Greetings Sex and Gender Section members!

Here it is, the newsletter you’re going to want to carry around with you, with all the information about the upcoming meetings on August 20-23 2016 in Seattle. Thanks to our newsletter editor Alicia Smith-Tran for putting together a terrific newsletter this month, complete with an ASA tear sheet that you can simply print out to help guide your planning! Please note that room numbers are not available as of yet, but when the program is released, you can just write them down in the handy spaces provided for that purpose.

First of all, we recommend you start your meetings by getting a Sex & Gender sticker and putting it on your ID badge. This is an initiative to help identify section members to ourselves and others, and to celebrate our presence at the meetings – undertaken by the membership committee, in the spirit of the bow ties from 2015. You’ll find your sticker in your registration packet, or you can get one from council members or at our section-sponsored panels, the business meeting or reception. Let all and sundry know you’re part of the section!

We have a packed schedule of events for Sunday and Monday (see pages 6-7), starting with:

- A terrific slate of panels throughout the day on Sunday;
- Then a section business meeting at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, which is when we usually give out our section awards, discuss the year’s issues and accomplishments, collect ideas and volunteers for the next year, and hand over the gavel to the next set of section leaders. Interested in getting more involved in the section? Have suggestions for next year’s ASA program? Make sure to attend the business meeting, and swing by early (at 2:30 p.m.) to check out the intriguing set of roundtables Deniz Yucel put together;
- Monday’s panels start off bright and early at 8:30 a.m., continuing throughout the day. Unfortunately two of those sessions are scheduled at the same time, but ASA tells us these are not moveable (we tried). Get a friend to go to the one you don’t attend and trade notes, or even live tweet it so we can all share the experience!
We end the meeting with a rollicking reception (co-sponsored with the section on Race Class and Gender) on Monday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Fare Start at 700 Virginia Street.

In addition, allow me to call your attention to a host of regular sessions on topics relevant to sex and gender (see pages 8-10). I organized a set on Gender and Work, two on Saturday, and one on Monday; in addition, there are sessions on Gender; Sexuality; GLBT studies; Immigration and Gender; Race, Class and Gender; and Gender Inequality. Combined with many other sessions involving sex & gender that other sections organized, the program is chock full of choices for our people.

Faculty will also be meeting with graduate students throughout the weekend as part of the popular mentoring program set up by Michela Musto and Kiera Duckworth.

Many thanks are also due to the session organizers, who have put together such a great lineup of papers, and some of whom have scrambled to solve last-minute challenges (Orit Avishai, Amy Best, Jessica Fields, Michela Musto, Nancy Naples, Eileen Otis, Leslie Salzinger, Elena Shih, Holly Wood and Deniz Yucel).

See you all in Seattle!

Warm regards,

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FEMINIST SCHOLAR ACTIVIST AWARD
Teo You Yenn, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

SALLY HACKER GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD
Celene Reynolds (Yale University), “The Mobilization of Title IX in Colleges and Universities, 1994-2014.”

Election Results
Chair-elect: Mary Blair-Loy, University of California-San Diego

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Kristen Barber, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
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We’ve never seen a presidential election season like this one. So much is noteworthy, including the first female U.S. presidential candidate, but I want to address an issue that has not been sufficiently underscored: how Donald Trump’s campaign is fueled by the articulation of misogyny and xenophobia.

Not only did Trump inaugurate his campaign with xenophobic salvos about the dangers of Mexican and Muslim immigrant men, with promises to build “the Trump Wall” at the U.S.-Mexico border and to ban Muslims from entering the country, he also lashed out with violent verbal misogyny. We heard his comments about Hilary Clinton’s bathroom use, allusions to the menstruation of conservative journalist Megan Kelly, and his mocking the physical appearance of female Republican opponent Carly Fiorina.

This prompts us to ask—Who are the people supporting his campaign? The media tells us that his support is from largely white, lower-income, and less-than-college educated men who have been left behind globalization’s wake. Political scientist Matthew MacWilliams, based on statistical analysis of 1800 registered voters, rounds out the picture and tells us that Trump’s followers share two characteristics: preference for authoritarian leadership, and secondly, “a personal fear of terrorism” and outsiders (read: immigrants and refugees). These are interesting data points, but I think it’s still an open empirical question as to what brings Trump’s supporters together. One possibility is his appeal to an unholy alliance between women-hating and immigrant-hating.

In a classic article published in 1998 in Ethnic and Racial Studies, the U.S. sociologist Joane Nagel analyzes the connection between masculinity and nationalism in nation-making. She argues that “nationalist politics is a masculinist enterprise,” one that is often organized to defend masculine, monoracial and heterosexual institutions.

