

SEXUALITIES NEWS

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THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities is to encourage, enhance and foster research, teaching and other professional activities in the sociology of sexuality, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council.

The section seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

Dear Sexualities Section Members:

I began my term as Chair of the Sexualities section during ASA 2018. Feedback from our membership during both the Sexualities Preconference and annual conference of the ASA made it abundantly clear to me that our section has important work to do to ensure that our conference programming, mentorship, and processes around leadership and award selection become more inclusive and equitable. Over this past year, our work has largely focused on these goals, which (as I mentioned in the last newsletter) I see as an extension of the momentum, vision, and conversations of the 2018 ASA Sexualities Preconference, "Sexualities, Race and Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time."

That work extended far beyond the section Chair and I want to use my final newsletter post to express my deep gratitude to my amazing colleagues in Sexualities and other allied sections for all of the work that they have done and are doing on behalf of these efforts. Thanks to this year's Council - Kate Averett, Tristan Bridges, Shantel Buggs, D'Lane Compton, Cati Connell, Georgiann Davis, Apoorva Ghosh, Trevor Hoppe, Angela Jones, Tey Meadow, and Emma Mishel. An extra heaping of thanks is owed to Georgiann Davis, who has served admirably as our section's Secretary-Treasurer for the past three years. As Georgiann leaves this position to serve as Chair-Elect of the Body and Embodiment section this August, it is clear that Body & Embodiment will be in very capable hands. And so, too, will our section. I congratulate and thank our newly-elected Council members - bee coston, Theo Greene, Tristen Kade, Ghassan Moussawi, Vrushali Patil, and alithia zamantakis (see more about our election results on page 4).

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Chair's Letter (cont.)

When you take a look at our incredible newly-elected Council members, you will join me, I'm sure, in thanking not only this excellent crew of sexualities scholars who have committed to serving the section in the future, but also the team that served as our Nominations Committee this year as well. Thanks to Kate Averett, Robert Baez, Shantel Buggs, Cati Connell (Chair of the Nominations Committee), and Vrushali Patil. In addition to those who will be joining our Council, thanks to those of you who ran for positions but were not elected this year. Your willingness to serve the section is admirable and critical to the health and vitality of our section and I encourage you to keep on putting yourselves out there for future elections.

I worked with each of our Sexualities award committees this year to update and revise award calls and selection criteria and to ensure broader distribution of our calls for submissions. You can read more about this year's section award winners and their groundbreaking scholarship on page 4. Many individuals did the work of reading and discussing the substantial number of nominations that our committees received. I want to thank, in particular: Miriam Abelson, Shweta Adur, Kate Averett, Tristan Bridges, Caner Hazar, Andrea Herrera, Trevor Hoppe, Angela Jones, Minwoo Jung, Tey Meadow, Emma Mishel, Jyoti Puri, Abigail Saguy, Alan Santinele Martino, Tony Silva, Brandy Simula, and Jesús Smith. The deep and rich pool of nominations across our section's award committees this year made it exceedingly clear that our section members are doing some of the most fascinating and important work in sociology today. To broaden familiarity with and recognition of this integral scholarship, Tristan Bridges and Shantel Buggs also led a task force in which they organized a team of colleagues (which included Katie Acosta, Kate Averett, Kelsy Burke, bee coston, Janice Irvine, Emily Kazyak, Andrea Kelley, Kari Lerum, Chad Mandala, Amy McDowell, Kasim Ortiz, Kristen Schilt, Verta Taylor, and me) in submitting fourteen Book Salon (formerly Author-Meets-Critic) session proposals, focusing expressly on sexualities scholarship, to ASA for consideration for their 2020 programming. Fingers crossed that we get to see some of our section members' Book Salons at ASA in San Francisco in 2020 and thanks to Tristan, Shantel, and everyone who submitted a proposal.

