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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026-present Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2026-present Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2022-2026 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College

2020-2022 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology and the College, University of Chicago

2014-2020 Lecturer; Doctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology and the College, University of Chicago

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Chicago
- Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Graduate Certificate in College Teaching (Chicago Center for Teaching)
- Dissertation: *Neutralizing Title IX: Hyperlegal Consciousness on College Campuses in the Age of #MeToo*
- Committee: Kristen Schilt (Chair), Anna-Maria Marshall, Kimberly Hoang, Robert Vargas

2013 M.A. in Sociology, University of Chicago

2009 M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies, Ulster University, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland
- Graduated with distinction
- Completed as a U.S.-Ireland Alliance Scholar

2006 M.A. in Latin American Studies and Cultural Politics / International Relations, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador
- Graduated with distinction
- Completed as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar

2005 B.A. in English, concentration in Gender and Women's Studies, Grinnell College
- Phi Beta Kappa Scholar's Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work at Grinnell College
- Alumni Association Senior Award for Exceptional Performance in Academic Pursuits and Contributions to the College and City Community
- Jeanne Burkle Award in Women's Studies

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Sexual Violence on Campus: Title IX and the New Era of Accountability. Under contract with NYU Press; forthcoming.

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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 Law and Society Division 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 / 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?* Pablo Andrade 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*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"'So Little on the Table to Ask For': The Litigious Turn in Title IX and Limited Options for Sexual Violence Victims."

"Symbolic Trust: Risk Management in College Students' Sexual Decision-Making During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY, PEDAGOGY, AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

2026 "Cornell Case Shows Why N.Y. Must Tighten Police-Campus Coordination." Op-ed in the *Times Union* (Albany newspaper), November 6.

Imagining Interventions: The Orgasm Gap and Sexual Double Standard Among College Students Today. Teaching module for Gender & Society's peer-reviewed pedagogy project. Forthcoming.

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

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

Selected television coverage: 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

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

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

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2026 Grinnell College Community Partnerships, Planning, and Research Grant for feminist art exhibition at local library, created by students in Advanced Gender Studies Sociology seminar

2026 Grinnell College Center for Humanities Grant for feminist art exhibition at local library, created by students in Advanced Gender Studies Sociology seminar

2023 American Sociological Association, SAGE Keith Roberts Teaching Award

2023 Grinnell College Sociology Department Curricular Grant for campuswide screening of *Tell Them We Are Rising*

2022 Grinnell College Curricular Development Grant for guest speaker on resistance to settler colonialism in higher education

2022 Grinnell College Curricular Development Grant for immersive environmental sociology field trip to CERA

2020 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Curricular Innovation Grant, Inequalities in Higher Education Guest-Expert Mentors Initiative

2020 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Curricular Innovation Grant, Undergraduate Research Assistant Opportunity for Study on Hookup Culture during the Pandemic

2019 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Dissertation Completion Fellowship

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 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Doctoral Fellowship

2009 Ulster University INCORE, Facilitator for the 10th International Summer School and Transitional Justice Institute 2nd International Summer School

2008 U.S.-Ireland Alliance, George J. Mitchell Scholarship

2008 Ulster University INCORE Research and Curricular Development Internship

2006 M.A. scholarship as Fulbright Scholar, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar

2005 Fulbright Fellowship to Ecuador

2005 Finalist for Rhodes Scholarship, District 12

2005 Finalist for Watson Fellowship

2004 Joseph Wall Scholarship, Grinnell College

2003 Roy Carver Scholar's Award

2001 Trustee Honor Scholarship, Grinnell College

2001 National Merit Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026-2027 **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**
- Criminology, Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
- Sociology of Deviance, Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
- Criminal Justice System, Fall 2026 and Spring 2027

2025-2026 **Grinnell College**
- Advanced Studies in Gender (seminar), Fall 2025
- The Sociology of Law, Fall 2025
- Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2026

2024-2025 **Grinnell College**
- The Deep Fake: Legal Conundrums of Regulating Tech-Facilitated Sexual Violence (seminar), Fall 2024
- The Sociology of Higher Education, Fall 2024
- Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2024

