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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
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EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ph.D.**, University of Oregon, Sociology
Dissertation: “Men in Context: Transmasculinities and Transgender Experiences in Three US Regions”
Committee: Jocelyn Hollander (co-chair), Ellen Scott (co-chair), C.J. Pascoe, Lynn Fujiwara (Ethnic Studies), Elizabeth Reis (Women’s and Gender Studies)

Graduate Certificate, University of Oregon, Women’s and Gender Studies
- 2010 **M.S.**, University of Oregon, Sociology
- 2007 **B.A.**, San Francisco State University, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Portland State University; Affiliate Faculty, Department of Sociology

RESEARCH

Publications

Books

- 2019 Miriam J. Abelson. *Men in Place: Contemporary Contexts of Race, Sexuality, and Trans Masculinities*. University of Minnesota Press.

Articles

- 2017 Amy Lubitow, JaDee Carathers, Maura Kelly, and Miriam J. Abelson. “Transmobilities: mobility, harassment, and violence experienced by transgender and gender nonconforming public transit riders in Portland, Oregon.” *Gender, Place, and Culture* 24(10), Pp. 1398-1418.

- 2017 University of Oregon Social Sciences Feminist Network Research Interest Group. "The Burden of Invisible Work in Academia: Social Inequalities and Time Use in Five University Departments." *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* 1 (39): 228-245.
- 2016 Miriam J. Abelson. "'You Aren't From Around Here': Race, Masculinity, and Rural Transgender Lives." *Gender, Place, & Culture*, 23(11), Pp. 1535-1546.
- 2016 Miriam J. Abelson, "Trans Men Engaging, Reforming, and Resisting Feminisms," *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, 3(1), Pp. 15-21.
- 2014 Miriam J. Abelson, "Dangerous Privilege: Trans Men, Masculinities, and Changing Perceptions of Safety," *Sociological Forum*, 29(3), Pp. 549-570.
- 2013 Ellen K. Scott and Miriam J. Abelson, "Understanding the Relationship between Instability in Child Care and Instability in Employment for Families with Subsidized Care." *Journal of Family Issues*, 37(3), Pp.344-368.

Book Chapters

- 2019 Miriam J. Abelson. "Already Feminists: Transfeminist Histories, Hurdles, and Futures." Pp. 43-59 In *Nevertheless They Persisted: Feminisms and Continued Resistance in the U.S. Women's Movement*, ed. Jo Reger. New York: Routledge.
- 2015 Miriam J. Abelson, "Negotiating Vulnerability and Fear: Rethinking the Relationship Between Violence and Contemporary Masculinity" Pp. 394-401 In *Exploring Masculinities: Identity, Inequality, Continuity and Change*, C.J. Pascoe & Tristan Bridges (Eds.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 Miriam J. Abelson, "Night and Day: Gendered Safety and Violence in the Everyday Experiences of Transgender Men." Pp.53-64 In *Understanding Diversity: Celebrating Difference, Challenging Inequality* Claire M. Renzetti & Raquel Kennedy Bergen (Eds.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 2014 Jocelyn Hollander and Miriam J. Abelson, "Creating, Reproducing, and Resisting Inequality: Language and Talk." Pp. 181-206 In *Handbook of the Social Psychology of Inequality*. Jane McLeod, Ed Lawler, and Michael Schwalbe (Eds.). New York: Springer.

Reports and Reviews

- 2018 Abelson, Miriam J. "Review of *Unbound: Transgender Men and the Remaking of Identity* by Arlene Stein." *Men and Masculinities*. 21(5) Pp. 758-759

2010 Ellen K. Scott, Ann Leymon, and Miriam J. Abelson, "Oregon's Employment-Related Child-Care Subsidy Program: An Investment That Makes Employment Work for Low-Wage Families." Report to Oregon Legislature (35 pages)

Manuscripts in Progress

Abelson, Miriam J and Tristen Kade. "Trans Masculinities," in *Handbook of Masculinity Studies*, Lucas Gottzén, Ulf Mellström, and Tammy Shefer (Eds.). Under contract with Routledge. Accepted for Publication.

Lubitow, Amy and Miriam J. Abelson. "Mapping Transmobilities: Experiences of Harassment and Violence Against Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Transit Riders." Under review at the *Journal of Transport Geography* for special issue on expanding the debate on transport mobility and justice.

"Rural and Urban Differences in Transgender People's Experiences of Harassment and Violence" (In Preparation).

