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## EDUCATION

- 2016            **Ph.D.**, Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin  
Graduate Portfolio: Women's & Gender Studies, LGBTQ/Sexualities track  
Dissertation: Educating the Unique Child: Gender, Sexuality, and Homeschooling  
(Chair: Christine Williams, PhD)
- 2008            **M.Div.**, Harvard Divinity School  
Thesis: Queer Bodies and Catholic Theology Converge and Collide:  
Implications of Danced Queer Narrative for Queer Theology and Ministry  
(Supervisor: Susan Abraham, ThD)
- 2004            **B.A.** (Magna cum laude), Mount Holyoke College  
Thesis: "First of all, we are Catholic": The Radical Action and Catholic  
Consciousness of Dorothy Day. (Supervisor: Jane Crosthwaite, PhD)

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 – present      **Associate Professor**, Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York
- 2016 – 2023        **Assistant Professor**, Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York

## ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2012            **Research Assistant**, The Massachusetts Health and Relationships Project. University  
of Texas at Austin. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Principal  
Investigator: Dr. Debra Umberson.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 – present      **Affiliated Faculty**, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,  
University at Albany.
- 2014 - 2016        **Graduate Fellow**, Urban Ethnography Lab, The University of Texas at Austin.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Averett, K. H. 2021. *The Homeschool Choice: Parents and the Privatization of Education*. New York: NYU Press.

- Honorable mention, 2022 Sex & Gender Distinguished Book Award, American Sociological Association

### **Peer Reviewed Articles**

Averett, K. H. & \*Lacy, G. R. 2023. "Ownership Versus Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles Within the Homeschooling Movement." *Journal of Family Issues* 44(4):930-953. DOI: [10.1177/0192513X211055125](https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X211055125)

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Remote Learning, COVID-19, and Children with Disabilities." *AERA Open* 7(1):1-12. DOI: [10.1177/23328584211058471](https://doi.org/10.1177/23328584211058471)

Averett, K.H. 2021. "A Feminist Public Sociology of the Pandemic: Interviewing About a Crisis, During a Crisis." *Gender, Work & Organization* 28(S2): 321-329. DOI: [10.1111/gwao.12616](https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12616)

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Queer Parents, Gendered Embodiment, and the De-Essentialization of Motherhood." *Feminist Theory* 22(2):284–304. DOI: [10.1177/1464700121989226](https://doi.org/10.1177/1464700121989226)

Averett, K. H. 2016. "The Gender Buffet: LGBTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormativity." *Gender & Society* 30(2):189-212. DOI: [10.1177/0891243215611370](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243215611370).

- Reprinted in Ferguson, S. J. 2018. *Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Los Angeles: SAGE.

### **Book Chapters**

Averett, K. H. 2022. "'Heterosexual Families Do Not Have to Explain Themselves': Heteronormativity in the Lives of LGBTQ+ Children and Parents." In *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by N. Fischer, L. Westbrook, and S. Seidman. Routledge.

Averett, K. H. 2020. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: Online Discourse about Transgender Children." Pp. 3-15 In *Gender, Sexuality, and Race in the Digital Age*, edited by D. N. Farris, D. Compton, and A. P. Herrera. Springer.

Averett, K. H. 2013. "The Catholic Worker Ethic and the Spirit of Marxism." Pp. 95-109 in *Unruly Catholics from Dante to Madonna: Faith, Heresy, and Politics in Cultural Studies*, edited by M. DiPaolo. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press.

Averett, K. H. 2013 “The Stories We Tell.” Pp. 143-149 in *More Than a Monologue: Sexual Diversity in the Catholic Church: Voices of Our Times*, edited by C. F. Hinze and J. P. Hornbeck. New York: Fordham University Press.

Averett, K. H. 2009. “Mass in the Dining Room.” Pp. 140-144 in *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism*, edited by K. Dugan and J. Owens. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.

Long, K. H. 2009. “On Sex, Sin, and Silence: An Islamic Theology of Storytelling for AIDS Awareness.” Pp. 154-168 in *Islam and AIDS: Between Scorn, Pity and Justice*, edited by F. Esack and S. Chiddy. Oxford: Oneworld Press.

