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## Miriam J. Abelson

### 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; Affiliated 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.

Reviewed In: *American Journal of Sociology*; *CHOICE*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *Cultural Sociology*; *Gender & Society*; *Men and Masculinities*; *Social Forces*; *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*

Author Meets Critics and Book Salons: Pacific Sociological Association 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19), American Association of Geographers 2020

(Cancelled due to COVID-19), Sociologists for Women in Society Winter 2021.

*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*

- 2020 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).

### *Encyclopedia Entry*

- 2021 Miriam J. Abelson, “Racialized Masculinities,” In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*. Abbie Goldberg and Genny Beemyn (Eds.). SAGE.

### **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.). (Under Review)
- Miriam J. Abelson. “Rural and Urban Differences in Transgender People’s Experiences of Harassment and Violence” (In Preparation).

### **Fellowships, Awards, and Honors**

- 2020 American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Distinguished Book Award for *Men in Place: Trans masculinity, race, and sexuality in America*.
- 2020 National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC), “Marginalized populations’ access to transit: Journeys from home and work to transit” Marisa Zapata (PI), Miriam J. Abelson, Ivis Garcia, Amy Lubitow. (\$93,115)
- 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**

### **Courses Taught**

#### **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**

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

**Pedagogy Workshops**

*Co-creator and facilitator*, “Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum / Inclusive and Culturally Responsive Curriculum,” Portland State University, Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion. 2017-Present.

*Facilitator*, “Embracing Equity as Our Lens / Inclusive and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy,” Portland State University, Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion. 2017-Present.

*Facilitator*, Portland State WGSS Faculty Retreat Session on Transgender Inclusive Pedagogy, 2017.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Conference Presentations**

- 2021 “Far Right Visibility Politics and Rural LGBTQ People in the Inland Northwest During COVID-19.” American Association of Geographers. Virtual Conference. April 11.
- 2021 “Live and Let Live? Effects of the 2016 and 2020 Elections on Rural LGBTQ People.” Pacific Sociological Association. Virtual Meetings. March 20.
- 2020 Invited Panelist, “Queering Work: How Trans and Non-binary People Resist and Negotiate Power and Inequality in Work.” American Sociological Association. Virtual Meetings.
- 2020 Invited Panelist, Thematic Session “Rural Landscapes through a Different Lens: Sexualities in Rural America.” Pacific Sociological Association. Eugene, OR. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Invited Panelist, “Celebrating 125 Years of Sociology at the University of Oregon: Critical Legacies in the Sociology of Gender.” Pacific Sociological Association. Eugene, OR. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 “Collaborating Across Difference in LGBTQ Youth Research,” Anita Gooding, Ben Anderson-Nathe, Miriam J. Abelson, Sam Collins. Western Social Science Association. Portland, OR. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

- 2020 "LGBTQ Youth Negotiating Identity In and Out of Queered Spaces" With Ben Anderson-Nathe, Sam Collins, and Anita Gooding. Western Social Science Association. Portland, OR. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 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. June, 2021.
- 2021 Speaker, “Transmasculinity in the U.S. Today,” University of Pittsburgh, Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Colloquium. March 3.
- 2020 Speaker, Masculinity in America Series. University of California at Santa Barbara. June 5. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

- 2020 Speaker, “Changing U.S. Masculinity?: Transgender Men, Intersectionality, and Space.” Western Washington University. April 30. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Speaker and Panelist, Critical Masculinities Symposium, Hobart William and Smith College. Geneva, New York. March 7.
- 2019 Speaker, “Out 2 Dinner with Miriam Abelson” LGBTQ+ Program. University of Texas at Arlington. October 21.
- 2019 Speaker, “Changing U.S. Masculinity?: Transgender Men, Intersectionality, and Space.” Women’s Faculty and Staff Network. University of Texas at Arlington. October 21.
- 2019 Speaker, “American Studies Colloquium: *Men in Place*,” Reed College. Portland, OR. October 9.
- 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, *Exploring Masculinities: Identity, Inequality, Continuity, and Change*, Wayne Morse Center on Law and Politics, University of Oregon.
- 2016 Speaker, “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 Speaker, “Comparing Urban and Rural Transgender Experiences.” University of Oregon, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series.



- 2012 Speaker, “Masculinities, Patriarchy, and Hip Hop Music.” University of Oregon Multicultural Center.
- 2012 Presenter, “Atlas.ti and Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis.”
- 2011 Workshop given for graduate seminar in Field Methods, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, October 13, 2011 and October 11, 2012.
- 2011 Speaker, “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*, Institutional Review Board, Portland State University, 2018-Present

*Member*, Search Committee for Vice President of Global Diversity and Inclusion, 2019-2020

*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), 2017-2020

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

### **Department Service**

*Chair*, Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015, 2018-2020.

*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.

*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 and Promotion Committee, 2016.

*Member*, Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016.

*Member*, Hiring Committee for Office Coordinator, Fall 2015.

## Service to Profession

- Member*, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association. 2021.
- Mentor*, Sociologists for Trans Justice Mentoring Program. 2018-2020.
- Co-Chair*, Awards Committee, Pacific Sociological Association. 2019-2021.
- 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*

American Journal of Sociology; Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work; Contexts; European Journal of Women's Studies; Feminist Formations; Gender & Society; Gender, Place, and Culture; Journal of Rural Studies; 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

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| 2021 | Presider and Organizer, Transgender Studies Regular Sessions, American Sociological Association Meetings, Virtual.  |
| 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 Regular Sessions, American Sociological Association Meetings, Seattle, WA.  |

