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- appointments *Oberlin College*  
2015- Associate Professor of Sociology  
2016- Chair of the Program in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies  
  
2008-2015 Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Law & Society Program, Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies Program  
*University of Michigan*  
2011-12 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies
- education *University of California, Berkeley*  
2008 Ph.D. Sociology. "Governing Loose Women: Rationalizing Prostitution in Europe, 1998-2004"  
Qualifying exams: sociological theory, gender & sexuality, urban sociology  
*Oxford University*  
1999 M.Phil. Sociology. Thesis: Logistic regressions of the gender gap in rates of reported homosexuality  
*University of Amsterdam*  
1998 Graduate Program Certificate, Institute for Sexuality, Culture & Society  
*The George Washington University*  
1997 B.A. Sociology with Honors, *summa cum laude*. Thesis: "Marxism as a Scientific Revolution"
- research & teaching areas Gender & sexuality  
Law, deviance and social control  
Urban & community  
Cultural sociology  
Qualitative methods
- book 2016, *The Cultural Politics of European Prostitution Reforms: Governing Loose Women*. Palgrave, pp. 247.  
reviews: *American Journal of Sociology*  
[European Union Studies Association Review of Books](#)
- peer-reviewed publications 2016, with Taylor Field (OC '15), "Parenting Transgender Children in PFLAG," *Journal of GLBT Families* 12:3, pp. 403-429, DOI: [10.1080/1550428X.2015.1099492](https://doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2015.1099492)  
2016, with Lisa Stampnitzky, "Sociology of Security and Insecurity," in *Security: Dialogue Across Disciplines*, Phillipe Bourbeau, ed. Cambridge University Press, pp. 90-110  
2015, "The Modern Career of 'The Most Ancient Profession' and the Social Embeddedness of Metaphors." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 3, pp. 191-223  
2015, "Style and the Fate of Gay Nightlife: Homonormative Placemaking in San Francisco." *Urban Studies* 52:16, pp. 3144-3159  
2015, "Bar Districts as Subcultural Amenities," *City, Culture and Society* 6(1): 1-8.  
2014 "The Gender Gap in Reports of Homosexuality." *International Journal of Advances in the Social Sciences and Humanities* 2(10):20-26.  
2014 "Nation-State Science: Lappology and the Construction of Sweden's Ethnoracial Purity," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56(2): 320-350  
2009 with Claude Fischer, "Is American Fragmenting?" *Annual Review of Sociology* 35:435-55

2007 “Urban Ethnography’s Saloon Problem and its Challenge to Public Sociology.” *City & Community* 6(2):75-94

## manuscripts

book manuscript with Libby Murphy, *In Search of Lost Women*, Lever Press

book manuscript, *Who Needs Gay Bars?*

with undergraduate coauthors Alexandra Hamada (OC 13), Han Guel Jung (OC 14) & Karl Orozco (OC 13),

“We’re All So Red! The Alcohol Flush Reaction and Asian American Ethnic Identification,” for *Symbolic Interaction*

for Urban Studies, “Before Hingetown, It Was a Man’s World: Anti-Queer Gentrification in Cleveland.”

## other publications

2016 with Libby Murphy, *A La Recherche du Femmes Perdues: On Prostitution in the City of Paris and Beyond*. Oberlin, OH: Oberlin College. OMEKA digital archive.

“Post-Orlando Truth For You: Gay Bars Aren’t Safe Spaces.” *The Daily Beast*, Jun. 18.

“Before It Was Hingetown,” in *The Cleveland Neighborhood Guidebook*, Ann Trubek, ed. Cleveland: Rust Belt Chic Press, pp. 53-56. Named *Best Writing From and About Northeast Ohio* by the Cleveland Scene.

“Kinsman’s Other Corridor of Opportunities,” in *Cleveland Neighborhoods*, Ann Trubek, ed. Cleveland: Rust Belt Chic Press, pp. 143-45.

2012 “State of the Field Working paper on Sex Work / Trafficking,” Barb Brents, ed. ASA Section on Sexualities, <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionsex/miniconferencepapers.html>

2011 “Sin in the Suburbs: Nevada’s Changing Brothel Industry.” Review of *The State of Sex: Tourism, Sex & Sin In The New American Heartland*, *Journal of Sex Research* 48(6): 599-601

2005 “What does Prostitution Have to Do With Queers?” *FinnQueer Magazine*, Helsinki, April.