### **Book Reviews**

Averett, K. H. 2021. “Review of ‘Save My Kid’: How Families of Critically Ill Children Cope, Hope, and Negotiate and Unequal Healthcare System by Amanda M. Gengler,” *Social Forces* 99(4), e12. DOI: [10.1093/sf/soaa136](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa136)

Averett, K. H. 2020. “Review of *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity* by Mary Robertson,” *Contemporary Sociology* 49(4):388-390. DOI: [10.1177/0094306120930218aa](https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306120930218aa)

Averett, K.H. 2018. “Review of *The Cost of Being a Girl: Working Teens and the Origins of the Gender Wage Gap* by Yasemin Besen-Cassino,” *Work and Occupations* 46(1), 98–100. DOI: [10.1177/0730888418795247](https://doi.org/10.1177/0730888418795247).

\*Kung, W. & Averett, K. H. 2018. “Review of *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family, and Gender in China* by Susanne Yuk-Ping Choi and Yinni Peng,” *Gender & Society* 32(1):149-151. DOI: [10.1177/0891243217732015](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243217732015).

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Averett, K. H. “The Mental Labor of Mothers during COVID-19.” (drafted, available for review)

Averett, K. H. “Motivations for Homeschooling Across Religious and Political Differences.” (drafted, available for review)

Averett, K.H. “Education and Health as Maternal Terrain: Gender Inequality, Home-Based Learning, and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (draft in progress)

Averett, K.H. “Single Mothers and Remote Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (draft in early stages)

## Other Publications

Averett, K.H. 2021. "Homeschool Revolution: More Parents than Ever are Against Public Schools." *New York Post*, May 8. <https://nypost.com/2021/05/08/more-parents-than-ever-turn-from-public-schools-to-homeschool/>

Averett, K.H. 2021. "Featured Commentary: Moving Towards a More Equitable Education System." *ASA Sociology of Education Newsletter*, Spring. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16QtKXO92k0pF-myL1Zh-5X7yTVeLQ7ZH/view>

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Homeschooling vs. Remote Learning." *ASA Children & Youth Section Newsletter*, Spring. [https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/uploads/4/7/8/0/4780801/spring\\_2021\\_newsletter\\_final\\_compressed.pdf](https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/uploads/4/7/8/0/4780801/spring_2021_newsletter_final_compressed.pdf)

Averett, K. H. 2020. "Gendered Parenting and Homeschooling, Before and During the Pandemic." *ASA Sex & Gender Section Newsletter*, December. <https://asasexandgender.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/december-2020-draft-2.pdf>

Averett, K.H. 2020. "Moms Are The 'She-Fault' Parent During This Pandemic." *Scary Mommy*, March 27. <https://www.scarymommy.com/coronavirus-homeschooling-disproportionate-burden-women/>

\* indicates graduate student co-author

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

"Homeschooling Numbers Surge Nearly 80 Percent Across Capital Region During Pandemic." *The Daily Gazette* (Schenectady, NY), April 29, 2021. <https://dailygazette.com/2021/04/29/homeschool-numbers-surge-nearly-80-percent-across-capital-region-during-pandemic/>

"For Parents, No Good Solutions to an 'Impossible' Problem." *The Daily Gazette* (Schenectady, NY), September 6, 2020. <https://dailygazette.com/2020/09/06/for-parents-no-good-solutions-to-an-impossible-problem/>

"Many Child Abuse Cases May Be Going Unreported During Pandemic." *U.S. News & World Report*, August 20, 2020. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-08-20/many-child-abuse-cases-may-be-going-unreported-during-pandemic>

- Also printed in *Health Day*, August 20, 2020. <https://consumer.healthday.com/infectious-disease-information-21/coronavirus-1008/many-child-abuse-cases-may-be-going-unreported-during-pandemic-760556.html>

"'I'm Only One Human Being': Parents Brace for a Go-It-Alone School Year." *The New York Times*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/19/upshot/coronavirus-home-school-parents.html>

"Colleges Closing: University Outbreaks and Parental Angst." *The New York Times*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/19/us/colleges-closing-covid.html>

“As Pandemic School Year Starts, Survey Shows Most Parents Are Overwhelmed.” *U.S. News & World Report*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-08-19/as-pandemic-school-year-starts-survey-shows-most-parents-are-overwhelmed>

“Homeschooling, the Safer Social Bet.” *The Beacon*, April 25, 2019. <http://www.theonlinebeacon.com/homeschooling-the-safer-social-bet/>

“Meet the Scholar: Kate Henley Averett,” *Children & Youth Blog*, American Sociological Association, June 1, 2017. <https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/blog/meet-the-scholar-kate-henley-averett>

## **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

2019            Consultant on race, class, and immigration for production of *West Side Story*, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Portsmouth, NH.

