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### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. in Sociology.** University of California, San Diego. June 2009.

**Dissertation:** “Through the Lens of Gender: Ideology and Practice in the Same-Sex Marriage Movement and Countermovement”; Chair: Professor Steven Epstein

**M.A. in Sociology.** University of California, San Diego, June 2004.

**B.A. in Psychology.** Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1996.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Instructor, University of California, San Diego. Department of Sociology**

Developed courses, lectured, created and administered all exams, and held weekly office hours

“Love, Sex and Marriage” – spring 2010

“Social Movements” – winter 2010

“Sociology of Sexuality and Sexual Identities” - winter 2009

“Sociology of the AIDS Epidemic” – spring 2009

“Social Problems” – fall 2007; fall 2009 – This course also includes an optional ‘Service Learning’ component. Students who take part are placed with local community service programs.

#### **Instructor, Palomar College. Department of Sociology**

Developed course, lectured, created and administered all exams, and held weekly office hours

“Introduction to Women’s Studies – fall 2010 – I also have experience teaching this course in an on-line format

“Marriage and Family” –spring 2010

“Introduction to Sociology” – spring 2009; fall 2010

“Social Problems” – fall 2008

“Human Sexuality” – summer 2008; fall 2009

#### **Lecturer, University of San Diego, Department of Sociology**

Developed course, lectured, created and administered all exams, and held weekly office hours

“Social Problems” – fall 2006 and spring 2008  
“Introduction to Sociology” – spring 2006

**Instructor, University of California, San Diego. Warren College Writing Program**, fall 2003 – spring 2007; spring 2008; winter 2009  
Lectured, created syllabi, held office hours and administered/graded assignments for all Warren Writing courses.

Courses taught include:

- “Biotechnology and Athletics”
- “Private Life and the Law” \*
- “Crime and Punishment: American Prisons” \*
- “The Gender Divide: Gender Differences in Academic and Occupational Achievement” \*
- “The Warren Court: Juvenile Rights”

\* Indicates instrumental role in development of course

**Teaching Assistant, University of California, San Diego. Critical Gender Studies Program.** Fall 2002

“Gender and Social Movements” – Graded exams and written compositions, taught two sections and maintained weekly office hours.

**Teaching Assistant, University of California, San Diego. Law and Society Program.** Winter 2002

“Employment Discrimination and the Law” - Graded exams and written compositions, taught two sections and maintained weekly office hours.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**, University of California, San Diego. Department of Sociology, Dr. Mary Blair-Loy. Summer 2006 – winter 2007

- Was one of two research assistants responsible for both the coding of in depth interviews and data analysis.
- Assisted Dr. Blair-Loy in refining her research analysis in preparation for article submissions.

**Research Assistant**, University of California, San Francisco. Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, Dr. Hector Carrillo. Summer 2004 – fall 2005

- Received extensive training on the coding of interviews for the Trayectos Study on AIDS prevention.
- Subsequent to training, was responsible for coding numerous in-depth interviews.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Recent submission: "Gender Essentialism in a Radical Movement: Men, Women and the Politics of Same-sex Marriage", *Gender & Society*. Revise and resubmit in process.

"The Crisis of Incarcerated Women in the U.S. and Abroad: A Review Essay", *NWSA Journal*. August 2008.

## **CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS**

**Presenter**, panel discussion of "The Changing American Family," Harvard Club of San Diego, May 2010

**Presenter**, "Activism and Analysis: The Difficulties Associated with Being an Activist Researcher," National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, November 2009.

**Presenter**, "Gender Ideologies in the Same-sex Marriage Movement and Counter-Movement: A Case of Similar Differences," American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, August 2009.

**Presenter**, "Gender Ideologies in the Same-sex Marriage Movement and Counter-Movement: A Case of Similar Differences," Dialogues in Sexuality Studies, UCSD, October 2008

**Presenter**, "Activists and Analysis: The Function of Gender Ideologies in the Same-sex Marriage Movement and Counter-Movement," American Sociological Association Conference, Boston, August 2008.

**Presenter**, "Gender Essentialism in a Radical Movement: Men, Women and the Politics of Same-sex Marriage," American Sociological Association Conference, New York City, August 2007.

**Presenter**, "Divine Gender," Women's Lecture Series, San Diego Community Center, March 2007.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Reviewer**, *Mobilization*, October 2009

**Reviewer**, *Gender & Society*, August 2008

**Presider**, "Class and Gender Dynamics in Collective Action" roundtable, American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, August 2009.

**Presider**, UCSD Summer Research Conference, Critical Gender Studies roundtable, August 2009.

## **ACADEMIC AND COMMITTEE SERVICE**

**Professor Unscripted Event, UCSD.** “Marriage and Its Alternatives.” Special, quarterly campus event where students choose a faculty member to host and present, along with undergrads, on a topic of interest. Spring 2010.

**Academic Internship Program, UCSD.** AIP offers students an opportunity to apply their academic knowledge and analytical skills in diverse professional settings while earning academic credit. Students select a professor whose interests reflect the content of their research project. Winter and Spring 2010

**Student Learning Outcomes Committee. Palomar College.** Worked with other sociology faculty members to review and revise sociology courses (Introduction to Sociology, Women’s Studies and Marriage and Family) and to develop course-level student learning outcomes and assessments. Fall 2008; Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Fall 2010

**Chancellor’s Advisory Board. University of California, San Diego.** Advised the Chancellor on issues of campus diversity. Spring 2002 – 2005

**Department of Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of California, San Diego.** Fall 2001 – spring 2009

#### **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

**American Sociological Association**  
**National Women’s Studies Association**  
**Pacific Sociological Association**  
**Society for the Study of Social Problems**

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

**“Dine-with-a-Professor” Invitations** – Campus program that allows students to invite select professors to dine with them. The goal of the program is to foster informal, out-of-classroom interactions between UCSD undergraduate students and faculty members of their choosing. February and May, 2009

**Departmental Dissertation Fellowship** – full financial support and living stipend for one quarter. Winter 2008.

**Greater San Diego Business Association, Charitable Foundation Scholarship**  
Received in summer of 2007 in recognition of scholarship as well as volunteer and service work in the San Diego community.

**Departmental Research grants** – received in fall 2005 and spring 2006

#### **NON-ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

**M. Corinne Mackey Award** – for “Outstanding Service by a Female Volunteer”. Awarded by The San Diego Community Center in October 2004.

**Volunteer of the Year Award** – Awarded by the Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence in Atlanta, GA, 2000.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Helen Woodward Animal Shelter** – Non-profit, privately-run, animal shelter and education center. Volunteer work includes general care for shelter animals and interaction with prospective adoptive families. May of 2008 – present

**Women’s Resource Center** – Volunteer work includes committee/advisory service, event planning and coordination and community outreach/education. 2002 – present

**Hillcrest Youth Center** – Affiliated with the San Diego Community Center. Volunteer work includes advisory board service, event planning and coordination and weekly interaction with youth as a mentor, discussion group facilitator and tutor. 2002 – 2007.

### **REFERENCES –**

Prof. Steven Epstein (Dissertation Chair) – Northwestern Department of Sociology - 847-491-5536

Prof Rebecca Klatch -UCSD Department of Sociology - 858-534-4629

Prof. Jeff Haydu – UCSD Department of Sociology - 858-534-5310