

SEXUALITIES *News*

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SECTION ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES

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.



Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, Chair, ASA Section on the Sociology of Sexualities

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

Dear Section Members,

We have worked on achieving significant visibility within the conference program – with thematic, regular, special sessions, workshops, section sessions, and our roundtables (see included info in the next few pages). This situates us nicely in preparation for the 2015 ASA meetings in Chicago, which centers on sexualities in the social world. We have also secured a great reception space. As it has been customary for our section, the Chair makes efforts to link the section with others—in my case, you will see continued connections to Body & Embodiment, Sex & Gender, the LGBT Caucus, and the Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality, as well as new collaborations with Crime, Law and Deviance. I am proud that our program keeps sexualities central without sacrificing much-needed attention to the intersecting dynamics of race, class, gender, embodiment, and disability.

The section's work is year-round, and that brings added excitement, because it demonstrates both the growth and the stability of our section. Aside from our digest/updates, sent via email every 15 days, we are increasing our Facebook and our website presence with sexualities-related news, notes of recent decisions, and news on awards. We have elected a new group of Council members (see information inside). Our membership continues to be in the 500 range, which brings opportunities (for example, the opportunity to found a Sexualities journal, for which we need a minimum of 500 members 3 years in a row), and we continue to collaborate and support our graduate students in participating in as many roles as ASA allows. Last, but not least, our committees have done a superb job of selecting winners and honorary mentions, showcasing the work on sexualities within the association. We will get to celebrate with all the winners in August, at the meetings official events, including our off site reception.

I am thrilled to see incoming Chair Héctor Carrillo take on the lead, and to know that Lorena García, our recently voted Chair-elect, will follow. What an exciting direction for the future of the Section! The list of items we aim to accomplish this year includes discussing possible changes to our awards structure, identifying new recruitment goals, planning the ASA Chicago meetings, and considering the possibility of a Seattle preconference in 2016. As I finish my term, I envision more of our leadership getting involved in other sections and the ASA meetings leadership, more student-faculty collaboration, a strong mentoring program for our graduate students and

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junior faculty, and fruitful conversations on the possibility of a Sexualities-specific journal – not simply because we can, but because we should consider whether our section is capable, and wishes to, doing such work, all while considering the impact of such decisions on our membership. These are important discussions to be had and it makes the job much more fulfilling to be accompanied (and inspired) by the camaraderie and investment of our Council members, volunteers, and former officers.

I write to you from Bogotá, Colombia, continuing to delve into my own research on sexuality, migration, and displacement, and working on so many other projects, but I already know that our section will cross the 500-member mark and will thrive on networking and supporting other sections while simultaneously strengthening our own. And what a home we have established! I simply cannot wait for every August when I get to see many of you again. This section has been my home since my first ASA meeting, in 1998, when Lionel Cantú brought me in. Back then, it would have been impossible to feel connected to the sexualities members, much less ASA as an organization, had it not been for a friendly hand and a gentle push to connect with others. Our section continues to grow, and it amazes me to see our ability to preserve the section's intimate character while expanding considerably. And to continue to be a place where fun and laughter are never dismissed.

I cannot wait to see you and talk with you all at the meetings in San Francisco. The meetings will be filled with great energy and a sense of an ever-strong Section. It has been a joy to serve you. Let's continue to make this a great space for scholarship, collegiality and collaboration. What can you do as a member of our section? Do offer to listen, kindly share some unsolicited advice (when you deem it necessary), and make a commitment to read someone's work. That, among other ways, is how we make the pillars of our section not only stronger, but meaningful.

Salvador Vidal-Ortiz
American University

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SEXUALITIES SECTION STUDENT MEMBERS!

In their roles as student reps for the section, Amy Brainer and Lisa Miller have organized a mixer for students at the ASA meeting in San Francisco. We will be going on a tour of the Good Vibrations Antique Vibrator Museum on 1620 Polk St: <http://antiquevibratormuseum.com/>.

The tour will take place from 4:30-5:30pm on Sunday 8/17. The cost of the tour is covered by the section, and light refreshments will be provided. We will meet in the lobby of the Hilton San Francisco Union Square hotel at 4pm to commute together to the museum (it is a 15minute bus, 5 minute cab, or 1 mile walk). They are requesting that you RSVP by following this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Jx_oq88zeLfNSfEcZhFHeoH9FAeqTLcXMNxpIBDTqk/edit?usp=sharing.

