulnerability and Resiliency in Rural Populations,” Invited presentation at the NIDA Meeting on Drug Abuse Research in Rural Communities, Bethesda (MD), 2004. **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Disaggregating environment from culture in drug abuse research.” Invited paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Addiction, Vienna, Austria, 2004. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Setting the stage in drug abuse treatment research: Integrating the prevention of HIV and other infectious diseases among women.” Invited paper presented at the National Institute on Drug Abuse meeting, Bethesda (MD), 2004 Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Rough living: A black feminist perspective on how living arrangements place poor black women at risk for HIV infection.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, 2004. Quinn Gentry and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Having Sex to Cope with Stress as a Predictor of the Frequency with which At Risk Women Engage in Risky Sex.” Paper presentation at the APHA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2004. Hugh Klein, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Self-esteem and HIV risk among ‘at risk’ women.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 2004. Hugh Klein,

Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“The Role of Craving in Drug Use Patterns among Methamphetamine Users Role of Craving in Drug Use Patterns among Users.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas, TX, 2003. Alexia Bruehl, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Boomers Using Hard Drugs: A Life Course Perspective.” Paper presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2003. Miriam W. Boeri, Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Rolling: The Changing Scenes and Patterns of Ecstasy Use.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology , Portland (OR), 2003. Miriam W. Boeri, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Substance Abuse over the Life-Course.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, 2003. Miriam W. Boeri, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Cocaine Use, Trajectories and Mental Health: Parental and Sibling Influences.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, 2003. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, Kristin Wilson, and Melinda Mills.

“Recent Rave Research and Health Implications: An Ethnographic Exploration of Raves, Heavy Users of Ecstasy, and Health-Related Issues.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, 2003. Claire E. Sterk, Miriam W. Boeri, Zaid Graham, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Johanna Boers.

“Depression and HIV Risk Behavior Practices Among ‘At Risk’ Women.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 2003. Hugh Klein, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Claire E. Sterk.

“The Ecstasy Culture: New Ethnographic Findings on the Sex and Ecstasy Link.” Paper presented in the Division: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Community at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2003. Claire E. Sterk, Miriam W. Boeri, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Sex, Drugs, and Ecstasy: A qualitative comparison of two types of ecstasy users.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2003. Claire E. Sterk, Miriam W. Boeri, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Maturing In (Or Into) Drug Use: A Life Course Analysis of Aging Baby Boomer Drug Users.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2003. Miriam W. Boeri, Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Predictors of the Frequency With Which ‘At Risk’ Women Have Sex After Drinking

Alcohol. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 2003. Hugh Klein, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Claire E. Sterk.

“Childhood Neglect and Adulthood Involvement in Sexual and HIV-Related Risk Behaviors.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, 2002. Hugh Klein, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk and Katherine P. Theall.

“HIV Risk Behaviors among New Users of Methamphetamine.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, 2002. Hugh Klein, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, and Katherine P. Theall.

“Hell, I’m an Addict, But I Ain’t No Junkie: An Ethnographic Analysis of the Heroin Career.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, 2002. Miriam W. Boeri, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Claire E. Sterk.

“Perceived Temptation to Use Drugs and Actual Drug Use among Women”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, 2002. Hugh Klein, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Religiosity and HIV Risk Behavior Women.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, 2002. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, and Hugh Klein.

“HIV Risk Reduction Targeting Women Who Inject Drugs: A Randomized Controlled Trial”. Poster presented at the XIV International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 2002. Claire E. Sterk, Katherine P. Theall, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Effectiveness of an HIV Risk Reduction Intervention among African American Women Who Use Crack.” Poster presented at the XIV International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 2002. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, and Katherine P. Theall.

“Community Intervention Among African-American Female Crack Users: HIV and Other Health Concerns.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, 2001. Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Katherine P. Theall, and Danielle German.

“Hot Lovin’ or Cold Feet: Methamphetamine Use and Reported Sexual Behavior among Self-Identified Homosexual or Bisexual Men.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, 2001. Bentley Ponder, Rachel Kachur, Kara Greene, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Claire E. Sterk.

“No Time to Waste: Hepatitis C and Methamphetamine Use.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, 2001. Rachel Kachur, Laura Lloyd, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Miriam W. Boeri, and Claire E. Sterk.



“Women and Drug Treatment Experiences: A Generational Comparison of Mothers and Daughters.” Invited paper presented at the National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network, Bethesda (MD), 2001. Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Katherine P. Theall.

“Effectiveness Interventions: Preventing Drug Abuse and the Spread of HIV/AIDS.” Invited Paper presented at the National Institute on Drug Abuse meeting on Differential Drug Use, HIV/AIDS, and Related Health Outcomes among Racial and Ethnic Populations. Bethesda, (MD), 2001. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Drugs and Despair: Methamphetamine Use and Drug Treatment Challenges.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Anaheim (CA), 2001. Miriam W. Boeri, **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, and Rachel Kachur.

