

Laurel Westbrook

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2009
Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- M.A.** Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2005
- B.A.** Department of Sociology and Department of Mass Communications
Minor in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
University of California, Berkeley, 2002

FACULTY POSITIONS

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| Fall 2025 – Present | Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara |
| Fall 2021 – Summer 2025 | Professor of Sociology, Grand Valley State University |
| Fall 2015 – Summer 2021 | Associate Professor of Sociology, Grand Valley State University |
| Fall 2009 – Summer 2015 | Assistant Professor of Sociology, Grand Valley State University |

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2022 Nancy Fisher and Laurel Westbrook (co-editors). *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays*. Routledge.
- 2021 Laurel Westbrook. *Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism*. University of California Press.

Winner of the 2022 Outstanding Book Award, granted by the Social Problems Theory Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology*; *Mobilization*; *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *International Sociology Reviews*; and the *New Mexico Historical Review*.

Featured in a Book Forum at the American Sociological Association meeting, 2024 (Montréal, Canada).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 Westbrook, Laurel and stef shuster. "Transgender Joy: Flipping the Script of Marginality." *Contexts* 22(4), 16-21. (Lead article)
- 2023 Westbrook, Laurel. "The Matrix of Violence: Intersectionality and Necropolitics in the Murder of Transgender People in the United States, 1990–2019." *Gender & Society* 37(3):413–46.
- Winner of the 2024 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award, granted by the Race, Gender, and Class Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA).
- Winner of the 2024 Outstanding Scholarship Award, granted by the Gender Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).
- 2022 shuster, stef, and Laurel Westbrook. "Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy." *Social Problems*. Online first June 6, 2022. In print August 2024, 71(3): 791-809.
- Winner of the 2023 Outstanding Article Award, granted by the Gender Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).
- Winner of the 2023 Outstanding Article Award, granted by the Social Problems Theory Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).
- 2022 Westbrook, Laurel. "Violence against Transgender People in the United States: Field Growth, Data Dilemmas, and Knowledge Gaps." *Sociology Compass* 16(6):e12983.
- 2022 Laurel Westbrook, Jamie Budnick, and Aliya Saperstein. "Dangerous Data: Seeing Social Surveys Through the Sexuality Prism." *Sexualities*, 25(5–6), 717–749. (Online first Feb. 10, 2021).
- 2021 Aliya Saperstein and Laurel Westbrook. "Categorical and Gradational: Alternative Survey Measures of Sex and Gender." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 4(1): 11-30. (Lead article)
- 2019 Chloe Grace Hart, Aliya Saperstein, Devon Magliozzi, and Laurel Westbrook. "Gender and Health: Beyond Binary Categorical Measurement." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60(1):101–18.
- 2016 Devon Magliozzi, Aliya Saperstein, and Laurel Westbrook. "Scaling Up: Representing Gender Diversity in Survey Research." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. Vol. 2: 1-11.

- 2015 Kristen Schilt and Laurel Westbrook. "Bathroom Battlegrounds and Penis Panics." *Contexts* 14(3): 26-31. (Feature article)
- Reprinted in *The Inequality Reader: Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender*, edited by David Grusky, Nima Dahir, and Claire Daviss. 5th edition. Routledge, *forthcoming*.
- Reprinted in *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings on Social Interaction*. 7th edition. Edited by Jodi O'Brien. SAGE Publications, 2022.
- Reprinted in *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy: A Contexts Reader*. Edited by Jodi O'Brien and Arlene Stein. SAGE Publications, 2017.
- 2015 Laurel Westbrook and Aliya Saperstein. "New Categories Are Not Enough: Rethinking the Measurement of Sex and Gender in Social Surveys." *Gender & Society* 29(4): 534-60.
- 2014 Laurel Westbrook and Kristen Schilt. "Doing Gender, Determining Gender: Transgender People, Gender Panics, and the Maintenance of the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System." *Gender & Society* 28(1):32-57.
- Winner of the 2016 Distinguished Article Award, granted by the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Reprinted in *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*, edited by Susan J. Ferguson. SAGE Publications, 2020.
- Reprinted in *Gender through the Prism of Difference*, edited by Maxine Baca Zinn, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, Michael A. Messner, and Amy Denisen. 5th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- 2009 Kristen Schilt and Laurel Westbrook. "Doing Gender, Doing Heteronormativity: 'Gender Normals,' Transgender People, and the Social Maintenance of Heterosexuality." *Gender & Society* 23(4): 440-464. (Lead article)
- Winner of the 2010 Distinguished Article Award, granted by the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Reprinted in the *Routledge International Handbook of Heterosexualities Studies*, edited by James J. Dean and Nancy L. Fischer. Routledge, 2020.
- Reprinted in *Feminist Frontiers*, edited by Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila J. Rupp. 9th edition. McGraw-Hill, 2012.
- 2009 Laurel Westbrook. "Where the Women Aren't: Gender Differences in the Use of LGBT Resources on College Campuses." *The Journal of LGBT Youth* 6(4):369-394.
- 2008 Laurel Westbrook. "Vulnerable Subjecthood: The Risks and Benefits of the Struggle for Hate Crime Legislation." *The Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, vol. 52: 3-23. (Lead article)