One empirical example of who is on the ground supporting these projects comes from an ethnographic study by sociologist Harel Shapira. He studied the Minutemen, the now disbanded armed militia group that took up arms to stop undocumented migrants at the US-Mexico border. Using participant observation ethnography, Shapira camped out with the Minutemen intermittently between 2005-2008, focusing less on the attitudes and beliefs of the participants, and more on the practices of their politics. In his book Waiting for Jose: The Minutemen’s Pursuit of America, Shapira writes,

“…they are mostly old, working-class, white men who used to be in the military. In their patrols they are reclaiming a lost masculinity, reliving the camaraderie and bravado from their service in the military. What the Minutement camp offers these volunteers is the chance to partake in a specific type of activity that is meaningful to them, an activity organized as a military endeavor, taking place in a predominantly male space, where they can be the type of men they want to be, the type of men they have been trained to be.” (Shapira 2013:23)

In other words, Minutemen activity is a practice of recovering masculinity and lost camaraderie. Shapira analyses this at a micro level, reminding us of the human beings who join these restrictionist movements. As he notes, the narrative of the self and the narrative of the nation go hand in hand for these men. “While the Minutemen used the rhetoric of the nation,” he says, “they were actually embarking on an intensely personal project” (2013:24). They were trying to remake themselves, and remake the “purity” of the nation. Trump’s supporters include a far wider swath of the American public, but they too may be bound by a similar project, both personally and collectively enacting a nostalgic quest for an imagined time of white male entitlement, one now threatened, they think, by women, immigrants and the liberal state.

In Europe too, nationalist masculinities are being mobilized to exclude immigrants and refugees. Far-right parties based on anti-immigrant, Islamophobic and hyper masculinist platforms have been gaining ground in France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and elsewhere. They are rejecting Muslim asylum seekers from Syria, Iraq and other poor countries devastated by war. Their appeal is to protect the purity of the nation. And almost in mocking imitation of the Minutement, vigilante groups are now forming in Hungary,
Slovakia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe to patrol borders and railroad cars (NYT, June 11, 2016).

There is one final gender and migration angle to ponder. In Europe, as in the United States, it is immigrant men, personified by Mexican and Muslim men, who are now portrayed as the deviant and dangerous, those who should be deported and detained. Think of the New Year’s Eve attacks in Cologne, and the new construction of Muslim men as sexually repressed deviants and terrorists. Only a few years ago, the gendered portrait of Muslim danger was personified as female, symbolized by the headscarf. Similarly, in the U.S. today, Trump’s targeting of Mexican immigrant men as rapists and drug dealers has displaced the image of the culture-bound female “breeder.”

These are troubling times. Feminist sociologists, and all people who oppose the rise of racist, xenophobic and misogynist political movements now face the challenge of pushing back against Trump and his brand of masculinist nationalism, militarism, and fortification politics.

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References


ASA Annual Meeting: Sex & Gender Sessions

Print pgs. 6 and 7 double-sided for easy access to info on all of the Sex & Gender sessions during the conference!

Sunday, August 21
7:00-8:15am: Sex and Gender Council Meeting (Room number: ___________)

8:30-10:10am: Paper Session: Children and Youth Troubling Sex and Gender (Room number: ___________)
   - Session Organizer and Presider: Amy L. Best, George Mason University
   - Discussant: Jessica Fields, San Francisco State
     • The Intersex Kids Are All Right? Diagnosis Disclosure and the Experiences of Intersex Youth. Georgiann Davis, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Chris Wakefield, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
     • Beyond Resilience: Survival Strategies and Resistance of LGBTQ Youth. Ellen K. Scott, University of Oregon; C.J. Pascoe, University of Oregon; Miriam J. Abelson, Portland State University; Ben Anderson-Nathe, Portland State University
     • Constructing the Homeschooled Child: Childhood Gender and Sexuality in the Homeschooling Movement(s). Kate Henley Averett, University of Texas at Austin
     • Sexuality, Youth, and Anti-bullying’s Unintended Outcomes. Sarah Ann Miller, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

10:30am-12:10pm: Paper Session: Feminist and Queer Methods (Room number: ___________)
   - Session Organizer and Presider: Michela Musto, University of Southern California
   - Discussant: Tey Meadow, Harvard University
     • Collective Dialogue and the Ethics of Caring: The Case for a Black Feminist Methodology. Jennifer Elyse James, University of California, San Francisco
     • Three Tensions in the Quantification of Difference for Population Health Research: The Case of Sexuality. Taylor M. Cruz, UC-San Francisco
     • Dyke Methods: A Meditation on Queer Studies and the Gay Men Who Hate It. Jane Ward, Univ. of California-Riverside
     • Learning My Mother’s Tongue: Affective Archives, Queer Shadows, and an Intimate Pakistan. Moon Charania, Spelman College

12:30-2:10pm Invited Session: Feminist Conversations and Sociological Paradigms: Have Sociological Subfields Changed? (Room number: ___________)
   - Session Organizer and Presider: Orit Avishai, Fordham University
   - Discussant: Christine L. Williams, University of Texas at Austin
     • Panelists:
       ➢ Nina Bandelj, University of California, Irvine
       ➢ Hae Yeon Choo, University of Toronto
       ➢ Courtney Ann Irby, Loyola University Chicago
       ➢ Barbara Jane Risman, University of Illinois-Chicago
       ➢ Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, University of Southern California
       ➢ Viviana A. Zelizer, Princeton University

2:30-3:30pm: Refereed Roundtable (Room number: ___________)

3:30-4:10pm: Sex and Gender Business Meeting (Room number: ___________)