Please spread the word to students who are not yet members of the section and may be interested in joining us, and get in touch with Amy (abrain2@uic.edu) or Lisa (milllisa@indiana.edu) with any questions.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES



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Dissertation Title: Varieties of
Activism: Pathways of
Participation among LGBT
Religious Activists

Dissertation Abstract: Although the LGBT movement has made rapid gains in the United States, support for LGBT rights remains low among many religious groups, and LGBT individuals actively face discrimination in conservative faith communities. Despite this context of repression, students are launching movements for LGBT inclusion at a growing number of faith-based colleges and universities across the United States. In this dissertation, I explore the unique pathways along which students join and commit to LGBT groups at Christian colleges and universities, as well as the diverse ways in which students are impacted by their participation in

these groups. Specifically, I address the following three questions: (1) why do individuals join LGBT groups at Christian colleges and universities?; (2) why do individuals commit to these LGBT groups?; and (3) how does participation in these LGBT groups affect individuals?

I show that students follow multiple pathways to LGBT groups at Christian colleges and universities: students with “activist identities” generally have well-formed political beliefs supported by years of involvement in social movements, while students with particularly salient “religious identities” or identities based on sexual identity or gender identity often hold beliefs that contradict involvement in LGBT groups and generally have no history of social movement activism. I argue that students’ commitment to these LGBT groups is in turn contingent on a correspondence between their personal identities and the organizational identity: students with salient “activist identities” are drawn to LGBT groups involved in direct action campaigns; students with salient “religious identities” are drawn to LGBT groups focused on education and awareness-raising; and students with salient identities based on sexual identity or gender identity are drawn to LGBT groups that provide opportunities for socializing and support. Finally, I show that different types of LGBT groups produce different types of activists: veterans of LGBT groups involved in direct action go on to participate in other social movement groups;

alumni of LGBT groups engaged in education become change agents in humanistic careers; and graduates of LGBT groups that provide social support focus on applying their groups’ values on an interpersonal level.

I base these conclusions on in-depth interviews with 75 participants in LGBT groups at four Christian colleges and universities. I supplement these data through content analyses of relevant movement documents, and I situate these findings in their broader context through analyses of a unique database of LGBT groups and non-discrimination policies across Christian colleges and universities in the United States. As I argue, these findings hold important implications for the empirical literature on LGBT-inclusive schools and the broader theoretical literature on social movement participation.



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Dissertation Title: Invisible Men: Constructing Men who Have Sex with Men as a Global AIDS Priority at UNAIDS and Beyond

Tara McKay is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research at UC Berkeley/UCSF. She completed her Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA in 2013 and served as student representative to the Sexualities section from 2012-2013. Her dissertation, *Invisible Men: Constructing Men who Have Sex with Men as a Global AIDS Priority at UNAIDS and Beyond*, is a cross-national, mixed-methods study of the global policy response to AIDS focusing on how new priorities emerge and are diffused throughout the global system. Drawing on ethnographic, archival and original survey research, *Invisible Men* traces the emergence of a contested new policy targeting sexual minorities at UNAIDS to its adoption across countries and engagement at the local level in southern Africa. In so doing, this work provides a novel and comprehensive account of the social life of AIDS policy from inception to implementation, cataloging both the unexpected success of intergovernmental organizations in diffusing contentious policy to government agencies around the world and their failure to promote durable social or cultural change on the ground. This research was generously supported by the American Council of Learned

Societies and the National Science Foundation and received the Elizabeth Blackwell Graduate Paper Award from the UCLA Center for the Study of Women and an Honorable Mention for the Sexualities section's Martin Levine Dissertation Award. In previous work, Dr. McKay's interests in health, sexuality, and policy have prompted studies of substance use, sexual identity formation and community membership among young African American and Latino men in the US; the role of clinical trials in providing access to basic health care for drug users seeking treatment; doctor-patient interactions in HIV/AIDS care in the US; and gendered patterns of HIV status disclosure among HIV positive behaviorally bisexual men.



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Master's Thesis Title: Positive Stigma: Biopolitics and HIV Online

Research Statement: Steven's research in sexualities investigates the biopolitics of out gay and bisexual men's lives. Nuanced

forms of discipline, through things like stigma, shape the realities that men have to deal with on a daily basis.

In his upcoming presentation at the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility conference in Philadelphia, Steven looks at how Grindr, a smartphone app for gay and bisexual men, disciplines and stigmatizes non-muscular and hairy men, and how this mechanic functions at policing what is masculine and what is not through the use of images and profile text.