Book Chapters

- 2025 Aliya Saperstein and Laurel Westbrook. "Measurement Matters: Sex and Gender in Surveys." *The Inequality Reader: Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender*, edited by David Grusky, Nima Dahir, and Claire Daviss. 5th edition. Routledge, *forthcoming*.
- 2016 Laurel Westbrook. "Transforming the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System: The Construction of Trans Categories in the United States." Pgs. 33-42 in *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Fischer and Steven Seidman. 3rd edition. Routledge.
Republished as: "Trans categories and the sex/gender/sexuality system: How transforming understandings of sex and gender can shift sexuality." Pgs. 25-34 in *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays*, edited by Nancy Fischer and Laurel Westbrook. 4th edition. Routledge, 2022.
- 2015 Laurel Westbrook and Kristen Schilt. "Penis Panics: Biological Maleness, Social Masculinity, and the Matrix of Perceived Sexual Threat." Pgs. 382-393 in *Exploring Masculinities: Identity, Inequality, Continuity, and Change*, edited by CJ Pascoe and Tristan Bridges. Oxford University Press.
- 2010 Laurel Westbrook. "Becoming Knowably Gendered: The Production of Transgender Possibilities and Constraints in the Mass and Alternative Press from 1990-2005 in the United States." Pgs. 43-63 in *Transgender Identities: Towards a Social Analysis of Gender Diversity*, edited by Sally Hines and Tam Sanger. Routledge.
- 2009 Damon Mayrl and Laurel Westbrook. "On Writing Public Sociology: Accountability Through Accessibility, Dialogue, and Relevance." Pgs. 151-170 in *The Handbook of Public Sociology*, edited by Vincent Jefferies. Rowman & Littlefield.

Invited Book Reviews

- 2016 *Not Gay: Sex between Straight White Men*. By Jane Ward. New York: New York University Press. Reviewed in the *American Journal of Sociology* 121(6): 1962-1964.
- 2013 *Gender, Heterosexuality, and Youth Violence: The Struggle for Recognition*. By James W. Messerschmidt. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Reviewed in the *American Journal of Sociology* 118(6): 1725-1727

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 "Finding Trans Joy in Families We Choose." Council on Contemporary Families Blog, hosted by The Society Pages. September 12. With stef shuster.

Winner of the 2024 Council on Contemporary Families Award for Outstanding Family Public Scholarship.

Reprinted in Reprinted in *Feminist Frontiers*, edited by Verta Taylor, Leila J. Rupp, Alison Dahl Crossley, and Nancy Whittier. 11th edition. Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

- 2023 "How Does Race, Gender, and Sexuality Shape the Murder of Transgender People in the United States?" *Gender & Society* Blog. May 16.
- 2023 "Facilitating Livable Lives: Rethinking Violence Prevention Practices." Research Report for the American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Newsletter. Spring.
- 2019 "Alternative Gender Measures Survey." Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. With Aliya Saperstein.
- 2018 "Sociologists for Trans Justice: Advancing Transgender, Non-Binary, and Intersex Justice *In and Through* Sociology." *Sex & Gender News*, the newsletter of the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association. Fall Edition, pages 9-11. With Daniel Laurison and Eric Anthony Grollman.
- 2017 "Promoting Transgender Justice through Sociology." *Footnotes*, the newsletter of the American Sociological Association. 45(3): 12. With Eric Anthony Grollman.
- 2015 "Isn't It Obvious? Measuring Sex and Gender in Surveys." *Gender & Society* Blog. August 13. With co-author Aliya Saperstein.
- 2014 "What Kind of Work Does Women's History Month Value?" Blog post for Sociological Images. March 19.
- 2014 "Interchangeable Victims? How Identity-Based Anti-Violence Activism Can Obscure Patterns of Violence." Research Report for the American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Newsletter. Spring.
- 2014 "The Causes and the Controversies Around Transgender Rights." *Gender & Society* Blog. Oct. 30. With co-author Kristen Schilt.
- 2009 "Gendered Violence Fact Sheet," a compilation of data and research on gendered violence, intended for use by those working to reduce gendered violence. Published by Sociologists for Women in Society. (peer reviewed)
- 2007 "Writing Public Sociology: Beyond Accessibility to Accountability." *Network News*, a publication of Sociologists for Women in Society. Volume XXIII, No. 4, pgs 12-13.