## **GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP FUNDING**

### **National**

2014            Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, \$3,000.

### **University**

2021            Faculty Research Award Program (FRAP-B), University at Albany, \$3300

2020            Judy L. Genshaft Fund, Initiatives for Women, University at Albany, \$600.

2016            Dissertation Fellowship (spring semester), University of Texas at Austin, \$10,000.

2014            Graduate Student Continuing Fellowship (fall semester), University of Texas at Austin, \$10,000.

2014            Urban Ethnography Lab Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, \$500.

2014            Professional Development Travel Grant, University of Texas at Austin – two grants, \$500 each.

2013            Department of Sociology Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin, \$3,000.

2012            Professional Development Travel Grant, University of Texas at Austin, \$400.

2011 Sociology Department Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, \$5,000.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Averett, K. H. "Single Parents and Remote Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022 (Invited).

Averett, K. H. "Conceptualizations of Childhood and Work-Family Justice." Paper presented at the Work Family Researchers Network Conference, New York, NY. June 2022 (Invited).

Panelist, "Working with Sinikka and Sinikka's Works." Texas Conference on Feminist Sociology (in memory of Sinikka Elliott), Austin, TX, March 2022 (Invited).

Author, Author Meets Critics Panel for *The Homeschool Choice: Parents and the Privatization of Education*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, March 2022 (Invited).

Averett, K. H. "Education and Health as Maternal Terrain: Gender Inequality, Home-Based Learning, and the COVID-19 Pandemic." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Virtual, August 2021.

Averett, K.H. "Gender- and Sexuality-Based School Suffering: Age, Power, and the Institution of US Schools." Paper accepted for National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. November 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

Averett, K.H. "Why Homeschooling? Diversity and Similarities Among Homeschoolers by Political Views and Religiosity." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. August 2019.

Averett, K. H. & Lacy, G. R.\* "Insurgent Youth: Young Adult Literature and Intersectional Theory and Praxis in the University Classroom." Workshop presented at National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

Averett, K. H. & Lacy, G. R.\* "Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles within the Homeschooling Movement." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Averett, K.H. "Religious Freedom, Parents' Rights, and Anti-LGBTQ Counter-Mobilization." Paper presented at Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time – ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Averett, K. H. & Buggs, S. G. "Teaching for Black Lives: Using the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform in Undergraduate Courses." Workshop presented at National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 2017.

Averett, K. H. "School Choice, Neoliberal Mothering, and the Rise of 'Situational' Homeschooling." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 2017.

Averett, K. H. "Religious Freedom, Parents' Rights, and Counter-Mobilization 'After Marriage.'" Paper presented at After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, City University of New York, New York, NY. October 2016.

Averett, K. H. "Childhood Gender and Sexuality in Homeschooling Families." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 2015.

Averett, K. H., Arreola, V., & Golden, J. N. "SMILE!: Feminist Selfies and the Politics of Self-Representation." Paper presented at National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, PR. November 2014 (presentation via Skype).

Averett, K. H. "Mothering, Gendered Embodiment, and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality." Paper presented at:

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2014.
- The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2015.

Averett, K. H. "Raising Them to Be Who They Truly Are: LGBTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormative Gender." Paper presented at:

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. August 2013.
- "Fun with Dick and Jane": Gender and Childhood Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. December 2014.

Averett, K. H. "The Family as Assemblage: Toward a Queer Approach to Family Studies." Paper presented at The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2013.

Averett, K. H. "'What Does a 7-Year-Old Know About Gender?!': Innocence, Agency, and the Transgender Child." Paper presented at:

- Visions of Voices of Childhood: Childhood Studies Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, Camden NJ. May 21-22, 2012.
- The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2012.

Averett, K. H. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: The Case of the 'Transgender Girl Scout.'" Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

Averett, K. H. "Blogging Queer Childhood." Paper presented at Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities – ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Critic, Author Meets Critics Panel for *Violent Differences: The Importance of Race in Sexual Assault against Queer Men*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore, MD. February 2023.

