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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2018  
Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies  
Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2014
- M.A. Women's Studies, San Francisco State University, 2007
- B.A. Psychology, Gender Studies, St. Olaf College, 2002

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2023- Senior Lecturer  
Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program
- 2018-23 Full-Time Lecturer  
Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender & Sexualities, Education, Youth, Intersectionality, New Media, Culture, Criminology  
Qualitative, Feminist, Queer, and Digital Methodologies

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

Miller, Sarah. Forthcoming. "The Tolerance Generation: Growing Up Online in the Anti-Bullying Era." University of Chicago Press. (Under Advance Contract).

### Book Chapters

- 2022 Miller, Sarah. "Mean Girls' and Tough Guys: Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying." In Christopher Donoghue, ed. *The Sociology of Bullying: Power, Status, and Aggression Among Adolescents*. New York, NY: New York University Press.

### Articles

- 2017 Wilkins, Amy and Sarah Miller. "Secure' Girls: Class, Sexuality, and Self-Esteem." *Sexualities* 20(7): 815-834
- 2016 Miller, Sarah. "How You Bully a Girl?: Sexual Drama and the Negotiation of Gendered Sexuality in High School." *Gender & Society* 30(5): 721-744. [Lead Article]  
*\*Winner of the American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award*
- 2014 Schalet, Amy, John Santelli, Stephen Russell, Carolyn Halpern, Sarah Miller, Sarah Pickering, Shoshana Goldberg, and Jennifer Hoenig. "Broadening the Evidence for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Education in the United States." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 43(10): 1595-1610.
- 2013 Miller, Sarah. "In Defense of Danger: Sex, Schools, and the Politics of Discourse." *Sexualities* 16(5/6): 604-621.

### Manuscripts In Preparation

Miller, Sarah. "When Drama is a Luxury: The Racial and Sexual Stratification of Gendered Bullying Practices."

Miller, Sarah. "'Our Generation's *Duck and Cover*': School Shooting Threats, Heteromascularity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear."

Miller, Sarah. "Conducting Feminist Digital Ethnography with Youth: Strategies, Ethics, Complexities."

#### **EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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- 2016-2017 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship  
*The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era*  
National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, \$27,500
- 2015-2016 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant  
*Understanding the Ecology of School Bullying*  
National Science Foundation, \$11,999

#### **INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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- 2022 Morris Travel Grant  
Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference  
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2100
- 2022 Morris Travel Grant  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference  
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$1000
- 2022 Morris Unrestricted Research Grant  
*The Tolerance Generation*  
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000
- 2022 WGS Small Grant  
*The Tolerance Generation*  
Boston University, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, \$1000
- 2021-2012 Online BU HUB Course Development Grant  
*Sociology of Gender*  
Boston University, Summer Term, \$13,000
- 2020-2021 Morris Collaborative Research Grant  
*Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems*  
Co P.I.: Max Greenberg  
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000 Annually
- 2019 Morris Unrestricted Research Grant  
*Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems*  
Co P.I.: Max Greenberg  
Boston University, Sociology Department, \$3000
- 2016 Summer Dissertation Fellowship  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$3000
- 2015 Graduate School Dissertation Research Grant  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$1000
- 2015 Summer Grant Writing Fellowship  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$1300
- 2014-2015 Center for Research on Families Dissertation Fellowship in Family Research  
*An Ecology of Bullying: Conflict and Community in a Small Town High School*  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Center for Research on Families, \$10,000
- 2013 Online Teaching Fellow  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Social and Behavioral Sciences, \$3000

2011-2012 University Fellowship  
*Becoming Women: Sexuality, Gender and the Transition to Adulthood*  
University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate School, \$16,000

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## AWARDS & HONORS

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2017 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention  
American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section, \$500

2016 Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities  
American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section

2013 Best Teaching Associate Award  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department

2010 Graduate Student Service Award  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department

2007 Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence  
Women's Studies Department, San Francisco State University

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## RESEARCH

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2013-2014 Research Assistant, Future of Sex Education and Advocates for Youth

2008-2011 Research Assistant, Advancing Sexuality Education, Health, and Policy, Ford Foundation  
P.I.: Amy Schalet, Associate Professor

2008-2011 Research & Editorial Assistant, Author: Amy Schalet  
Book: *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens, and the Culture of Sex*

2007-2008 Research & Editorial Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center  
Book: *Sexual Literacy: Sexuality in Human Nature and Society*

2006-2007 Research Assistant, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality  
P.I.: Lynn Sorsoli, Research Scientist; Deborah Tolman, Director

2005-2006 Research Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center  
P.I.: Gilbert Herdt, Director

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## TEACHING

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Lecturer, Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

Sociology 100: Principles of Sociology (2019)  
Sociology 241: Sociology of Gender (2019-2023)  
Sociology 335: Sociology of Race, Class, Gender (2018-2021)  
Sociology & Women's Studies 317: Gender and Crime (2019-2023)  
Sociology & Women's Studies 431/631: Genders, Sexualities and Youth Cultures (2019-2023)  
Women's Studies 101: Gender & Sexuality I: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2018-2019, 2022)  
Women's Studies 102: Gender & Sexuality II: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2021-2022)  
Women's Studies 801: Theories and Methods in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (2021-2023)

Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology (2015)  
Sociology 287: Sexuality & Society—Online Fellows Course (2013-2016)  
Sociology 344: Gender & Crime (2013, 2014)  
Sociology 387: Sexuality & Society (2012, 2013)  
Sociology 397: Youth & Social Inequality (2014)