AWARDS

- 2024 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award, granted by the Race, Gender, and Class Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA) for "The Matrix of Violence: Intersectionality and Necropolitics in the Murder of Transgender People in the United States, 1990–2019." *Gender & Society* 37(3):413–46.
- 2024 Outstanding Scholarship Award, granted by the Gender Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) for "The Matrix of Violence: Intersectionality

- and Necropolitics in the Murder of Transgender People in the United States, 1990–2019.” *Gender & Society* 37(3):413–46.
- 2024 Outstanding Family Public Scholarship Award, granted by the Council on Contemporary Families (CCF) for “Finding Trans Joy in Families We Choose,” CCF Blog, hosted by The Society Pages. September 12. With stef shuster.
- 2023 Outstanding Article Award, granted by the Gender Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) for “Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy.” *Social Problems*. Online first, June 6, 2022.
- 2023 Outstanding Article Award, granted by the Social Problems Theory Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) for “Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy.” *Social Problems*. Online first, June 6, 2022.
- 2022 Outstanding Book Award, granted by the Social Problems Theory Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) for *Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism*. University of California Press.
- 2016 Distinguished Article Award, granted by the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association for “Doing Gender, Determining Gender Transgender People, Gender Panics, and the Maintenance of the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System.” *Gender & Society* 28(1):32–57.
- 2010 Distinguished Article Award, granted by the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association for “Doing Gender, Doing Heteronormativity: ‘Gender Normals,’ Transgender People, and the Social Maintenance of Heterosexuality.” *Gender & Society*, 23(4): 440-464.
- 2008 Herbert Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching. Univ. of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 Gertrude Jaeger Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, U.C. Berkeley, for “Gender, They Wrote: The Constructions of Gender in News Media Narratives.”
- 2007 Teaching Effectiveness Award. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor. University of California, Berkeley.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Catalyst Grant for Research and Creativity, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (GVSU), \$5,000.
- 2022 Catalyst Grant for Research and Creativity, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, GVSU, \$5,000.
- 2021 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Grant-in-Aid, GVSU.
- 2020 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Grant-in-Aid, GVSU.

- 2020 LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Grant, GVSU, \$1,000.
- 2020 Catalyst Grant for Research and Creativity, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, GVSU, \$4,000.
- 2019 Presidential Authority Award, Russell Sage Foundation, \$50,000, with Aliya Saperstein.
- 2018 Catalyst Grant for Research and Creativity, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, GVSU.
- 2017 LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Grant, GVSU.
- 2016 LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Grant, GVSU.
- 2015 LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Grant, GVSU.
- 2014 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Grant-in-Aid, GVSU.
- 2013 American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant.
- 2013 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Grant-in-Aid, GVSU.
- 2013 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Mini-Grant, GVSU.
- 2013 LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Grant, GVSU.
- 2012 Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Research Mini-Grant, GVSU.
- 2011 Early Career Research Stipend, GVSU.
- 2008 Feminist Studies Dissertation Fellowship. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2008 Martin Levine Memorial Dissertation Award (honorable mention with cash prize). Awarded by the Sexualities Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2008 American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award.
- 2007 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 Research Grant. Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender and Sexuality Program, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 Graduate Division Summer Research Grant. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 Graduate Division Travel Grant. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2006 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2003 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

- 2002 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.
- 2002 Department of Sociology Fellowship. University of California, Berkeley.

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 "Making More Lives Livable: Rethinking Anti-Violence Activism and Centering Transgender Joy." Rieger Speakers Series talk, University of Louisville, April.
- 2024 "Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: Why You Should Care About Transgender Joy." Plenary Talk with stef shuster. Midwest Sociological Society Conference, Des Moines, IA, April.
- 2024 "Making More Lives Livable: Rethinking Anti-Violence Activism and Centering Transgender Joy." Temple University, April.
- 2023 "Two-Steps Forward, One-Step Back: Empirical and Ethical Considerations in the Measurement of Sex and Gender." American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, August.
- 2023 "Centering Experiences of Joy in Trans Research." Discussion with stef shuster, moderated by Shae Miller. California State University, Long Beach, April.
- 2022 "Making Livable Lives: Transgender Data Justice on Violence and Joy." Inaugural lecture for the Technologies for Justice Lab, University of California, Santa Barbara, October.
- 2022 "Past, Present, and Futures of the Sociology of Gender and Sexuality in the United States." Department of Sociology, Princeton University, October.
- 2022 "Bureaucracies of Sexual Displacement: Policies that Increase Risk of Violence Against Transgender People." American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, August.
- 2022 "Fostering Fear: The Unintended Consequences of Identity-Based Anti-Violence Activism." Keynote talk for Affective Histories of Queer and Trans Activism. Tampere University, Finland, May.
- 2021 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Trans, Non-binary, and Intersex Book Spotlight and Publishing. Advancing Trans, Nonbinary, & Intersex Scholarship Writing Symposium held by Sociologists for Trans Justice, August, online.
- 2021 "Unequal Risk: Intersections of Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Murders of Transgender People." American Sociological Association Conference, August (originally planned for Chicago; online due to COVID-19).
- 2021 "Penis Panics: How Beliefs about Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Shape Opposition to Transgender Rights." Keynote talk for the Conference for Research on Male

