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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-present Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College
Faculty Boards and Affiliations:
GWSS Program Faculty Board (2022-present)
Liberal Arts in Prison Program – Faculty (2022-present)
- 2020-2022 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology and the College,
University of Chicago

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Sociology with a Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies, The
University of Chicago, 2020
Committee: Kristen Schilt (Chair), Anna Maria Marshall, Kimberly Hoang, Robert Vargas
Dissertation Title: *Neutralizing Title IX: Hyperlegal Consciousness on College Campuses in the Age of
#MeToo*
- M.A.** Sociology, The University of Chicago, 2014
- M.A.** Peace and Conflict Studies, Ulster University, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 2009
- *Graduated with distinction*
- M.A.** Latin American Studies and Cultural Politics, International Relations, La Universidad
Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador, 2007
- *Graduated with distinction*
- B.A.** English with Gender and Women's Studies Concentration, Grinnell College, 2005
- *Winner of the Phi Beta Kappa Scholar's Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work at Grinnell College*
 - *Winner of the Alumni Association Senior Award for Exceptional Performance in Academic Pursuits and Contributions to the College and City Community*
 - *Winner of the Jeanne Burkle Award in Women's Studies for a Woman who has Contributed to the Cause of Women or Gender Equality while at Grinnell College*

PUBLICATIONS OF RESEARCH

IN PROGRESS:

Sexual Justice Ecosystems: Innovative Approaches to Title IX and Campus Sexual Violence.

- Under review by NYU Press

“Symbolic Trust: Risk Management in College Students’ Sexual Decision-Making During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

“Sexual Consent in the #MeToo Era: College Student Perceptions of Social Change.”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

2022. “A Manosphere Brotherhood Against the Law: Masculinity Threat and Legal Consciousness in Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* 20:714-34.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-022-00716-9>

- Winner, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Law and Society Division’s Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition (2016)

2012. *Interculturalidad y género en la Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Cotacachi*. Quito: Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador: Corporación Editora Nacional.

2010. “El Mercado de Mujeres: El Aumento del Tráfico Sexual de Latinoamericanas,” in *La Pobreza en América Latina: ¿Una Dimensión Olvidada de la Integración Económico Regional?* Andrade, Pablo and Alicia Puyana (eds.). Quito: CLACSO-CROP.

2005. “The Many Faces of Victoria’s Secret.” *Proteus* 22(2):25-30.

- Reviewed by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

2002. “Soil Temperature and Arthropod Abundance are Lower Near Ant Mounds.” *Tillers* 3:15-19. [First author with Liz Mallot and Louis McGinty]

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY/MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Publications

2023 [forthcoming]. *Imagining Interventions: The Orgasm Gap and Sexual Double Standard Among College Students Today*. Teaching module for *Gender & Society*’s peer-reviewed pedagogy project.

2020. *Challenging Intersectional Inequality Through Digital Media Images*. Teaching module for *Gender & Society*’s peer-reviewed pedagogy project. September 8, 2020.

<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/in-the-classroom-pedagogy-project/>

2013. *‘Our Great Hobby’: An Analysis of Online Network for Buyers of Sex in Illinois*. Chicago: Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation.

Television

Brooks, Marion. 2013. "Johns' Create Brotherhood in Search for Online Sex: 'Mongers' Help Each Other Find Prostitutes, Rating them by Looks, Performance, and Attitude." Television newscast and print report, Chicago 5 NBC News, January 11, 2013.

"Study Claims Rockford Ranks Second in Illinois Cities for Purchase of Sex." Television newscast, WREX 13, NBC Rockford, January 11, 2013.

Radio

Moore, Natalie, "Study Sheds Light on Men Who Buy Sex in Illinois," WBEZ News, Chicago, WBEZ91.5, January 11, 2013.

"CAASE Out with a New Report on Prostitution in Illinois," 95WLS-AM 890, Chicago, January 11, 2013.

Kolkey, Jeff. 2013. "Rockford's Stepped-Up Efforts to Quell Prostitution Applauded." *Rockford Register Star*, August 24, 2013.