Monday, August 22
8:30-10:10am: Paper Session: Embodied Labor and Intersectional Inequalities (co-sponsored with the Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work) (Room number: ___________)
   - Session Organizer and Presider: Eileen M. Otis, University of Oregon
     • Botox, Aesthetic Labor, and Body Entrepreneurship. Dana A. Berkowitz, Louisiana State University.
     • Do "Style Makeovers" Help Poor Women?: The Embodied Disadvantages of Gender, Race, Class & Body Size. Kjerstin Gruys, Stanford University
- Hair Care: The Gender, Class, and Race of Emotional Labor and Touching Rules in Men's Grooming. Kristen Barber, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Symbolic Aesthetic Labor. Allister Pilar Plater, University of Virginia
- Transgender Models Can’t Get Verified Here?: Webcam Performers and the Virtual Enforcement of Embodied Labor. Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York

8:30-10:10am: Section on Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session: Sexual Commerce and Intimate Markets (co-sponsored with Section on Sex & Gender) (Room number: ___________)
  - Session Organizer: Elena Shih, Brown University
    - Adult Films, Escorting, and the Complementary Nature of Sex Work. David Schieber, UCLA
    - Comparing Client Attitudes in Different Prostitution Markets. Barbara G. Brents, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Andrew Lawrence Spivak, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Christina Parreira, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Alessandra Lanti, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Jennifer Whitem, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Olesya Vengar, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

10:30am-12:10pm: Paper Session: Global Masculinities – Domination and Dispossession (Room number: ___________)
  - Session Organizer: Leslie Salzinger, University of California at Berkeley
  - Presider and Discussant: Smitha Radhakrishnan, Wellesley College
    - The Clash of Global Hegemonic Masculinities: Bush, Bin Laden, Obama, and the War on Terror. James W. Messerschmidt
    - Empowered Women and Vulnerable Men: Gender and Agency in Stories of Sexual Infidelity in Malawi. Anais Bertrand-Dansereau, Centre for Population Dynamics
    - Inversive Sexism: The Men’s Rights Movement as a Case Study. Emily Kiyoko Carian, Stanford University

2:30-4:10pm
Paper Session: Gender, Sexualities and Emerging Social Movements (co-sponsored with the LGBTQ Caucus) (Room number: ___________)
  - Session Organizer and Presider: Nancy A. Naples, University of Connecticut
  - Discussant: Carla A. Pfeffer, University of South Carolina
  - 2nd Discussant: TBD
    - Class, Sexuality, and Embodied Intersectionality in the French Anti-same-sex Marriage Movement. Dorit Geva, Central European University
    - Still Here, Still Queer: Queer Identity Formation in Contemporary Social Movements. Sarah M. Steele, University of Illinois, Chicago

6:30-8:00pm
Joint Reception: Section on Race, Class and Gender and Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender.
Location: FareStart, 700 Virginia Street.
Saturday, August 20

8:30-10:10am: Regular Session: Gender, Work, and Overwork (Room number: ____________)
- Session Organizer: Allison Pugh, University of Virginia
- President: Sarah Elizabeth Mosseri, University of Virginia
- Discussant: Erin Kelly, MIT Sloan School of Management
  - Equality in Misery: The Shared Emotional Consequences of Everwork Among Women and Men. Alison Wynn, Stanford University
  - Men’s Work Pathways and Physical and Mental Health at Midlife*. Adrianne Frech, University of Akron; Sarah Damaske, The Pennsylvania State University
  - Gendered Discourses of Work-family Balance: The Limitations of Voluntary Corporate Policy. Christine L. Williams, University of Texas at Austin

10:30am-12:10pm: Regular Session: Work Constructing Gender, Race, and Class (Room number: ____________)
- Session Organizer: Allister Pilar Plater, University of Virginia
- President: Riché J. Barnes, Smith College
  - The Physical and Emotional Contours of Feeding Labor by School Food Service Employees. Ashley Denise Vancil-Leap, University of Missouri-Columbia
  - Man Up, Man Down: Race-ethnicity and the Hierarchy of Men in Female-dominated Work. Jill Evelyn Yavorsky, Ohio State University; Philip N. Cohen, University of Maryland, College Park; Yue Qian, Ohio State University
  - Experiencing the Blue Curtain: Male Baton Twirlers and the Glass Escalator. Trenton M. Haltom, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:30am-12:10pm: Regular Session: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (Room number: ____________)
- Session Organizer: Miriam J. Abelson, Portland State University
  - I have a Beard but that Doesn’t Mean I’m One of You, Okay?: Trans* Unintelligibility. Megan Collier, University of Illinois at Chicago
  - Brandon and Gwen, Atypical Archetypes: The Causes and Consequences of Celebrity Victims of Violence. Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University
  - A Family Matter: Asymmetrical Metonymy and Regional LGBT Discourse in Italy. Caterina Fugazzola, University of Chicago
  - From Public Debate to Private Decision: Marriage and the Suppression of Critical LGBQ Voices. Abigail Ruth Ocoboek, University of Notre Dame

