Dear Sexualities Section Members:

Happy summer! I hope that everyone is having the summer they want, be it relaxing, productive, or a combination of both. As we look forward to the August ASA meetings next month, I want to direct attention to a very important session that does not appear in the program. At last year’s business meeting, Héctor Carrillo announced that Mary Bernstein received the Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award! To celebrate Mary and her award-winning scholarship, we have a special session planned for 10:30am-12:10pm on Tuesday August 15. An amazing group of panelists will gather to discuss and celebrate Mary’s award. These panelists include Laura Carpenter, Catherine Corrigan-Brown, Myra Marx Ferree, Tina Fetner, Melanie Heath, and Joya Misra. Please join us to celebrate Mary’s award! (Room to be announced; please check the online program once you are in Montreal.)

Just a few more reminders about the meetings. Our joint reception with the Body & Embodiment section will be at 6:30pm on Monday August 14 at L’Assommoir Notre Dame (211 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest). L’Assommoir is just a quick five minute walk from the Palais des Congrès. Here’s the link to their website if you want to check them out before August: http://www.assommoir.com/.

(Continued on page 2)

Notes from the desk of:

DAWN BAUNACH
Section Chair

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.

IN THIS ISSUE:

Division News & Notes..............2
PhDs on the Market.................3
Sexualities Sponsored Sessions...5

Section Award Winners..............7
Sociologists for Trans Justice Mentoring..............7
Editor’s Note.....................8
CHAIR’S LETTER, cont.

There will be more on the meeting session in this newsletter, but I want to give a quick rundown of our offerings. To recognize our anniversary we have the “20 Years of Sexualities” session. Our four other sessions are on “Transnational Sexualities,” “Intersectionalities and Sexualities,” “Criminalizations and Decriminalizations of Sexuality,” and the large roundtable session. Please make sure to attend the business meeting at 3:30 on Tuesday, where we will honor award recipients and plan for the future. Part of that future is the next Sexualities Preconference, scheduled for 2018 in Philadelphia. The chairs and committee members are putting together a schedule highlighting great research and facilitating mentoring and networking opportunities. The tri-chairs for the conference – Katie Acosta, Jessica Fields, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz – are giving an update on the conference planning; it looks fabulous!

I cannot believe that my year as chair of this dynamic section is coming to a close. It has been such a privilege and an honor to serve its members and the field. I would be remiss if I failed to heap praise on Georgiann. I am truly indebted to Georgiann’s assistance, guidance, and wisdom. And although it might be a bit unorthodox, I want to make sure that everyone hears about the two awards Georgiann just received from the Sex & Gender section: the Distinguished Book Award and the Feminist Scholar Award. Way to go Georgiann!!

See you in Montreal!

Dawn

Sexualities sponsored sessions for 2016 can be found on pages 5-6!

Publications of interest

(Additional Division News & Notes found on page 16)
ON THE MARKET

**Stefan Vogler**

My research revolves around the topics of sexualities, law, and science and knowledge. In my dissertation, “Ruling Sexuality: Law, Expertise, and the Making of Sexual Knowledge,” I examine how law and science cooperate to render sexual subjects legible to state institutions through measuring, classifying, and categorizing sexuality. Through the comparative study of asylum claims by sexual minorities and risk evaluations of sex offenders—two settings where courts attempt to know subjects’ sexualities—my dissertation asks how legal institutions attempt to objectively measure the subjective phenomenon of sexuality. Drawing on an original archive of court decisions, interviews with legal and scientific actors, and multi-sited ethnographic observation, I find that these two legal domains measure sexuality quite differently and in ways dependent upon the structure of the legal arena and the type of expertise bearing on the decision-making process. In the case of sex offenders, forensic psychologists offer largely essentialist explanations of sexual deviance drawn from technologies meant to read the body, such as polygraphs and penile plethysmographs. Conversely, asylum advocates forward more constructionist accounts of sexuality that are more sensitive to sexuality’s social determinants. I highlight processes of (de)medicalization and (de)criminalization that have allowed LGBTQ identities to diverge from criminal sexualities over the course of the 20th century and suggest that risk has come to play a central role in contouring the boundaries of sexual citizenship. I ultimately argue that distinct historical circumstances and institutional configurations laid the foundation for different networks of expertise to establish themselves in each domain, which, in turn, led to divergent interpretations of sexuality and disparate governance outcomes.

*Join ASA for the ALL NEW 2017 Employment Fair!*

It’s Wednesday, August 30 from 10:00-4:00 in the Palais des congres de Montreal - and it’s free!