Braun, Georgette. 2013. "Advocates Say New Tactics Needed on Sex Arrests in Rockford." *Rockford Register Star*, January 20, 2013.

Braun, Georgette. 2013. "Rockford Ranked Second in Illinois for Posts on Site Where Men Buy Sex." *Rockford Register Star*, January 11, 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

EXTERNAL

- 2023 American Sociological Association, SAGE Keith Roberts Teaching Award
- 2008 U.S. Ireland Alliance, George J. Mitchell Scholarship to Northern Ireland
- 2005 The Fulbright Association, Fulbright Fellowship to Ecuador

INTERNAL

GRINNELL COLLEGE

- 2023 Grinnell College, Sociology Department Curricular Grant – Campuswide film screening of "Tell Them We Are Rising" documentary chosen by Sociology of Higher Education students
- 2022 Grinnell College, Curricular Development Grant – Guest speaker on resistance to settler colonialism in higher education, Introduction to Sociology
- 2022 Grinnell College, Curricular Development Grant – Immersive environmental sociology field trip to Conard Environmental Research Area (CERA), Introduction to Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- 2020 Social Sciences Division Curricular Innovation Grant, University of Chicago, "Inequalities in Higher Education Guest-Expert Mentors Initiative"
- 2020 Social Sciences Division Curricular Innovation Grant, University of Chicago, "Undergraduate Research Assistant Opportunity for Study on Hookup Culture during the Pandemic"
- 2019 Social Sciences Division Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago

- 2018 Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Residential Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2018 Chicago Center for Teaching Two-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2018 Department of Sociology Henderson Research Grant, University of Chicago
- 2011 Social Sciences Division Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago

ULSTER UNIVERSITY

- 2009 Ulster University, International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE), Facilitator for INCORE 10th International Summer School and Transitional Justice Institute 2nd International Summer School
- 2008 Ulster University, INCORE Research and Curricular Development Intern

LA UNIVERSIDAD ANDINA SIMÓN BOLÍVAR

- 2006 MA Scholarship as Fulbright Scholar, La Universidad Andina

GRINNELL COLLEGE (undergraduate)

- 2005 Finalist for Rhodes Scholarship in District 12
- 2005 Finalist for Watson Fellowship
- 2004 Winner of Joseph Wall Scholarship to a Junior of High Academic Standing and Significant Contribution to the College Community
- 2003 Roy Carver Scholar’s Award for Iowans Struggling to Overcome Significant Social/Economic Obstacles in Pursuit of Higher Education
- 2001 Trustee Honor Scholarship based on Outstanding Academic Achievements
- 2001 National Merit Scholarship

INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (2011-Present)

“Inclusive Teaching at Grinnell,” Grinnell College Center for Teaching and Learning

- New Faculty Orientation, Grinnell College. August 9, 2023.
- Community Friday Workshop, Grinnell College. February 10, 2023.

“Liberal Arts in Prison Program: Panel Discussion,” Grinnell College. June 3, 2023.

“Title IX as a Tool: Empowering Students in Campus Community Responses to Sexual Violence.” Grinnell Advocates, Grinnell College. April 28, 2023.

“Humanizing Title IX: Centering Student Needs in Campus Community Responses to Sexual Violence.” Convocation Speech, Rosenfield Program at Grinnell College. November 4, 2021.

“The Commercial Sex Industry and Sex Purchasers.” Harold Washington College - Criminal Justice class. March 2014.

“‘Our Great Hobby’: An Analysis of Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.”

- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (IHMEC) and YWCA Evanston. Featured panelist for public panel discussion about the demand for commercial sex in Illinois. Evanston Public Library. January 17, 2017.
- YWCA Sexual Violence and Support Services Department, Chicago, IL. May 3, 2013.
- DePaul University Law School, Chicago, IL. Publication release event with media, law enforcement, and local stakeholders. February 13, 2013.

“Gender Inequality and Interculturalism.”