Sunday, August 21

8:30-10:10am: Regular Session: Immigration and Gender (Room number: ____________)
- Session Organizer: Chien-Juh Gu, Western Michigan University
- President: Manashi Ray, West Virginia State University
  - Exclusion through Gender Equality: The Racialization of Migrants in French Civic Integration Programs. Elizabeth Onasch, Northwestern University
  - Lesbian Asylum and Gender-based Adjudicatory Problems. Cheryl Llewellyn, University of Massachusetts Lowell
  - Outsourcing Sustainability: Migrant Domestic Workers’ Recycling Efforts in Naples, Italy. Valeria Bonatti, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
  - Masculinity and Immigrant Health: How Male Kurdish Immigrants to the United States Approach Health. Jihad Rosty Othman, University of Cincinnati; Annulla Linders, University of Cincinnati
  - Second Gendered Transition? How Aging Taiwanese Immigrants Negotiate Spousal Relationships. Ken Chih-Yan Sun, Hong Kong Baptist University

12:30-2:10pm: Regular Session: Sociology of Sexuality (Room number: ____________)
- Session Organizer: Anthony Christian Ocampo, University of California, Riverside
• A Few Good Gays: Homonationalism and LGB Integration into the US Military. Catherine Connell, Boston University
• Battle of the Sex’s Pleasure: The Reverse Gendered Double Standard in Sex Toy Production. Shelly Ronen, New York University
• Punishing Sex: Sex Offenders and the Missing Punitive Turn in Sexuality Studies. Trevor Alexander Hoppe, SUNY at Albany
• West Hollywood is Not That Big on Anything But White People: Constructing “Gay Men of Color.” Chong-suk Han, Middlebury College; Kyung-Hee Choi, UCSF; Jay Paul, UCSF; George Ayala, Global Forum on MSM & HIV

Monday, August 22
8:30-10:10am: Regular Session: Gender and Work: Structure, Culture and Emotions (Room number: __________)
  ○ Session Organizer: Allison Pugh, University of Virginia
  ○ Presider: Megan Tobias Neely, University of Texas at Austin
  ○ Discussant: Vicki Smith, University of California, Davis
    • Bureaucratic Harassment of U.S. Servicewomen. Stephanie Bonnes, University of Colorado Boulder
    • Consequences of Partner Incarceration for Women’s Employment. Angela Bruns, University of Washington
    • The Emotional Toll of Long-term Unemployment: Examining the Interaction Effects of Gender and Marital Status. Gokce Basbug, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ofer Sharone, MIT
    • Combining Competing Devotions: How Work, Family, and Lifestyle Factors Shape Medical Trainees' Career Decisions. Katherine Y. Lin, University of Wisconsin-Madison

8:30-10:10am: Regular Session: Race, Class and Gender (Room number: __________)
  ○ Session Organizer: Zandria Felice Robinson, Rhodes College
  • Does the Attitude that Fathers are More Important for Sons than Daughters vary by Race/ethnicity? - Emily Fitzgibbons Shafer, Portland State University; Corey D. Fields, Stanford University; Lauren Ferguson, Portland State University; Morgan Price, Portland State University
  • Motherwork Under the State: The Maternal Labor of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women. Susila Gurusami, University of California, Los Angeles
  • What is it about This Place? Constructing Race in Youth Sexual Health Promotion. Chris A. Barcelos, University of Massachusetts Amherst

4:30-6:10pm: Regular Session: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies II (Room number: __________)
  ○ Session Organizer: Miriam J. Abelson, Portland State University
  • Predictors of Disclosure of Sexual Minority Identity: How Does Race Matter? Elizabeth Straley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jacob E. Cheadle, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Bridget Goosby, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  • Trans Women Doing Sex in San Francisco. Colin J. Williams, IUPUI; Martin S. Weinberg, Indiana University; Joshua G. Rosenberger, Pennsylvania State University
  • LGBT Young Adults on the Street and on Campus: Identity as a Product of Social Context. Rachel Marie Schmitz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Kimberly A. Tyler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  • Sexuality Doesn't Matter, but...": Friendships in Post-gay and Pre-Queer communities. Clare Forstie, Northwestern University
  • When My Parents Came to the Queer Ball: Emotion Work in Adult Child-parent Relationships. Amy L. Stone, Trinity University

Tuesday, August 23
8:30-10:10am: Regular Session: Gender (Room number: __________)
  ○ Session Organizer: Pallavi Banerjee, University of Calgary
  ○ Presider: Allison Reilly McGrath, Vanderbilt University
  • Doing Genderqueer. Helana Darwin, Stony Brook University; Michael Kimmel, State Univ of New York-Stony Brook
  • Predicting Men’s Political Consciousness of Gender: Interests, Exposure, and Intersectionality. Catherine E. Harnois, Wake Forest University
• What is Gender Neutrality? The Career of a Concept. Abigail C. Saguy, UCLA; Juliet A. Williams, UCLA
• I’m Not Your Typical Military Wife: The Construction of Gender and Agency through Stereotypes - Elizabeth Ziff, New School for Social Research

