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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2018
Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies
Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2014
- M.A. Women's Studies, San Francisco State University, 2007
- B.A. Psychology, Gender Studies, St. Olaf College, 2002

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018- Full-Time Lecturer
Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender & Sexualities, Criminology, Education, Youth, Intersectionality, New Media, Culture
Methodologies: Qualitative, Ethnographic, Feminist, and Digital

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2017 Wilkins, Amy and Sarah Miller. "'Secure' Girls: Class, Sexuality, and Self-Esteem." *Sexualities* 20(7): 815-834
- 2016 Miller, Sarah. "'How You Bully a Girl': Sexual Drama and the Negotiation of Gendered Sexuality in High School." *Gender & Society* 30(5): 721-744. [Lead Article]
**Winner of the American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award*
- 2014 Schalet, Amy, John Santelli, Stephen Russell, Carolyn Halpern, Sarah Miller, Sarah Pickering, Shoshana Goldberg, and Jennifer Hoenig. "Broadening the Evidence for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Education in the United States." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 43(10): 1595-1610.
- 2013 Miller, Sarah. "In Defense of Danger: Sex, Schools, and the Politics of Discourse." *Sexualities* 16(5/6): 604-621.

Manuscripts Forthcoming

Miller, Sarah. Forthcoming. "'Mean Girls' and Tough Guys: Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying." In Christopher Donoghue Ed. *Power and Aggression Among Adolescents: Toward a Sociology of Bullying*. (Invited Manuscript Under Contract at New York University Press)

Manuscripts In Progress

Miller, Sarah. "The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era."
(Book Manuscript Under Review)

Miller, Sarah. "When Drama is a Luxury: Race, Class, and the Stratification of Gendered Bullying Practices"

Miller, Sarah. "'Our Generation's Duck and Cover': School Shooting Threats, Adolescent Masculinity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear."

Miller, Sarah. "'There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Gender, Education, and the Limits of Tolerance."

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2016-2017 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era
National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, \$27,500
- 2015-2016 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant
Understanding the Ecology of School Bullying
National Science Foundation, \$11,999

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2021 Morris Collaborative Research Grant
Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems
Co P.I.: Max Greenberg
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000
- 2020 Morris Collaborative Research Grant
Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems
Co P.I.: Max Greenberg
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000
- 2019 Morris Unrestricted Research Grant
Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems
Co P.I.: Max Greenberg
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$3000
- 2016 Summer Dissertation Fellowship
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$3000
- 2015 Graduate School Dissertation Research Grant
University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$1000
- 2015 Summer Grantwriting Fellowship
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$1300
- 2014-2015 Center for Research on Families Dissertation Fellowship in Family Research
An Ecology of Bullying: Conflict and Community in a Small Town High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Center for Research on Families, \$10,000
- 2013 Online Teaching Fellow
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Social and Behavioral Sciences, \$3000
- 2011-2012 University Fellowship
Becoming Women: Sexuality, Gender and the Transition to Adulthood
University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate School, \$16,000

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section, \$500
- 2016 Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities
American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section
- 2013 Best Teaching Associate Award
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department
- 2010 Graduate Student Service Award

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department

2007 Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence
Women's Studies Department, San Francisco State University

RESEARCH

2013-2014 Research Assistant, Future of Sex Education and Advocates for Youth

2008-2011 Research Assistant, Advancing Sexuality Education, Health, and Policy, Ford Foundation
P.I.: Amy Schalet, Associate Professor

2008-2011 Research & Editorial Assistant, Author: Amy Schalet
Book: *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens, and the Culture of Sex*

2007-2008 Research & Editorial Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center
Book: *Sexual Literacy: Sexuality in Human Nature and Society*

2006-2007 Research Assistant, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality
P.I.: Lynn Sorsoli, Research Scientist; Deborah Tolman, Director

2005-2006 Research Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center
P.I.: Gilbert Herdt, Director

TEACHING

Lecturer, Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

Sociology 100: Principles of Sociology (2019)
Sociology 241: Sociology of Gender (2019-2020)
Sociology 335: Sociology of Race, Class, Gender (2018-2021)
Sociology 390/Women's Studies 302: Gender and Crime (2019-2021)
Sociology 493 & 770/ Women's Studies 405: Genders, Sexualities and Youth Cultures (2019-2021)
Women's Studies 101: Gender & Sexuality I: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2018-2019)
Women's Studies 102: Gender & Sexuality II: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2021)
Women's Studies 801: Theories and Methods in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (2021)

Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology (2015)
Sociology 287: Sexuality & Society—Online Fellows Course (2013-2016)
Sociology 344: Gender & Crime (2013, 2014)
Sociology 387: Sexuality & Society (2012, 2013)
Sociology 397: Youth & Social Inequality (2014)

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst and San Francisco State University

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology, UMass (2011, 2016)
Sociology 106: Race, Gender, Class and Ethnicity, UMass (2010)
Sociology 222: The Family, UMass (2010)
Women's Studies 512/712: Feminist Approaches to Sexual Identities and Cultures, SF State (2007)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

2019 [“On Gender Pronouns.”](#) Interview by Virginia Gerwin. “Nature at 150: The Evolution of Academic Meetings.” *Nature*. Forthcoming December 2019. Invited Interview.

2019 [“ASA Adds Pronoun Query to Conference Registration.”](#) With Shantel Buggs and Tristan Bridges. *ASA Footnotes*. Invited Entry.

2018 [“What Transgender Means to Me.”](#) BU Today. October 29. Invited Interview.