2003 with Jaye Cee Whitehead, “Pierre Bourdieu Memorial: For a Sociologist of Categorization, Against a Sociology of Categories.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 46: 1-4

## visiting appointments

2011-12 *University of Michigan* Center for European Studies, Inst. for Research in Women & Gender

2008 *Mills College*, sociology adjunct

2003-7 *University of California, Berkeley*, acting instructor

2006 *San Francisco State University* sociology adjunct

2005 *Free University of Brussels*, visiting researcher at the Institute of European Studies

2004 *Tampere University*, Finland, social welfare visiting instructor

2004 *University of Helsinki*, visiting researcher

grants & awards	2017	Grant-in-Aid <i>Oberlin College</i> \$3,105
	2016	Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Research Assistantships, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$6,600 with Libby Murphy, Sherman Fairchild grant for technology and the arts <i>Oberlin College</i> \$6,600
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	2015	with Libby Murphy, Office of Undergraduate Research Research Assistantships, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$6,600
	2013	Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Research Assistantships, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$6,600
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	2012	Year of Queer Theory program grants, OKUM Faculty Development Fund, <i>University of Michigan</i> and <i>Oberlin College</i> \$18,100
	2011	Andrew Delaney Fellowship in the Social Sciences, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$33,000
		OKUM faculty development grant, <i>Oberlin College</i> and <i>University of Michigan</i> , \$20,000
		Class of '57 Research Grant, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$4,000
	2010	Powers Research Travel Grant, <i>Oberlin College</i> , \$4350
	2009	Booth Ferris Computation and Modeling curriculum develop. grant, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$1,400
		Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Research Assistantships, <i>Oberlin College</i> \$6,200
	2007	Graduate Division Course Improvement Grant, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i> , \$500
	2006	Leo Lowenthal Prize in cultural/historical sociology, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i> , \$4,000
2004-5	<i>Fulbright Scholar</i> to the European Union, \$14,000	
2003-4	Fernström Research Fellow, Scandinavian Studies, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i> , \$6,000	
1997-3	<i>National Science Foundation</i> Graduate Research Fellowship, \$70,000	
teaching & pedagogy	2013	“Professor Props” recognition for contributions to the first-year experience, <i>Oberlin College</i>
		Workshop leader, “Revamping Your Syllabus To Include more Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Theory.” <i>Oberlin College</i>
	2011	Nominated attendee, Midwest Faculty Seminar, Crime and Social Control, <i>University of Chicago</i>
		“Teaching at Liberal Arts Colleges.” Sociology Department, <i>University of Michigan</i>
	2009	“Getting a Job at Small Liberal Arts Colleges,” Sociology, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
	2006-7	Writing and the Sociology Curriculum Working Group, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
	2006	Integrating Group Work in Large Classrooms, Pedagogical Certificate, <i>San Francisco State</i>
2005	Teaching and Resource Center Workshop leader, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>	
2004	Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>	
invited talks	2017	“Lesbian Bars, Gay Places, Queer Futures?” California State University, Fresno
	2016	“From ‘Gay Oasis’ to ‘Radically Inclusive’ Arts District: Creativity and Queer Displacement in Cleveland.” Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland
		“Queer Communities After Marriage,” and “After Pulse” Panelist, <i>After Marriage Conference</i> , Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, New York
		“Anti-Queer Gentrification in Cleveland.” Science Fridays, Oberlin, OH
	2015	“States of Vulnerability: Prostitution Reforms and the European Union.” Comparing European Prostitution Policies: Understanding Scales and Cultures of Governance, Vienna
	2014	“The Modern Career of the Oldest Profession: The Persistent Meaningfulness of a Prostitution Metaphor.” Belt Magazine Public Engagement Lecture Series, Cleveland OH
		“‘Tracking Discourse’ with Digital Archives to Track the Conflicting Meanings of a Prostitution Metaphor.” Science Fridays, Oberlin, OH
“Why are Cities Where They Are?” Belt Magazine Public Engagement Lecture Series, Cleveland OH		

“Swedish Nationalism and the Origins of Anthropometric Innovation,” Science Fridays.  
Oberlin, OH