10:30am-12:10pm: Regular Session: Gender in a Global Context (Room number: ___________)
  o Session Organizer: Pallavi Banerjee, University of Calgary
  o Discussant: Stephanie J. Nawyn, Michigan State University
  • Maternal Guardians: Intimate Labor, Migration, and the Pursuit of Gendered Citizenship in South Korea. Hae Yeon Choo, University of Toronto
  • Negotiation of Parenthood and Couplehood after Miscarriage or Stillbirth: Results from the Japanese Cases. Saori Yasumoto, Osaka University
  • To Provide and Protect: Masculinity and Money Management in Ukrainian Families. Nadina Lauren Anderson, University of Arizona
  • Gender, Fear, and Public Places: How Negative Interactions with Strangers Harm Women. Sara Bastomski, Yale University; Philip Smith, Yale University

2:30-4:10pm: Regular Session: Gender Inequality (Room number: ___________)
  o Session Organizer: Georgiann Davis, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
  o Presider: Ranita Ray, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
  • Beyond Double Jeopardy: Differences in Gender Disadvantages between Organizational Insiders and Outsiders in Korea. Young-Mi Kim, Yonsei University
  • Gender-Fluid Geek Girls: Negotiating White Masculinity and Inequality in the Tech Industry. Lauren Alfrey, University of California, Santa Barbara; France Winddance Twine, University of California, Santa Barbara
  • Navigating Perceptions of Amplified Danger in the Wild, Wild West: Consequences for Women. Kristine Kilanski, Stanford University
  • You Look Like a Dude, Dude: Masculine Females Undoing Gender in the Workplace. Raine Dozier, Western Washington University
  • Predicting Women’s Persistence in College Engineering: Micro-aggressions and Identity Management. Dara Elizabeth Naphan, University of Nevada, Reno; Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno

The complete preliminary program for the ASA Annual Meeting can be found here.


Until the Supreme Court’s *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*, which effectively rendered abortion restrictions in some two-dozen states unconstitutional, it hasn’t been a great year for reproductive rights.

David Daleiden, who sparked a political firestorm around Planned Parenthood’s practices after releasing heavily edited videos that claimed the organization pushed women into abortions so that it could sell fetal tissue for profit, is facing felony charges for using a fake driver license and has two lawsuits pending against him. Even though several states used Daleiden’s tapes to launch investigations into Planned Parenthood’s practices, the organization has been cleared of any wrong doing. This is the good news.

The list of bad news is much longer. Restrictions to safe abortion have increased dramatically. Between 2010 and 2016, states passed 231 abortion restrictions and introduced hundreds more. In the first six months of 2016 alone, 430 abortion restrictions were introduced across the U.S. Thirteen states have passed abortion bans at 20 weeks and beyond. This year, Indiana passed legislation outlawing stem cell research, criminalizing the receipt, transmission, or purchase of fetal tissue for any reason, and requiring abortion providers to bury or cremate fetuses, and Oklahoma governor vetoed a bill that would make it a felony for physicians to perform abortions in the state. Alabama passed legislation to regulate abortion clinics like sex offenders. Utah passed a law requiring women who get abortions at 20 weeks or more to take anesthesia so that the fetus doesn’t feel pain. And, opponents of legal abortion learned from their successful campaign against “partial birth” abortions (aka the D&X procedure, which is done late in a pregnancy) and are taking aim at the D&E procedure – the only safe abortion a woman can get after 14 weeks - which they refer to as “dismemberment” abortion. Bans have passed in several states already.

This begs the question: What accounts for the pro-life movement’s continued success?

First, the pro-life movement has an extensive grassroots base across the country. This makes it easier for pro-lifers to launch localized campaigns effectively, vet and train the next generation of leaders, and identify potential political candidates who are willing to make movement goals a priority once in office.

Second, and related, pro-life groups have done an excellent job getting Republicans to tow the proverbial line. Pro-life groups inundate pro-life voters with report cards that grade politicians’ on their support the cause, vocally back pro-life candidates (or incumbents) running for office, and quickly attack candidates that do not take a strong anti-abortion stance. Pro-lifers are quite good at voting Republicans out of office. Renee Ellmers, a Republican Congresswoman from North Carolina, recently learned this lesson when conservative and pro-life groups joined forces to oust her from office for failing “to follow through on the commitment to conservative values she promoted when first elected” (*The Washington Post*). Not surprisingly, politicians quickly learn that they better be eager to express their distaste for abortion and prove that they are pro-life bone fides if they want to hold office for another term.

Finally, the pro-life movement has effectively framed their support for abortion restrictions as both an effort to save unborn babies and as an attempt to protect the health of women who do opt to have an abortion. This public relations success is important since it almost always is accompanied by model legislation, which can quickly be tailored to the particulars of a state and introduced to the legislature.

Consider the example mentioned above, the ban on “partial birth” abortion. The pro-life powerhouse National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) learned about the D&X (dilation and extraction) procedure in the late 1980s from a nurse, who had seen the procedure performed. NRLC and affiliates tried to mobilize the general public against the procedure, which they called a “brain suction” abortion, with limited results. During a strategy session, NRLC activist, Douglas Johnson, coined the phrase “partial birth” abortion to describe the D&X procedure. The phrase tested well with focus groups and the NRLC put together a national advertising campaign, which it rolled out in *USA Today*. At the same time, it worked with pro-life groups in states friendly to restrictions (like Ohio) to test market legislation. Once NRLC found that the “partial birth” language had political traction and they could pass legislation in states open to restrictions, pro-life proponents pushed for its passage in other states and at the federal level. In 2003, President George W. Bush
signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Act into law and the Supreme Court confirmed its legality in 2007 in the *Gonzales vs. Carhart* decision.

