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### EDUCATION

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- 2021 Ph.D. Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Dissertation: *A Tale of Two Art Programs: Art & Identity for People with Disabilities*  
Committee: Sara E. Green (chair), Donileen Loseke, Maralee Mayberry, Lori Rosco
- 2016 M.A. in Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Thesis: *I'm Not Broken: Perspectives of Students with Disabilities on Identity-making and Social Inclusion on a College Campus*  
Committee: Sara E. Green (chair), Donileen Loseke, Maralee Mayberry
- 2012 B.A. in Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Disability      Health & Illness      Medical Sociology      Education

### PUBLICATIONS

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Maconi, M.L., (*forthcoming*) "I've Used My Wide Array of Skills to Create A Life for Myself:" Managing Organizational Narratives with Competing Organizational Goals" Allison Carey, Joan Ostrove & Tara Fannon (Eds) *Research in Social Sciences and Disability Alliances, Allies, and Disability*. United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited

Maconi, M.L., (2019) "More than Therapy: Conformity and Resistance in an Organizational Narrative of Disability and the Performing Arts," In P.p.123-136, Sara E. Green & Donileen R. Loseke (Eds.), *New Narratives of Disability: Constructions, Clashes, and Controversies: Research in Social Science and Disability*, Volume 11 United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited

Maconi, M.L., Green, S.E., & Bingham, S.H., (2019) "It's Not All About Coursework: Narratives of Inclusion and Exclusion Among University Students Receiving Disability Accommodations," In P.p. 181-194 Kate Scorgie & Chris Forlin (Eds.), *Promoting Social Inclusion: Co-creating Environments that Foster Equity and Belonging* United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited

### GRANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2019-Present National Science Foundation (DUE #1801163) PI: Will Tyson, Lakshmi Jayaram, & Marilyn Barger, PathTech LISTEN: Mixed Methods Longitudinal Investigations of Students in Technician Education," \$799,858 (Oct. 2018-Sept.2021) Role in Project: Conducted Interviews & Coded Data

## CONFERENCES

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- 2020 Maconi, M.L. "Our Lives Kind of Revolve Around Getting Them Involved, Active and Busy: Parental Experience of Seeking Out Resources and Disability-Centered Spaces While Raising Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, [cancelled due to covid-19]
- 2020 Maconi, M.L. "Creating and Selling Art Gives Me a Sense of Independence: Narratives of the Importance of Art in the Lives of Artists with Disabilities," Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, [cancelled due to covid-19]
- 2019 Maconi, M.L., "More than Therapy: Conformity and Resistance in an Organizational Narrative of Disability and the Performing Arts," Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 9, 2019, New York, NY
- 2019 Maconi, M. L., Green, S. & Bingham, S. It's Not All about Coursework: Narratives of Inclusion and Exclusion among University Students Receiving Disability Accommodations. Presented as part of symposium titled "Understanding and promoting social inclusion and belonging in education from elementary through university: Perspectives, programs and practices" at the World Congress of the *International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, August 8, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland.
- 2019 Maconi, M.L., "I've Used my Wide Array of Skills to Create a Life for Myself": Managing Organizational Narratives and Competing Organizational Goals. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Sociology Society, April 17, 2019, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Maconi, M.L., There's Nothing Wrong with You: Experiences of Conflict between Educators and Students with Disabilities. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 12, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Maconi, M.L., Sticks and Stones: Emotional Coping Strategies of University Students with Disabilities. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 13, 2017, Montreal, Canada
- 2016 Maconi, M.L., "I'm Not Broken": Construction of identities with disabilities through narrative analysis. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 14, 2016, Atlanta, GA

## TEACHING

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Interdisciplinary Approaches to Disability Studies	Spring, 2020; Fall 2019
Disability & Society	Spring, 2020; Fall 2019
Introduction to Sociology	Summer 2019; Fall 2017; Spring 2017
Social Science Statistics	Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

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Medical Sociology	Summer 2020
Social Psychology	Fall 2016; Spring 2016; Fall 2015
Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Spring 2014

## AWARDS

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- 2019 Maconi, M.L., "More than Therapy: Conformity and Resistance in an Organizational Narrative of Disability and the Performing Arts," Honorable Mention for the Disability Division Graduate Student Paper Competition. the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2019 Maconi, M.L. "Award for Teaching Excellence," at the University of South Florida, Department of Sociology

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2019 Peer Reviewer for *Research in Social Sciences and Disability Alliances, Allies, and Disability*, Volume 12 United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited
- 2019 Peer Reviewer for *New Narratives of Disability: Constructions, Clashes, and Controversies: Research in Social Science and Disability*, Volume 11 United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited
- 2018 Peer Reviewer for *Promoting Social Inclusion: Co-creating Environments that Foster Equity and Belonging* United Kingdom, Emerald Group Publishing Limited

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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- Spring 2020 Panel for Master's Level Research Methods Class
- Fall 2019 Graduate Student Panel for USF Senior Seminar
- Fall 2015-Spring 2016 Sociology Graduate Student Association, Treasurer
- Spring 2015-Fall 2015 Master's Student Representative
- Spring 2015 Graduate Student Panel for USF Senior Seminar

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2015-Present American Sociological Association  
Section on Disability and Society

2017-Present Society for the Study of Social Problems

2018-2019 Midwest Sociological Society

2015- Present Southern Sociological Society

## **REFERENCES**

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