"Munch and Chat: Discussion on LGBTQIA+ Related Policies" (panelist). GSRC and Student Association event, University at Albany, Albany, NY. April 2022.

"The Homeschool Choice" (book talk). Students of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY. March 2021.

"The Homeschool Choice" (book panel). Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. November 2022.

"Remote Learning and Family Inequity During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Webinar. Part of the series "Turning the Tide: Understanding and Eliminating Minority Health Disparities." Healthcare Alliance of New York State and University at Albany, September 2021.

Critic, Author Meets Critics Panel for *Hyper Education: Why Good Schools, Good Grades, and Good Behavior Are Not Enough*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference (remote), February 2021.

"Homeschooling During the COVID-19 Pandemic," invited lecture, UAlbany Alumni Association, Albany, NY, May 2020.

"Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood Gender and Sexuality," invited lecture, Department of Counseling Psychology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, April 2019.

"Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood Gender and Sexuality," invited lecture, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA, April 2019.

Panelist, "Best Practices for Teaching Your First Class," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, October 2018.

Panelist, "Dissertation Orientation," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, March 2018.

Panelist, "From Student to Professor," Panelist, "Dissertation Orientation," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, November 2016.

Panelist, “Learning to Listen: Voices of Sexual Diversity and the Catholic Church,” part of the More Than a Monologue conference series, Fordham University, New York, NY, September 2011.

Panelist, “From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism,” The Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 2009.

Panelist, “Creating Welcoming Space for Middle Schoolers,” at One in Ten at Eleven: A Conference for those Serving LGBT Middle School Students, First Church, Boston, MA. 2008.

“What’s a Queer Catholic Girl to Do? On Creating Queer Feminist Sacramental Spaces,” invited talk, The Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 2008.

“Radical, Anarchist, Child of God: Understanding the Catholic Identity of Dorothy Day,” invited talk, Catholic Speaker Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. 2004.

## **GUEST LECTURES**

“What is Childhood? Contrasting Beliefs about Childhood Gender and Sexuality,” Gender & Society, Texas State University, November 2021.

“Gender and the Family,” Sociology of Gender, The University of Texas at Austin, June 2021.

“The Sociology of Homeschooling,” Introduction to Sociology, Texas State University, November 2019.

“Gender Inequality: The Pay Gap,” Introduction to Sociology, The University at Albany, SUNY, November 2017.

“HARP: The Health and Relationships Project,” Research Methods in Health and Society, The University of Texas at Austin, April 2015.

“Gender, Sexuality, the Family, and Homeschooling,” Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in the United States, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2014.

“Research Ethics,” Introduction to Social Research, The University of Texas at Austin, June 2014.

“LGBTQ Parents,” Sociology of the Family, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2014.

“Binary Thinking about Teenagers and Sexuality,” Sociology of Gender, The University of Texas at Austin, October 2012.

## **TEACHING**

**Graduate Courses Taught, University at Albany**

ASOC 523 – Applied Qualitative Research Methods (S21, S22)  
ASOC 645 – Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Sexuality (F17, F19, F21, F23, F25).  
ASOC 645 – Topics in Gender Research: Queer Sociology (S23, S25).  
ASOC 645 – Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Education (S19, S21).

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught, University at Albany**

ASOC 262 – Sociology of Gender (F19, F20, S22, S23, S24, F25)  
ASOC 326 - Sociology of Race, Gender, and Class (F16, F17, S18, F18, S19, F20, F21, F22, F23).  
ASOC 470W - Senior Seminar: Diversity in American Families (S18, F18, F22).  
ASOC 470W - Senior Seminar: Gender and Families (S25).

