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## Education

- PhD 2018, University at Albany, Sociology  
*Comprehensive Examinations:* Sexualities, Families (with distinction)  
*Dissertation:* “I Think That’s Really What It Comes Down To, Is Intimacy’:  
LGBTQ+ Polyamory and the Queering of Intimacy.”  
*Committee:* Glenna Spitze (Chair), Christine Bose, Katherine Trent
- MA 2010, University of Oklahoma, Sociology  
*Thesis:* “Contact with Mothers in Prison and Children’s Behavioral and  
Psychological Problems: A Mixed Methods Approach.”  
*Committee:* Susan Sharp (Chair), Trina Hope, Ann Beutel
- BA 2005, University of Oklahoma, Ethics and Religion (specialty of Philosophy)  
Minors in Sociology and Psychology

## Research Interests

Polyamorous Families and Relationships; Queer Family Formation Processes; Assimilationism;  
Sexual Citizenship; Intersectionality and Sexuality

## Teaching Interests

Sexualities; Queer Families; Queer Studies; Intersectionality; Intimacies; Families; Research  
Methods (qualitative & quantitative); Qualitative Interviewing; Introduction to Sociology

## Honors and Awards

- 2017 Meadows Excellence in Teaching Award. Department of Sociology, University at Albany.
- 2017 SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award. SAGE and the  
Section on Teaching and Learning, American Sociological Association.
- 2017 UUP Individual Development Award. New York State/United University Professions  
Professional Development Committee, University at Albany.
- 2016 IFW Feminist Research Award. Initiatives for Women, University at Albany.
- 2016 Research Grant. Graduate Student Association, University at Albany.
- 2016 Graduate Research Award. Benevolent Association, University at Albany.
- 2015 Dissertation Fellowship Award. Office of Graduate Studies, University at Albany.
- 2015 Professional Development Award. Graduate Student Association, University at Albany.
- 2010 Outstanding Master’s Student of the Year Award. Department of Sociology, University  
of Oklahoma.

### Honors and Awards, continued

- 2010 First place, Visual Sociology Competition. Southwestern Sociological Association.
- 2010 Oklahoma Scholar Leadership Enrichment Program (competitive). *Marriage and Family* with Stephanie Coontz. University of Oklahoma.
- 2009 Third place, Student Research and Performance Day. University of Oklahoma.

### Academic Journal and Book Chapter Publications

- 2018 Pain, Emily. "Is Teen Risk of Having Sex with Strangers Associated with Family Environment?: Family Processes, Household Structure, and Adolescent Sex with Strangers." *Youth & Society*.
- 2014 Lachmann, Richard, Emily Pain, and Anibal Gauna. "Museums in the New Gilded Age: Collector Exhibits in New York Art Museums, 1945-2010." *Poetics*.
- 2014 Pain, Emily. "Polyamory and Polygamy." in *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. Sage.

### Technical Reports

- 2010 Sharp, Susan and Emily Pain. "No Sympathy: Study of Incarcerated Women and Their Children." Report to the Oklahoma State Legislature, published by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

### Works Under Review and In Progress

- Pain, Emily. "Queer Polyfamily Performativity: Family Practices and Adaptive Strategies among LGBTQ+ Polyamorists." Article, Under Review.
- . "Polyamory and Cultural Contradictions of the Transformation of Intimacy." Article, Under Review.
- . "Race, Class, and Gender in Queer Polyamory" in *Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Trans, Ace, Polyam, Kink, and Intersex People* edited by Brandy Simula, J.E. Sumerau, and Andrea Miller. Brill|Sense. Chapter, Under Editor Review.
- . "Intersectionality: Check Your (Sexual) Privilege." Teaching Resource, In R&R Revision.
- . "It Feels Very Vulnerable, Particularly as a Black Woman': Queer Polyamory, Intersectionality, and Relationship Negotiating Influence." Working Paper.
- . "Queerness, Polyamory, and Anti-assimilationist Political Critiques." Working Paper.
- Rijo Sánchez, Vanessa and Emily Pain. "Gender Negotiation in Queer Polyamorous Relationships." Paper Draft.
- Pain, Emily. "Invisible and Imagined Borders: Queer Narratives of Polyamorous Community Exclusivity and Inclusivity." Paper Draft.
- . "Queering Polyamory: LGBTQ+ Polyamorous Relationships, Families, and Cultural Constraints." Manuscript Draft/Book Project.

