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Monica McDermott joined the Sociology Department in 2011 as an Associate Professor. She studies race and ethnic relations in the United States, especially white identity, racial attitudes, and race/class interactions. She is the author of *Working Class White: The Making and Unmaking of Race Relations*, published by the University of California Press in 2006. The book is based on her participant observation research on interracial interactions in Atlanta and Boston, where she worked as a convenience store clerk for a year. 

McDermott is a member of a working group on Cultural Contact and Immigration at The Sage Foundation. McDermott and other members of the working group are conducting research on the character of immigrant life in cities and towns and rural communities outside of traditional urban centers. 

McDermott is a gifted teacher who teaches Social Theory, Race and Ethnic Relations, and Qualitative Research Methods.

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She has taught courses on work and occupations, social stratification and inequality, law and society, and access to justice, as well as one of her favorite topics, introductory sociology.

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