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EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
2012 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University
2010 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Sociology and Psychology, Colby College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago
2018-present Affiliate Faculty, Women's Studies & Gender Studies Program, Loyola University Chicago

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender and Reproduction; Science, Knowledge and Technology; Sociology of Social Knowledge; Political and Historical Sociology; Global and Transnational Sociology; Asia and Asian America; Qualitative and Historical Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2018 "Motivating Men: Social Science and the Regulation of Men's Reproduction in Postwar India." *Gender & Society* 32(1):34-58.
* 2018 Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, American Sociological Association

2016 "Contextualizing the Closet: Naz, Law, and Sexuality in Postcolonial India." *Political Power and Social Theory* 30:135-158.

2015 "Shining Stars, Blind Sides, and "Real" Realities: Exit Rituals, Eulogy Work and Allegories in Reality Television," with Lisa-Jo van den Scott and Clare Forstie. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44(4):417-449.
* 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Emotions, American Sociological Association
* 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Sport, Leisure and the Body, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "Family," coauthored with Charles Camic, in *Redrawing the Boundaries of the Social Sciences: How Social Problems Became Personal Problems*, edited by Philippe Fontaine and Jefferson Pooley. Under contract at Cambridge University Press.

Other Writings

2018 "Men and Population Control in Postwar India: The Role of Gendered Knowledge," *Gender & Society* Blog (April 11).

IN PROGRESS

Intimate Investments: The Science and Politics of Family Planning in Cold War India (book manuscript)

"All in the Family: Geopolitics and the Transformation of American Demography, 1945-1965" (article manuscript)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2018 Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, American Sociological Association
- 2017 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2016 Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship & Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies
- 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Emotions, American Sociological Association
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Sport, Leisure and the Body, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2012 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2010 Albion Woodbury Small Prize in Sociology, Colby College
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa, Colby College

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2019 “Overpopulation – are we too many?” *Dystopia* podcast interview, Swedish Public Radio (September 4)
- 2019 ““The time of vasectomy”: how American foundations fueled a terrible atrocity in India,” *Vox Future/Perfect* podcast interview (June 5).
- 2018 “The Legacy of India’s Quest to Sterilize Millions of Men,” *How We Get to Next* (September 26).
- 2018 “How India Got Men to Choose Contraception,” *The Society Pages* Blog (June 20).
- 2018 “In 1976, More Than 6 Million Men in India Were Coerced into Sterilization,” *MEL Magazine* (May 1).

INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 “Intimate Investments: The Science and Politics of Family Planning in Cold War India,” Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society (STeMS) Colloquium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (March 30)
- 2020 “All in the Family: How the Cold War Shaped American Demography,” Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Northwestern University (January 17)
- 2019 “Demography, Population Control, and the Cold War,” Sociology Colloquium, Colby College, Waterville ME (October 8)
- 2019 “Honoring the Work and Legacy of Dr. Adele Clarke,” Invited Panel, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland CA (March 31)

GRANTS

- 2016 Graduate Student Organized Conference Grant, Buffett Institute for Global Studies (\$30,000)
- 2016 Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archive Center
- 2015 Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2014 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, Equality, Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS), Buffett Institute for Global Studies
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, The Sexualities Project at Northwestern
- 2012 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern Winter Reading Group Stipend

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “In the Name of the Family: Links between Gender, Capitalism, and the State,” Paper Session on “Re-aggregating the State? A Progress Report,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November)
- 2018 “Sociologists, Demographers, and Economists: Recasting Roles in the Family Drama, 1945-1995,” Second Workshop on *Redrawing the Boundaries of the Social Sciences*, Cachan, France (December 14-15)
- 2018 “Immigration and the New Racialization of Reproductive Politics in the United States, 2000-2018,” Roundtable Panels on Gendered State Transformations, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix AZ (November 10)
- 2017 “Motivating Men: Social Science and the Regulation of Reproductive Masculinity in Cold War India,” Regular Session on Sociology of Reproduction, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal (August 13)
- 2016 “Motivating Men: Communication Science, Masculinity, and the Politics of Population Control in Cold War India, c. 1960-1976,” Paper Session on States, Gender, and the Possibilities for Political Transformation, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 18)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists and the Politics of Population Control and International Development, 1951-1980,” Regular Session on Sociology of Science (Health and Professions), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA (August 20)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists and the Politics of Population Control and International Development, c. 1951-1980,” Graduate Student Conference on *Expertise from Margin to Center: Science, Politics, Democracy*, Columbia University, New York NY (April 14-15)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists, Population Control, and the “Behavioralization” of Reproduction, 1951-1980,” Mini-Conference on Reproduction, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston MA (March 19)
- 2016 “Diffusing Information, Defusing the Population Bomb: Communication Scientists and India’s Population Control and Family Planning Program,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA (March 17)
- 2014 “Opportunities and Constraints in the Global Regulation of Pharmaceuticals,” coauthored with Alka Menon, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN (May 29)
- 2014 “Babbling about Globalization: Conceptual Incoherence and its Consequences,” coauthored