This year, Chairs (Elizabeth Armstrong, Abigail Saguy, and me) and members of three sections—Race, Gender and Class; Sex and Gender; and Sexualities—worked collaboratively to initiate a joint mentorship program with the intention of reducing mentor burnout and facilitating student and faculty connections and networks across sections. This group has developed an exciting three-part mentorship program that will be launched at ASA this year. Thanks to all the mentees and mentors who participate in this mentorship program as well as to those who have done all of the organizing and planning to make it happen: Blu Buchanan, LaToya Council, Elizabeth Hughes, Praveena Lakshmanan, William Rothwell, Lawrence Stacey, Queen Zabriskie, and alithia zamantakis.

Our Social Media Committee has been busy working on posting guidelines and reinvigorating our Twitter and Facebook accounts. Thanks to Trevor Hoppe for Chairing this committee and to Tristan Bridges and Emma Mishel for their work here as well. Be sure to check out some new member-featuring social media initiatives on page 6. Georgiann Davis has kept us all informed through listserv digest messages on the 1st and 15th of every month and Jeff Lockhart has kept our section website up to date—thank you!

Chair's Letter (cont.)

Our ASA 2019 section sponsored and co-sponsored programming is both exciting and extensive. In addition to all those presenting (see more on pages 5-6), huge thanks are owed to all those involved with organizing, presiding over, moderating, and serving as a discussant: Héctor Carrillo, Robert Cserni, Danielle Currier, Sarah Diefendorf, Mael Embser-Herbert, Tina Fetner, Apoorva Ghosh, Kjerstin Gruys, Angela Jones, Julia Meszaros, Alison Moss, Ghassan Moussawi, Sonny Nordmarken, Vrushali Patil, Victoria Pitts-Taylor, Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, Laurel Westbrook, and alithia zamantakis.

Council Leadership and members from the sections on Race, Gender and Class (Elizabeth Armstrong, Kristen Barber, Jaime Hartless, Vrushali Patil, Joan Robinson, Myron Strong, and Gowri Vijayakumar); Sex and Gender (Sara Crawley, James Dean, Kjerstin Gruys, Abigail Saguy, and Samantha Ashley Wallace along with co-Chairs from Sociologists for Trans Justice—Daniel Laurison and Laurel Westbrook); and Sexualities (Georgiann Davis, Tey Meadow, Emma Mishel, Julia Meszaros, Ghassan Moussawi, and myself), worked together to submit three workshop proposals for ASA 2019 in NYC focusing on inclusion and equity for: 1) scholars of color and scholarship focusing on race, ethnicity, and racialization processes; 2) transgender, gender non-conforming/non-binary, and intersex scholars and scholarship; and 3) transnational scholars and scholarship. All three workshop proposals were accepted and we look forward to the dialogues that they will inspire in New York in August. Special thanks go to Salvador Vidal-Ortiz for providing information about the workshop option, Nancy Romero for accepting all three of our proposals, and to the workshop facilitators: Katie Acosta, Hae Yeon Choo, Georgiann Davis, Jaime Hartless, Tristen Kade, Zine Magubane, Bandana Purkayastha, Brandon Andrew Robinson, and Carla Shedd. You can find more information about the date, time, and location of these workshops on pages 5 and 6.

Abigail Saguy (Chair of Sex and Gender) and I have negotiated a contract for our joint section reception at Iguana New York (240 W 54th St.)—an accessible and fun location just two blocks away from the conference hotels. Join us on Saturday August 10th from 6:30-8 pm for the joint Sex & Gender and Sexualities reception. There will be music, dance space, seating and tables, and plenty of delicious food for all. A cash bar is available and some complimentary drink tickets will be provided to graduate students. Additional thanks go to Angela Jones, Tey Meadow, and Emma Mishel for their assistance in scouting venue locations.

Finally, I want to thank our new Sexualities Newsletter Editor—Jeff Sheng—for creating this newsletter and, hopefully, many more in the future. This important work contributes not only to letting our current membership know what we're up to in this section, but also to developing institutional memory for all those who will come to do this work long after us. Thanks to each of you for being members of the Sexualities section. I hope to see you in New York City!