- Supremacism and Right-Wing Studies, May (originally planned for U.C. Berkeley; online due to COVID-19).
- 2021 "Facilitating Livable Lives: Transgender Anti-Violence Activism." Book talk hosted by the University of California, Berkeley Gender Equity Resource Center, April (originally planned for U.C. Berkeley; online due to COVID-19).
- 2021 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Book talk hosted by the Gender and Sexualities Workshop, Digital Book Club. University of California, Santa Barbara, March (online).
- 2021 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Book talk hosted by the Social Movement Forum, University of Pittsburgh, February (online).
- 2021 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Book talk hosted by the Gender, Power, & Theory Network, Northwestern University, February (online).
- 2020 "Queering Work: How Trans and Non-binary People Resist and Negotiate Power and Inequality in Work." American Sociological Association Conference, August (originally planned for San Francisco; online due to COVID-19).
- 2019 "Framing for the Win: The Uses and Abuses of Narratives of Violence in the Political Field." American Sociological Association Conference, New York, August.
- 2018 "Categorical and Continuous: Testing Multiple Alternative Measures of Sex and Gender in U.S. Surveys." Gender Diversity in Survey Research, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 12th. Presented with co-author Aliya Saperstein.
- 2016 "Penis Panics: Transgender Rights, Beliefs about Masculinity, and the Matrix of Perceived Sexual Threat." Pittsburgh Social Movements Forum, University of Pittsburgh, January 22nd. Presented with co-author Kristen Schilt.
- 2015 "Dangerous Data: The Measurement of Sexuality in Social Surveys." American Sociological Association Conference, Chicago, August. Presented with co-author Aliya Saperstein.
- 2013 "Who Are You? 'Determining Gender' and Its Consequences for Transgender Rights." Transgender Studies Speakers Series, Indiana University, South Bend, September 30th.
- 2012 "Innovations in Pedagogy: New Ways to Teach to Multiple Learning Styles." College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Roundtables, Grand Valley State University, November 19th.
- 2012 "Who Are You? 'Determining Gender' and Its Consequences for Transgender Rights." OnGOING LGBT Conference, Grand Valley State University, September.
- 2012 "What's Wrong with Women's History Month?" campus-wide panel on "Bold Women and Women's History." Grand Valley State University, March.

- 2011 "Born This Way? The Social Construction of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality." Keynote speech for campus "Sex Week," Grand Valley State University, September.
- 2010 "Making Reading 'Relevant' and 'Manageable': Encouraging Reading through Syllabus Design, In-Class Activities, and Out-of-Class Assignments." American Sociological Association Conference, Atlanta, August 17th.
- 2009 "Teaching about Gender and Violence." Teaching Workshop at the American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, August 11th.
- 2009 "Vulnerable Subjecthood: The Risks and Benefits of Hate Crime Legislation and Identity-Based Anti-Violence Activism." Feminist Studies Department Research Series, University of California, Santa Barbara, April.
- 2008 "Doing Gender and Beyond: The Study of 'Gender Normals' in Transgender Studies." American Sociological Association Conference, Boston, August 3rd. Presented with co-author Kristen Schilt.
- 2008 "Designing Course Policies and Selecting Teaching Methods." Syllabus and Course Design Series, Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center, April 16th.
- 2008 "Techniques for Effective and Efficient Grading." Teaching Conference for Graduate Student Instructors, U.C. Berkeley, January 18th.
- 2007 "Helping Students Develop Critical Thinking Skills through Reading." Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center Workshops on Teaching Series, October 29th.
- 2007 "Strategies for Effective Grading." Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center Workshops on Teaching Series, October 4th.
- 2007 "Murder Matters: Fatal Physical Violence as a Form of Productive Power." Junior Theorists Symposium, hosted by the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association, Harvard, July 31st.
- 2007 "Teaching in the Social Sciences." Teaching Conference for Graduate Student Instructors, U.C. Berkeley, January 18th.
- 2006 "Teaching in the Social Sciences." Teaching Conference for Graduate Student Instructors, U.C. Berkeley, August 25th.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Book Forum for *Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism*. American Sociological Association Conference, Montréal, August.
- 2022 "Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy." American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, August. With co-author stef shuster.