“Crossing the Threshold: Initial Heroin Use.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting, Anaheim (CA), 2001. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, Miriam W. Boeri, and Doug Satkofski.

“Methamphetamine: Emerging Patterns and Renewed Interest.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Scottsdale (AZ), 2000. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, Miriam W. Boeri, and Katherine P. Theall.

“Community Intervention Among African-American Female Crack Users: HIV and Other Health Concerns.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Scottsdale (AZ), 2000. Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Katherine P. Theall.

“Why We Need to Acknowledge Variation Among Crack Users.” Paper presented at the National Harm Reduction Conference, Miami, 2000. Danielle German, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Claire E. Sterk.

“HIV Risk Reduction Interventions: Gender, Race, Skill, and Motivation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2000. Claire E. Sterk, **Kirk W. Elifson**, and Dan Kidder.

“Taking Time: Drug Use Patterns and Health Consequences.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, San Francisco, 2000. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Use Patterns and Drug Markets: Fluctuations and Health Consequences.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, 1999. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Solidarity and Mental Well-Being: Struggles Between Daughters and Mothers.” Invited paper presented at the Politics of Caring IV Conference: Imagining Women’s Minds and Changing Perspectives on Mental Health, Atlanta, 1999. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Being at Risk for HIV Infection: A Pilot Study Among Female Drug Users in the Era of HIV Clinical Trials.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 1998. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Revolving Doors: Past Drug Treatment Experiences of Female Crack Users.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 1998. **Kirk W. Elifson** and Claire E. Sterk.

“What’s Love and Sex Got to Do with It? Understanding How Relationships Influence HIV Risk Reduction Among At-Risk Women.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC. 1998. Janna Cordiero, Claire E. Sterk, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Reducing Harm: The Effects of Childhood Abuse on Negotiating HIV Risk Reduction.” Selected oral presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on AIDS, Geneva, Switzerland, 1998. Claire E. Sterk, Janna Cordeiro, Kristin Springer, and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“HIV Clinical Trials: The Dilemmas of Female Drug Users.” Poster presented at the 12th International AIDS Conference, Geneva, 1998. Claire E. Sterk and **Kirk W. Elifson**.

“Safer Sex: The Use of Male and Female Condoms among Women Who Use Drugs.” Poster presented at the 12th World AIDS Conference, Geneva, 1998. **Kirk W. Elifson**, Claire E. Sterk, and Danielle German.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses Taught**

#### *Undergraduate:*

Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Social Statistics  
Research Methodology  
Sociology of Religion  
Medical Sociology

#### *Graduate:*

Intermediate Sociological Statistics - M.A. level  
Research Methodology - M.A. level

Multivariate Data Analysis - Ph.D. level  
Advanced Research Methodology - Ph.D. level  
Sociology of Religion - Ph.D. level  
Medical Sociology - Ph.D

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Editorial Service**

Reviewer for *Social Problems*  
Reviewer for *AIDS and Behavior*  
Reviewer for *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes and Human Retrovirology*  
Reviewer for *Public Opinion Quarterly*  
Reviewer and Associate Editor for *Review of Religious Research*  
Reviewer for *Culture, Health and Society*  
Reviewer for *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*  
Reviewer for *Social Science and Medicine*  
Reviewer for *Criminology*  
Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*  
Reviewer for the *American Journal of Public Health*  
Reviewer and past consulting editor for the *Journal of Sex Research*

Grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health.

**Professional Community Activities** (selected)  
HOPE Atlanta, Board member, 2013 – present.

Georgia Native Plant Society, Board member, 2013- present.

The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, President and Chair, 2009-2014.

The Hambidge Center, Past Development Chair and Member of the Board, 1998-2004.

Participated in recent trials/hearings including *Eric Robert Rudolph v. US*, *State of Alabama v. Robert Frank Cherry*, *State of Alabama v. Thomas Blanton, Jr. (Birmingham Church Bombings)*, *Union Point v. US*, *State of Mississippi v. Bryon de la Beckwith*, *State of Mississippi v. Sam Bowers* and others.

Recent consultant to the American Band of the Cherokee Indians, the Federal Reserve Bank, the National Park Service, Bell South, and Sheldon Associates,

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Public Health Association  
Society for the Scientific Study of Sex  
Society for Applied Anthropology

American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Society for the Study of Social Problems

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2004            Historic Civil Rights Trials Award, American Society of Trial Consultants  
1995            Hugo C. Beigel Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of  
Sex for the best article in the *Journal of Sex Research*