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## Amanda Academic

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### Academic Qualifications

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| 2007 | <b>PhD, Sociology</b><br>Monash University, Clayton Campus<br>Doctoral Thesis: "Dilemmas in Child Abuse Prevention"   |
| 2005 | <b>Master of Arts, Sociology</b><br>Monash University, Clayton Campus<br>Master's Thesis: "Problems in Intervention: The Crisis of Teenage Pregnancy"                             |
| 2003 | <b>Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Literature (First Class Honours)</b><br>Flinders University, Adelaide, SA<br>Honour's Thesis: "A Sociopolitical Analysis of AIDS in Australia" |

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### Scholarships and Awards

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| 2007        | Australian Postgraduate Award, Monash University            |
| 2005        | Flinders Award for Academic Excellence, Flinders University |
| 2000 – 2003 | Elaine Brough Memorial Vacation Research Scholarship        |
| 2000        | Dean's Commendation Certificate, Faculty of Arts            |

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### Professional Profile

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- Highly developed research qualitative and analytical skills with a strong capacity to conduct independent research
- Demonstrated ability to develop goals, objectives and implement strategies through lesson planning and teaching experience
- Proven ability to conceptualise problems and develop well-reasoned and integrated solutions, as demonstrated throughout PhD and Honours research
- Working knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Statistical Package for Social Scientists
- Proficient in spoken Mandarin (Chinese I & II, Box Hill Institute of TAFE, 2001)

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## Academic Employment – *Teaching and Research*

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2006 – 2007

**Tutor**

Department of Social and Political Inquiry, Monash University

**Responsibilities**

- Taught Introduction to Sociology and Methods of Social Research to first-year level students for two semesters

**Achievements**

- Co-designed a new course structure with a redistribution of classroom and home based learning in response to funding cuts from administration
- Devised and implemented learning objectives, lesson plans and activities to meet targets on a weekly, monthly and per-semester basis
- Delivered a high quality learning experience to students which was met with consistently positive feedback when independently evaluated by the Faculty

2004 – 2005

**Research Assistant to Professor J. Blank**

Department of Social and Political Inquiry, Monash University

**Responsibilities**

- Investigated the effect of prevention programs on the child rearing and disciplining behaviour of specific populations
- Conducted evaluations at sites in the inner metropolitan areas of Melbourne
- Prepared appropriate questionnaire and interviewed participants

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## Employment History – *General*

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2001 – 2003

**Marketing Assistant**

SELL Solutions Pty Ltd, Adelaide

- Conducted statistical testing of product receptivity in pre-defined markets
- Assisted in the design of market research survey

1995 – 2000

**Sales Assistant**

Orb Duty Free, Adelaide

- In store sales of duty free items - ranging from electrical to cosmetic and alcohol

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## Publications

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- (Refereed) Scholar, S. "Bosnian Immigrants and the Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: Limits of the Assimilation Perspective", in *Australian Journal of Social Issues*
- Scholar, S. "Sociology for a New Age?" in *Sociology for a New Millennium: Challenges and Prospects*, M. Collin, L. Terry and S. Russell eds., pp.200-239, Melbourne University Press, 2000

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## Presentations

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- "When Prevention Fails: The Role of Context in Persistent Child Abuse". Presented at The Australian Sociological Association Conference 2000, Brisbane, April 2000
- (Poster Session) "The Use of Survey Research Techniques in Psychocultural Studies". Presented at The Australian Sociological Association Conference 2000, Brisbane, April 2000

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## Extra Curricular Activities

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**1995 – Current**

**Volunteer**

Brotherhood of St Laurence

- Provide administrative support
- Participate in the organisation of fundraising activities
- Contribute to the editing of monthly newsletter

**2003 – 2005**

**Student Representative**

Faculty of Arts Standing Committee

**2002 – 2003**

**Secretary**

Focus (Friends on Campus) Committee; a support network for mature-age students

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## Professional Memberships

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**2000 – Current**

The Australian Sociological Association

**1997 – Current**

South Australian Council of Social Service

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## Interests

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- Gardening, art , sketching, writing non-fiction stories, collecting antique postcards

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## Referees

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