## Research Experience

- 2015-2018 PhD Dissertation, University at Albany. “‘I Think That’s Really What It Comes Down To, Is Intimacy’: LGBTQ+ Polyamory and the Queering of Intimacy.”
- 2011-2015 *Research Assistant*, Research Foundation, University at Albany. “Family and Health Consequences of Imbalanced Sex Ratios in India,” Dr. Katherine Trent; “Adult Sibling Relationships,” Dr. Glenna Spitze & Dr. Katherine Trent; “Museums in the New Gilded Age,” Dr. Richard Lachmann.
- 2009-2010 MA Thesis, University of Oklahoma. “Contact with Mothers in Prison and Children’s Behavioral and Psychological Problems: A Mixed Methods Approach.”
- 2010 *Research Assistant*, University of Oklahoma. “Stigma and Status Consequences of Psychiatric Labels, Pilot Study,” Dr. Amy Kroska.
- 2009 *Project Coordinator*, University of Oklahoma. “Children of Incarcerated Mothers,” Interview of Caretakers (second phase of the study), Dr. Susan Sharp.

## Teaching Experience

- 2019 *Instructor*, Union College: “Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality” (forthcoming).
- 2018 *Instructor*, Siena College: “The Family” (1x online<sup>†</sup>).
- 2012-2018 *Instructor*, University at Albany
- “Sociology of Sexualities” (10x in-person, 3x online<sup>†</sup>, forthcoming)
  - Special Topics in Culture: “Queer Families” (6x in-person; forthcoming)
  - “Sociology of Families” (10x online<sup>†</sup>)
  - “Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality” (1x in-person).
- 2012-2013 *Co-instructor*, University at Albany: “Studying Families” with Dr. Glenna Spitze.
- 2011-2012 *Lab Instructor*, University at Albany: “Social Research Methods.”
- 2010-2013 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University at Albany
- Intro to Sociology; Cohabitation, Marriage, & Divorce; Medical Sociology.
- 2008-2010 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University of Oklahoma
- Research Methods; Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Family; Individual & Society; Religion & Society; Sociology of Law; Intro to Sociology<sup>††</sup>.

## Teaching Training and Workshops

- 2018 Institute for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Leadership Fall Faculty Retreat, University at Albany: “Scholarly Practitioners in Action: Teaching to Invite & Capture Student Learning.”
- 2018 Blackboard Innovative Teaching Series: “An Ally to Inclusive Learning: How Accessibility and UDL Benefit All Learners.”
- 2017 American Sociological Association & SAGE Teaching Innovations preconference workshop: “Thinking Matters: Critical Thinking, Active Listening, & Evidence-Based Writing.”

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<sup>†</sup>Taught online via Blackboard Learn 9.1

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### Teaching Training and Workshops, continued

- 2017 Eastern Sociological Society conference workshop: “Social Justice and Service Learning in the Sociology Curriculum.”
- 2016 TopHat Interactive Teaching Platform: Instructional Design individualized training to implement interactive technology into the classroom.
- 2012-2016 Institute for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Leadership workshops, University at Albany: “Blended Learning: Research-Informed Practice,” “Facilitating Discussions and Reading,” “Managing Large Classes,” “Balancing Teaching and Your Dissertation.”
- 2015 American Sociological Association conference workshops: “Teaching Sexualities,” “Teaching Sexualities: Beyond Fundamental Issues,” “Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and for Publishing in TRAILS.”
- 2012-2015 Faculty Technology Resources programs and workshops, University at Albany: Online Course Development Program (competitive), VoiceThread-Blackboard integration pilot program, “Monitoring Online Learning.”
- 2011-2012 Sociology Teaching Committee brown bags, University at Albany: “Student Assessment,” “Classroom Management,” “Lecture and Discussion,” “Teaching Online Courses,” “Technology in the Classroom.”
- 2011 Sociology Pedagogy Course, Department of Sociology, University at Albany.