Other sexuality research looks at condomless sex (or barebacking), risk, and queer theory to understand the phenomena that places men at high risk of contracting HIV. He has found that scholars, like David Halperin, working at the edge of abjection, gay sex is "dirty" and perverse, yet men take pleasure and reconstitute it as a positive form of being. Not using condoms extends the logic of pleasure and positive value because condomless sex is perceived as more pleasurable and thus more sex positive. However, psychoanalysis scholars like Tim Dean say there is much more to this question of condomless sex. In the context of barebackers, two men or more men that have sex without a condom on purpose and in some contexts actively try to transmit HIV to the receptive partner. This behavior is perfectly rational in the context of barebackers because not only is unprotected sex pleasurable, but also the networks of intimacy established without the barrier of a condom and no need to worry about the boundaries that

limit pleasure. This constitutes an extreme edgework, as not only are boundaries of healthy/unhealthy behaviors, but life/death, giving to the rise of the term “death-fuck” or *the* sex act that transmits HIV, both literally and conceptually.

Steven’s master’s thesis, to be defended in Spring of 2015, takes a look at the realities faced by HIV+ gay and bisexual men when engaging in online, smartphone interactions with HIV- men. In preliminary, online research, HIV+ men must deal with stigma of not being “clean” or “disease, drugs free,” which labels are often listed in profiles of those who are looking to hook up with other HIV- men. The terms thus function as disciplinary tool to police deviant bodies and demarcate values and boundaries. In addition, HIV positive men place a plus sign after their profile name to indicate their serostatus, thereby reducing the level of stigma when interacting with someone in private messaging. This stigma is not limited to the world of smartphone apps, as stigma against HIV+ men offline has grown and non-profits such as the Stigma Project have been established. With stigma being produced and proliferating online, Steven argues Goffman must be at least rethought, if not moved beyond, in order to properly understand stigma on online and mobile technologies.



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Dissertation Title: Racialized
Sexualities within the
Commercialized Romance Tour
Industry: the influence of Affect
and Emotions on Hierarchies of
Desire

Dissertation Abstract: According to Bloomberg Businessweek, the global online dating industry at large generated over 2 billion dollars in profits. Online international introduction sites that offer romance tours to American men in search of a foreign bride are an important and rapidly growing component of the internet dating industry; the number of these agencies in the U.S. tripled from two hundred to six hundred in the past 10 years, and these agencies doubled their incomes in that same time period. Previous scholars have examined the so-called ‘mail order bride’ industry in order to demonstrate that the women involved are agents and not victims. Many scholars have also highlighted the importance of race in shaping

American men’s desires in one particular region or country. My dissertation provides an important addition to the literature surrounding romance tourism by expanding the discussion towards what drives men to certain regions over others, based upon racialized notions of femininity and sexuality. Thus, I included participants from all three major regions associated with romance tourism: Eastern Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia. I collected the data for the dissertation by becoming a participant observer of a romance tour in Ukraine, Colombia, and the Philippines. I conducted 93 in depth interviews with American men, women in each tour country, and local employees of the tour agency, A Foreign Affair, in each country. I argue that romance tourism is an important example of the global intimate, and the ways in which globalized processes are created and sustained through everyday intimate emotions and interactions. The concept of the global intimate challenges the hierarchy of scale that places the body, the home, and the intimate on a much lower level than the scale of the global or the national, and at the same time challenges the binary that divides the individual from the global. Through highlighting the different emotional negotiations that are constantly occurring in the romance tour industry, one can begin to see the important ways in which individual emotions and affects influence global processes on a large scale and vice versa.



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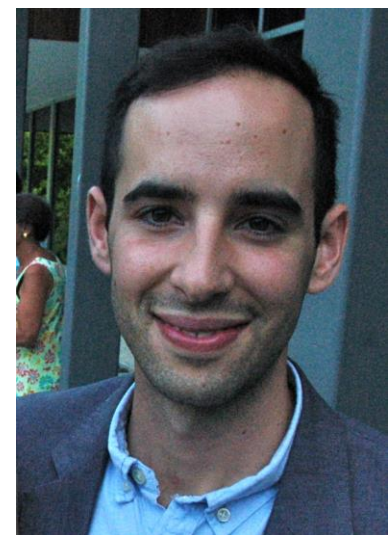
Research Statement: My book, *Boystown*, will be published next year by University of Chicago Press. Through three years of Chicago-style ethnography, *Boystown* examines the changes to neighborhoods and sexual life as gay men are assimilated into straight society. Chicago's gay neighborhood Boystown is undergoing late-stage gentrification like many gayborhoods around the country. Boystown has become a "gay disneyland" where business owners engage in heritage commodification to bring young white straight women into the clubs to replace the young gay men who they perceive as fleeing the neighborhood for other venues in neighborhoods north. Combined with the sexual violence and sexism of straight clubs in nearby Wrigleyville, these factors lead straight women to go on safari into gay clubs, transforming them with their tourist gaze and stripping