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2019 SECTION ELECTION RESULTS

Chair-Elect (2019-2022)

Vrushali Patil, Florida International University

Secretary/Treasurer (2019-2022)

Theo Greene, Bowdoin College

Council (2019-2022)

Bethany M (bee) Coston, Virginia Commonwealth University
Ghassan Moussawi, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Graduate Student Representatives (2019-2020)

Tristen Kade, Portland State University
alithia zamantakis, Georgia State University

ASA SECTION ON SEXUALITIES AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all! We look forward to celebrating all of our section award winners at the Sexualities Business Meeting on 8/10 at 3:30pm in Sheraton New York, Third Floor, New York Ballroom West.

And thank you to all of the award committee members for reviewing all of the nominations!

Sociology of Sexualities 2019 Distinguished Book Award

WINNER: *Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness* by Dr. Trevor Hoppe, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

HONORABLE MENTION: *Boystown: Sex & Community in Chicago* by Dr. Jason Orne, Drexel University

Sociology of Sexualities 2019 Distinguished Article Award

Dr. Vrushali Patil, Florida International University, Paper Title: "The Heterosexual Matrix as Imperial Effect." *Sociological Theory* 36(1): 1-26. 2018.

The 2019 Sociology of Sexualities Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship

WINNER: Di Wang, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Project Title: "Legalizing Queer Families in China"

HONORABLE MENTION: Jamie Budnick, University of Michigan, Project Title: "The New Gay Science: Sexuality Knowledge, Demography, and the Politics of Population Measurement."

2019 Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities Award

Niina Vuolajarvi, Rutgers University, Paper Title: "Governing in the Name of Caring—the Nordic Model of Prostitution and its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex."

The 2019 Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award*

Dr. Beth Schneider, UC Santa Barbara

*The Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award is announced at ASA in even numbered years but officially awarded at ASA during odd numbered years in order to organize a session around the recipient's work during the odd numbered year. Dr. Schneider was selected as the 2019 Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award last year. She will officially receive the award at the 2019 Sexualities Business Meeting. On Sunday, August 11, from 12:30pm-2:10pm in Sheraton New York, Lower Level, Murray Hill there will be a panel in honor of Dr. Beth Schneider.

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2019 ASA SEXUALITIES SPONSORED/SPONSORED EVENTS

All Section on Sexualities Section sponsored/co-sponsored events are listed here. A longer list of all comprehensive events pertinent to our members will be sent out separately closer to ASA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

2:30pm to 3:30pm

- *Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtables
Sheraton New York, Third Floor, New York Ballroom West
and
- *Section on Sociology of Sexualities Council Meeting
Sheraton New York, Third Floor, New York Ballroom West

3:30pm-4:10pm

- *Section on Sociology of Sexualities Business Meeting
Sheraton New York, Third Floor, New York Ballroom West

6:30pm-8:00pm

- *ASA Sexualities Reception (co-hosted/sponsored with ASA Sex and Gender).
Offsite. Iguana Restaurant and Lounge @ 240 W 54th St, New York, NY 10019.

8:00pm-10:00pm

- The mix and mingle happy hour--a program that is part of this year's "Mentoring Across Specializations" program and serves as the peer-to-peer mentoring opportunity. Our happy hour will be held at The Three Monkeys Bar on Saturday, August 10th located at 236 W 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 from 8:00pm-10:00pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30am-10:10am

- *Section Session: Author Meets Critics. Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India. By Dr. Jyoti Puri. Sexual States was awarded the 2018 Distinguished Book Award from the Section on Sexualities. Sheraton New York, Lower Level, Murray Hill

8:30am-10:10am

- *WORKSHOP: Equity and Inclusion for Transgender, Intersex, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming Scholars/Scholarship in the Discipline Co-sponsored by the sections on: Sexualities; Race, Gender and Class; and Sex and Gender. New York Hilton, Second Floor, Murray Hill West

10:30am-12:10pm

- *Section Session: Let's Talk About Sex
Sheraton New York, Lower Level, Murray Hill
and
- *Section Session. Transnationalizing Gender and Sexuality Studies: Beyond the Local and the Global (co-sponsored with ASA Sex and Gender) Sheraton New York, New York Ballroom East

