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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-Present Associate Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Portland State University; Affiliate Faculty, Department of Sociology
- 2014-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Portland State University

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

RESEARCH

Publications

Book

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

Articles

- 2020 Amy Lubitow, Miriam J. Abelson, and Erika Carpenter, “Transforming mobility justice: Gendered harassment and violence on transit.” *Journal of Transport Geography*. 82 (1).
- 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), Pp. 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

- In Press Miriam J. Abelson and Tristen Kade. "'Trans Masculinities,'" in *International Handbook of Masculinity Studies*, Lucas Gottzén, Ulf Mellström, and Tammy Shefer (Eds.).
- 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

- 2019 JaDee Carathers, Miriam J. Abelson, Amy Lubitow, Maura Kelly, "Gender Minority Transit Riders Experience Violence and Discrimination." The Gender Policy Report. September 4.
<https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/gender-minority-transit-riders/>
- 2018 Miriam J. Abelson "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

Miriam J. Abelson. "Queer and Trans Rural Research as a Practice of Queer Anti-Urbanism and Deep Coalition." In *Outskirts: Queer experiences on the fringe*. D'Lane Compton and Amy Stone (Eds.). (In Preparation)

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

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

- 2019 American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (\$8,000)
- 2018 John Eliot Allen Teaching Award, Portland State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. (\$500)
- 2018 Faculty Development Grant, Portland State University. (\$13,678)
- 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 (\$11,689)
- 2015 Faculty Travel Grant, Portland State University (\$2,082)
- 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)

TEACHING

Experience

Portland State University

Gender and Sexualities Sophomore Inquiry (University Studies Program)

Introduction to Queer Studies

Transgender Studies

Feminist Analysis

Feminist Methodologies (Undergraduate/Graduate)

Critical and Decolonizing Methodologies (Graduate, School of Gender, Race, and Nations)

University of Oregon

Instructor of Record

Intro to Research Methods (Sociology)

Sociology of Gender

Intro to Women's Studies: Women, Difference, & Power

Feminist Pedagogy (Undergraduate/Graduate)

Transgender and Media

Graduate Teaching Assistant with Discussion Sections

Introduction to Sociology

Research Methods

Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Women, Difference, & Power (WGS 101)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Social Inequality

Sociology of Gender

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

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2019 "White Nationalist Migrations and Liberal Settler Queer Belonging in the U.S. Northwest." National Women's Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 "Sexuality, Race, and Space in the Rural Inland Pacific Northwest," American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 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

- Forthcoming Keynote Speaker, American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Greeley, Colorado. (March 2020)
- 2019 Speaker, "Out 2 Dinner with Miriam Abelson" LGBTQ+ Program. University of Texas at Arlington.
- 2019 Speaker, "Changing U.S. Masculinity?: Transgender Men, Intersectionality, and Space." Women's Faculty and Staff Network. University of Texas at Arlington.
- 2019 Speaker, "Men in Place: An Evening with Miriam Abelson," Randolph Macon College. Fairfield, VA.
- 2019 Speaker, "Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America," Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, VA.
- 2019 Speaker, "Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America," Roanoke College. Salem, VA.
- 2019 Speaker, "Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America," Department of Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Virginia Tech University. Blacksburg, VA.
- 2019 Speaker, "Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race and Sexuality in America," Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.
- 2019 Speaker, "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 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.

SERVICE

University Service

Member, Search Committee for Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, 2019-Present
Member, Institutional Review Board, Portland State University, 2018-Present
Consulting Faculty for Inclusive Pedagogy and Curriculum, Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion. 2017-Present
Advisory Board Member, Queer Resource Center, Portland State University, 2014-Present
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

Graduate Program Director, School of Gender, Race, and Nations, 2019-present.
Chair, Admissions Committee, School of Gender, Race, and Nation, Portland State University, 2017-2019
Steering Committee, Member Interdisciplinary Cooperative in Applied Social Science (I-CASS), 2017-Present
Chair, Curriculum Committee, 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 Scholar, 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 Instructor 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

Mentor, Sociologists for Trans Justice Mentoring Program. 2018-Present.

Co-Chair, Awards Committee, Pacific Sociological Association. 2019-Present.
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.
Co-Coordinator, Social Science Feminist Research Interest Group, University of Oregon, 2010-2012.
Co-Organizer (Graduate Teaching Fellow), Teaching Race and Gender Beyond Diversity Conference, University of Oregon, 2010.

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; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; 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)
Sarah Aktepy	(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 Queer Spaces, Urban Studies, 2017)
Carrie Fuentes	(McNair Scholar, LGBTQ Youth of Color, 2016)

Media Coverage

The Atlantic, NPR, OPB Think Out Loud, The Oregonian, Topic Magazine

Professional Association Memberships

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

References (Please Contact)