these spaces of their naked intimacy. Moreover, heritage commodification and assimilation essentialize the gay habitus, transforming it into a kind of white ethnicity, with racial consequences in the neighborhood as Black and Latino gay men are increasingly seen as outsiders. However, some gay men resist. Sex-positive cultures exist on the periphery, literally in terms of their spatial location to Boystown. These sexy communities embody the queer ethos of radical sexuality, a rejection of respectability, and are more racially diverse as a result. Written in a creative nonfiction style, but using a variety of classic and contemporary social theory from Bourdieu to Durkheim to Bahktin, *Boystown* is a book for sociologists, their students, and queer people themselves, reminding us all of the importance of sexuality—as sex and not just sexual identity—to our lives and neighborhoods.

I am also a qualitative methodologist and teacher, with 5 semesters experience. I am lead author on a co-authored textbook on qualitative methods, *An Invitation to Qualitative Fieldwork*, published next year from Routledge. Unlike many qualitative methods books, we bridge the "how-to" and "why-to" with exercises to actually show how to create key documents like interview guides and practice skills like participant observation. We focus on the interacting logics within projects: the voice of participants, the voice of the academic community, and the researcher's voice. I've used these exercises and frameworks to

consult on qualitative projects around University of Wisconsin-Madison, from education to pediatrics.

My next project, for which I have already begun collecting preliminary data, will be a participatory ethnography of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a revolutionary pill that reduces the chance of HIV infection comparable to condoms, if taken daily, and has massive public health implications. This project evaluates PrEP socially, given the ineffectiveness of earlier public health strategies due to the inadequate attention paid to the influence of sexual cultures. What social mechanism of HIV transmission is PrEP alleviating? How will other health disparities influence ability to remain on PrEP? As a sexual community, what changes to queer sexual culture will occur if risk of HIV infection becomes negligible?



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Dissertation Title: The Culture of Knowledge: Constructing “Expertise” in Legal Debates on Marriage and Kinship for Same-Sex Couples in France and the United States

Abstract: How and why do political stakeholders in France and the United States use divergent kinds of knowledge as “expertise” when debating the morally fraught issues of relationship and parenting rights for same-sex couples? To answer this question, this project uses archival, ethnographic, and interview data to systematically compare the information used as “expertise” and the people treated as “experts” in the media, courts, and legislatures since 1990 in both countries. Some knowledge, such as legal expertise, psychology, and “common sense” principles like equality, freedom, or “nature” is common to both. Yet other “expertise,” such as economy in the US and psychoanalysis in France, is pervasive in one context but absent in the other. Moreover, the same “experts,” like religious representatives, employ different forms of knowledge depending on the country; American clerics appeal to doctrine and religious values while French clerics evoke Lacan and Lévi-Strauss. This project reveals how legal structures, historical legacies, and social movement dynamics become embedded within institutions that constrain or enable the production of “experts” and the kinds of information that sways decision

makers. By explaining national variation in “experts” and “expertise,” this work will provide a new framework for analyzing how we debate human rights today.

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Dissertation Title: “Can I Have that on the Side?”: Women Experiences Participating in Outside Partnerships Concurrent to Primary Partnerships

Dissertation Abstract: The purpose of this study was to examine the experiences and meaning-making of women who intentionally sought out an outside partner online. The researcher sought to answer “Does functional specificity contribute to women’s decisions to employ infidelity?”, “Do outside partnerships help women remain in a marriage?”, “How do women with outside partners make meaning of that experience?”, and “How does having an outside partner affect women’s primary relationships?” Functional specificity essentially purports that people do not get all of their needs met by one person in their social network, but rather exercise selective and purposeful social ties depending upon the need they’re trying to address. In other words, people may go to one person in their social network if they want a companion to watch a rom-com, and another one if they want to

visit a museum. Or, in this context, a person may have a social tie whose sole role in their lives is that of “lover.” Functional specificity process has never before been utilized in research on intimacy or gender, despite the potential utility of the application. The possibility that some individuals may use this process within the most intimate of relationships has profound implications for how we conceive of intimate relationships in general and the marriage union specifically. It challenges the current notion that the purpose of marriage is to fulfill all of each partner’s emotional, psychological, and sexual needs. Using a sample of 46 women between the ages of 24–65 located across the country, who volunteered in response to an email invitation including a survey link from *Ashley Madison*, a website especially for married individuals to seek out affair partners, where the women all created profiles, the researcher conducted interviews over email, which was the preference of the participants and allowed them to maintain their confidentiality and peace of mind regarding preserving their primary partner’s unawareness of their extramarital activities. Most of the women in sample reported having children, and more than half of the sample reported their marriages as either sexless or having sexual activity which did not result in an orgasm for themselves. This predominately White, married sample provided in-depth data on their experiences with outside partners and how those relationships work alongside their primary one. Preliminary analysis demonstrates that social