---

**Tony Silva**

Tony Silva is a doctoral candidate at the University of Oregon, and expects to earn his doctorate in Sociology and certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies in June 2018. His research and teaching interests include gender, sexuality, qualitative and quantitative methods, rural sociology, and race/ethnicity. His dissertation, entitled “But-Sex: Heterosexuality, Masculinity, and Sexual Flexibility Among Rural White Straight Men Who Have Sex With Men,” takes an intersectional approach to understand how whiteness and rurality influence the gender and sexual identities of straight-identified men who have sex with men.

Through 50 in-depth interviews, he argues that men in this population construct normative masculinity and straightforwardness by making complex interpretations of non-normative sexual practices, and by selectively choosing other masculine, white, and straight or secretly bisexual partners for non-romantic, secretive sex. His dissertation makes six other main arguments: sexuality is flexible over the life course; straightness is central to rural masculinity; geographic location shapes how individuals identify and express their sexuality and gender; similar sexual practices carry different meanings across contexts and populations; intersections of whiteness and rurality facilitate men’s identification with heterosexuality and masculinity; and sexual attractions, desires, practices, and identities do not necessarily align in ways suggested by the mainstream system of sexual classification. Two chapters were published in Sexualities and Gender & Society, the latter of which received considerable media coverage, including from New York Magazine.

This dissertation is part of his long-term research trajectory, which uses multiple methods to examine complexity in gender and sexuality and how race and class shape both. As his research shows, what individuals often think of as highly personal—sexuality and gender—are shaped by patterned social forces. His current projects, three of which are under review, use nationally representative surveys to examine how individuals construct gender- and sexuality-based meanings and identities.
**ON THE MARKET**

**Brandi Woodell**

Brandi Woodell is a doctoral candidate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her research examines how inequality is created and reproduced. Specifically, she studies the disparities between sexual minorities and heterosexuals within social contexts like religion, family, and health. Her work is guided by an intersectional framework that considers not only sexual orientation, but also other factors including gender and geographic location. In recognition of her work, she received the 2017-2018 University of Nebraska Presidential Fellowship.

Brandi’s dissertation, “Health in Rural Communities: Variation in Resource Utilization by Sexual Orientation and Gender,” examines the inequality of health-related resources between heterosexuals and sexual minorities. Through 60 qualitative in-depth interviews, this project analyzes resource access and utilization among sexual minority and heterosexual women and men within rural areas. Her dissertation makes two contributions. First, this study provides insight into social support and health-related resources available to, utilized by, and missing from the lives of rural sexual minorities. Second, it highlights the rural-specific resources that sexual minorities utilize, which expands current literature that has focused on connection to LGBTQ community events and organizations as urban-specific resources.

Other current projects focus on inequalities connected to religion. One addresses how identifying as a sexual minority impacts religiosity over time, making comparisons between heterosexual, gay, lesbian, and bisexual respondents by gender. Another examines differences in how heterosexual and sexual minority individuals use their religious beliefs to cope with stress. This will be presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting in Montréal this August.

More information about Brandi’s work can be found at her website: [www.brandiwoodell.com](http://www.brandiwoodell.com).

---

**Suzan Walters**

I am a PhD Candidate in Sociology at Stony Brook University. Immediately after I began coursework, I honed in on issues of gender, sexualities and social movements. I first focused on sex worker activism in NYC and London through participant observation. I also worked as a research assistant on a project assessing John’s Schools, which are court mandated rehabilitation programs for men prosecuted for purchasing sex. In 2013, I began a fellowship with the [HIV Prevention Justice Alliance](http://www.hivpreventionjusticealliance.org), where I spearheaded an oral history project in collaboration with [Caring Across Generations](http://www.caringacrossgenerations.org). After learning about how HIV, aging, and caregiving impacted people (most LGBT), my work began to focus on HIV and barriers to care. In 2014, I began working as an ethnographer for New York State on the [National HIV Behavioral Surveillance](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/bhs) system Long Island project. While I was collecting ethnographic data and making methodological suggestions for survey data collection, I began to notice that most people were unaware of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) – a pill that can be taken daily to prevent HIV. Quickly this observation transformed into my dissertation. My dissertation problematizes “awareness” as a factor of inequality in access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among three groups at risk for HIV: heterosexuals, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs, with attention given to the intersecting identities (including sexual identity and sex work) among people who inject. I draw on sexualities, gender studies, medical sociology, network theory, and public health literature to explain inequalities in awareness and to identify processes for awareness dissemination. My project is multi-method and analyzes five years of data from the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) system, ethnography, semi-structured interviews, and focus groups. Some of my findings have been published in [JAIDS](http://www.jaids.com) and [Harm Reduction Journal](http://www.harmreductionjournal.com).