12:30pm-2:10pm

- *Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award Panel for Dr. Beth Schneider
Sheraton New York, Lower Level, Murray Hill

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2019 ASA SEXUALITIES SPONSORED/SPONSORED EVENTS (cont.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

10:30am-12:10pm

*WORKSHOP: Equity and Inclusion for Transnational Scholars and Scholarship in our Sections, ASA, and the Discipline. Co-sponsored by the sections on: Sexualities; Race, Gender and Class; and Sex and Gender. New York Hilton, Second Floor, Murray Hill East.

and

Speed Mentoring Event:

We're excited to co-host (along with the sections on Race, Gender, and Class and Sex and Gender) a Speed Mentoring event at the ASA meeting this summer. Modeled after speed dating, this event will give graduate students and postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to meet and hear several faculty members and higher ed professionals share their expertise and experiences with a number of topics. Sheraton New York, Second Floor - Lenox Ballroom

4:30pm-6:10pm

*Body and Embodiment Section Session (co-sponsored with Section on Sexualities):
Embodied Resistance: Activism and Protest for Social Justice
Sheraton New York, Lower Level, Columbus Circle

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

10:30am-12:10pm

*WORKSHOP: Equity and Inclusion for Scholars of Color in our Sections, ASA, and the Discipline
Co-sponsored by the sections on: Sexualities; Race, Gender and Class; and Sex and Gender.
New York Hilton, Third Floor, Mercury Ballroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from the ASA LGBTQ Caucus: Hello! As we gear up for another ASA Annual Meeting, we would like to encourage you to become involved with the LGBTQ Caucus. The Caucus aims to support and empower LGBTQ sociologists, regardless of what areas they work in. Our full mission statement is on our website: <https://www.lgbtqcaucus.com/about-us>. At the upcoming ASA meetings, we will have paper awards and graduate travel awards, a coffee hour, a business meeting, and a reception joint with Sociologists for Trans Justice. Outside of the Annual Meeting, you can get involved via our listserv or facebook page, or by reading or contributing to our new quarterly newsletter.* You can also help us build community by telling your colleagues about the Caucus. The next LGBTQ Caucus Newsletter is open for submissions! Did you publish something this year that we can signal-boost for you? Do you have questions about being queer at ASA or on the job market? Do you have an announcement? Are you on the job market? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at soclgbtqcaucus@gmail.com.

The Alternative Gender Measures Survey (AGMS) is now available to the public through [OpenICPSR](#). The AGMS was collected by Aliya Saperstein and Laurel Westbrook in November 2014 from a national sample of more than 1,500 U.S. adults with the primary aim of pilot testing alternative gender measures for the General Social Survey (GSS). It includes a six-item sex and gender module embedded in more than three-dozen questions drawn from the GSS, including a question about sexual orientation. The module features two pairs of feminine and masculine gender scale items along with a two-step categorical approach to measuring sex assigned at birth and current gender. The two-step measures are the same as those adopted in the 2018 GSS. In addition to the data file and user's guide, Stata code is also provided to replicate two previously published peer-reviewed articles that featured the survey data. These data can be used for a wide range of secondary studies on gender inequality, and gendered attitudes and beliefs, as well as for pedagogical purposes such as introductory methods classes. Download the data and codebook at <http://doi.org/10.3886/E109542V1> to explore how alternative measures can improve gender research and demographic data collection.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

What's White in the Rainbow: White Supremacy in LGBTQ Movements

Blu Buchanan (Ed.)

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration for What's White in the Rainbow: White Supremacy in LGBTQ Movements, an edited volume highlighting works of established and emerging thinkers examining the presence, effects, and abolition of white supremacy in LGBTQ social movements.

Abstracts due July 31, 2019.

Full Paper Deadline: December 1, 2019

The first of its kind, What's White in the Rainbow aims to demonstrate the deep structural and social ties between white supremacy and LGBTQ social movements in the United States. This volume will bring together scholars across multiple disciplines to create a conversation about what role white supremacy has had, and continues to have, in LGBT social movements.