Keynote address for the Junior Visit Program, Office of Admissions, Oberlin

- 2013 “Proper Women, Necessary Women.” with Libby Murphy, Allen Memorial Art Museum,  
Oberlin, OH
- “Legislating Peace for Women: Sweden’s Sex Purchase Act of 1999.” Swedish Cultural  
Society of Cleveland
- 2012 “Swedish Expertise and Lappology,” Experts & Policy Panel, *Social Science History Association*,  
Vancouver, Canada.
- “Framing Human Trafficking: The Rights and Wrongs of Prostitution,” Sex and Justice  
Conference, *University of Michigan*
- “Queer Theory and Utopias,” Panellist. *American Sociological Association*. Denver
- “Reframing Sexualization: Why Researchers Should Intervene in the “Sexualization of  
Girls” Discourse,” Discussant. *Crossing Boundaries Sociology of Sexuality Conference*
- “Prostitution Reform as a Symptom of European Union Integration Anxieties.” Center for  
European Studies. *University of Michigan*
- “Queering Tradition,” Discussant, Meanings and Makings of Queer Dance. *University of  
Michigan*
- “Identity Work and the Interviewer: Prostitution, Feminists and Ambivalence.” Institute for  
Research of Women and Gender, *University of Michigan*
- 2011 “Sex Markets,” lecture for Prof. Sarah Quinn’s course Extreme Markets, *University of Michigan*
- 2009 “Success and succession among San Francisco’s homosexual bar districts.” Institute for  
Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies, *Oberlin College*
- 2007 “Are We Mongols? How the Finns became Modern Europeans in 1952.” Finnish Studies  
Center, *University of California, Berkeley*
- 2006 “How the Finns Went from ‘Asians’ to Ethnic Europeans.” Institute for European Studies,  
*University of California, Berkeley*
- “Prostitution and the Underground Economy.” *Sociology of the Underground Economy*,  
*University of California, Berkeley*
- 2004 “The Trouble with Trafficking: Women vs. Workers in Human Rights Discourse.” Seminar  
for Human Rights, *University of Helsinki*
- “‘You Should See Their High Heels:’ Finnish Women Talk About Russians.” Hostilities and  
Hospitalities Biannual Conference, *University of Lapland*
- 2003 “Fear and Loathing at the Edge of Europe: Scandinavian Human Trafficking & Anti-  
Russian Prejudice.” Institute for European Studies, *University of California, Berkeley*
- conferences 2015 “The Perils and Promise of Qualitative Comparative Sexuality Research,” American Sociological  
Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2014 “The Modern Career of the Oldest Profession: The Persistent Meaningfulness of a Prostitution  
Metaphor.” *Social Science History Association*, Toronto
- “We’re All So Red:’ The Alcohol Flush Reaction and Asian American Ethnic Identification.”  
*American Sociological Association*, San Francisco
- 2012 “Nationalism and the Science of Ethnic Categorization.” ASA Regular Session on Race and

## Ethnicity Beyond the Black/White Divide, Denver

“Lapp Early Modern: Anthropological Innovation and Swedish Nation-Building.” Anthro-History Symposium. *University of Michigan*

- 2010 “Seeing as a Welfare State: Citizenship, Culture and the Problem of Prostitution,” ASA Regular Session on Citizenship and the Welfare State, Atlanta
- 2009 “Settlement and Bar Socializing: Success and Succession Among San Francisco’s Homosexual Enclaves.” ASA Regular Session on Leisure & Urban Community, SF
- 2008 “Governing Loose Women: Prostitution Laws and Vulnerable Women.” ASA Roundtable on the Sociology of Law, Boston
- 2005 “The European Union and the Rationalization of Prostitution.” Fulbright Conference: Living Understanding, Brussels
- 2004 “The Trouble with Trafficking, or Practice vs. Praxis in Transnational Organizing.” ASA Regular Session on Comparative & Transnational Sociology, San Francisco
- 2003 “Strange Bedfellows in Human Trafficking Politics.” ASA regular session on Sexuality, Atlanta
- “Finnish Identity and the Russians Among Us.” BJS Nationalisms and Identity Conference. *University of California, Berkeley*
- 2002 “Bars in the City of Desire.” ASA Regular Session on Space and Place, Chicago
- “What is Risky About Risky Sex?” Crossroads in Cultural Studies. Tampere, Finland
- 2001 “Playing the field: Notes on the Symbolic Economy of Sexual Marketplaces.” European Sociological Association regular session on Place and the Body. Helsinki, Finland
- “Ethnographer as Research Object: The Politics of Team Ethnography.” Pacific Sociological Association Regular Session on The Politics of Methods, San Diego
- “Bars in the City of Desire.” Visualizing Modernities Conference Department of Geography. *University of California, Berkeley*
- 2000 “Predictive Models of Gendered Homosexuality: A Structural Approach.” ASA Regular Session on Sexuality, Washington D.C.
- “Implications of the Materialist Hypothesis of Homosexuality for the U.S. and U.K.” British Sociological Association. York, England
- “The Gay Gap: The Prevalence of Homosexuality Among Men in Population Surveys.” Pacific Sociological Association Regular Session on Sexuality, Oakland
- undergraduate research mentoring 2014 “Regional Housing Development and Community Development,” Christophe Beaumier Sociology Honors
- “Prostitution and Performance: Sexual Commerce in Global Dance Traditions,” Julia Sheppard Dance Honors
- “Does it Get Better for Parents of LGBT Children?” Taylor Field, Sociology Honors
- 2013 “Comparative Study of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Oberlin Student Activism Around Alcohol and Tobacco,” Han Guel Jung Sociology Honors
- “Aloha Marriage Equality: Unsettling Gay Constructions of Paradise,” Cuyler Otsuka Comparative American Studies and Politics Honors
- “Planning and Play: Resource Allocation in Urban Centers Through the Lens of Playgrounds,”