According to pro-life activists, the purpose of the “partial birth abortion” rhetoric and legislation was less about banning the D&X procedure than about shifting the public’s focus away from women’s rights since these are the most difficult battles for them to win. As one pro-life activist told me, “When the [abortion] debate is about women, we lose. When it’s about babies, we win.” Pro-lifers soon realized, however, that to really restrict abortion access they needed to find ways to make it more difficult for health clinics that also provide abortions to stay in business. Focusing on the baby, in this case, was not a winning argument. They needed to effectively make claims about women too.

Early attempts to appeal to women came in the form of the National Right to Life Committee’s “Love Them Both” campaign in the 1990s. As the campaign title suggests, the pro-life organization attempted to focus on both the health of the mother and her unborn child simultaneously. The campaign included advertisements, billboards, and even an edited volume produced by the organization. The focus on mother and child simultaneously, however, was ultimately dropped because it conflicted with the movement’s efforts to shut down health clinics. After all, closing clinics, which often offered other reproductive services including prenatal care, was inconsistent with the “Love Them Both” message. Instead, pro-life proponents began push laws that required clinics to look and operate more like mini-hospitals (aka ambulatory centers). This, pro-lifers effectively argued, will ensure that women who get abortions also receive top-notch medical care. As a result, a number of clinics have gone out of business.

What’s next for the pro-life movement? It is gearing up for a fight now that it finds itself on the losing side of a watershed legal decision. The *Hellerstedt* decision throws all of all of these laws, which until now were presumably constitutional, into jeopardy. Officials in the states with stringent abortion restrictions, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Michigan and Missouri have already begun reviewing the status of their laws in light of the *Hellerstedt* decision. Other state legislators have set about dismantling existing laws. In Pennsylvania, Democratic state senator Daylin Leach has already promised to introduce legislation repealing a 2011 law that tightened medical requirements at abortion clinics. It could take years to sort out, but pro-choicers clearly have the upper hand.

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MORE MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

- **Carolyn Cummings Perrucci** and **Mangala Subramaniam**, Sociology, Purdue University, were featured in 31 Women Celebrating Women’s History Month, March 2015. Research at Purdue Social Media, Office of the Vice President for Research and Partnership. **Perrucci** was recognized for a long career of research on causes and consequences of social, especially gender, inequality. **Subramaniam** was recognized for her ongoing research on the dynamics between state power and collective active action by the severely disadvantaged for rights to basic needs, such as water, food, and health.

- Several section members were involved in a co-edited special issue of Political Power and Social Theory titled “Perverse Politics? Feminism, Anti-Imperialism, Multiplicity,” vol. 30 (2016). The issue contains contributions by **Savina Balasubramanian**, **Elizabeth Berstein**, **Jennifer Carlson**, **Kimberly Hoang**, **Ann Orloff**, **Talia Shiff**, and **Evren Savci**.
New Articles by Section Members

Graduate Student Spotlight

Each issue we highlight a few of our graduate student members and their work. This issue, we feature Rachel Ellis and Janet Garcia-Hallett.

Rachel Ellis, University of Pennsylvania

Rachel Ellis, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, is working on a dissertation titled, “Conviction Behind Bars: Religion and Faith among Incarcerated Women.” Based on 12 months of ethnographic fieldwork inside a U.S. state women’s prison, her study examines the role of religion in shaping daily life and social order inside prison walls. Her research is supported by the Association for the Sociology of Religion, the Religious Research Association, the Louisville Institute, the National Science Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and a 2016-2017 completion fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies.

Janet Garcia-Hallett, Rutgers University

Janet Garcia-Hallett is a Ph.D. Candidate at Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. Her research is primarily focused on the racial-ethnic differences in policing strategies, the impact of incarceration rates on communities of color, and the obstacles women face post-incarceration. Janet’s paper “Understanding the Lives of Mothers after Incarceration: Moving Beyond Socially Constructed Definitions of Motherhood” was recently published in Sociology Compass and sets the stage for the importance of her dissertation research. Janet’s dissertation qualitatively investigates how formerly incarcerated women navigate motherhood post-incarceration and how this process influences mothers’ ability to reintegrate back into society after imprisonment. Examining African American, West Indian and Hispanic formerly incarcerated mothers, her dissertation research also unpacks the experiences of groups often viewed collectively as “minorities.”

Devoted to social justice matters, Janet has served as a plenary panelist for a panel entitled “Worn Out: Motherwork in the Age of Austerity”; she has also served as a keynote speaker for a panel on “Disrupting the ‘Primary School to Prison’ Pipeline.” In recognition of her work, Janet has received the Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship, the Rutgers University Dissertation Fellowship, the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities, and was recently one of two students who received the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 2016 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship.