gender roles play a role in these women's decisions to participate in outside partnerships. Women report being able to be 'more themselves' with their outside partners, as well as an ability to

play a sexual role they don't feel able to enact in their primary partnership. All of the participants spoke of the power of feeling wanted and the force of knowing the freedom to explore sexual

personalities and interests their role as 'wife' did not permit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

There is a lot to celebrate at the upcoming ASA meetings. First, congratulations to our elected officers...

Chair-Elect

- Lorena García, University of Illinois--Chicago

Council Members

- Tey Meadow, Princeton University
- Eric Anthony Grollman, University of Richmond

Student Representatives

- Susan Walters, SUNY Stonybrook
- Abigail Ocobock, University of Chicago

Second, congratulations to our Section award winners...

Distinguished Book Award

- *Beyond Loving: Intimate Racework in Lesbian, Gay, and Straight Interracial Relationships* by Amy C. Steinbugler (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Distinguished Book Award Honorable Mention

- *Sex in Transition: Remaking Gender & Race in South Africa* by Amanda Lock Swarr (State University of New York Press, 2012).

Graduate Student Paper Award (co-winners)

- Rafael Colonna (University of California, Berkeley) "Avoiding Playground Liabilities: Coming Out Strategies and Stigma Management in LGBT Families with Children"
- Trevor Hoppe (University of Michigan) "Controlling Sex in the Name of 'Public Health': Social Control and Michigan HIV Law"

Martin P. Levine Dissertation Award Winner

- Kate Henley Averett (University of Texas, Austin) "Gender, Sexuality, the Family, and Homeschooling"

Please join us in recognizing these winners at the Sexualities Section Business Meeting at 11:30am on August 16th during ASA 2014!

REMINDER - BUSINESS MEETING AND RECEPTION AT ASA

Please join us from 11:30am to 12:10pm on August 16th for the Sexualities Business Meeting during ASA 2014 (see final program for exact location). The business meeting is an opportunity to catch up on section news, contribute to the planning of next year's meetings, get involved in section committees, and hear more about this year's exciting award winners. We hope you will join us!

And don't forget our joint reception with the Body and Embodiment Section at Swig, beginning at 6:30 on August 16th! Swig is conveniently located just steps from the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, at 561 Geary Street

[\(http://www.swig-bar.com/\)](http://www.swig-bar.com/)

“TRANS SEXUALITIES” SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE *JOURNAL OF HOMOSEXUALITY*

An excerpt follows from Carla A. Pfeffer’s introduction (pp. 597-604) to the “Trans Sexualities” Special Issue of the *Journal of Homosexuality*, for which she served as Guest Editor.

In this special issue, we focus critically on sexual identities and practices among trans individuals and their partners to begin to fill the existing lacuna in academic scholarship and theorizing around trans sexualities.

Exciting work has begun to emerge addressing trans sexuality and partnerships. Miranda Bellwether’s (2010) inaugural zine, *Fucking Trans Women (Issue #0)*, broke ground by centering trans women’s perspectives and experiences around sex and sexuality—including instructional

problematic, pathological, and/or connected to health risk (e.g., theoretical and empirical work on “autogynephilia” and trans sexual labor). The work in this volume engages with current debates existing within trans sexualities academic communities, including “autogynephilia,” in order to deconstruct and perhaps even reframe these debates. We do not shy away from provocation, the “crass,” or the materiality and corporeality of sex and sexuality. As sociologist Kevin Walby writes about the importance of studying sex and sexual practices from academic perspectives: “[We] must start with bodies coming together, their parts and fluids, the interactions between bodies and the meanings produced therein” (2012, p. 10).

guides on actual sexual practices. The quarterly print zine, *Original Plumbing*, edited by Amos Mac and Rocco Katastrophe, debuted in 2009 and expanded to the internet in 2010. *Original Plumbing* features first-person accounts and photography of the lives and experiences of trans men, including focus on sex and sexuality. Morty Diamond’s (2011) edited volume, *Trans/Love: Radical Sex, Love & Relationships Beyond the Binary* and Tracie O’Keefe and Katrina Fox’s (2008) edited volume, *Trans People in Love*, each make contributions to featuring the voices and experiences of trans people and their partners as they discuss sex and relationships. Tristan Taormino’s (2011) edited volume, *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica* centers explicit narratives about trans sexuality. An expanding genre of trans-focused and trans-affirmative pornography has also emerged through Handbasket Productions, Morty Diamond Productions, Pink & White Productions, S.I.R. Video Productions, and T-Wood Pictures, to name just a handful.