We invite rigorous intellectual work related to the problem of whiteness and white supremacy in LGBTQ spaces; on how to research white supremacy in these spaces; and abolitionist/interventionist perspectives on handling white supremacy when and where we find it.

Guiding questions include:

- What does whiteness look like in LGBTQ spaces? How does it manifest in particular practices or agenda-setting?
- What is the history of whiteness in LGBTQ movements? How might understanding this parallel history help to understand the shape of LGBTQ history as a whole?
- What are the limits of the LGBTQ archive in studying normative positions like whiteness?
- How does whiteness manifest in LGBTQ politics today?
- How does whiteness manifest differently in different LGBTQ political milieus (liberal, conservative, radical, far right)?
- What are strategies related to whiteness which allow it to operate in LGBTQ spaces?
- How does whiteness ally itself with other dominant/oppressive frames in LGBTQ spaces?
- How can LGBTQ spaces create/maintain practices which disrupt whiteness?
- What lessons can we learn from the past, as we face the 21st century and a rising, reinvigorated white supremacy?

Submit your 500-word abstract and bio through our portal [here](#) by July 31th, 2019. We will notify authors of accepted abstracts by August 1, 2019. Full guidelines for chapters will follow with acceptance, but accepted pieces will need to be written in accessible language of no more than 4000 words. Full chapter drafts will be due in December 1, 2019.

For more information contact: WhiteSupremacyInLGBTQMovements@gmail.com

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (cont.)

Call for Papers and Artistic Presentations

Trans Pregnancy Fertility, Reproduction and Body Autonomy An International Conference

14-16 January 2020. Carriageworks Theatre, Leeds, UK.

Contemporary experiences of pregnancy, birth and reproductive autonomy have significantly altered with the diversification of gendered, sexual and intimate practices, and advances in health care practices and technologies. In many countries it is possible for same-gender couples to adopt and raise children, for prospective parents to access IVF or surrogacy, and for people to safely and legally terminate a pregnancy.

There have always been transgender people who become pregnant, but they are more visible than ever before. Trans pregnancy shows how shifts in gendered and intimate practices occur within changing social institutions, technological advances and developing cultural understandings. Such social, technological and cultural transformations also impact on how individuals live their gendered, embodied and intimate lives.

This conference emerges from the three-year project '[Trans Pregnancy: An International Exploration of Transmasculine Reproduction](#)', funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). We have been exploring the feelings, experiences and health care needs of trans and non-binary people who wish to and/or become pregnant. In addition to sharing our end-of-project findings, we seek to bring interdisciplinary, international researchers into conversation with activists, community organisers, healthcare practitioners and artists for the first international conference on trans reproduction.

In addition to plenary speakers at the forefront of their field, this Call for Papers seeks to open up the conference to academics at all stages of their career, including postgraduates, plus trans parents and activists, and members of voluntary, third sector, policy, professional and practitioner communities. Presentations may address – though are not limited to – trans reproduction and:

- Abortion rights
- Adoption and fostering
- Citizenship and recognition
- Class and socioeconomic status
- Constructed gametes
- Embodiment
- Forced sterilisation
- Gender identities
- Health care and practice
- Infant feeding and induced lactation
- International comparisons
- Law, policy and ethics
- Kinship, families and intimacy
- Parenting cultures
- Racialisation of reproductive practices
- Reproductive justice
- Reproductive technologies
- Research methods
- Sexualities
- Social and/or medical transitions
- Social movements and activism
- Uterus implants

We welcome creative presentation forms such as film, readings, poetry, music, theatre and artwork.

Please send an abstract (200-300 word description of your work or proposed presentation) to:

Professor Sally Hines (s.hines@leeds.ac.uk) and Dr Ruth Pearce: (r.pearce1@leeds.ac.uk)

Deadline: 30th August 2019.