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**General Announcements**

**Calls for Papers**

**Brave**

**Description:**
In this book, we will feature narratives of women of color academics who embody what we call academic bravery. These are women who have demonstrated courage in their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, service, activism, and leadership, despite the potential professional risks. As with any academic, these scholars work in contexts wherein academic cowardice is the norm; despite rewards for productivity, creativity, and innovation, scholars are implicitly rewarded to a far greater extent for “playing it safe,” remaining “objective,” detached and apolitical in their work, and refusing to challenge the status quo in academia and beyond. These conservative norms pose constraints on marginalized scholars, namely women of color, who pursue academic careers to liberate themselves and their communities. Despite the stereotype that college campuses are liberal, social justice utopias, the academy has increasingly become a risk-averse and conservative profession.

“But some of us are brave...”

**Submissions:**
In this forthcoming edited volume, we aim to celebrate the bravery of women of color academics in the 21st century. We invite women of color scholars to reflect on their courageous acts as researchers, teachers, mentors, administrators, advocates, activists, and entrepreneurs, no matter the professional risks. All contributions should explicitly reflect upon risk-taking, speaking up and out, challenging oppressive norms, surviving and thriving, overcoming professional and personal obstacles, innovation, and/or entrepreneurship. We strongly encourage potential contributors to 1) inspire women of color (academic or not) and other marginalized people and/or 2) to offer specific strategies for women of color academics to harness their bravery. We welcome submissions of personal narratives in the form of:

- Essays
- Poems
- Visual art
- Short screenplays
- Other creative works

While these narratives may cite empirical work, and we welcome empirically-based essays, the focus of the book is not to advance scientific inquiry on a particular topic but to validate the common struggles women of color experience in the academy. The book is intended to give voice to a frequently silenced segment of the academy by making visible and honoring courageous work that often goes unnoticed or is even penalized. The hope is that many contributors will find this book a place to publish work that may be otherwise “homeless.”

**Potential Contributors:**
We invite the full diversity of women of color academics, including Black/African American, Latina/Hispanic, Asian/Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native American/American Indian, Arab/Arab American, Muslim, and immigrant women. We use a broad and inclusive definition of “woman of color,” thus welcoming trans and cisgender women of color; queer, pansexual, bisexual, lesbian, asexual, and heterosexual women of color; women of color with and without disabilities; religious and nonreligious women of color; women of color of diverse body sizes; and, first-gen, working-class, and middle-class women of color. In addition, we welcome women of color scholars from all academic disciplines, all
career stages, and all post-PhD/terminal degree careers (e.g., alt-ac, post-ac, contingent faculty, non-tenure track, and tenure-track faculty).

**Submission Guidelines:**
The deadline for abstracts is September 30th, 2016. Submit your abstract (400 words or less) and a short biography electronically to academicbravery@gmail.com. Accepted abstracts will be invited as full-length submissions, which are due by February 17th, 2017. Full papers should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents that are double-spaced and use 12-point Times New Roman font; they should range from 15-25 pages, plus references in APA style.

**About the Editors:**
**Dr. Manya Whitaker** is an Assistant Professor of Education at Colorado College where she teaches courses focused on social and political issues in education. Her areas of expertise include urban education, culturally relevant pedagogy, and developmentally appropriate teaching. In her Connecting Learning Across Social Settings (CLASS) lab, Dr. Whitaker conducts research concerned with how to best prepare teachers to teach culturally and linguistically diverse students. She is the founder of Blueprint Educational Strategies, an educational consulting business that provides workshops for teachers and administrators, as well as guidance and advocacy for families. She is also a blogger and regular contributor for Conditionally Accepted.com – an online career advice column and community for marginalized scholars. She can be reached by email at manya.whitaker@coloradocollege.edu.

**Dr. Eric Anthony Grollman** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Richmond in Virginia. Their research focuses on the impact of prejudice and discrimination on the health, well-being, and worldviews of marginalized groups – namely trans and queer people, people of color, and women, especially individuals who are members of multiple oppressed groups. Dr. Grollman is also an intellectual activist who focuses on making the academy a more just, humane, equitable, and accessible place. They are the founder and editor of the blog, Conditionally Accepted.com, which is now a weekly career advice column for marginalized scholars on Inside Higher Ed. They can be reached by email at egrollma@richmond.edu.

**The Legacy of Sandra Bem: Discourses on Gender and Sexual Inequality**

We invite submissions for an edited volume in the Advance in Gender Research series, published by Emerald Press, focused upon emerging discourse on gender, gender roles, and gender schemas. The express purpose of this volume is to honor the legacy of Sandra Lipsitz Bem and, most especially, her trail-blazing text, *The Lenses of Gender: Transforming the Debate on Sexual Inequality*.

Long before the terms transgender and cisgender were introduced into mainstream, academic, and activist discourses on gender, Sandra Bem was busy interrogating the use of gender as an essentiast organizing principle in society. As reported in a *New York Times* article last May: Bem was a pioneer in the field of gender studies. She created the Bem Sex Role Inventory in 1974, which she designed to assesses a person’s traits along a traditional gender continuum; led Cornell’s fledgling women’s studies program from 1978 to 1985; wrote a groundbreaking book, *The Lenses of Gender*, in 1993; published a memoir, *An Unconventional Family*, in 1998; became a licensed psychotherapist in 2000; and returned for a second term as the director of Cornell’s renamed feminist, gender and sexuality studies program in 2001.