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

2018 John Eliot Allen Teaching Award, Portland State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

2018 Faculty Development Grant, Portland State University.

2018 Nancy Weiss-Malkiel Scholars, Award Woodrow Wilson Foundation. (\$17,500, Selected as sole alternate).

2017 American Publication Grant, American Association of University Women (\$6,000).

2017 Early Career Grant Development Award, I-CASS, Portland State University (\$1,500)

2017 SAGE Award, Portland State University Commission on Sexual and Gender Equity

2016 Equality Research Center's Equality Knowledge Project, Eastern Michigan University. Co-PI with Ben Anderson-Nathe, CJ Pascoe, and Ellen K. Scott. (Awarded but not funded)

2015 Faculty Enhancement Grant, Portland State University

- 2015 Faculty Travel Grant, Portland State University
- 2014 Graduate Publication Award, University of Oregon Department of Sociology
- 2013-2014 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon (\$12,000, plus tuition and health insurance)
- 2013 Future of Minority Studies Research Award, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Oregon (\$1,000)
- 2013 Leon Culbertson Scholarship, University of Oregon (\$3,000)
- 2013 Risa Palm Graduate Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon (\$2,500)
- 2013 Wasby-Johnson Sociology Dissertation Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon (\$7,500)
- 2012 Charles A. Reed Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon (\$2,500)
- 2012 Paul and Helen Weiser Scholarship, University of Oregon (\$2,500)
- 2012 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon (\$2,500)
- 2011 Carolyn M. Stokes Memorial Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon (\$4,750)
- 2010 Graduate Research Award, Center on Diversity and Community, University of Oregon (\$1,250)
- 2010 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon (\$2,500)

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “One Is Not Born a Man: Social Recognition and Situated Gendered Knowledges,” Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 “Emerging Rural Queer and Trans Belongings in Settler, White Supremacist, and Heteropatriarchal Spaces,” American Studies Association. Atlanta, GA.

- 2018 "Making Possible Lives in the Country: Rural Trans Political and Artistic Resistance," National Women's Studies Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 "Strong When I Need to Be, Soft When I Need to Be': Emotion and Masculinities," American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 "Whiteness, Settler Claims to Land, and Queer Rural Belonging in the Contemporary U.S.," Sexualities, Race, and Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 "Queered Spaces: Survival Strategies and Resistance of LGBTQ Youth," With Ben Anderson-Nathe, Ellen K. Scott, and CJ Pascoe. Queering Social Justice Symposium, Portland State University.
- 2018 "Beyond the Pronoun Debate: Building Trans Inclusive Pedagogy and Curriculum," With Craig Leets. Queering Social Justice Symposium, Portland State University.
- 2018 "Mapping Transmobilities: Experiences of Harassment and Violence Against Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Transit Riders." With Amy Lubitow. American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA. April 13.
- 2017 "Man in the Bathroom: Normative Masculinities in Trans Men's Accounts of Public Space," American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 "The Burden of Invisible Work in Academia: Social Inequalities and Time Use in Five University Departments," Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.
- 2016 "Body Scanners and Public Bathrooms: Reinscribing Gendered Borders," National Women's Studies Association. Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 "Narrating Innocence: Trans Men's Fears of Racial, Sexual, and Gender Violence" Trans*Studies: An International Transdisciplinary Conference on Gender, Embodiment, and Sexuality. Tucson, AZ.
- 2016 "Beyond Resilience: Survival Strategies and Resistance of LGBTQ Youth" American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. With CJ Pascoe, Ellen K. Scott and Ben Anderson-Nathe.
- 2016 "Normalizing Bodies in Rural Trans Men's Lives" invited session on Queering Sociological Studies of Race, Class, and Gender, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.

- 2016 “Finding the Right Graduate Program and Preparing Applications in Sociology and Beyond,” Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.
- 2016 “From Bathrooms to Dorm Rooms: Creating Inclusive Environments by Rethinking Gendered Spaces,” Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Eugene, OR.
- 2015 “‘You Aren’t From Around Here’: Race, Masculinity, and Rural Transgender Lives,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Seeking Lone Wolves and Satisfying Gatekeepers: Recruitment, Positionality, and Representation in Feminist Research With Southern Trans Men,” Sociologists for Women in Society, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Invited Panelist, “Identity and Community Outside the Queer Center,” American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Changing Emotions in Context: Masculinities, Race, & Class.” Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR.
- 2013 “Instability in Child Care and Instability in Employment for Families with Subsidized Care.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2012 “Gender in Context: Transmasculinities and Transgender Experiences in Three US Regions,” Dissertation proposal presentation. Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section, Denver, CO.
- 2012 “A Comparison of Urban and Rural Transgender People’s Experiences with Discrimination and Violence.” Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2011 “The Burden of Invisible Work in Academia: Social Inequalities and Time Use in Five Departments at the University of Oregon.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Thriving and Surviving Together: Transgender Lives and Support Communities in the Southeastern U.S.” Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 “Ambiguous & Complex Relationships Between Researcher and Participants in Field Work With Transgender People.” Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.