- The Center for Interamerican Studies (CEDEI), Cuenca, Ecuador. 2007.
- Fundación CIMAS, Quito, Ecuador. 2006.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2011-Present)

“Title IX Gatekeepers: How Hyperlegal Consciousness in Higher Education is Leaving Law Enforcement Behind.” Law and Inequality Roundtable, American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual Conference, August 9, 2020.

“‘Our Great Hobby’: The Construction of Legal Consciousness in Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.”

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20, 2016.
- University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. The Urban Workshop. November 17, 2015.

“‘Our Great Hobby’: Impacts of Law and Law Enforcement on Men Who Buy Sex.” SAFE Coalition for Human Rights Sex-Trafficking Awareness, Freedom and Empowerment Conference 2014, Chicago, IL. October 29, 2014.

“Impacts of Law and Law Enforcement on Men Who Buy Sex.” University of Chicago Law School – Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Chicago, IL. April 10, 2013.

“Demand Abolition: A Conversation about Sex Trafficking” featured panelist. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. May 15, 2013.

Hunt Alternatives Strategic Planning Conference Technical Expert, Dallas, TX. May 16-17, 2013.

“Culture in the Study of the Commercial Sex Industry” featured panelist. University of Chicago Spring Institute, Chicago, IL. May 3, 2013.

“What the Men are Saying and the Need for Early Prevention Education” Panel, Arresting Demand: A National Colloquium, Cambridge, MA. May 3-4 2012.

“El Mercado de Mujeres: El Aumento del Tráfico Sexual de Latinoamericanas.” CLACSO-CROP “Poverty, Economic Integration, and International Commerce” conference. La Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador November 27-29, 2007.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Pedagogy Training

- Graduate Certificate in College Teaching from the Chicago Center for Teaching | 2020
- Various seminars and workshops from the Chicago Center for Teaching (e.g. Principles of Inclusive Pedagogy, Teaching by Discussion, Accessibility and Higher Education, Exploring Implicit Bias in the Classroom, Teaching “Difference,” and Gender in the Classroom).

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

The Sociology of Law | Fall 2023

Gender and Society | Fall 2023

Introduction to Sociology | Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022
The Sociology of Higher Education | Spring 2023
Beyond Hashtags: Social Movements in Digital Society | Fall 2022

Grinnell College Liberal Arts in Prison Program (LAPP), Newton and Mitchellville, IA
Social Movements | Spring 2024 (Iowa Correctional Institute for Women)
Introduction to Sociology | Fall 2022 (Newton Correctional Institute for Men)

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Beyond Hashtags: Social Movements in Digital Society | Spring 2021
The Sociology of Higher Education | Autumn 2020
Foundations in Gender/Sexuality Studies: Defining the Feminist ‘Fourth Wave,’ | Autumn 2019
The Legal Tender of Gender: Paradigms of Equality and Realities of Inequality in Gender & The Law
| Spring 2019
Problems in the Study of Gender: Media Wars, co-taught with Dr. Jennifer Wild | Autumn 2017,
Spring 2019
Microteaching Workshop Series for Social Science Graduate Students, co-taught with Rebecca Ewert,
Chicago Center for Teaching | Winter 2019
Fundamentals of Teaching in the Social Sciences: Research Methods & Design Workshop Series, co
taught with Jenn Jackson, Chicago Center for Teaching | Autumn 2018
Power, Identity, and Resistance Social Sciences Core Sequence | Autumn and Winter 2020, Spring
2018, Autumn 2018
Social Structure and Change with Dr. Marco Garrido | Winter ’17, ’18, ’19. Teaching Assistant.
States, Markets, and Bodies with Dr. Kimberly Hoang | Autumn 2017, Winter 2019. T.A.
Global-Local Politics with Dr. Terry Clark | Winter 2018. T.A.
Urban Innovation with Dr. Terry Clark | Spring 2017. T.A.
The Third World City with Dr. Marco Garrido | Spring 2017. T.A.
Sociological Methods with Dr. Cheol-Sung Lee | Winter 2017 and 2015. T.A.
Power, Identity, and Resistance Core Sequence with Dr. Gary Herrigel | Spring 2016. T.A.
Power, Identity, and Resistance Core Sequence with Dr. Birte Löschenkohl | Autumn 2015. T.A.
Crime and the City with Dr. Forrest Stuart | Autumn 2014. T.A.