- 2018 "When, Where, for Whom, and Why Gender Changed: Determining Gender in the United States, 1990-2015." American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, August.
- 2018 "Surveying Sexualities: Past, Present, and Future." Sexualities, Race, and Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time, Philadelphia, August. With co-authors Jamie Budnick and Aliya Saperstein.
- 2018 "Gender and Health: Beyond Binary Categorical Measures." Population Association of America Conference, Denver, April. With co-authors Aliya Saperstein, Chloe Hart, and Devon Magliozzi.
- 2018 "When, Where, for Whom, and Why Gender Changed: Determining Gender in the United States, 1990-2015." Gender & Power Workshop, Berkeley, January.
- 2017 "Unequal Risk: The Roles of Race, Gender, and Class in the Murders of Transgender People." American Sociological Association Conference, Montréal, August.
- 2016 "Brandon and Gwen, Atypical Archetypes: The Causes and Consequences of Celebrity Victims of Violence." American Sociological Association Conference, Seattle, August.
- 2015 "Gender Gradations: Measuring Sex and Gender Diversity in Surveys." Population Association of America Conference, San Diego, May. With co-authors Aliya Saperstein and Devon Magliozzi.
- 2014 "New Categories Will Not Solve Old Problems: Rethinking the Measurement of Sex and Gender in Social Surveys." American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, August. Presented with co-author Aliya Saperstein.
- 2012 "Interchangeable Victims? How Activists' Tactical Repertoires Obscure Patterns of Violence." American Sociological Association Conference, Denver, August.
- 2012 "Selling Social Constructionism: Countering the 'Born This Way' Narrative of Sexuality in Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism,." Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities Conference, Denver, August.
- 2011 "When do Bodies Matter? Category-Crossers, Gender Panics, and the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System." American Sociological Association Conference, Las Vegas, August. With Kristen Schilt.
- 2009 "Opposite to No One: The Heterosexual Imperative, Gender Binaries, and Violence against Transgender People." Michigan Sociological Association Conference, November.
- 2008 "Producing Transgender: The Defining and Promotion of the Term 'Transgender' in the Trans Community Press." Queer Studies Conference, Los Angeles, October.
- 2008 "Becoming Knowably Gendered: The Production of Transgender Possibilities in the Mass and Alternative Press." American Sociological Association Conference, Boston, August.

- 2008 "Vulnerable Subjecthood: The Risks and Benefits of Hate Crime Legislation and Identity-Based Anti-Violence Activism." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* Conference, Berkeley, March.
- 2008 "Fighting Violence With Identity: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Struggle Against 'Anti-Transgender' Violence." Center for Race and Gender Afternoon Forum Series, U.C. Berkeley, March.
- 2008 "Dead Due to 'Deception': How Mainstream News Media Stories Explain Murder of Transgender People." Thinking Gender Conference, U.C. Los Angeles, February.
- 2007 "One Person's He is Another Person's She: The Mind, The Body, and The 'Truth' of Gender." American Sociological Association Conference, New York City, August.
- 2007 "Productive Violence: How 'Non-Fiction' Narratives about Violence Shape Practices." Symposium on Queerness and Violence, U.C. Davis, June.
- 2006 "Accessibility through Accountability: Moving Beyond the Traditional Literature Review in Public Sociology." American Sociological Association Conference, Montréal, August. Presented with co-author Damon Mayrl.
- 2004 "Doing Deviance, Teaching Conformity: Transgender Characters in Hollywood Films." American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 "The Fears of Men: Bisexuality in Hollywood Films." Pacific Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, April.
- 2004 "Where the Girls Aren't: Gender Differences in the Use of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources on a College Campus." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* Conference, Berkeley, March.
- 2003 "Closeted Homophobia: Gay Men and Queer Women in Hollywood Films." American Sociological Association Conference, Atlanta, August.
- 2003 "Promiscuity, Violence, and Heteronormativity: Bisexual Characters in Film." North American Conference on Bisexuality, San Diego, August.
- 2003 "Closeted Homophobia: How Hollywood Promotes Heteronormativity Through the Portrayal of Queer Characters." Contemporary Qualitative Research Conference, UCLA, April.
- 2003 "Closeted Homophobia: Hollywood and the Portrayal of Queer Characters." Over the Rainbow: Building an Inclusive Movement, Arizona State University, Tempe, March

GUEST LECTURES AND OTHER CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Queer(ing) Criminology: Gender, Sexuality, and Criminalization Graduate Seminar. University of Illinois, Chicago, September 15th.

- 2022 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements Graduate Seminar. Loyola University Chicago, April 4th.
- 2021 "Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism." Introduction to LGBTQ Studies. University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 4th.
- 2018 "Doing Gender Research." Sociology of Gender Graduate Seminar. University of Oregon, March 15th.
- 2015 "Bathroom Battlegrounds and Penis Panics." Gender Transgressions. Trinity University, October 26th.
- 2015 "New Categories Are Not Enough: Rethinking the Measurement of Sex and Gender in Social Surveys." Gender & Sexuality Workshop, University of Michigan, March 25th.
- 2013 "Doing Gender, Determining Gender Transgender People, Gender Panics, and the Maintenance of the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System." Feminist Social Science Graduate Research Group, University of Oregon, December 2nd.
- 2013 "Gender Violence and Vulnerable Subjecthoods." Gendered Transgressions. Trinity University, October 28th.
- 2013 Faculty Keynote Speaker, Lavender Graduation (graduation ceremony for LGBT students and allies). Grand Valley State University, April.
- 2011 Queer Theory Seminar for Faculty and Staff. Grand Valley State University, March.
- 2009 "What is Queer Theory?," a presentation for Out-n-About, an LGBTQ student organization. Grand Valley State University, September.
- 2009 "'Discipline' and the Transgender Subject." Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, March 8th.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grand Valley State University

