

Samantha Frisk

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Current Research Interests

Maritime Labor | Space | Racial Capitalism | Historical Sociology | Engaged Ethnography

Education

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT **In Progress**
Master of Arts in Sociology (Doctoral Track)

University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME **August 2017**
Master of Science in Education
Certificate of Graduate Study in Culturally Responsive Practices in Education and Human Development

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN **December 2012**
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Bachelor of Science in International Service

Augsburg College, Center for Global Education, Windhoek, Namibia **August - December 2012**
Globalization, Nation Building, and Decolonizing the Mind

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[Under Review] Piribeck, J., Gerstenblatt, P., Frisk, S., Jones, M., Luken, L. (2024). Perspectives of Island Life: Shifting Ecologies on an Independently Governed Island. *Island Studies Journal*.

Frisk, S. (2024). [Review of the book *An Ugly Word: Rethinking Race in Italy and the United States*, by A. Morning]. *Sociological Inquiry*, 0(0), 1-3. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12611>

Gerstenblatt, P., Shanti, C., Frisk, S. (2022). One Piece at a Time: Building Community and a Mosaic Mural. *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*, 15(1), 1–14.

Shanti, C., Gerstenblatt, P., Frisk, S. (2021). Putting the Pieces Together: Critical Service Learning and Social Work Education. *The International Journal of Social Work Education*, 41(8), 1643–1659.

Teaching

University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
HON 315: Advanced Writing in Honors "Loving Community"
HON 311: "Community Service: Destructive or Empowering"
HON 321: Community-Based Internship
HON 331: Directed Research
HON 399: Community Engagement Seminar
HON 101: Co-Curricular Learning Lab "Race, Reflection and Reality"
HON 101: Co-Curricular Learning Lab "Stories of Health and Illness"
COR 101: Co-Curricular Learning Lab "First Year Transition"
HTY 394: "History and Memory: From Slavery to Mass Incarceration" (Co-Instructor)

Southern Maine Community College, South Portland, ME
MATH 140: College Algebra
MATH 130: Technical Mathematics
MATH 112: Quantitative Reasoning
MATH 050: Introduction to Algebra

Professional and Research Experience

Research

Research Assistant, Maine-Greenland Collaboration, Portland, ME

August 2022 – Present

Higher Education and Community Engagement

Graduate Assistant, The Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Head of Service-Learning and Volunteering Department, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
AmeriCorps VISTA Leader, Washington Campus Compact, Bellingham, WA
College Access Programs Coordinator, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

August 2013 – Present

Ocean Education

Director, Seapoint Marine, Santa Barbara, CA
Consultant, Proctor Academy's Ocean Classroom, Andover, NH
Shipboard Director, West Island International College's Class Afloat, Lunenburg, NS
Director of Education, Ocean Passages, Portland, ME

March 2020 – August 2023

Grants

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Augusta, ME

PI for Overdose Data to Action Grant (\$4.6 million annually)

January – July 2021

University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

Northern New England AmeriCorps VISTA Collaboration Host Site (valued at \$720,000)
Title III High-Impact Practice Mini-Grant (\$6,500)
Center for Collaboration and Development, Faculty Interest Group Mini-Grant (\$2,000)
Gloria S. Duclos Convocation: "Race and Participatory Democracy" (\$3,500)
Maine Hunger Dialogue Mini-Grant (\$2,000)

August 2015 – 2019

Campuses for Environmental Stewardship, Lewiston, ME

2018 Campuses for Environmental Stewardship (\$5,930)
2015 Campuses for Environmental Stewardship (\$8,495)

August 2015 – 2019

Awards and Fellowships

University of Connecticut Graduate School, Storrs, CT

Jorgensen Fellowship

2023-2028

University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

President's Award for Partnership and Collaboration

May 2018

University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

President's Award for Community Engagement

May 2017

Corporation for National and Community Service, Washington, D.C.