2010 “I don’t have one way to be:’ Trans men Practicing Masculinities in the San Francisco Bay Area.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations

- 2019 “Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America,” Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.
- 2019 “Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America,” Department of Sociology and Sexuality Studies, San Francisco State University
- 2019 Critic, Author Meets Critic for *Styling Masculinity Gender, Class, and Inequality in the Men's Grooming Industry* by Kristen Barber. Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 Panelist, “Research in the Age of Contested Evidence,” Portland State University, I-CASS.
- 2018 Speaker, “Queers in the Country: Sexuality, Race, and Rural LGBTQ Lives”, Central Washington University, Women’s, Gender, and Sexualities Program.
- 2017 Keynote Speaker, Graduate Student Colloquium, Portland State University Department of Sociology.
- 2017 Alumni Presentation, San Francisco State University, Department of Sociology.
- 2017 Campus Forum Speaker, Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH.
- 2016 Commencement Speaker, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Oregon.
- 2016 Commenter on *Exploring Masculinities: Identity, Inequality, Continuity, and Change*, Wayne Morse Center on Law and Politics, University of Oregon.
- 2016 “Backwoods and Bathrooms: Masculinity, Race, and Sexuality in Transgender Men’s Experiences of Space and Institutions.” Portland State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Brown Bag Series.
- 2013 “Comparing Urban and Rural Transgender Experiences.” University of Oregon, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series.
- 2012 “Masculinities, Patriarchy, and Hip Hop Music.” University of Oregon Multicultural Center.

- 2012 “Atlas.ti and Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis.” Workshop given
 2011 for graduate seminar in Field Methods, Department of Sociology, University of
 Oregon, October 13, 2011 and October 11, 2012.
- 2011 “Southern Gentlemen? Transmen and Masculinity in the U.S. South.”
 University of Oregon, Center for the Study of Women in Society.

Other Experience

Co-Coordinator, Social Science Feminist Research Interest Group, University of Oregon
 2010 – 2012

Funded collaborative research interest group comprised of social science graduate students and faculty members conducting research on “invisible” work in academia . Co-wrote successful grant to hold regional symposium on “Inequalities on Academia” (Grant for \$10,000, raised additional \$2,300). Additional activities included professionalization workshops, member work-in-progress presentations, reading groups, and planning for future research.

2010 Research Assistant to Ellen Scott (Department of Sociology), University of Oregon
 Qualitative Component of Expanding Oregon’s Child Care Research Partnership Project:
 Effect of Child Care Subsidy Policy on Perceived Child Care and Employment. Oregon
 Department of Employment. Data analysis of in-depth interviews using qualitative data
 analysis software. Collaborated on research report and article.

TEACHING

Experience

Portland State University

Gender and Sexualities Sophomore Inquiry (University Studies)
 Introduction to Queer Studies
 Transgender Studies
 Feminist Analysis
 Feminist Methodologies
 Critical and Decolonizing Methodologies (Graduate, School of Gender, Race, and Nations)

University of Oregon

Instructor of Record

Department of Sociology
 Intro to Research Methods
 Sociology of Gender

Department of Women & Gender Studies

Intro to Women’s Studies: Women, Difference, & Power
 Feminist Pedagogy (Upper Division & Graduate)
 Transgender and Media (Upper Division)

Graduate Teaching Assistant with Discussion Sections

Department of Sociology

Introduction to Sociology

Research Methods

Department of Ethnic Studies

Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Department of Women's & Gender Studies

Women, Difference, & Power (WGS 101)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology

Social Inequality

Sociology of Gender

Department of Ethnic Studies

Introduction to African American Studies

Pedagogical Training—University of Oregon

- 2013 Graduate Teaching Certificate, Department of Sociology
- 2012 Teaching Sociology, Graduate Seminar, Department of Sociology
- 2012 Center on Diversity and Community, Graduate Teaching Fellow Series on Teaching Challenging Material Related to Identity
- 2012 Feminist Pedagogy Workshop, Social Science Feminist Network

