

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Christina Dawn Falci**  
*January 2009*

University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Department of Sociology  
714 Old Father Hall  
Lincoln, NE 68588-0324

email: [cfalci2@unl.edu](mailto:cfalci2@unl.edu)  
office: (402) 472-3762  
fax: (402) 472-6070

***ACADEMIC POSITION***

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2006 – present)

***EDUCATION***

- Ph.D., Sociology, Feminist Studies Minor: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2006)  
Co-Advisers: Jeylan Mortimer and Ross Macmillan  
Dissertation: *Gender and Race Trajectories of Adolescent Depressed Mood: The Dynamic Role of Social Support, the Self Concept and Stress Exposure*
- M.A., Sociology: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA (1997)  
Adviser: Michael Hughes  
Master's Thesis: *The Effects of Family Structure and Family Process on the Psychological Well-Being of Adolescents: From the Adolescent's Viewpoint*
- B.A., Sociology: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (1995)  
Adviser: Steven Nock  
Undergraduate Thesis: *How Adult Children of Divorce Experience Romantic Relationships*

***GRANTS AND AWARDS***

- Evaluation Team Member, 2009 to 2014. Project Title: ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Award: An Institution-Wide Collaboration to Hiring, Retaining, and Promoting Women STEM Faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Barbara Couture, PI, Co-PI's: Mary Anne Holmes, Julia McQuillan, David Manderscheid and Namas Chandra). Funded by the National Science Foundation (\$3.8 Million).
- Faculty Seed Grant, 2007 to 2008. Project Title: Faculty Networks and Departmental Climates in STEM (Christina Falci, PI). Funded by the Office of Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, (\$50,000).

**GRANTS AND AWARDS** *(continued)*

- Maude Hammond Fling Faculty Research Fellowship, 2007. Project Title: Family Structure, Adolescent Health and Propensity Score Matching (Christina Falci, PI). Funded by the Research Council at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$3,346).
- Haas Faculty Award. 2007. Project Title: Trajectories of Depressed Mood in Adolescence. Funded by the Department of Sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5,000).
- National Research Service Award, 1999 to 2002. Pre-doctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Project Title: Mental Health and Adjustment in the Life Course (Jeylan Mortimer, Director). Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

**RESEARCH****Publications**

- Falci, Christina and Clea McNeely. 2009. "Too Many Friends: Social Integration, Network Cohesion and Adolescent Depressive Symptoms." *Social Forces*, forthcoming
- Falci, Christina. 2008. "Gender Trajectories of Adolescent Depressed Mood: The Dynamic Role of Stressors and Resources" Pp. 137-160 in *Advances in Life Course Research: Stress Processes across the Life Course*, edited by Heather Turner and Scott Schieman. San Diego, CA: Elsevier.
- Falci, Christina. 2006. "Family Structure, Closeness to Residential and Non-Residential Parents, and Psychological Distress in Early and Middle Adolescence." *The Sociological Quarterly* 47:123-146.
- McNeely, Clea and Christina Falci. 2004. "School Connectedness and the Transition Into and Out of Health Risk Behaviors among Adolescents: A Comparison of Social Belonging and Teacher Support." *Journal of School Health* 74:284-292.
- Fein, Sara and Christina Falci. 1999. "Infant Formula Preparation, Handling, and Related Practices in the United States." *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* 99:1234-1240.

**Manuscripts in Progress**

- Falci, Christina, Jeylan T. Mortimer and HarmoniJoie Noel. "Parental Timing and Depressive Symptoms in Adulthood: Gender, Stressors, and Resources."
- Falci, Christina. "The Emergence of Social Class Differences in the Self-Concept in Adolescence: Parent-Child Relations and Stress Exposure."
- Falci, Christina and HarmoniJoie Noel. "Family Structure, Adolescent Health and Propensity Score Matching"
- Noel, HarmoniJoie and Christina Falci. "Father Involvement on Children's Perceived Emotional Closeness to Residential and Nonresidential Fathers."

***Manuscripts in Progress (continued)***

McNeely, Clea, Christina Falci and Robert Crosnoe. "Social Isolation, Gender and Adolescent Health."

Rose, Trina, Christina Falci, Les Whitbeck and Dan Hoyt. "Predictors of Change in Social Network Ties over time among Homeless and Runaway Youth."

***Invited Talks***

Falci, Christina. "Social Network Analysis." Presentation to the grant writing team for an NSF Advance Grant. University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE October 2006.