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sexualities Scholar becomes the Youngest Full Professor at the University of Oklahoma

At the age of 36, Dr. Meredith G. F. Worthen became the youngest full professor currently at the University of Oklahoma and the youngest-ever woman full professor in the 115-year history of the OU Department of Sociology. She joins three other women full professors in the Department: Loretta Bass (chair), Amy Kroska, and Susan Sharp (emeritus). Tom Burns and Rob Clark are also full professors in the Department.

She joins a minority (about one-third) of full professors across the nation who are women, doing so in only ten years from assistant to full professor (about 6 years faster than the average time to full promotion for women). She is also very likely the youngest-ever woman to be promoted to full professor while at the University of Oklahoma, though the digitized records are only available going back to 1983. She hopes to bring more awareness to systemic promotion-related issues and service burdens that many women are plagued by so that more can be done to help promote gender equality in academia.



The bulk of Dr. Worthen's research focuses on LGBTQ studies, gender/sexuality, sexual assault, and queer criminology. She also created the LGBTQ non-profit [The Welcoming Project](#) and the sexual assault survivor-focused Instagram account [#MeTooMeredith](#). She is currently working on a book titled *Queers, Bis, and Straight Lies: An Intersectional Examination of LGBTQ Stigma* which is under contract with Routledge and will be released in 2020.

GRAD STUDENTS ON THE MARKET

Sarah Adeyinka-Skold, MSW, LCSW University of Pennsylvania



My research interests include race, gender, sexuality, and family. Through current and future research, I aim to understand inequalities in these areas through the lens of romantic relationships. My dissertation focuses on the intersection of race and gender through a consideration of dating in the digital age. Using semi-structured interviews with 111 college-educated women who self-identified as Asian, Black, Latina, and White, I examine the costs and barriers middle-class heterosexual women face in their search for romantic partners, and how these costs and barriers differ by race/ethnicity. This examination on costs and barriers further answers the central question of my dissertation: how does dating technology perpetuate, reify, or challenge gender and racial inequality in the United States? My research was featured in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), Philadelphia's most widely read newspaper, and discussed in [The Harvard Crimson](#). My past research explored how interracial relationships shaped racial formation among European immigrant and US-born white women married to Black men in the late 1930s in Chicago. This work is published in the [Sociology of Race and Ethnicity](#). My future research will explore relationship formation among LGBTQ+ individuals of varying ethno-racial backgrounds, with a goal to produce inclusive theory on race, gender, and sexuality. For more information about my research, teaching, and background, please view my [CV](#).

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GRAD STUDENTS ON THE MARKET (cont.)

Apoorva Ghosh's research is located at the intersection of sociology of sexualities, social movements, globalization, and organizations; he has authored papers in these areas for *Gender, Work & Organizations*, *Handbook of Research in Workforce Diversity: Technologies & Concepts*, *Indian Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Management and Labour Studies*, *Sexualities*, and *South Asian Journal of Management*. His doctoral dissertation (in progress) is on parental acceptance of gay men which is a comparative study examining the unfolding of gay men's familial relationships in India and the United States after they came out to their parents, also exploring how parental acceptance has varied across the older and younger generations of gay men. Current and previous research on other topics involve theoretical and empirical research on LGBT workplace equality movement, transnational sexuality, workplace incivility, and cross-cultural management.

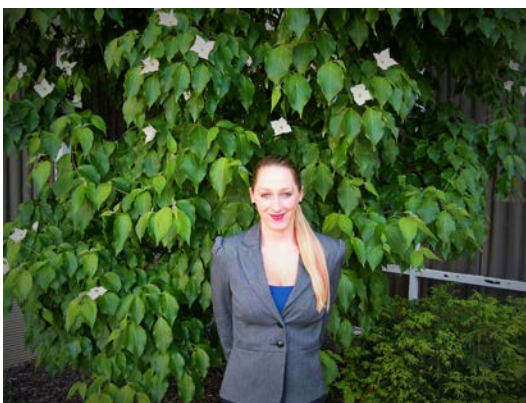
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Ghosh has held fellowships from the U.S. Department of State (Fulbright 2012-13), XLRI- Xavier School of Management, India (Fellow Program in Management 2009-13), and the University of California, Irvine (Social Science Merit Fellowship 2015-21). While pursuing a PhD in Sociology at the University of California, Irvine, he teaches upper division undergraduate courses on sociology of gender and globalization. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Gujarat University, India, an MS in Quality Management from BITS Pilani, India, and an MA in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine.