2023-2024 **Grinnell College**
- Gender and Society, Fall 2023
- The Sociology of Law, Fall 2023
- Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2024
- The Sociology of Higher Education, Spring 2023

2022-2024 **Grinnell College Liberal Arts in Prison Program**
- Social Movements, Spring 2024, Iowa Correctional Institute for Women
- Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2022, Newton Correctional Facility for Men

2020-2022 **University of Chicago**
- Beyond Hashtags: Social Movements in Digital Society, Spring 2021
- The Sociology of Higher Education, Autumn 2020
- Power, Identity, and Resistance, Autumn 2020 and Winter 2021

2019 **University of Chicago**
- 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 and the Law, Spring 2019
- Problems in the Study of Gender: Media Wars, co-taught with Jennifer Wild, Spring 2019 and Autumn 2017
- Microteaching Workshop Series for Social Science Graduate Students, co-taught with Rebecca Ewert, Winter 2019

2018 **University of Chicago**
- Fundamentals of Teaching in the Social Sciences: Research Methods and Design Workshop Series, co-taught with Jenn Jackson, Autumn 2018
- Power, Identity, and Resistance, Spring 2018 and Autumn 2018

2014-2019 **Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago**
- Social Structure and Change with Marco Garrido, Winters 2017, 2018, 2019
- States, Markets, and Bodies with Kimberly Hoang, Autumn 2017 and Winter 2019
- Global-Local Politics with Terry Clark, Winter 2018
- Urban Innovation with Terry Clark, Spring 2017
- The Third World City with Marco Garrido, Spring 2017
- Sociological Methods with Cheol-Sung Lee, Winters 2015 and 2017
- Power, Identity, and Resistance with Gary Herrigel, Spring 2016
- Power, Identity, and Resistance with Birte Löschenkohl, Autumn 2015
- Crime and the City with Forrest Stuart, Autumn 2014

2007 **Grinnell College Liberal Arts in Prison Program, Iowa Correctional Institute for Women**
- Women in Literature, co-taught with Smita Sharma
- Introduction to Salsa Dancing
- Introduction to Yoga and Relaxation

2005-2006 **Cárcel García Moreno, Quito, Ecuador**
- Co-founded a prison education program offering courses in Introduction to Creative Writing, Poetry of Resistance, and Therapeutic Art

PEDAGOGY TRAINING

2020 Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago

2018-2020 Led selected additional seminars/workshops through the Chicago Center for Teaching, including Principles of Inclusive Pedagogy, Teaching by Discussion, Accessibility and Higher Education, Exploring Implicit Bias in the Classroom, and Teaching Difference and Gender in the Classroom.

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

2022 Elizabeth Shen, B.A. Thesis, University of Chicago, "Swimming Through Ambivalence: The Paradox of Vigilant Coping in Female College Athletes"
- Winner of the Bertram J. Cohler B.A. Thesis Prize

2021 Emma Rudd, M.A., MA Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, "It Can Happen to Anybody: Identity-blind Rhetoric and LGBTQ Inclusion in Sex Education Dating Violence Prevention"

2021 Beth Awano, B.A. Thesis, University of Chicago, "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, B.A. Thesis, University of Chicago, "Femicides in Mexico from 1990 to Present: The Power of the Media […]"

2022-2026 Undergraduate graders and course mentors, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College

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INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2023-2024 "Inclusive Teaching at Grinnell" workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, Grinnell College
- New Faculty Orientation, August 8, 2024
- New Faculty Orientation, August 9, 2023
- Community Friday Workshop, February 10, 2023

2023 Liberal Arts in Prison Program panel discussion, Grinnell College, June 3, 2023

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

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

2017-2013 "Our Great Hobby": An Analysis of Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois
- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and YWCA Evanston public panel discussion, Evanston Public Library, January 17, 2017
- YWCA Sexual Violence and Support Services Department, Chicago, May 3, 2013
- DePaul University Law School publication release event, Chicago, February 13, 2013

2014 "The Commercial Sex Industry and Sex Purchasers," Harold Washington College Criminal Justice class, March 2014