The purpose of this edited volume is to specifically draw attention to the significance of Sandra Bem’s research for the current debates about gender and gender roles in the social sciences. We seek original
manuscripts that specifically interrogate the ways in which the institution of gender has been, and remains, deeply contested and that pursue meaningful inquiries emphasizing institutional intersections between gender as a lived reality within the dynamics of courtship, marriage, intimacy, sexuality, parenting, child-rearing, etc. We also specifically invite manuscripts that explore the ascriptive and practical aspects of gender from the perspectives of social policy and law. Despite the fact that there has been a long tradition of scholarly research questioning gender as a discursive concept, questions remain regarding how we operationalize gender in current studies of human behavior, social roles, social policy, employment practices, and social institutions.

Submissions for review may utilize either, or both, quantitative and qualitative methods of analyses. The timetable for this volume is as follows: Preliminary manuscripts are due August 5, 2016 although extended abstracts of 4-10 pp (providing substantive information regarding methodology, focus or prevailing theme of the chapter, and preliminary findings) will also be accepted for consideration through September 1, 2016. Revisions due November 1, 2016, and Publication in April/May, 2017. Abstracts, completed manuscripts, and inquiries should be submitted via email to Marla Kohlman at kohlmanm@kenyon.edu, along with a brief biological sketch (not to exceed 100 words per author). Please take care to identify all submissions with the keywords: Bem Legacy.

Population Review: Call for Papers for a Special Collection on Demography of Sexuality

Population Review, published since 1957, is excited to invite submissions for high-quality quantitative research papers on the broad theme of the Demography of Sexuality. Papers may include a variety of topics focused on the quantitative examination of the LGBTQ population, including but not limited to issues concerning measurement, prevalence, segregation, migration, families, labor market, and health. This special collection is guest edited by Prof. Amanda Baumle, the editor of International Handbook on the Demography of Sexuality (2013) and author of the following books: Legalizing LGBT Families: How the Law Shapes Parenthood (2015); Same-Sex Partners: The Social Demography of Sexual Orientation (2009); and Sex Discrimination and Law Firm Culture on the Internet: Lawyers at the ‘Information Age Water Cooler’ (2009). In addition, Dr. Baumle has published a dozen articles on sexuality in journals including Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Science Research, Social Forces, and Social Science Quarterly. This is an open call through 2016. Papers will be published in the order they receive acceptance.

Guest Editor: Dr. Amanda Baumle, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Houston. Contact: akbaumle@uh.edu

For submissions: Email hpals@tamu.edu
Submission guidelines: http://populationreview.com/ submission-guideline/

Conference Notices

After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship

After the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage, rainbow memes and #lovewins hashtags flooded the internet. But we also began to hear more about what activists and academics have been saying for decades—that LGBTQ politics is about #morethanmarriage. The marriage equality campaign has been criticized for making invisible all of the many pressing issues that
impact diverse LGBTQ-identified individuals. Since the ruling, donations to some LGBTQ organizations have declined, and longstanding organizations have shut down.

On October 1-2, 2016 at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC, CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies will convene an urgently needed discussion of activists and academics about this turning point. We will debate the way forward through plenary roundtable conversations among both established and rising figures in LGBTQ politics and scholarship, and through dozens of academic panels, roundtables, workshops, and other breakout sessions put together from responses to our open call. Confirmed speakers so far include Lisa Duggan, Mignon Moore, Darnell L. Moore, Katherine Franke, Karma Chávez, Nancy Polikoff, stef shuster, Steven Thrasher, Amber Hollibaugh, Kevin Nadal, Robyn Ochs, Cara Page, and many others. Our program includes sessions on:

- the ways LGBTQ movement infrastructure is changing after marriage
- how marriage rights have played out in those countries where they’ve existed for some time
- the 10-year anniversary of the 2006 “Beyond Marriage” statement by activists and academics, featuring several of its authors
- placing the recent attack in Orlando in broader social and historical contexts
- many issues that continue to need attention after marriage, from LGBTQ youth homelessness and queer poverty to immigration, policing, and education.

This promises to be a landmark event, so please join us! For more information or to register, please visit http://www.clags.org/after-marriage/ or email clagsaftermarriage@gmail.com.

**Vegan Feminist Panel**

On April 8th, 2017, Monmouth University is hosting a panel on Vegan Feminism. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be served. Interested attendees can contact Dr. Corey Wrenn at cwrenn@monmouth.edu.

**Call for Research Participants**

Please take a moment to take a survey that is designed to learn more about how academics balance work and family life when undertaking extended research trips and/or fieldwork. The survey will inform a larger research project that describes and analyzes the process of balancing fieldwork with parenting. If you have a full-time academic career, conduct research in a location that is not your primary area of residence for extended periods (i.e. more than two weeks), and have children or would like to start a family, please consider spending 15-20 minutes of your time taking this survey. The survey can be found here: https://fandm.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0ln97fPlahjpt8V

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