Falci, Christina. "Peer Network Structure, Social Belonging and Adolescent Depressive Symptoms: Gender Differences in Network Effects." Lunch Seminar Series, Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD September 2005.

***Conference Presentations***

Falci, Christina. "The Trajectory of Adolescent Depressed Mood by Gender: The Dynamic Role of Stressors and Resources" Paper session at the International Stress Conference, Santa Fe, NM, July 2008.

Falci, Christina and HarmoniJoie Noel. "Family Structure, Adolescent Health and Propensity Score Matching." Midwest Sociological Society, St Louis, May 2008.

Falci, Christina and Jeylan T. Mortimer. "Early Childbearing and Depressed Mood in Later Adulthood: Are there Gender Differences?" Regular Paper Session on Parenthood, American Sociological Association, New York, NY August 2007.

Falci, Christina and Clea McNeely. "The Structure of Adolescent Friendship Networks, School Bonding and Depressive Symptoms: Differences by Gender." Poster Session, Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA, March 2006.

McNeely and Christina Falci. "Social Isolation and Health: What Happens When Teens Have No Friends?" Poster Session, Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA, March 2006.

Falci, Christina. "Gender Specific Pathways to Depressed Mood during Adolescence through the Self-Concept and Parental Support." Special session on the Youth Development Study, Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, March 2005.

Falci, Christina. "Understanding the Trajectory of Depressed Mood in Adolescence via Change in the Self-Concept and Social Support." Sociology of Mental Health roundtable, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

Meier, Ann, Gina Allen and Christina Falci. "Adolescent Romantic Relationships and Young Adult Relationship Formation." Children and Youth paper session, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

***Conference Presentations (continued)***

- McNeely, Clea and Christina Falci. "School Connectedness and the Initiation, Escalation and Cessation of Health Risk Behaviors among Adolescents." Poster symposium on Health Risk Behaviors, Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD, March 2004.
- Falci, Christina. "The Structure of Adolescent Friendship Networks and Depressive Symptomatology." Sociology of Mental Health paper session, American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- Falci, Christina. "Changes in Adolescent Depressive Affect: Differences by Gender and the Influence of Social Support." Sociology of Mental Health paper session, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2002.
- Falci, Christina. "Family Structure, Parent-Child Relationships, and Children's Mental Health." Sociology of Mental Health paper session, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.
- Fein, Sara and Christina Falci. "Infant Formula Use and Misuse." Panel on Food and Nutrition, American Public Health Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 1997.

***TEACHING***

***Courses Taught***

*Graduate Seminars:* Research Methods, Social Network Analysis, Sociology of Mental Health

*Undergraduate courses:* Research Methods, Social Psychology, Sociology of Mental Health

***Graduate Student Committees***

*Advisor, Master's Thesis:* Setareh Makinejad, Yan Wang

*Advisor, Undergraduate Thesis:* Courtney Lyons

*Member, Dissertation Committee:* HarmoniJoie Noel, Lisa Melander, Angela Wheeler, Trina Rose,

*Outside Member, Dissertation Committee:* Derrik Stolee (Math and Computer Science)

***SERVICE***

***Department Service***

Chair, Mental Health Area Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2008 – present)

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2008 – present)

Human Relations Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2006-2008)

*Updated January 2009*

***Department Service (continued)***

Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2006-2007)

Resources and Planning Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2006-2007)

Bureau of Sociological Research Executive Committee Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2006-present)

***American Sociological Association***

Webmaster, Section on the Sociology of Mental Health, American Sociological Association, (2006 – present).

Mentoring Program Coordinator, Section on the Sociology of Mental Health, American Sociological Association, (2005 – present)

***Other Professional Activities***

Ad-hoc reviewer: *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Discussant, paper session on Minority Health at the Midwest Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

***Professional Associations***

American Sociological Association, International Network for Social Network Analysis, Midwest Sociological Association, National Council on Family Relations, Society of Research on Adolescence

***Professional Development***

Peer Review of Teaching Project, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE (2007- 2008)

Creating Performance Expectations for the Dissertation. Workshop by Dr. Barbara Lovitts, hosted by University of Nebraska-Lincoln (October 2008).

The Transition to Independent Research: A Workshop for Graduate Students and Faculty Advisers presented by Dr. Barbara Lovitts hosted by University of Nebraska-Lincoln (October 2008).

Graduate Student Recruitment Workshop, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, September (September 2008).

Human Research Protections Program, Demonstration of the new IRB on-line protocol submission program (NU Grant) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (March 2007).

Search Committee Training, Equity Access and Diversity Programs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, (September 2006)