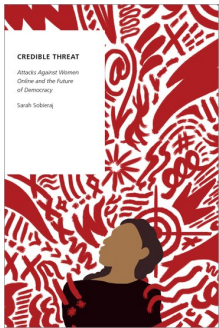


Gender and Sexualities Workshop

“Digital Book Club” Meetings

spring 2021 | All meetings this quarter will take place digitally over Zoom

The Sociology Department’s Gender and Sexualities Workshop is a group of faculty and graduate students who meet regularly to present and discuss new research.



Credible Threat: Attacks Against Women Online and the Future of Democracy (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Sarah Sobieraj

Professor of Sociology, Tufts University

Faculty Associate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University

Friday, April 16 @ 2:00-3:30 PST

Zoom link to be provided

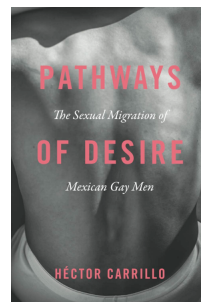
When women are vocal about political and social issues, too-often they are attacked via social networking sites, comment sections, discussion boards, email, and direct message. Rather than targeting their ideas, the abuse targets their identities, pummeling them with rape threats, attacks on their appearance and presumed sexual behavior, and a cacophony of misogyny, racism, xenophobia, and homophobia. Online abuse is more than interpersonal bullying—it is a response to the threat of equality in digital conversations and arenas that men would prefer to control. Thus identity-based attacks are particularly severe for those women who are seen as most out of line, such as those from racial, ethnic, and religious minority groups or who work in domains dominated by men. Drawing on interviews with over fifty women who have been on the receiving end of identity-based abuse online, Sobieraj explains why all of us should be concerned about the hostile climate women navigate online.



Pathways of Desire: The Sexual Migration of Mexican Gay Men (University of Chicago Press, 2017)

Héctor Carrillo

Professor of Sociology and Gender & Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University



Friday, MAY 28 @ 11:00-12:30 PST

Zoom link to be provided



Pathways of Desire brings us into the lives of Mexican gay men who have left their home country to pursue greater sexual autonomy and sexual freedom in the United States. The groundbreaking ethnographic study brings our attention to the full arc of these men’s migration experiences, from their upbringing in Mexican cities and towns, to their cross-border journeys, to their incorporation into urban gay communities in American cities, and their sexual and romantic relationships with American men. These men’s diverse and fascinating stories demonstrate the intertwining of sexual, economic, and familial motivations for migration. Further, Carrillo challenges the view that gay men from countries like Mexico would logically want to migrate to a “more sexually enlightened” country like the United States—a limiting understanding. *Pathways of Desire* also explains the patterns of cross-cultural interaction that sexual migration generates, documenting how cross-cultural sexual and romantic relations may also affect sexual health.