In academic scholarship on LGBTQ sexualities, however, “trans” too often remains present in acronym only, with very real consequences for inclusion and exclusion both in terms of trans personhood as well as to moving studies of gender and sexual identities, and sexual practices forward (Moore, 2013). When trans sexuality does appear within academic scholarship, it most frequently focuses on forms of sexuality considered

In this special issue, we focus critically on sexual identities and practices among trans individuals and their partners to begin to fill the existing lacuna in academic scholarship and theorizing around trans sexualities. This volume of scholarship works toward conceptually disentangling gender and sexual identities as it simultaneously reveals the myriad ways in which they are interdependent and mutually constitutive. The work herein complicates notions of “gay,” “lesbian,” “bisexual,” and “transgender,” and perhaps even identitarian notions of gender and sexuality altogether. The authors featured in this volume explore how trans social actors “do” masculinity, femininity, and androgyny in the context of sexual identities and practices and how the gender and sexual identities of trans people and their partners may be socially (mis)“read,” (mis)recognized, and (mis)understood. Some have asked: Why situate a special issue on trans sexualities within *The Journal of Homosexuality* given the frequent erroneous conflation of transgender identity and homosexuality. This is certainly a valid question and there is doubtlessly much education left to do across both mainstream and academic communities. However, I would point to both the journal’s history and contemporary scope to answer this query. The initial publication of the *Journal of Homosexuality* in 1974 was groundbreaking, the first academic journal to specifically focus on “queer” sexuality. Today, the substantive content of the journal

regularly stretches far beyond the confines of “homosexuality,” showcasing scholarship across a diverse array of gender and sexual identities. This special issue continues in the journal’s tradition of pushing the boundaries and edges of how we think about sex and sexualities.

We consider possibilities for both sexual fluidity and stability in the lives of those who are trans and their sexual partners, and discuss relationship configuration and sexual power dynamics within trans partnerships—

from monogamous to polyamorous, kink to vanilla. The work featured in this special issue discusses the roles of language, discourse, social context, and physical and community spaces in shaping sexual identities and practices among trans people and their sexual partners. While some of the work in this volume addresses trans engagement with sex work, it does so to offer and compel more holistic conceptualizations of trans sex workers and more grounded perspectives toward harm-reduction approaches.

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CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES SECTIONS AT ASA THIS YEAR...

Saturday, August 16th

8:30am

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Invited Session. From "The Homosexual Role" to Black Sexual Politics (co-sponsored with the Section on Sex and Gender)

Session Organizer and Presider: *Jodi O'Brien*, Seattle University

Panel: *Nathan Reed*, University of Notre Dame and *Zandria Felice Robinson*, University of Memphis

Discussant: *Beth E. Schneider*, University of California- Santa Barbara

10:30am

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtable Session and Business Meeting

10:30-11:30am, Roundtables: Session Organizer: *Catherine Connell*, Boston University

11:30 to 12:10pm, Section on Sociology of Sexualities Business Meeting (to 12:10pm)

2:30pm

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session. Sex(uality) and (Social) Justice (co-sponsored with the Section on Sociology of Law)

Session Organizer: *Salvador Vidal-Ortiz*, American University

Challenging Homophobia, Reinforcing Race and Class Inequality: Queer and Intersectional Opposition to Hate Crime Laws. *Doug Meyer*, The College of Wooster

Legally Queer: Sexuality and Citizenship in LGBTQ Asylum Claims. *Stefan Vogler*, Northwestern University

Unjust Sexual Boundaries? Prostitution, Polygamy, and the Legal Construction of Agency. *Melanie Heath*, *Jessica Braimoh*, and *Julie Gouweloos*, McMaster University

Discussant: *Trevor Alexander Hoppe*, University of Michigan

4:30pm

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session. Troubling Homonormativity: Thinking LGBT Intersectionally (co-sponsored with the Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality; and the LGBT Caucus)

Session Organizer: *Angela Jones*, State University of New York-Farmingdale

Old and G(r)aying Together: Identity in a Low-Income Gay and Lesbian Elder Housing Facility. *Louise Ly*, University of California-Berkeley

