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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-                    Assistant Professor, University at Albany, SUNY, Sociology

## EDUCATION

2010-2016            The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
PhD, Sociology, May 2016.  
Graduate Portfolio: Women's & Gender Studies, LGBTQ/Sexualities track.  
Comprehensive Examinations passed with honors, November 2013.  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Christine Williams.  
Title: Educating the Unique Child: Gender, Sexuality, and Homeschooling.

2005-2008            Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA  
MDiv, June 2008.  
Thesis supervisor: Susan Abraham.  
Title: Queer Bodies and Catholic Theology Converge and Collide:  
Implications of Danced Queer Narrative for Queer Theology and Ministry.

2000-2004            Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA  
B.A. *magna cum laude*, May 2004.  
Major: Religion.    Minor: Mathematics.  
Thesis Supervisor: Jane Crosthwaite.  
Title: "First of all, we are Catholic": The Radical Action and Catholic  
Consciousness of Dorothy Day.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Sex and Gender, Sexualities; Childhood Studies; LGBTQ Studies; Sociology of Families; Qualitative Research Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Article

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

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

Kate Henley Averett. "The Catholic Worker Ethic and the Spirit of Marxism." In Marc DiPaolo, Ed., 2013. Unruly Catholics from Dante to Madonna: Faith, Heresy, and Politics in Cultural Studies. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press.

Kate Henley Averett. "The Stories We Tell." In Christine Firer Hinze and J. Patrick Hornbeck, Eds., 2013. More Than a Monologue: Sexual Diversity in the Catholic Church: Voices of Our Times. New York: Fordham University Press.

Kate Henley Averett. "Mass in the Dining Room." In Kate Dugan and Jennifer Owens, Eds., 2009. From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism. Colleagueville, MN: Liturgical Press.

Kate Henley Long. "On Sex, Sin, and Silence: An Islamic Theology of Storytelling as Tool for Confronting the AIDS Pandemic." In Farid Esack and Sarah Chiddy, Eds., 2009. Islam and AIDS: Between Scorn, Pity and Justice. Oxford: Oneworld Press.

### Book Review

Wen-Ling Kung and Kate Henley Averett. Forthcoming. Review of Susanne Yuk-Ping Choi and Yinni Peng, *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family, and Gender in China* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016), *Gender & Society*.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

Kate Henley Averett. *My Child, My Choice: Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood*. (Book manuscript in preparation).

Kate Henley Averett. "Mothering, Gendered Embodiment, and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality."

Kate Henley Averett. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: The Case of the 'Transgender Girl Scout'."

Kate Henley Averett and Griffin R. Lacy. "Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Differing Views on Corporal Punishment and Child Discipline in the Homeschooling Movement."

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

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

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.
- 2014 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, \$3,000.
- 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.
- 2013 The Point Foundation Scholarship, semi-finalist.
- 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 PAPERS

“School Choice, Neoliberal Mothering, and the Rise of ‘Situational’ Homeschooling,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 2017.

“Religious Freedom, Parents’ Rights, and Counter-Mobilization ‘After Marriage,’” After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, City University of New York, New York, NY. October 2016.

“Childhood Gender and Sexuality in Homeschooling Families,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 2015.

“SMILE!: Feminist Selfies and the Politics of Self-Representation” (with Veronica Arreola and Jamie Nesbitt Golden), National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, PR. November 2014 (presentation via Skype).

“Mothering, Gendered Embodiment, and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

- Also presented at The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2015.

“Raising Them to Be Who They Truly Are: LGBTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormative Gender,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. August 2013.

- Also presented at “Fun with Dick and Jane”: Gender and Childhood Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. December 2014.

“The Family as Assemblage: Toward a Queer Approach to Family Studies,” The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2013.

“What Does a 7-Year-Old Know About Gender?!”: Innocence, Agency, and the Transgender Child,” Visions of Voices of Childhood: Childhood Studies Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, Camden NJ. May 21-22, 2012.

- Also presented at The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2012.

“Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: The Case of the ‘Transgender Girl Scout,’” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

“Blogging Queer Childhood,” Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities – ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

## **INVITED TALKS & PANELS**

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,” The Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 2008.

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

## **GUEST LECTURES**

“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 EXPERIENCE**

*The University at Albany, SUNY:*

Undergraduate:

Sociology of Race, Gender, and Class (Fall 2016, Fall 2017).

Senior Seminar: Diversity in American Families (Spring 2018).

Graduate:

Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Sexuality (Fall 2017).

*The University of Texas at Austin:*

Sole Instructor:

The Family (Summer 2015).

Diversity in American Families (Spring 2015).

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Social Research (Fall 2015, Summer 2014, Spring 2012).

Sociology of the Family (Spring 2014).

Introduction to Social Statistics (Spring 2013, Fall 2013).

Sociology of Gender (Fall 2012).

Sociological Theory (Fall 2011).

Introduction to the Study of Society (Fall 2010, Spring 2011).

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2017 Safe Space Training Certificate, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, The University at Albany.

2014-2015 Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, The University of Texas at Austin.

2015 Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, The University of Texas at Austin.

2012 Research Assistant, The Massachusetts Health and Relationships Project. Lead Researcher: Dr. Debra Umberson.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2017            Presider: Sociology of Sex and Gender Roundtable: Intersections: Sexualities and Genders. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2017-           Executive Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 2017-           Advancement Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 2015-           Reviewer, *Gender & Society*.
- 2016-2017     Symposium Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 2016           Reviewer, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*.
- 2015           Discussant: Section on Sociology of Population Paper Session: LGBT Health Disparities. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014-2015     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.
- 2013           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.
- 2012           Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2011           Copy Editor, *Intersections: Women's and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines*, The University of Texas at Austin.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

- Section Member: Sex and Gender, Sociology of Sexualities, Children and Youth, Body and Embodiment, Family, Sociology of Education, Race/Class/Gender.

National Women's Studies Association

Sociologists for Women in Society