2007-2006 "Gender Inequality and Interculturalism"
- Center for Interamerican Studies (CEDEI), Cuenca, Ecuador, 2007
- Fundación CIMAS, Quito, Ecuador, 2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 "Title IX Gatekeepers: How Hyperlegal Consciousness in Higher Education is Leaving Law Enforcement Behind," Law and Inequality Roundtable, American Sociological Association annual meeting

2015-2016 "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, August 20, 2016
- The Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, November 17, 2015

2014 "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, Chicago, October 29, 2014

2013 "Impacts of Law and Law Enforcement on Men Who Buy Sex," University of Chicago Law School, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, April 10, 2013

2013 "Demand Abolition: A Conversation about Sex Trafficking," featured panelist, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, May 15, 2013

2013 Hunt Alternatives Strategic Planning Conference, technical expert, Dallas, May 16-17, 2013

2013 "Culture in the Study of the Commercial Sex Industry," featured panelist, University of Chicago Spring Institute, May 3, 2013

2012 "What the Men Are Saying and the Need for Early Prevention Education," Arresting Demand: A National Colloquium, Cambridge, May 3-4, 2012

2007 "El Mercado de Mujeres: El Aumento del Tráfico Sexual de Latinoamericanas," CLACSO-CROP conference, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, November 27-29, 2007

SELECTED APPLIED JUSTICE, POLICY, AND ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

2008-2015 **Consultant and advocate with Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, Polaris Project, UNORCAC, and other organizations in the United States and Latin America**

- Provided bilingual Spanish-English advocacy to survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence and coordinated interagency partnerships with law enforcement and social services
- Designed and delivered survivor-centered trainings for students, faculty, justice-system professionals, and community partners
- Authored *Our Great Hobby*, a CAASE report on demand for commercial sex in Illinois

2004-2005 **Victim Advocate and Prevention Educator, Municipal Government of Otavalo, Ecuador**

- Provided direct legal and psychological advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in cross-cultural community settings
- Developed school-based prevention curricula and produced a 100-page investigative report on interculturalism and gender equity in local governance

2002-2005 **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocate, DV Alternatives / Sexual Assault Center, Grinnell, Iowa**

- Completed 30+ hours of crisis intervention training and provided hotline, shelter, court, and medical advocacy
- Facilitated survivor support groups and prevention outreach in local schools

2003 **Intern, Children's Response Center, Bellevue, Washington**

- Developed sexual harassment prevention training modules for high school students and assessed multicultural service delivery practices
- Shadowed social workers, legal advocates, and outreach staff

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026 Mock Interview Panelist for Marshall Fellowship finalists, Grinnell College

2024-present Trained Equity Advocate to serve on hiring committees, Grinnell College

2024-present Education Studies Faculty Board, Grinnell College

2022-present Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Program Faculty Board, Grinnell College

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

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

2018-2022 UK/Ireland National Fellowships Endorsement Committee, University of Chicago

2019 Organizer, invited local activist guest lecture series for Defining the Feminist Fourth Wave, University of Chicago

2019 Organizer, "The Legal Tender of Gender: Original Undergraduate Research Symposium," Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago

2019 Moderator, "Transitions to Teaching on the Tenure Track" panel, Pathways to College Teaching Careers Conference, Chicago Center for Teaching

2018-2019 Member, Race and Pedagogy Working Group, Chicago Center for Teaching
- Co-organizer, Race and Pedagogy at the Smart Museum
- Co-organizer, Diverse by Design: Crafting Inclusive Syllabi workshop
- Co-organizer, Inclusive Teaching in STEM event featuring Kimberly Tanner

2019 Co-organizer, Media Wars undergraduate and graduate research symposia, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

2019 Co-organizer, "Demystifying Early Career Teaching in the Social Sciences," Chicago Center for Teaching

2019 Contributing organizer, "Our History is the Future: Standing Rock vs. the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance"

2018 Co-organizer, Chicago Ethnography Conference

EDITORIAL AND REVIEW SERVICE

2024 Book manuscript reviewer, NYU Press

2024 Reviewer, *Sociological Science*

2020, 2017 Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*

2020 Reviewer, *International Journal of Discrimination and Law*

2020, 2018 Judge, University of Chicago Sociology B.A. Thesis Competition

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Law and Society Association

Midwest Sociological Society