### Academic Conference Presentations

- 2018 “It Feels Very Vulnerable, Particularly as a Black Woman’: Race, Class, and Gender in Queer Polyamory.” ASA Section on Sexualities preconference, Philadelphia.
- 2017 “Polyamory and the Transformation of Intimacy.” ASA conference, Montréal.
- 2016 “I Want a Fabulous Poly Household!': Family Ideals and Experiences among LGBTQ+ Polyamorists.” ESS conference, Boston.
- 2015 “Queer Polyamory: Exploring Polyamorous Relationships among LGBTQ+ Adults.” ASA conference, Chicago.
- 2015 “Queering Polyamory: Addressing Heterosexism and Cissexism in Research and Community.” UMass Social Theory Forum conference, Boston.
- 2013 “Family Context and Adolescent Sex with Strangers.” ESS conference, Boston.
- 2011 “Polyamorous Families: What We (Do Not) Know.” SSA conference, Las Vegas.
- 2010 “Parent-Child Contact, Antisocial Behavior, and Depression among Children of Incarcerated Women.” SSA conference, Houston.
- 2010 “The Gateway to Urban Blight: Crossing the Bridge into East St. Louis.” Visual Sociology Competition (first place). SSA conference, Houston.
- 2010 “The Effects of Heavy Drug Use on Two Measures of Recidivism.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference, San Diego.
- 2009 “Intensity of Substance Use, Re-arrests and Multiple Incarcerations.” ASA conference, San Francisco.

### University and Invited Presentations

- 2015 “The LGBT Movement?: A History of LGBTQ Rights Movements.” *Social Movements* (ASOC 350), University at Albany.
- 2015 “Gender, Ethics, & Polyamory.” *Ethics & Women’s Issues* (PHI 218), Chatham University.
- 2012 “Pansexual Identities in Meaning and Practice.” Sexuality Week, University at Albany.
- 2010 “Mother-Child Contact and Behavioral and Psychological Outcomes among Children of Incarcerated Women” Student Research Day, University of Oklahoma.
- 2009 “Substance Use, Re-arrests, and Multiple Incarcerations.” Student Research Day, University of Oklahoma.

### Professional and Departmental Service

- 2018 *Panel Member*, “Online Teaching” Brown Bag. Teaching Committee, Department of Sociology, University at Albany. (Forthcoming.)
- 2018 *Committee Member*, Honors Thesis Committee. University of Central Florida.
- 2017 *Table Facilitator*, “The Conversation Continues: Opportunities for Action” Community Dialogue. Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University at Albany.
- 2017 *Panel Member*, “Disenfranchised Students and the Future of the Academy” Workshop. Status of Minorities Committee, ESS conference.
- 2016-2018 *Faculty Advisor*, Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Student Association, University at Albany.
- 2016 *Panel Member*, “Professional Networking” Brown Bag. Students of Sociology and the Teaching Committee, Department of Sociology, University at Albany.
- 2015 *Committee Member*, GSA Summer Grants Committee. Graduate Student Association, University at Albany.
- 2015 *Organizer*, “Sexuality” Session. UMass Social Theory Forum conference.
- 2015 *Speaker*, “Presenting at Conferences,” Graduate Orientation Seminar. Department of Sociology, University at Albany.
- 2012 *Graduate Student Volunteer*, ESS conference.
- 2011-2012 *Graduate Student Member*, Teaching Committee. Department of Sociology, University at Albany.
- 2011-2012 *Secretary*, Students of Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany.
- 2011 *Organizer and Chair*, “Families and Sexualities” Session. SSA conference.
- 2009-2010 *Secretary*, Graduate Student Association. Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma.
- 2009 *Graduate Student Member*, Graduate Recruitment Day Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma.

### Organizational Memberships

American Sociological Association; ASA LGBTQ Caucus; Sociologists for Trans Justice; Sociologists for Women in Society; Society for the Study of Social Problems; Eastern Sociological Society; Alpha Kappa Delta; Golden Key.