Out of the Shadows and Out of the Closet: UndocuQueer Leadership in the Immigrant Rights Movement. *Veronica Terriquez*, University of Southern California

Racializing Homophobia: Gay and Lesbian Teachers and the Limits of Discrimination Discourse. *Catherine Connell*, Boston University

Searching for "Whosoever Ministries": Examining Black Gay Men's Church-Going Decisions. *Allison Mathews*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Discussant: *Jason Ronald Orne*, University of Wisconsin- Madison

Sunday, August 17th

8:30am

Regular Session. Sociology of Sexuality: Queer Identities

Session Organizer: *Jeni Loftus*, University of Memphis President: *Hubert Izienicki*, Indiana University

True Blue or Gay: Attitudes toward Church, Family, and Social Change among Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Mormons. *Lauren J. Joseph*, *Charles L. Law*, and *Helen M. Hendy*, Pennsylvania State University- Schuylkill

Integrating Identities: Rural Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Christians. *Brandi Woodell*, University of Nebraska-

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Lincoln; *DLane R. Compton*, University of New Orleans; *Emily Kazyak*, University of Nebraska- Lincoln

I'm Something Other Than Straight: Young Women's High School Coming Out Experiences in the Post- Gay Era. *Lillian Taylor Jungleib*, University of California-Santa Barbara

Discussant: *Sara L. Crawley*, University of South Florida

Monday, August 18th

8:30am

Special Session. Sexuality in Migration: Complicating Economic Migration Theory

Session Organizer: *Salvador Vidal-Ortiz*, American University

Presider: *Nancy A. Naples*, University of Connecticut Panel: *Susana Pena*, Bowling Green State University

Hector Carrillo, Northwestern University

Gloria Gonzalez-Lopez, University of Texas-Austin Discussant: *Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo*, University of Southern California

Traditional sociological approaches to the study of migration tend to privilege the economic and material aspects of motivation for migration; more recent research has made gender, and sexuality, important analytic aspects of migration. Subsequent work has looked at them together in complicating migration analysis. Among the aspects shown to be important in migration scholarship that foregrounds sexuality are: the re-composition of the families in the "host" site; the reconfiguration of gender roles and family's relationship to work, and often times, power within the family; the complications of sexual migration (in a global-sex framework) within a post-2008 recession era; and the newer ways "American" functions given migration in a post-9/11 anti- immigrant US. Sociology is ideally positioned to further the field of migration studies, where class and economic analysis are shaping the study of migration at the same time that migration analyses incorporate gender and sexuality. This panel will: (1) offer a general outline of the processes and recent developments of the mixing of migration studies with gender and sexuality, (2) present recent empirical work that attends to the intersections between migration, gender, and sexuality, and (3) propose a general mapping of where such work could tend attention to.

Also at 8:30am

Regular Session. Sociology of Sexuality: Mature Women's Sexualities

Session Organizer: *Jeni Loftus*, University of Memphis Presider: *Sarah Ann Miller*, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Reclaiming Sex in the Lives of Gender and Sexually Diverse Older Women. *Moirra Carmody*, University of Western Sydney

The Cougar Phenomenon: A Look at Middle-aged Women Who Choose Younger Men as Their Sex Partners. *Milaine Alarie*, McGill University

Life is Short, Have an Affair: Middle-age Women and Extra-Marital Affairs. *Matthew H. Rafalow*, University of California-Irvine; *Matthew Ripley*, University of Southern California; *Eric Anderson*, University of Winchester

Discussant: *Laura M. Carpenter*, Vanderbilt University

Tuesday, August 19th

12:30pm

Section on Sex and Gender Invited Session. Identity and Community Outside the Queer Center (co-sponsored with the Section on Sexualities)

Session Organizer: *Amy L. Stone*, Trinity University Presider: *Bernadette Barton*, Morehead State University

Panel: *Kristen Schilt*, University of Chicago; *Emily Kazzyak*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; *Miriam J. Abelson*, University of Oregon; *Sara L. Crawley*, University of South Florida; and *Amy L. Stone*, Trinity University

Discussant: *Bernadette Barton*, Morehead State University

2:30pm

Regular Session. Sociology of Sexuality: Young Adult Sexualities

Session Organizer: *Jeni Loftus*, University of Memphis Presider: *Sarah Ann Miller*, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Exclusive Relationships within the Context of Hookup Culture. *Rachel Kalish*, State University of New York-Stony Brook

Give and Take? Reciprocity in Young People's Accounts of Oral Heterosex. *Ruth Lewis* and *Cicely Marston*, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Straight Girls Kissing: Theorizing Same-Sex Behavior in a Population-based Sample of "Straight" Women. *Jamie Louise Budnick*, University of Michigan

