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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2016- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY  
2017- Affiliate faculty, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University at Albany, SUNY

**EDUCATION**

2010-2016 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
PhD, Sociology, May 2016  
Graduate Portfolio: Women's & Gender Studies, LGBTQ/Sexualities track  
Dissertation: Educating the Unique Child: Gender, Sexuality, and Homeschooling (Chair: Christine Williams)

2005-2008 Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA  
MDiv, June 2008.  
Thesis: 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: "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 Articles

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

## Books

Averett, Kate Henley. Forthcoming. *My Child, My Choice: Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood*. (Working title; under contract with NYU Press).

## Book Chapters

Averett, Kate Henley. Forthcoming. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: Online Discourse about Transgender Children." In *Gender, Sexuality, and Race in the Digital Age*, edited by D. N. Farris, D. Compton, and A. P. Herrera. Springer.

Averett, Kate Henley. 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, Kate Henley. 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, Kate Henley. 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, Kate Henley. 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, Kate Henley. 2019. "Review of *The Cost of Being a Girl: Working Teens and the Origins of the Gender Wage Gap* by Yasmin Besen-Cassino," *Work and Occupations* 46(1):98-100.

Kung, Wen-Ling\* and Kate Henley Averett. 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.

## Manuscripts in Progress

Averett, Kate Henley. "Mothering, Gendered Embodiment, and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality." (Currently under review at *Feminist Theory*).

Averett, Kate Henley and Griffin R. Lacy\*. "Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles within the Homeschooling Movement." (Manuscript in preparation).

Averett, Kate Henley. "Religious Freedom, Parents' Rights, and Counter-Mobilization 'After Marriage.'" (Manuscript in preparation).

\* Denotes graduate student co-author

## **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**

“Insurgent Youth: Young Adult Literature and Intersectional Theory and Praxis in the University Classroom,” (with Griffin R. Lacy), National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

“Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles within the Homeschooling Movement,” (with Griffin R. Lacy), American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

“Teaching for Black Lives: Using the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform in Undergraduate Courses” (with Shantel G. Buggs), National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 2017.

“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.

“Constructing the Homeschooled Child: Childhood Gender and Sexuality in the Homeschooling Movement(s), American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. August 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,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. 2004.

## **GUEST LECTURES**

“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 EXPERIENCE**

*The University at Albany, SUNY:*

Undergraduate:

Sociology of Gender (Fall 2019)

Sociology of Race, Gender, and Class (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019).

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

Graduate:

Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Sexuality (Fall 2017, Fall 2019).

Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Education (Spring 2019).

*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).

## **WORK SUPERVISED**

Comprehensive exam committee member

Gender: Xuemei Cao (Jan. 2018), Elizabeth Harwood (Jan. 2018), Sara Querbes (Aug. 2018)  
Children and Youth: Sonya Becker (May 2018), Griffin Lacy (Aug. 2019)  
Family: Beenna Han (Aug. 2018)

Comprehensive exam committee chair

Gender: Mairead Carr (May 2018), Griffin Lacy (May 2018), Jaime Hsu (Aug. 2019)  
Sexualities: Sara Querbes (May 2019), Ian Callahan (Aug. 2019)

MA thesis chair

Andrew Cutrone (exp. May 2019)  
Ian Callahan (exp. August 2019)

Dissertation committee member

Rachel Sullivan (proposal defended 12/2018)  
Katie Long (proposal defended 2/2019)  
Sonya Becker (proposal in preparation)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2018- Council, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association.  
2018-2019 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association.  
2018- Syllabus and Teaching Committee, Sociologists for Trans Justice.  
2018- Graduate Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.  
2017- Executive Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.

- 2017-2018 Advancement Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 2017-2018 Committee on Advancing Trans and Intersex Studies at Sociology Conferences, Sociologists for Trans Justice.
- 2017-2018 Dialogue in Action, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2017 Presider: Sociology of Sex and Gender Roundtable: Intersections: Sexualities and Genders. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2016-2017 Symposium Committee, University at Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 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.

**AD HOC REVIEWER**

*Gender & Society, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of GLBT Family Studies, American Sociological Review, Journal of Homosexuality, Asian Journal of Women's Studies.*

**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 MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

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

National Women's Studies Association

Sociologists for Women in Society