## Joelle Lingat Environmental Studies Honors

- 2012 “Seen and Not Heard: Queer Childhoods in Popular Music,” Asher Butnik, Gender Sexuality & Feminist Studies capstone, under review *Journal of Popular Music Studies*  
 “Social Responses to the Alcohol Flush Reaction,” Alexandra Hamada, Han Guel Jung & Karl Orozco, SOCI 426 final project  
 “Gay and Lesbian Literature of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Selections from the Gene Woodling Collection,” Lauren Vandemortel and Alicia Gaber, winner of the Friends of the Library Student Research Award  
 “Building the Post-industrial Community: New Urbanist Development in Pittsburgh, PA.” Steven Niedbala, Art and Art History honors  
 “The Coming Out Ritual for Parents of LGBT Children,” Taylor Field independent research
- 2011 “Game Over: The Racially Distinct Benefits of Athletic Participation,” James Tompsett, Sociology honors  
 “Divergent Discourses: Medical and Cultural Understandings of Latina Reproductive Health in the Era of Gardasil,” Cindy Camacho, Sociology honors  
 “(Un)Spoken Desire: Affect, Confession, and the Erotics of Policing the Pornography Addict.” Jonathan Doucette, Comparative American Studies honors  
 “Ionescu’s *The Chairs*: The Absurdism of Old Age in French Drama,” Moze Halperin, French and Theater honors
- 2010 “It Takes All Kinds: Urban Parks, Decentralization and Access to City Space and Environment.” Kate Coury, Environmental Studies capstone  
 “Exploring Vietnamese Entrepreneurship and the Exponential Growth of Vietnamese-owned Nail Salons, Tuyet Ngo, Comparative American Studies capstone  
 “Urban Health and Public Sex,” Francesca Krihely independent research
- 2009 “Symbolic Interaction and the Social Construction of Space in a Campus Dining Hall,” Nesaru Tschaas, Sociology honors  
 “Black People Don’t Go Skiing: Why Black Individuals Take Less Financial Risk Than Whites of Similar Net Worth,” Cherelle Lewis, Economics & Africana Studies  
 “Religious Conversion of the Chinese in Cleveland,” Fei-ran Phil Lee, Mellon Foundation research

professional  
service

Ad-hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Social Politics, Law & Society Review*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Routledge Press*, *Oxford University Press*

- 2008-13 Member, ASA Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Persons  
 2012-13 Year of Queer Theory, Faculty Steering Committee, Oberlin College  
 2011 ASA section on Law and Society undergraduate paper prize committee member  
 2005 Conference organizer, Fulbright Living Understanding Conference for diplomatic, policy and general audiences, Brussels  
 2001-03 Founding graduate student editor, *Contexts Magazine*, American Library Association’s “Best New Journal”  
 2000-03 Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*  
 2002 Conference organizer, “Race and Ethnicity in a Global Context”  
 2001 Conference organizer, “Seductions, Identities, & Transformations: Perspectives on Work”

other  
qualifications

Member, *American Sociological Association*  
 Sections: Law & Society, Culture, Sexuality, Community & Urban, Global & Transnational  
 Member, Social Science History Association  
 Networks: Culture; Urban; States & Society; Women, Gender & Sexuality

Member, *Centre for Sex Work Research and Policy*. Dalhousie University, Canada

Languages: Finnish, Spanish and Japanese (Intermediate) French and German (Basic)

Phi Beta Kappa (1996), National Merit Scholar (1993), Eagle Scout (1991)