Predicting Participation in "Friends with Benefits" Relationships. *Kristi L. Hoffman* and *Marit Berntson*, Roanoke College

OTHER SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES MEMBERS

Sunday August 17th, 10:30am

Professional Development Workshop. Navigating Queer Identities in the Department and Classroom

Session Organizer and Leader: *Shawn Alan Trivette*, Louisiana Tech University

Panel: *Carla A. Pfeffer*, Purdue University-North Central *Cary Gabriel Costello*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee *Elroi J. Windsor*, Salem College

Eric Anthony Grollman, University of Richmond *Leah K. VanWey*, Brown University

LGBTQ faculty and graduate students face particular stressors on a routine basis that their straight and cisgender colleagues typically do not. These stressors include: navigating how our colleagues and students read us (in both gendered and sexual ways, whether we present normatively or not); questions of if, when, and how to come out to colleagues and students; and dealing with microaggressions at work. Such a decision potentially impacts (subtly or overtly) a variety of departmental actions, including things like hiring, tenure, promotion, and appointment to various committees, particularly if faculty members' teaching or research trajectory are read as advancing some personal agenda. The purpose of this workshop is to explore various mechanisms and strategies of navigating being

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gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer identified in one's department and/or classroom. Panelists will reflect on a variety of experiences and backgrounds, including how sexual and gender identities intersect with other identities (such as race, ethnicity, ability, religion, etc.); research-, teaching-, and service- related issues; and being at various career stages and institutions.

Sunday August 17th, 10:30am

Section on Body and Embodiment Paper Session. Power, Pleasure, and Sexuality in Embodied Relations

Session Organizers: *Jeannine A. Gailey*, Texas Christian University; *Katie Ann Hasson*, and *Michela Musto*, University of Southern California; and *Julia Ellen Rogers*, University of California-San Diego

Presider: *Jeannine A. Gailey*, Texas Christian University

Every Bone in My Body: Domestic Violence and the Diagnostic Body. *Paige Lenore Sweet*, University of Illinois-Chicago
Bodies of Christ: Women, Sexual Pleasure, and (What Looks Like) Feminism in Evangelical Christianity. *Kelsy Burke*, St. Norbert College

Haunted Attachments: Embodiment and Erotics in Participatory Research. *Jessica Fields*, San Francisco State University

Grow the Beard, Wear the Costume: Resisting Weight and Sexual Orientation Stigmas in the Bear Subculture. *Patrick Blaine McGrady*, University of New Haven

Discussant: *Julia Meszaros*, Florida International University

Tuesday, August 19th, 10:30am

Section on Sex and Gender Invited Session. Crosscurrents: Mapping the Sociologies of Gender and Sexuality from the Margins (co- sponsored by the Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality)

Session Organizer and Presider: *Jyoti Puri*, Simmons College

Researching Race, Gender and Justice. *Nikki Jones*, University of California-Santa Barbara

From "Post" to "De" Colonial? Persisting Challenges in Feminist Politics and Knowledge Production across Borders. *Jayati Lal*, University of California-Berkeley

Sexuality, Hunger and Rights? Disposable Bodies in the Context of "Social Fascism" and Neoliberalism. *Montserrat Sagot*, Universidad de Costa Rica

Contact Centers: Transgender Subjectivities, Outsourcing and the Globalization of Queer Cultures. *Emmanuel David*, University of Colorado-Boulder

Politics of Rights or Politics of Cruelty? Towards an Alternative Framework of Justice and Care. *Evren Savci*, San Francisco State University

Discussant: *Salvador Vidal-Ortiz*, American University

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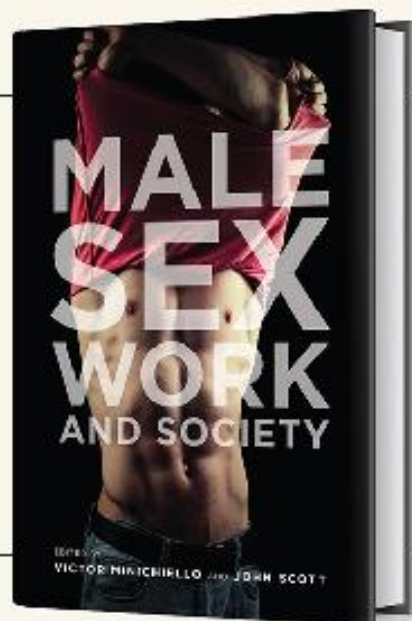
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