Sociology of Gender: Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014 (2 sections), Fall 2016 (2 sections), Fall 2017 (3 sections), Fall 2018 (3 sections), Fall 2019 (3 sections), Fall 2020 (3 sections), Fall 2021 (3 sections), Winter 2023 (3 sections), Fall 2023 (3 sections), Fall 2024 (3 sections)

Sociology of Sexuality: Winter 2012, Winter 2013 (2 sections), Winter 2014, Winter 2015 (2 sections), Winter 2017 (2 sections), Winter 2018 (2 sections), Winter 2019 (3 sections), Winter 2020 (3 sections), Winter 2021 (3 sections), Winter 2022 (3 sections), Winter 2024 (3 sections), Winter 2025 (3 sections)

Queer Theory (Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department): Winter 2013

Social Problems: Fall 2009 (3 sections), Winter 2010 (3 sections), Fall 2010 (3 sections), Winter 2011 (3 sections), Fall 2011 (2 sections), Winter 2012 (2 sections), Fall 2012 (2 sections), Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015, Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Fall 2020

University of California, Santa Barbara - Instructor of Record

Transgender Studies (Feminist Studies Department): Winter 2009

University of California, Berkeley - Teaching Consultant

Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center: Summer and Fall 2007

University of California, Berkeley - Instructor of Record

Gender Violence (Department of Sociology, Capstone Senior Seminar): Fall 2006

Doing Gender, Doing Sexuality: Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Women's Cultures in the United States (Department of Gender and Women's Studies): Summer 2005

University of California, Berkeley - Graduate Student Instructor

Introduction to Sociology: Fall 2005

Sociology of Gender: Spring 2005

Sexual Identities in America: Fall 2004

Contemporary Sociological Theory: Spring 2004

Classical Sociological Theory: Fall 2003

Training in Higher Education Pedagogy

Inclusive Excellence Teaching Institute, Grand Valley State University: Summer 2024

Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty, U.C. Berkeley: Summer 2006

Pedagogy Seminar for Graduate Student Instructors, U.C. Berkeley: Fall 2003

ACADEMIC SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Service to the Discipline

American Sociological Association Activities

2025-28 Secretary-Treasurer of the American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2024-25 Secretary-Treasurer-elect of the ASA
- 2024-28 Member, Council of the ASA
- 2024-25 Member, Finance Committee of the ASA
- 2024-25 Member, Program Committee of the ASA
- 2024-25 Member, Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Book Award Committee
- 2024-25 Member, Sociology of Sexualities Distinguished Book Award Committee
- 2024-25 Member, Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Book Award Committee
- 2024-25 Session Organizer, Regular Session on Gender for ASA annual meeting
- 2024 Scholar for the Scholars' Office Hours event at the ASA annual meeting, August.
- 2024 Member, Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) (nominated position, 3-year term; term ended early because I was elected Secretary-Treasurer of ASA and ASA Council Members cannot serve on other ASA committees.)
- 2023-24 Member, Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award Selection Committee for ASA (nominated position, two-year term).
- 2023-24 Organizer, "The Joy of Being from a Marginalized Group," Thematic Session, ASA annual meeting.
- 2023-24 Organizer, Transgender Studies Regular Session, ASA annual meeting.
- 2023 Session Organizer, "Violence and Activism: Past, Present, and Future." Organized for the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements for the annual ASA Conference, Philadelphia, August. Co-organized with Anjuli Fahlberg.
- 2023 Presider, Book Forum for *Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender* for the annual ASA Conference, Philadelphia, August.
- 2023 Member, Focus Group on Trans Youth, ASA.
- 2021-23 Member, Nominating Committee for ASA (elected position, two-year term).
- 2020-21 Member, Program Committee for the annual meeting of ASA.
- 2017-20 Secretary/Treasurer, ASA Section on Sex and Gender, (elected position, three-year term).
- 2017-20 Member, ASA Federal Statistics Working Group (invited position, originally a three-year term, which was then followed by an invited one year extension).