### **Undergraduate Teaching, The University of Texas at Austin**

The Family (Instructor, SU15).  
Diversity in American Families (Instructor, S15).  
Introduction to Social Research (Teaching Assistant, F15, SU14, S12).  
Sociology of the Family (Teaching Assistant, S14).  
Introduction to Social Statistics (Teaching Assistant, S13, F13).  
Sociology of Gender (Teaching Assistant, F12).  
Sociological Theory (Teaching Assistant, F11).  
Introduction to the Study of Society (Teaching Assistant, F10, S11)

### **Doctoral Dissertation Committees**

Rachel Sullivan (defended 4/22). University at Albany. Member.  
Katie Long (defended 10/23). University at Albany. Member.  
Troy Little (in progress; proposal defended 8/19). University at Albany. Member.  
Mairead Carr (in progress; proposal defended 5/21). University at Albany. Chair.  
Ian Callahan (in progress; proposal defended 11/22). University at Albany. Member.  
Kimberly Gan (in progress; proposal defended 12/23). University at Albany. Member.  
Sonya Becker (in progress; proposal defended 12/24). University at Albany. Chair.  
Suzanne Kawola (in progress; proposal defended 5/25). University at Albany. Member.  
Bonnie Siry-Bove (in progress; proposal defended 6/25). University at Albany. Member.  
Alex Perry (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Chair.  
Griffin R. Lacy (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Chair.  
Sara Querbes (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Member.  
Roni Yen-Jung Tseng (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Chair.  
Samantha Wei-Chia Chao (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Chair.  
Pei-Chen Cheng (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Member.

### **Master's Thesis Committees**

Kendall Nagi (November 2024). University at Albany, Sociology, M.A. Member.  
Lynn Rios Rivera (May 2024). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Chair.

Sarah Amplo (May 2024). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Chair.  
Toui Vilaphonh (May 2024). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Member.  
Nant Mu Say Khaleim (May 2024). University at Albany, Sociology, M.A. Chair.  
Sage Shirey (May 2024). University at Albany, Sociology, M.A. Member.  
Eric Warren (May 2023). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Chair.  
Shelby Mack (May 2020). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Member.  
Ian Callahan (August 2019). University at Albany, Sociology. M.A. Chair.  
Andrew Cutrone (May 2019). University at Albany, Sociology. M.A. Chair.

### **Comprehensive Exam Committees**

#### *Sexualities*

Daiyi Chen (Aug. 2025), Chair.  
Samantha Wei-Chia Chao (Jan. 2024), Chair.  
Roni Yen-Jung Tseng (Jan. 2023), Chair.  
Ji-sun Won (Aug. 2021), Chair.  
Ian Callahan (Aug. 2019), Chair.  
Sara Querbes (May 2019), Chair.

#### *Gender*

Jamie Ackerman (Aug. 2024), Chair  
Joe Padgett Herz (Aug. 2024), Chair  
Kendall Nagi (May 2024), Chair  
Bonnie Siry-Bove (Jan. 2024), Member.  
Alexander Perry (May 2023), Chair.  
Pei-Chen Cheng (Jan. 2023), Chair.  
Samantha Wei-Chia Chao (Aug. 2022), Member.  
Suzanne Kawola (Jan. 2022), Member.  
Beenna Han (Aug. 2019), Chair.  
Griffin Lacy (Aug. 2018), Chair.  
Sara Querbes (Aug. 2018), Member.  
Mairead Carr (May 2018), Chair.  
Xuemei Cao (Jan. 2018), Member.  
Elizabeth Harwood (Jan. 2018), Member.

#### *Education*

Samuel Ocasio, Jr. (Aug. 2024), Chair.  
Floencia Silvera (May 2020), Chair.

#### *Children and Youth*

Alexander Perry (May 2024), Chair.  
Pei-Chen Cheng (Jan. 2024), Member.  
Libin Fan (Aug. 2021), Chair.  
Griffin Lacy (Jan. 2019), Member.

Sonya Becker (May 2018), Member.

*Family*

Yi Lu (May 2022), Chair.

Beenna Han (Aug. 2018), Member.

*Work & Organizations*

Suzanne Kowala (Aug. 2022), Member.

**Graduate Student Co-Teaching Internships Supervised**

Jamie Ackerman (Spring 2025)

Kendall Nagi (Spring 2024)

Alex Perry (Fall 2023)

Jaime Hsu (Fall 2019)

Mairead Carr (Spring 2019)

Griffin Lacy (Fall 2017)

**Undergraduate Students Mentored**

Sabrina McDonald (2017) Assembly Session Intern Program. University at Albany. Supervisor.

Natalie Lewis (2016) *Effects of Gender and Income on Child Custody Evaluations*. The University of Texas at Austin. Undergraduate honors thesis mentor.