Penny Harvey

Georgia State University
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Penny Harvey is a Sociology PhD student at Georgia State University with a concentration in Gender and Sexuality and has a Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Specifically, their work can be categorised into four empirical areas; (1) gender and sexual interactions, (2) gender, sexuality, and youth, (3) gender and health, and (4) pedagogy. They utilise mixed methodology with an emphasis on feminist qualitative approaches. They are prepared to teach classes on a variety of topics, including gender, sexualities, global, methods, theory, and social psychology.

To read their most recent article, published in *Teaching Sociology*, visit: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0092055X19860563>

For further information please visit their website at <https://professorpennyharvey.weebly.com/>

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Michael Patrick Vaughn is a doctoral candidate in the Sociology Department and a certificate student in the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University. His research interests include collective memory, gender and sexuality, identity processes, and trauma. He is currently a pre-doctoral fellow at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry and will be entering the academic job market this cycle.

In his NSF-funded dissertation, titled "Tops, Bottoms, and the Ghost of HIV: An Investigation of the Impact of Collective Memory on the Behavior-Group Identity Relationship Among Gay Men," Michael examines how shared narratives about trauma can become an aspect of how gay men understand what it means to be gay.

Using in-depth interviewing, archival research, and q-methodology, Michael examines how traumatic historical narratives, commemorated as collective memories, continue to influence identity processes and sexual behavior. He specifically examines how this effect varies across races and generation.

Outside of his dissertation, Michael conducts media research, examining how popular television shows and podcasts can provide insight into and extend our theorizing about memory, trauma, and identity. You can find more information about Michael's scholarship on his website: www.mpvaughn.com

Michael Patrick Vaughn
Emory University
He/Him



Jaclyn Wypler
University of Wisconsin-Madison
She/They



Jaclyn (or Jac) is a Sociology Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research uses ethnographic, interview, and survey data to address how axes of power structure social, economic, and environmental participation in communities. Specifically, her dissertation asks: how do lesbian, bisexual women, transgender, and queer women (LBTQ) sustainable farmers in the rural Midwest shape and incorporate into rural communities known for patriarchal and industrial farming practices? In a moment of intense polarization, the dissertation highlights how people negotiate divisive differences and attempt to build vibrant communities. The research bridges literatures related to gender, sexuality, rurality, the environment, economics, and social psychology. Beyond the dissertation, Jaclyn has interviewed 20 queer farmers in Australia; upon graduation in 2020, she will conduct a comparative analysis of her U.S.- and AUS-based data. In other future projects, she will collect survey data to examine queer farmers' self-reported experiences with mental health. As a public sociologist and former farmer, Jac presents findings alongside farmers, facilitates queer farmer events, writes for magazines and blogs, and appears on podcast, radio, and television news outlets in the Midwestern U.S. and Australia.

Newsletter Notes



Social Media/Twitter Announcement:

Every Monday, the Sexualities section will be highlighting members' recent publications on Twitter. Want your work featured or a colleague's? DM us (@AsaSexualities) with a Twitter-friendly abstract (short and snappy) along with a screenshot of the abstract.

Members of the Sexualities Section:

Hey everyone,

I first want to say thank you to bee for wonderfully handling the newsletter for many, many years. I'm very excited to be taking over and contributing towards the section.

This is the first newsletter I've done, so I'm still getting used to the process of putting one of these together. I'll also be working on changing and updating the layout over the next few issues, and possibly also working on trying out the newsletter in a few different formats.

If any of you have any suggestions and feedback, I'd be happy to chat about your ideas. I'll be at ASA as well so I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you there. Please say hi!

All my best,
Jeff



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