- 2020 Discussant. Sexualities: Rethinking Sexual Worlds and Practices. American Sociological Association Conference, August (originally planned for San Francisco; online due to COVID-19).
- 2019 Session Organizer, "Transgender Justice." Invited Presidential Panel for the annual ASA Conference, New York, August. Co-organized with Eric Anthony Grollman and Daniel Laurison.
- 2019 Session Organizer, "Intersex Studies." Organized for the Sex and Gender Section for the annual ASA Conference, New York, August. Co-organized with Daniel Laurison.
- 2019 Table Presider for the Sociology of Sexualities section's Roundtable Session. Table on "On the Margins of L&G." ASA Conference, New York, August.
- 2019 Faculty Mentor for "Mentoring across Specializations" (3 mentees)
- 2018 Faculty Mentor for the Sex and Gender Section (3 mentees)
- 2018 Faculty Mentor for the Section on Sociology of Sexualities (5 mentees)
- 2017-18 Member, Early Career Award Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities.
- 2017-18 Member, Simon & Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, ASA Section on Sexualities.
- 2017-18 Member, Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2014-17 Council Member, ASA Section on Sex and Gender, (elected position, three-year term).
- 2016-17 Chair, Sociology of Sex and Gender Distinguished Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2017 Session Organizer, "Doing Gender, Thirty Years Later." Organized for the Sex and Gender Section for the annual ASA Conference, Seattle, August.
- 2017 Table Presider for the Sex and Gender section's Roundtable Session. Table on "Transgender Studies." ASA Conference, Montréal, August.
- 2017 Faculty Mentor for the Sex and Gender Section (2 mentees)
- 2016-17 Member, Program Committee, ASA Section on Sexualities.
- 2016 Session Organizer, "The Joys of Sex: Pleasure and Desire in Sexuality Studies." Organized for the Section on Sexualities for the annual ASA Conference, Seattle, August.
- 2016 Table Presider for the Sociology of Sexualities' Roundtable Session. Table on "Measurement." ASA Conference, Seattle, August.

- 2015-16 Sociology of Sex and Gender Distinguished Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2014-15 Chair, Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2015 Discussant for panel on "Intersectional Approaches to Trans Studies," ASA Conference, Chicago, August.
- 2014-15 Awards Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2014-15 Ad-Hoc Committee on Programming, Sociologist's LGBTQ Caucus, ASA.
- 2011-14 Council Member, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, (elected position, three-year term).
- 2013-14 Member, Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities.
- 2012-13 Member, Distinguished Article Award Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities.
- 2012-13 Program Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2012 Workgroup Facilitator, Workgroup on "Violence and Sexualities," Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities Mini-Conference hosted by the ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Denver, August.
- 2011-12 Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities Award Committee, ASA Section on Sexualities.
- 2011-12 Nominating Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities.
- 2011 Session Organizer, "Gender Identities/Expressions and Social Conflict." Organized for the Sex and Gender Section for the annual ASA Conference, Las Vegas, August.
- 2010-11 Distinguished Article Award Committee, ASA Section on Sex and Gender.
- 2009-10 Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities.
- 2009 Table Presider for the Section on Sex and Gender's Roundtable Session. Table on "Gender and Sexuality." ASA Conference, San Francisco, August.
- 2008 Panel Organizer, Invited Panel on "Transgender Studies' Impact on the Sociology of Sexualities and Gender." Organized for the Section on Sociology of Sexualities for the annual ASA Conference, Boston, August.

2008 Session Organizer, Section on Sociology of Sexualities Refereed Roundtables for the Annual ASA Conference, Boston, August.

Editorial Staff

2025-28 Editorial Board member: *Sex & Sexualities*.

2024-26 Editorial Board member: *Social Problems*.

2024 Editorial Board member: *American Sociological Review*. (3-year term; term ended early because I was elected Secretary-Treasurer of ASA and ASA Council Members cannot serve on ASA editorial boards)

2020-22 Editorial Board member: *American Sociological Review*.

2018-22 Editorial Board member: *Sociological Perspectives*. (Two terms)

2016-18 Editorial Board member: *Gender & Society*.

2002-3 Graduate Student Editor: *Contexts Magazine*.

2002-4 Editor: *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. (Two terms)

Work to Improve Social Survey Measurements of Gender

Awarded \$50,000 Russell Sage Presidential Authority Grant in 2019 to add gender scales to the 2020 GSS (with Aliya Saperstein). (Due to COVID, data collection was delayed to 2024.)

Proposed two-step and gender scales for the American National Election Studies (ANES) pilot, questions included in 2019 (with Aliya Saperstein, Yasemin Besen-Cassino, and Dan Cassino).

Proposed two-step measure of gender to the General Social Survey (GSS), measure included starting in 2018 (with Aliya Saperstein).

Sociologists for Transgender Justice

2019-20 Past-Chair, Sociologists for Trans Justice.

2016-19 Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Sociologists for Trans Justice.

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2024 Chair, Gender Division Graduate Student Paper Award Committee

Conferences Organized

2007 Conference organizer, Teaching Conference for Graduate Student Instructors. Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center, U.C. Berkeley, Fall.