---

Page 4
SEXUALITIES SECTION SESSIONS AT THIS SUMMER’S ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday August 12 (8:30-10:10a)
016. Critical Heterosexuality Studies
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513F
Session Organizer: Tom J. Waidzunas, Temple University
Presider: Tom J. Waidzunas, Temple University
The Gendered Meaning of Trust and its Role in Sexual Decision-Making within American Hookup Culture. Rachel Kalish, SUNY College at Old Westbury
The Social Construction of Sexuality: Flexible Heterosexuality and Shifting Sexual Identities. Tony Silva, University of Oregon; Clare Rosenfeld Evans, University of Oregon
Discussant: Hector Carrillo, Northwestern University

Monday, August 14 (4:30pm-6:10pm)
451. Transnational Sexualities
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 515A
Session Organizer: Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, Texas A&M University
Offloaded: Women’s Sex Work Migration across Asia and the Gendered Antitrafficking Emigration Policy of the Philippines. Maria C. Hwang, Brown University
The Transnational Sexual Migration of Mexican Gay Men and the Globalization of Sexualities. Hector Carrillo, Northwestern University
Transnational Moral Conservatism: How the United States and Taiwanese Christian Pro-family Movements Conspire to Produce Sexual Inequalities. Ying-Chao Kao, Rutgers University

Monday, August 14 (6:30pm-8:10pm)
ASA Sexualities Reception (co-hosted/sponsored with ASA Body and Embodiment) L’Assommoir N D, 211, rue Notre Dame Ouest. More information on the following page.

Tuesday, August 15 (7:00-8:15am)
Section on Sociology of Sexualities Planning Committee
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 523B
***To celebrate our section’s 20th anniversary, we will be holding a preconference immediately prior to the 2018 Annual Meetings in Philadelphia. The tri-chairs for the preconference steering committee (Katie Acosta, Jessica Fields, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz) invite all interested people to join the committee for a planning session. Please join them!***

Tuesday, August 15 (8:30-10:10am)
486. Intersectionalities and Sexualities
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514B
Session Organizer: Vrushali Patil, Florida International University
Aberrations of “Home”: Gay Neighborhoods and the Experiences of Community Among GBQ Men of Color. Theo Greene, Bowdoin College
Polyamory and American Sexual Exceptionalism in the Film Savages. Mimi Schippers, Tulane University
Queer Exceptionalism and Exclusion: Cosmopolitanism and Inequality in ‘Gay Friendly’ Beirut. Ghassan Moussawi, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Sexual Citizenship and the Affective Politics of Latina Youth. Emily S. Mann, University of South Carolina
Discussant: Jyoti Puri, Simmons College

(Tuesday sessions continued on next page)
Tuesday, August 15 (10:30-12:10pm)
*Room to be announced; please check the online program once you are in Montreal
Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Bernstein
Panelists: Laura Carpenter, Catherine Corrigall-Brown, Myra Marx Ferree, Tina Fetner, Melanie Heath, and Joya Misra

Tuesday, August 15 (10:30-12:10pm)
519. Criminalization of Sexuality
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 512H
Session Organizer: Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York
Presider: Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York
Law, Science, and the Co-production of the "Sexually Violent Predator." Stefan Vogler, Northwestern University
Victim Impact: Analyzing Disparities by Race, Gender, and Sexuality under State HIV Exposure and Disclosure Laws.
Trevor Alexander Hoppe, University at Albany, SUNY
HIV Interventions, LGBT Visibility, and Anti-Gay Backlash in Malawi and Senegal. Nicole Angotti, American University; Tara A. McKay, Vanderbilt University; Rachel Sullivan Robinson, American University
Queer Control Complex: The Criminalization of LGBTQ Youth and the Production of Homelessness. Brandon Andrew Robinson, University of Texas - Austin
The Regulation of Sexual and Familial Intimacy through Polygamy’s Prohibition in France and Canada. Melanie Heath, McMaster University

Tuesday, August 15 (12:30-2:10pm)
550. Section on Sociology of Sexualities. 20 Years of Sexualities
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514A
Session Organizer: Sharon Preves, Hamline University
Presider: Sharon Preves, Hamline University
Bringing Sexy Back: Pornographics as Queer Method. Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York
Sociological Knowledge and Proliferation: A Trajectory for Sexuality Studies. Lee Thorpe, West Virginia University
The Demography of Sexuality: Queering Demographic Research, Theory, and Methods. Amanda Kathleen Baulem, University of Houston; Ben Dreon, University of Houston
Where Do We Study? Reflections on the Geographical Turn in Sociological Sexualities Research. Amy L. Stone, Trinity University
Discussant: Jyoti Puri, Simmons College