Lynnette Short (2013) Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program. The University of Texas at Austin. Mentor.

**SERVICE**

**Department of Sociology**

**Member**, Undergraduate Committee, 2025-present

**Member**, Sociologists Working toward Anti-Racism (STAR) Organizing Committee, 2020-present

**Member**, Graduate Committee, 2018 – 2020; 2022-2024

**Member**, Teaching Committee, 2020 – 2022

**Member**, Faculty Organizing Committee, Ethnography Lab, 2017 - 2023

**Organizer**, *White Fragility* Summer Reading Group, 2020

**Member**, Executive Committee, 2017 - 2019

**Member**, Advancement Committee, 2017 - 2018

**Member**, Symposium Committee, 2016 - 2017

**University at Albany, State University of New York**

**Member**, LGBTQ+ Advisory Council, 2020-present

**Departmental Representative**, Faculty Senate, 2020-2024  
**Member**, University Life Committee, 2021-2024  
**Participant**, Dialogue in Action, 2017-2018

### Professional Service

**Discussant**, Panel: Modern Parenthood: Intersecting Ideologies, Identities, and Inequalities. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 2024.

**Discussant**, Section on Methodology Section panel: Methodological Challenges and Opportunities Presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022

**Presider**, Special Session: Gendered Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022

**Discussant**, Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2021

**Session Organizer and Moderator**, Book Forum for *Trans Kids: Being Gendered in the Twenty-First Century*, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Remote, 2021

**Member**, Council, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-2021

**Chair**, “Organizing Our Archives” Task Force, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2020-2021

**Member**, Early Career Award Committee, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2020-2021

**Member**, Syllabus and Teaching Committee, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2018-2020

**Member**, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2019-2020

**Chair**, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-2019.

**Member**, Nominations Committee, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-2019.

**Member**, Committee on Advancing Trans and Intersex Studies at Sociology Conferences, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2017 - 2018

**Social Media Influencer**, Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time – ASA Sexualities Section Preconference, August 2018.

**Presider**, Sociology of Sex and Gender Roundtable: Intersections: Sexualities and Genders. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. 2017.

**Discussant**, Section on Sociology of Population Paper Session: LGBT Health Disparities. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 2015.

**Member**, Conference Planning Committee, The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies Graduate Student Conference, The University of Texas at Austin. 2014 - 2015.

**Graduate Student Assistant**, The Austin Summit on LGBT Families. The University of Texas at Austin, April 25-26. 2013.

**Presider**, Sociology of the Family Roundtable: Fathering and Labor Force Participation. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. 2013.

**Mentor**, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, The University of Texas at Austin. 2012.  
**Copy Editor**, *Intersections: Women's and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines*, The University of Texas at Austin. 2011.

### **AD HOC REVIEWER**

*Gender & Society; Sociological Perspectives; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of GLBT Family Studies; American Sociological Review; Gender, Work & Organization; International Journal of Qualitative Methods; Asian Journal of Women's Studies; Journal of Homosexuality; Sociological Inquiry; Socius; Social Forces*

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2024 Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Book Award, American Sociological Association.
- 2022 OUT-Standing LGBTQ Faculty/Staff Award, Lavender Awards, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2020 Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Award (Spring/Summer), United University Professions.
- 2015 Honorable Mention, Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2015 Norval Glenn Prize, awarded for best graduate student paper in sociology of the family, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, \$500.
- 2015 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Award, Services for Students with Disabilities, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 The Point Foundation Scholarship, semi-finalist.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2019 NSF CAREER Proposal Writing Workshop, State University of New York.
- 2018-2019 Research Proposal Writing Seminar Course, Division for Research, University at Albany.
- 2017 Course Design for Deeper and More Lasting Student Learning, Institute for Teaching, Learning & Academic Leadership, University at Albany.

- 2017 Safe Space Training Certificate, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, The University at Albany.
- 2016 Early Career Institute, Institute for Teaching, Learning & Academic Leadership, University at Albany.
- 2015 Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, The University of Texas at Austin.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association, 2012 - present.

Sections: Sex and Gender, Sociology of Sexualities, Children and Youth, Family, Sociology of Education, Race/Class/Gender.

Eastern Sociological Society, 2021-present.

Sociologists for Women in Society, 2014 - 2023.

National Women's Studies Association, 2016 - 2021.