President's Lifetime Achievement Award

August 2015

Memberships

Society for the Study of Social Problems | Atlantic Black Box | Mathematics Association of America

Presentations

University of New England Seventh Annual Faculty Symposium, Biddeford, ME Co-Presenter, "Reimagining Assessment"	May 2023
International Studies Association NE Providence Conference, Providence, RI Panelist, "The Pedagogy of Agency: Empowering Political Agency and Student Voice"	November 2019
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Philadelphia, PA Co-Presenter, "Promoting Democracy and Diversity through Multicultural Community Collaboration"	October 2019
Lynton Colloquium, Providence, RI Co-Facilitator, "Voices of Engaged Knowing: Language, Identity, and Engaged Scholarship"	March 2019
Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference, Providence, RI Co-Facilitator, "Engaging Authentically in Communities On- and Off-Campus"	March 2019
Campus Compact Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN Presenter, "International Relations as if Local Community Matters"	March 2018
University of New England, Biddeford, ME Panelist, "Opportunities for National Service"	May 2016
Washington Campus Compact Faculty Institute, Bellingham, WA Facilitator, "Transforming Campus Culture: Student Support" Facilitator, "Diversity Dialogues: Gender and Sexual Diversity"	November 2015
University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME Presenter, "Developing and Sustaining Quality Community Partnerships"	September 2015
Continuums of Service Conference, Long Beach, CA Poster Presenter, "AmeriCorps Programs: Higher Education Serving Washington" Poster Presenter, "Students Serving Washington Awards"	April 2014
Thomas College, Waterville, ME Panelist, "Service-Learning as a Vehicle for Social Justice"	April 2014
Center for Education and Experience, Windhoek, Namibia Author, "A Critical Analysis of English as a Medium of Instruction in Namibia's Public School System"	December 2012
Valparaiso University Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship, Valparaiso, IN Poster Presenter, "Assessing Conceptual Knowledge of Differential Equations" Poster Presenter, "Median Distances between Permutations" Poster Presenter, "Finding Patterns and Rules for Integer Derivatives" Poster Presenter, "Cross-cultural Experiences in Nicaragua" (Board of Directors' Award)	May 2008 - 2012
Valparaiso University Undergraduate Mathematics Colloquium, Valparaiso, IN Presenter, "The Mathematics of Juggling"	April 2012
Mathematics Association of America - Indiana Section, Franklin, IN Presenter, "Median Distances between Permutations"	April 2010
Valparaiso University Undergraduate Mathematics Colloquium, Valparaiso, IN Presenter, "Mixed Strategies for Non-Zero-Sum Games"	October 2010

Service

Maine Campus Compact Advisory Council, Lewiston, ME Member	August 2020 – January 2021
Maine Campus Compact Steering Committee, Lewiston, ME University of Southern Maine Representative	August 2015 – February 2020
USM President's Intercultural and Diversity Advisory Council, Portland, ME Co-Chair	May 2018 – December 2019
Social Justice Summit, Portland, ME Planning Committee	November 2017 – March 2019
Gloria S. Duclos Convocation "Race and Participatory Democracy", Portland, ME Steering Committee Member	September 2017 – May 2018
USM President's Intercultural and Diversity Advisory Council, Portland, ME Co-Curricular Programming Sub-Committee Member	September 2016 – May 2018
Center for Grieving Children, Portland, ME Group Facilitator, Intercultural Program	September 2013 – May 2018
Maine AmeriCorps Conference, Portland, ME Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member, Conference Content Committee	September 2013 – March 2014
Hope Initiatives of Southern Africa, Katutura, Namibia Mathematics Curriculum Developer	August – November 2012
Field Experience, Bluefields, Nicaragua Leader	March 2010

Select Professional Development

Eastern Region Campus Compact, Worcester, MA Engaged Scholars Institute	January 2019 – December 2020
Maine Campus Compact, Lewiston, ME FUSION: Incorporating Community-Engaged Education into Online Courses	August 2020
Center for Technology Engaged Learning, Portland, ME Designing Online Courses for Student Engagement	June – August 2020
University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME Developing Managers as Coaches	September 2018 – May 2019
University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME Certificate in Mediation	May 2018
Maine Trans Network, Portland, ME Transability: Exploring the Intersection of Ability, Disability, and Gender Identity	May 2018
Campuses for Environmental Stewardship, North Andover, MA Faculty Institute	October 2018

Women and Gender Studies, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME Decolonizing Pedagogies Project	October 2018
Campus Compact National Conference, Indianapolis, IN Engaging Race Embedded Institute	March 2018
Center for Grieving Children, Portland, ME Intercultural Approaches to Group Facilitation Healing After Collective Loss (War and Natural Disaster)	August 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017
Continuums of Service Conference, Denver, CO Reflecting on Whiteness: Building Our Capacity to Address Race & Racism	March 2017
Campus Compact, Boston, MA Institute for New Community Engagement Professionals	March 2016
Presidio Institute, San Francisco, CA Cross-Sector Leadership	June – July 2015