2003 Conference organizer, Berkeley Journal of Sociology Conference, U.C. Berkeley, Spring.

Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, 2009-present.
American Sociological Review, 2016-present.
Contexts, 2015-present.
Critical Sociology, 2024-present.
Gender & Society, 2009-present.
GLQ, 2011-present.
International Journal of Social Research Methodology, 2018-present.
Journal of Family Issues, 2011-present.
Journal of Homosexuality, 2011-present.
Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling, 2024-present.
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 2018-present.
Journal of Sport & Social Issues, 2014-present.
Men and Masculinities, 2020-present.
Population Review, 2016-present.
Sexualities, 2016-present.
Sex Roles, 2009-present.
Sexuality Research and Social Policy, 2016-present.
Social Currents, 2015-present.
Social Forces, 2017-present.
Social Problems, 2012-present.
Sociology Compass, 2015-present.
Sociological Forum, 2013-present.
Sociological Perspectives, 2014-present.
Sociological Quarterly, 2013-present.
Sociology of Sport, 2012-present.
Violence Against Women, 2012-present.

Book Reviewer

Columbia University Press, 2014-present.

New York University Press, 2022-present.

Palgrave Macmillan, 2020-present.

Rowman & Littlefield, 2018-present.

Rutgers University Press, 2024-present.

University of Wyoming Press, 2025-present.

Grant, Fellowship, and Project Reviewer

2025- Austrian Science Fund

- 2023- Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)
- 2020-21 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowship
- 2019-21 National Humanities Center Residential Fellowship

University Service

- 2024-25 Member, Transgender and Nonbinary (TGNB)/Gender Expansive Advisory Committee
- 2024 Member, Transgender and Nonbinary Advisory Group
- 2020-25 Consultant to the Human Research Institutional Review Board (IRB), Grand Valley State University (GVSU).
- 2016-25 Faculty Mentor for Queer Connections, GVSU.
- 2020-21 Honors Project Advisor. "Misogynoir in Medicine: The Injustice of Maternal and Fetal Death Rates among Black Women" by Amber Wychers, GVSU.
- 2020-21 Faculty Mentor for the McNair Scholars Program. "Perceptions of Manhood: Exploring the Relationship between Heterosexual, Cisgender Men and the Norms of Masculinity" by Ezra Langlois, GVSU.
- 2017-18 Faculty Mentor for "Fit the Mitt, connecting International Students to Our Community," GVSU.
- 2014-25 Distinguished Faculty Member Mentor for Iota Iota Iota, GVSU's Women and Gender Studies Honorary Society.
- 2014-15 Honors Project Advisor. "A Matter of Time: An Exploration of Gender in Time Magazine Covers Since 1965" by Jessica L. Coulter, GVSU.
- 2014-15 Honors Project Advisor. "Gay and Greek: The Deployment of Gender by Gay Men in Fraternity and Sorority Life" by Anthony Clemons, GVSU.
- 2010-14 Faculty Mentor for "Transpectrum," a campus transgender student group. GVSU.
- 2014 Faculty Discussion Facilitator for Rainbow Reel Film Festival, GVSU, February.
- 2013 Faculty Facilitator for the LGBT Resource Center Book Group on *Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of the Law* by Dean Spade. GVSU, Fall.
- 2012 Faculty panel to discuss the documentary *Miss Representation*, Women's Center, GVSU, March.
- 2010-12 LGBTQ Minor Steering Committee, GVSU.

Departmental Service

- 2024-25 Chair, Capstone Development Committee, Sociology Department, Grand Valley State University (GVSU).
- 2024-25 Member, Assessment Committee, GVSU.
- 2024 Revised the Capstone Course Syllabus of Record for the department, GVSU.
- 2023-24 Member, Personnel Committee, GVSU.
- 2023 Member, Outreach Committee, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2017-23 Member, Climate and Visibility Committee, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2017-18 Member, Search Committee for New Faculty Hire, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2016-18 Organizer, Colloquium Series, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2016-17 Member, Committee for Early Major Support and Major Enrollment, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2016-17 Chair, Awards Committee, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2014-15 Chair, Awards Committee, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2012-15 Organizer, Colloquium Series, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2011-12 Member, Search Committee for New Faculty Hire, Sociology Department, GVSU.
- 2010 Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Review Departmental Standards for Tenure and Promotion, Sociology Department, GVSU, Fall.
- 2008 Panelist, "Getting Great Letters of Recommendation," Course on Graduate School Mentoring for Undergrads, Department of Sociology; University of California, Berkeley (UCB); Spring.
- 2006-9 Member, Sociology Diversity Working Group. Department of Sociology, UCB.
- 2003 Panelist, "Applying to Graduate School," California Sociological Association Conference, Berkeley, November.

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association, 2002-present
 - ASA Section on Sex & Gender, 2006-present
 - ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, 2006-present
 - ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 2011-2014, 2022-present
 - ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2022-present
 - ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance, 2022-present
 - ASA Section on Teaching and Learning, 2009-2012

ASA LGBTQ Caucus 2012-present
Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2016-present
Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2022-present
Michigan Sociological Association, 2009-present