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Academic Positions

- 2019-2020 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Albion College
- 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology, Union College
- 2018 Lecturer of Sociology, Siena College
- 2012-2019 Lecturer of Sociology, University at Albany

Education

- 2018 PhD, 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), Katherine Trent, Christine Bose
- 2010 MA, 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
- 2005 BA, University of Oklahoma, Ethics and Religion (Specialty of Philosophy)
Minors in Sociology and Psychology

Teaching Interests

Sexualities; Contemporary Sexual Politics; Intersectionality (Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality); Social Stratification & Inequality; Families; Queer Families; Gender; Queer Studies; Social Research Methods; Qualitative Interviewing; Introduction to Sociology

Research Interests

Polyamorous Relationships & Families; Families of Choice; Marginalized Queer Families (intersectional perspectives); Anti-assimilationism; Sexual Citizenship

Honors and Awards

- 2019 UUP Individual Development Award. New York State/United University Professions Professional Development Committee, University at Albany.
- 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.

Honors and Awards, continued

- 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.
- 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

- 2019 Pain, Emily. "Queer Polyfamily Performativity: Family Practices and Adaptive Strategies among LGBTQ+ Polyamorists." *GLBT Family Studies*.
- 2019 "Race, Class, Gender, and Relationship Power in Queer Polyamory" in *Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Trans, Ace, Polyam, Kink, and Intersex People* edited by B. Simula, J.E. Sumerau, and A. Miller. Brill|Sense. Forthcoming.
- 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. "Queering Intimacy: LGBTQ+ Polyamorous Relationships, Families, and Community." Manuscript Draft/Book Project.
- . "It Feels Very Vulnerable, Particularly as a Black Woman': Gender, Race, Class, and Relationship Negotiating Influence in Queer Polyamory." Under Review.

Works Under Review and In Progress, continued

- . “Polyamory and Cultural Contradictions of the Transformation of Intimacy.” Working Paper.
- . “Queerness, Polyamory, and Anti-assimilationist Political Critiques.” In Progress.
- . “Intersectionality: Check Your (Sexual) Privilege.” Teaching Resource, In Revisions.

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 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Albion College:
 - “Introduction to Sociology” (2x in-person)
 - “Stratification: Social Mobility & Inequality” (1x in-person).
- 2019 *Adjunct Assistant Professor*, Union College:
 - “Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality” (1x in-person).
- 2012-2019 *Lecturer*, University at Albany:
 - “Sociology of Sexualities” (11x in-person, 4x online)
 - “Queer Families” Special Topics in Sociology of Culture (6x in-person)
 - “Sociology of Families” (10x online)
 - “Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality” (1x in-person)
 - “Social Research Methods” (1x in-person).
- 2018 *Lecturer*, Siena College:
 - “The Family” (1x online).
- 2012-2013 *Co-instructor*, University at Albany:
 - “Studying Families” with Dr. Glenna Spitze (2x in-person).
- 2011-2012 *Lab Instructor*, University at Albany:
 - “Social Research Methods” (2x in-person).

Teaching Experience, continued

- 2010-2013 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University at Albany:
• “Introduction to Sociology,” “Cohabitation, Marriage, & Divorce,” “Medical Sociology.”
- 2008-2010 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University of Oklahoma:
• “Introduction to Sociology,” “Research Methods.” “Sociology of Gender.” “Sociology of Family,” “Individual & Society,” “Religion & Society,” “Sociology of Law.”

Teaching Training and Workshops

- 2019 “Course Development Workshop.” (Emphasis on Culturally Proficient Instruction and Student-Centered Learning Objectives.) The Newell Center for Teaching and Learning, Albion College.
- 2019 “How to Teach Critical Thinking in Higher Education.” Our Shared Humanities Initiative sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Union College.
- 2018 “Scholarly Practitioners in Action: Teaching to Invite & Capture Student Learning.” Institute for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Leadership Fall Faculty Retreat, University at Albany.
- 2018 “An Ally to Inclusive Learning: How Accessibility and UDL Benefit All Learners.” Blackboard Innovative Teaching Series.
- 2017 “Thinking Matters: Critical Thinking, Active Listening, & Evidence-Based Writing.” American Sociological Association and the SAGE Teaching Innovations Preconference Workshop.
- 2017 “Social Justice and Service Learning in the Sociology Curriculum.” Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2016 TopHat Interactive Teaching Platform Instructional Design (individualized training to implement interactive technology into the classroom).
- 2012-2016 “Blended Learning: Research-Informed Practice,” “Facilitating Discussions and Reading,” “Managing Large Classes,” “Balancing Teaching and Your Dissertation.” Institute for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Leadership, University at Albany.
- 2015 “Teaching Sexualities,” “Teaching Sexualities: Beyond Fundamental Issues,” “Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and for Publishing in TRAILS.” American Sociological Association.
- 2012-2015 Online Course Development Program (competitive), VoiceThread-Blackboard Integration Pilot Program, “Monitoring Online Learning.” Faculty Technology Resources, University at Albany.
- 2011-2012 “Student Assessment,” “Classroom Management,” “Lecture and Discussion,” “Teaching Online Courses,” “Technology in the Classroom.” Sociology Teaching Committee, University at Albany.
- 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.” American Sociological Association (‘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.” Eastern Sociological Society (‘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.” Southwestern Sociological Association (‘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.
- 2018 *Committee Member*, Honors Thesis Committee. University of Central Florida.

Professional and Departmental Service, continued

- 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.
- 2016-2019 *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