Tuesday, August 15 (2:30-3:30pm)
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517B
Sexualities Roundtables
Table 01. (Re)Situating Gender in Social Institutions; Table 02. Attitudes toward Homosexuality in Asia; Table 03. Claims and Frames: Contesting Rights through Policy and the Courts; Table 04. Embodying and Enacting Sexual Scripts; Table 05. Family Relationships in Changing Legal and Cultural Contexts; Table 06. Historical Transformations of Sexuality and Intimacy; Table 07. Men and the Pursuit of Sexual Pleasure; Table 08. Science and Knowledge in Sexuality Research; Table 09. Sexual Behavior Over the Life Course; Table 10. Sexual Identities, Sexual Communities, and the Production of Place; Table 11. Sexual Orientation and Mental and Physical Health; Table 12. The Enduring Salience of LGBT Identity Formation and Disclosure
Section on Sociology of Sexualities Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 15 (3:30-4:10pm)
Section on Sociology of Sexualities Business Meeting
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517B
SEXUALITIES RECEPTION AT ASA

Mark your calendars! The Sexualities and Body & Embodiment joint reception will be held on Monday August 14 from 6:30-8:10p at the L'Assommoir N D, 211, rue Notre Dame Ouest. Light refreshments will be available! Free drink tickets for the first 25 graduate students!

Congratulations to all section award winners! We look forward to celebrating all of the award winners at the Sexualities Business Meeting on 8/15 at 3:30pm (snacks provided by Sage).

2017 Distinguished Article Award
Co-Winners: Tony Silva (University of Oregon), “Bud-Sex: Constructing Normative Masculinity Among Rural Straight Men That Have Sex With Men.”; Simon Cheng (University of Connecticut) and Brian Powell (Indiana University), “Measurement, Methods, and Divergent Patterns: Reassessing the Effects of Same-Sex Parents.”

2017 Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities
Jody Ahlm (University of Illinois at Chicago) "Respectable Promiscuity: Digital Cruising in an Era of Queer Liberalism."
Co-Honorable mentions:
Tony J. Silva (University of Oregon) "Bud-Sex: Constructing Normative Masculinity Among Rural Straight Men That Have Sex With Men."
Jamie Budnick (University of Michigan) "Straight Girls Kissing"?: Understanding Same-Gender Sexuality beyond the Elite College Campus.

2017 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship
Sarah Dieffendorf (University of Washington) Dissertation Title: Sex, Gender and Sin in the Evangelical Church
Honorable mention:
Sarah Miller (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) Dissertation Title: The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era

2017 Sociology of Sexualities Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award
Mary Bernstein, University of Connecticut
*The Sociology of Sexualities Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award is now presented every two years, beginning in August 2017. The recipient of the 2017 award was selected in 2016 to allow time to organize a 2017 section session around the scholarship of the recipient.
MENTORING ANNOUNCEMENT

SOCIOLLOGISTS FOR TRANS JUSTICE NOW!

The Sociologists for Trans Justice initiative will soon launch a mentoring program for trans and non-binary sociologists. The program will trans and non-binary early career sociologists (e.g., assistant professors, adjuncts, and graduate students) with senior sociologists (e.g., associate or full professor, advanced assistant professor) of any gender who can provide advice and support during the early years of the mentee's career. Our hope is that those mentors and mentees who will be in Montreal for the ASA annual meetings will meet up for coffee or a drink on their own and/or around LGBTQ Caucus meetings, and then continue their conversations throughout the year.

Senior sociologists who are interested in volunteering should fill out the following sign-up form by July 22nd: http://bit.ly/2r9nHYi.

career sociologists who identify as trans or non-binary who wish to be matched with a mentor can sign-up here: http://bit.ly/2r0qSSM.

Direct any questions to Dr. Emilia Lombardi at elombard@bw.edu.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

***If you would like to be featured as a “Graduate Student on the Market,” please send me your name, affiliation, a short description of your work (300 words or less), and picture of yourself.

***We are also welcoming suggestions for newsletter content. If you have an idea for a section/feature (such as pedagogy, publication tips and tricks, etc.), send me an email!

We're on Facebook! You should like us as much as we like you...
https://www.facebook.com/sociologyofsex/
Just search: "ASA Section on Sexualities"

Assistant Professor, Health and Queer Studies
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Virginia Commonwealth University
bmecoston@vcu.edu