- 2018 [“Sociologists on Sociology.”](#) American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.
- 2016-2018 Project Assistant, Public Engagement Project, UMass Amherst
- 2017 “There’s No Field Trip to Transgenderland.” American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.
- 2016 Miller, Sarah. [“How You Bully a Girl.”](#) Gender & Society Blog. October 11. Invited Entry.
- 2014 Miller, Sarah. [“The Link Between Slut Shaming, Bullying, and Femininity.”](#) Gender & Society Blog. June 16. Invited Entry.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “Twitter Wars, Teens & Tolerance: Negotiating Inequality Online in the Anti-Bullying Era.” Presented at the Spring 2019 Boston University Sociology Seminar Series. Boston, March 4.
- 2019 “Everybody, Everybody: Reimagining Gender and Sexuality in Our Schools.” Keynote Address. Presented at the Vermont Academy Diversity Conference. Saxtons River, January 19.
- 2017 “The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era.” Presented at the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Spring Fellows Retreat. Washington, D.C., March 17.
- 2016 “High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying’s Unintended Outcomes.” Presented at the Center for Research on Families Annual Dinner. UMass Amherst. Amherst, March 8.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “Navigating the Academic Job Market.” Panelist and Organizer. Presented at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Virtual Meeting, February 19.
- 2020 “...Bullies are Gonna Get Their Karma’: School Shooting Threats, Adolescent Masculinity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual Meeting, August 8.
- 2020 “Spreading Kindness Like Confetti’: Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying Initiatives.” Presented at the 2020 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
- 2019 “To Bully Without Bullying: Subtle Hostilities and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, August 13.
- 2019 Critic for Author Meets Critics Panel: “Mixed Messages: Norms and Social Control Around Teen Sex and Pregnancy.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, March 23.
- 2019 “Our Generation’s Duck and Cover’: Bullying, Adolescence, and the Normalization of School Shooting Threats.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 16.
- 2019 “There’s No Field Trip to Transgenderland’: Bullying and the Absence of Sexuality and Gender Diversity Education.” Presented at the 2019 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
- 2018 “Policing ‘Girl on Girl Crime’: Reinforcing Inequalities Through Anti-Bullying Initiatives.” Presented at the American Sociological Association’s Sexualities Pre-Conference: Sexualities, Race and Empire. Philadelphia, August 10.

2017	“‘There’s No Field Trip to Transgenderland’: Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and The Limits of Tolerance.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 14.
2017	“‘Mean Girls’ and ‘Tough Guys’: The Gendered Dynamics of Anti-Bullying.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, August 12.
2017	“The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Antonio, April 30.
2017	“‘There’s No Field Trip to Transgenderland’: Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and the Limits of Tolerance.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, February 23.
2016	“High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying’s Unintended Outcomes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, August 21.
2015	“Sexual Drama, Peer Publics, and the Transition to Adulthood.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, August 23.
2015	“Comparing Qualitative Intersectional Methodologies.” Presented at the annual meeting of Social Theory Forum: New Perspectives in Intersectionality. Boston, April 18.
2014	“When Drama is a Luxury: Making Sense of Class in Bullying Narratives.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, August 15.
2013	“‘Secure Girls’: Self-Esteem and Sexual Reputations.” With Amy Wilkins. Presented at Sexual Reputations: A Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern University. Chicago, November 9.
2013	“‘Secure Girls’: Heterosexuality and the Paradox of Self-Esteem.” With Amy Wilkins. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 30.
2012	“Sexual Regulation and the Negotiation of the Charmed Circle.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, August 19.
2012	“‘Trumors, Sluts, and Lesbians’: Gossip and Gendered Constraint Among U.S. Girls.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, February 26.
2010	“In Defense of Danger: Voicing the Discursive Boundaries of Adolescent Female Sexuality.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, August 15.

SERVICE

Graduate Student Mentorship

2020-Present	Dissertation Committee Member: Heather Mooney
2020-Present	Dissertation Committee Member: Sara Lillo
2019-2020	Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam: Sara Lillo

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

2021-Present	Main Advisor for Boston University Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Evan Gilbert
2020-2021	Main Advisor for Boston University Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Teresa Tran
2018-2020	Academic Advisor for Boston University Sociology Undergraduates
2014-2015	Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Sarah Garrity
2013-2014	Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Bo-Ryung Hwang
2011-2012	Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Lindsey Athanasiou

University Service

2020-Present	Member, BU Sociology Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Advisory Group
2020-Present	Member, BU Sociology Morris Fund Committee
2019-Present	Member, BU WGS Department Undergraduate Requirements Committee
2013	Organizer for the UMass Department of Sociology's Rossi Lecture
2011	Organizer for the UMass Department of Sociology's Recruitment Event
2010-2011	Representative on the UMass Graduate Policy Committee
2010-2011	Secretary and Treasurer for the UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
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2009-2010	Secretary and Treasurer for the UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
2009-2010	Representative on the UMass Committee on Intellectual Activities

Peer Reviewer

Gender & Society, Sexualities, Social Problems, Qualitative Sociology, Humanity & Society, Men & Masculinities, Journal of Early Adolescence

Annual Meeting Service

2020-Present	Member, Sociology of Education Association Board
2017-2020	Member, Sociologists for Trans Justice Committee to Promote Trans, Non-binary, and Intersex Inclusion, American Sociological Association
2016-2017	Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee of the Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association
2015	"Exploring Sexuality and Identity." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
2014	"Sexualities Across the Life Course." Presider at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
2012	"Shaping Sexualities." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.

Other Employment & Community Service

2007-2008	Recruiting Coordinator, Google, Mountain View
2005-2007	Human Resources Specialist, San Francisco State University, San Francisco
2003-2005	Board of Directors, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago
2002-2005	Director of Education & Training, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago
2001-2005	Rape Crisis Counselor, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association
American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Eastern Sociological Society
National Women's Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociology of Education Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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