SERVICE

University Service

Member, Institutional Review Board, Portland State University, 2018-Present

Advisory Board Member, Queer Resource Center, Portland State University, 2014-Present

Consulting Faculty for Inclusive Pedagogy and Curriculum, Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion. 2017-2019

Member, Search Committee for University President, University of Oregon, 2012

Executive Committee Member, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon, 2010-2013

Service to College

Chair, Admissions Committee, School of Gender, Race, and Nation, Portland State University, 2017-Present

Representative to Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Cooperative in Applied Social Science (I-CASS), 2017-Present

Curriculum Committee, Chair, School of Gender, Race, and Nation, Portland State University, 2014-2016.

Department Service

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015, 2018-Present

Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Instructor, 2018-2019.

Chair, Alumni Outreach Committee, 2017-2019.

Co-Organizer, Queering Social Justice Symposium, 2017-2018

Member, Roslyn Farrington Scholarship Committee, 2018.

Facilitator, Faculty Retreat Session on Transgender Inclusive Pedagogy, 2017.

Member, Search Committee for Non-Tenure Track Hire, 2017.

Coordinator, Working Group on Sexuality, Gender, and Queer Studies Major, 2015-2018.

Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Hire, 2016-2017.

Member, Tenure Committee, 2016.

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016.

Member, Hiring Committee for Office Coordinator, Fall 2015

Service to Profession

Member, Distinguished Article Award Committee, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association. 2018-2019.

Member, Sally Hacker Graduate Publication Award Committee, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association. 2017.

Council Member, Pacific Sociological Association. 2014-2015.

Member, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association. 2014.

Member, Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Persons in Sociology, Pacific Sociological Association, 2011-2014.

Peer Reviews

Journals: *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*; *Contexts*; *European Journal of Women's Studies*; *Gender & Society*; *Gender, Place, and Culture*; *Men and Masculinities*; *NORMA: International Journal for Masculinities*; *Signs*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*.

Textbook and Book Manuscript: NYU Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, Rutgers University Press, University of California Press, University of Minnesota Press.

Editorial Boards

Gender & Society, 2019-Present.

Liv'd: An avant-garde publication of art, design, culture and lived experience, 2015-2019.

Professional Meeting Organizing

- 2018 Moderator and Organizer, "Imagining Spaces of Impossible Trans Political and Cultural Resistance" Trans and Gender Variant Caucus, National Women's Studies Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 Presider and Organizer, LGBT Issues Session, American Sociological Association Meetings, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Presider, LGBT Issues Session, American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Presider, Theorizing and Retheorizing Gender Roundtable, American Sociological Association Meetings, Sex and Gender Section, New York, NY.
- 2014 Organizer, Invited Session on Race and Sexuality, Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Portland, OR.
- 2013 Organizer (with Karl Bryant) and Presider, "Applied Careers in LGBTQ Issues," for Committee on Status of GLBT Persons. Pacific Sociological Association. Reno, NV.
- 2012 Organizer (with James Thing) and Presider, "Intersecting Identities and Embodiments: Sexuality, Race, and Gender," for Committee on Statuses of GLBT Persons, Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, CA.

Formal Advising

Amie Riley (Dissertation Committee, Education, In Progress)
Tristen Kade (Dissertation Committee, Sociology, In Progress)
Hanna Luckett (Honor's Thesis, Transgender Survivors of Sexual Assault on
Campus, 2019)
Jaboa Lake (Comprehensive Exam, Minor Area, Psychology, 2017)
Kyla Tompkins (Master's Thesis Committee, Sociology, 2017)
Erin Savoia (Master's Thesis Committee, Sociology, 2017)
Christopher Brooks (Comprehensive Exam, Urban Studies, 2017)
Carrie Fuentes (McNair Scholar, LGBTQ Youth of Color, 2016)

Other Professional Experience

2009-2010 Conference Organizer (Graduate Teaching Fellow)
"Teaching Race and Gender Beyond Diversity 2010." Duties included website development and administration, management of conference registration and promotion.

2010-2011 Website Designer (Graduate Teaching Fellow)
Created interactive website to house and collect teaching resources for integrating innovative ideas for incorporating intersectional approaches to teaching about race and gender.

Professional Association Memberships

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
Pacific Sociological Association
National Women's Studies Association

References (Please contact)