**Grinnell College Liberal Arts in Prison Program (LAPP), Iowa Correctional Institute for
Women, Mitchellville, IA (as undergraduate)**

Women in Literature, co-taught with Smita Sharma | 2007
Introduction to Salsa Dancing | 2007
Introduction to Yoga and Relaxation | 2007

Cárcel García Moreno, Quito, Ecuador

Co-founder of first-ever prison education program at oldest men’s prison in Ecuador, offering courses
in “Introduction to Creative Writing,” “Poetry of Resistance,” and “Therapeutic Art” from 2005-6.

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Undergraduate Graders – Sociology Department. Grinnell College (multiple, 2022-2024)

Graduate Advisees - MA Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

2021— Emma Rudd, M.A. “‘It Can Happen to Anybody’: Identity-blind Rhetoric and LGBTQ Inclusion in Sex Education Dating Violence Prevention”

Undergraduate Advisees – Sociology Department. University of Chicago

2022— Elizabeth Shen – BA Thesis: “Swimming Through Ambivalence: The Paradox of Vigilant Coping in Female College Athletes” – *Winner of Bertram J. Cohler B.A. Thesis Prize*

2021— Beth Awano – BA Thesis: “Too Close to Home: An Ecological Analysis of How College Students Respond When a Close Friend is Accused of Sexual Assault”

2021— Rebecca Maday Alvaro-Ramos – BA Thesis: “Femicides in Mexico from 1990 to Present: The Power of the Media with Respect to Fomentation of and Advocacy Against Femicides”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Pedagogy/curriculum creator of online lesson plan resources for teaching intersectional theory using social and digital media, *Gender & Society (2020-present)*

Junior Scholar Advisory Board, *Gender & Society (2019-present)*

UK/Ireland National Fellowships Endorsement Committee for University of Chicago (2018-2022)

Organizer, invited local activist guest lecture series for “Defining the Feminist ‘Fourth Wave’” course at University of Chicago (*Autumn 2019*)

Contributing organizer of “Our History is the Future: Standing Rock vs. the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance” (*June 2019*)

- Book presentation by Nick Estes (Kul Wicasa), Asst. Prof. of American Studies, University of New Mexico, followed by a round-table with local organizers with #NoDAPL and Black Lives Matter.

Organizer, “The Legal Tender of Gender: Original Undergraduate Research Symposium,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (*June 2019*)

Moderator, “Transitions to Teaching on the Tenure Track” Panel, “Pathways to College Teaching Careers” Conference, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago (*May 2019*)

Member of Chicago Center for Teaching Race & Pedagogy Working Group (2018-2019)

- Co-organizer, “Race & Pedagogy at the Smart Museum,” Smart Museum (*May 2019*)
- Co-organizer, “Diverse by Design: Crafting Inclusive Syllabi” workshop, U. Chicago Center for Identity and Inclusion (*March 2019*)
- Co-organizer, “Inclusive Teaching in STEM” event featuring Kimberly Tanner, Prof. Biology, San Francisco State University (*February 2019*)

Co-organizer, “Media Wars: Original Undergraduate Research Symposium” and “Media Wars: Original Graduate Research Symposium,” Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality (*May, June 2019*)

Co-organizer, “Demystifying Early Career Teaching in the Social Sciences,” Chicago Center for Teaching (*April 2019*)

Co-organizer, “Life In Trump’s America” Chicago Ethnography Conference (*March 2018*)

Co-organizer, “Media Wars: A Student Symposium of Research on Gendered Discourses of Truth and Untruth,” The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (*November 2017*)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW WORK

Book Review Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology* (2017-2018)

Judge, University of Chicago Sociology BA Thesis Competition (2018, 2020)

International Journal of Discrimination and Law (2020)

American Journal of Sociology (2017, 2020)

Sociological Science (2024)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Law and Society Association

Midwest Sociology Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request