with Carol A. Heimer, Alka Menon and Ari Tolman, Law and Globalization (IO/IL) Regional Colloquium, American Bar Foundation, Chicago IL (May 16)

- 2013 “Privacy and Propriety: Feminist Politics Meets Queer in Anti-Sodomy Law Activism in India,” Panelist, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 20)
- 2013 “Framing Rights to Privacy: The Role of Hybrid Activism in Anti-Sodomy Law Mobilization in India,” Regular Session on Sociology of Law, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York NY (August 13)
- 2013 “Punctuated Globalization: Legal Developments and Globalization in Medicine and Healthcare,” coauthored with Carol Heimer and Jaimie Morse, Law and Globalization Regional Colloquium (IO/IL), Madison WI
- 2013 “Reproductive Politics Meets Queer: Changing Meanings of “Privacy” in Anti-Sodomy Law Activism in India,” at *Thinking Gender*, Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, Center for the Study of Women UCLA, Los Angeles CA (February 1)
- 2012 “Funeral Ritual in Reality TV” with Lisa-Jo K. van den Scott and Clare Forstie at the Annual Couch/Stone Symposium, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI), Evanston IL (April 21)
- 2012 “Rights to Privacy, Sexuality, and the Postcolonial Moment,” at *Gendered Borders*, Annual Gender Matters Conference, Governor’s State University, University Park IL (April 13)

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Loyola University Chicago

Sociology of Gender (graduate)
Qualitative Research Methods (graduate)
Sociology of Sex and Gender (undergraduate)
Science, Technology, and Society (undergraduate)

Northwestern University

Special Fields Paper Writing Seminar (graduate)
Gender and Society (undergraduate)
Race and Society - A Global Perspective (undergraduate)

Advising

Yasmeen Khayr (Sociology BA/MA Program, Loyola University Chicago)
Leslie Watland (Sociology PhD Program, Loyola University Chicago)
Keyla Navarrete (Sociology PhD Program, Loyola University Chicago)
Tori Olson (Women’s Studies and Gender Studies MA Program, Loyola University Chicago)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

British Journal of Sociology

Gender & Society

International Journal of Comparative Sociology

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Law & Social Inquiry

Social Politics

Service to the Discipline

- 2020-21 Local Planning Committee Member, American Sociological Association 2021 Annual Meeting
- 2020 Co-Organizer and Co-Presider (with Ann Shola Orloff), Special Session on “Gender, Capitalism, and the State: New Directions in the Sociology of Gender,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA (August)
- 2019 Committee Member, Star-Nelkin Paper Award Committee, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Co-Organizer (with Ann Orloff, Kristen Schilt, and Kimberly Hoang) for *Gender/Power/Theory* Workshop, Chicago IL (May 3-4)
- 2017 Co-Organizer for *Science, Technology, and the Politics of Knowledge in Global Affairs* Conference, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Evanston IL (March 30-31)
- 2016 Discussant, Panel on States, Gender, and Possibilities for Transformation, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 19)
- 2014 Discussant, *Desiring Categories*, Annual Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN), Evanston IL (April 25)
- 2013 Discussant, Panel on States, Social Movements, and Perverse Politics, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 20)
- 2013 Discussant, *Sexual Reputations* Conference, Evanston IL (November)
- 2012 Discussant, Panel on New Intimacies, Global Economies, and the Nation-State, *Libidinal Investments: Emerging Research on Sexualities and the Social*, Annual Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN), Evanston IL (March)

Department and University Service

2018-present Women's Studies & Gender Studies Steering Committee, Loyola University Chicago

2018-present Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

Law and Society Association

Midwest Sociological Society

Phi Beta Kappa (Colby College Chapter)

Psi Chi (Colby College Chapter)

Social Science History Association

Society for Social Studies of Science

LANGUAGES

English (native), Hindi (fluent), French (basic conversational)