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst and San Francisco State University

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology, UMass (2011, 2016)  
 Sociology 106: Race, Gender, Class and Ethnicity, UMass (2010)  
 Sociology 222: The Family, UMass (2010)  
 Women's Studies 512/712: Feminist Approaches to Sexual Identities and Cultures, SF State (2007)

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

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- 2021 "Violence Prevention in the Digital Age." YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley. Prevention Symposium Webinar. June 29. Invited Presentation.
- 2019 ["On Gender Pronouns."](#) Interview by Virginia Gerwin. "Nature at 150: The Evolution of Academic Meetings." *Nature*. December 18. Invited Interview.
- 2019 ["ASA Adds Pronoun Query to Conference Registration."](#) With Shantel Buggs and Tristan Bridges. *ASA Footnotes*. Invited Entry.
- 2018 ["What Transgender Means to Me."](#) BU Today. October 29. Invited Interview.
- 2018 ["Sociologists on Sociology."](#) American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.
- 2016-2018 Project Assistant, Public Engagement Project, UMass Amherst
- 2017 "There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland." American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.
- 2016 Miller, Sarah. ["How You Bully a Girl."](#) Gender & Society Blog. October 11. Invited Entry.
- 2014 Miller, Sarah. ["The Link Between Slut Shaming, Bullying, and Femininity."](#) Gender & Society Blog. June 16. Invited Entry.

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2022 "The Sociology of Bullying." Creating Spaces 2022: A Conference for Aspiring Difference Makers. Montclair State University. April 19. Invited Presentation.
- 2019 "Twitter Wars, Teens & Tolerance: Negotiating Inequality Online in the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the Spring 2019 Boston University Sociology Seminar Series. Boston, March 4.
- 2019 "Everybody, Everybody: Reimagining Gender and Sexuality in Our Schools." Keynote Address. Presented at the Vermont Academy Diversity Conference. Saxtons River, January 19.
- 2017 "The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Spring Fellows Retreat. Washington, D.C., March 17.
- 2016 "High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying's Unintended Outcomes." Presented at the Center for Research on Families Annual Dinner. UMass Amherst. Amherst, March 8.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2022 "Growing Up Online in the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, August 7.
- 2022 "Bullying Prevention and the Gendered Costs of Kindness." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 13.

- 2021 "Mean Girls and Tough Guys: Gender, Sexuality and Bullying Prevention's Hidden Curriculum." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual Meeting, August 8.
- 2021 "Navigating the Academic Job Market." Panelist and Organizer. Presented at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Virtual Meeting, February 19.
- 2020 "...Bullies are Gonna Get Their Karma': School Shooting Threats, Adolescent Masculinity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual Meeting, August 8.
- 2020 "Spreading Kindness Like Confetti': Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying Initiatives." Presented at the 2020 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
- 2019 "To Bully Without Bullying: Subtle Hostilities and the Reproduction of Inequality." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, August 13.
- 2019 Critic for Author Meets Critics Panel: "Mixed Messages: Norms and Social Control Around Teen Sex and Pregnancy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, March 23.
- 2019 "'Our Generation's Duck and Cover': Bullying, Adolescence, and the Normalization of School Shooting Threats." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 16.
- 2019 "There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Bullying and the Absence of Sexuality and Gender Diversity Education." Presented at the 2019 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
- 2018 "Policing 'Girl on Girl Crime': Reinforcing Inequalities Through Anti-Bullying Initiatives." Presented at the American Sociological Association's Sexualities Pre-Conference: Sexualities, Race and Empire. Philadelphia, August 10.
- 2017 "There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and The Limits of Tolerance." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 14.
- 2017 "The Gendered Dynamics of Anti-Bullying." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, August 12.
- 2017 "The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Antonio, April 30.
- 2017 "There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and the Limits of Tolerance." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, February 23.
- 2016 "High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying's Unintended Outcomes." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, August 21.
- 2015 "Sexual Drama, Peer Publics, and the Transition to Adulthood." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, August 23.
- 2015 "Comparing Qualitative Intersectional Methodologies." Presented at the annual meeting of Social Theory Forum: New Perspectives in Intersectionality. Boston, April 18.
- 2014 "When Drama is a Luxury: Making Sense of Class in Bullying Narratives." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, August 15.

- 2013 “Secure Girls’: Self-Esteem and Sexual Reputations.” With Amy Wilkins. Presented at Sexual Reputations: A Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern University. Chicago, November 9.
- 2013 “Secure Girls’: Heterosexuality and the Paradox of Self-Esteem.” With Amy Wilkins. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 30.
- 2012 “Sexual Regulation and the Negotiation of the Charmed Circle.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, August 19.
- 2012 “Trumors, Sluts, and Lesbians’: Gossip and Gendered Constraint Among U.S. Girls.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, February 26.
- 2010 “In Defense of Danger: Voicing the Discursive Boundaries of Adolescent Female Sexuality.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, August 15.

## SERVICE

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### Graduate Student Mentorship

- 2023-Present Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam, History: Caryne Nicholas
- 2023-Present Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam, History: Dalia Kijakazi
- 2022-Present Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam, Sociology: Thao Nguyen
- 2022-Present Dissertation Committee Member, Theology: Emily Chastain
- 2022-Present Dissertation Committee Member, Special Education: Oscar Hughes
- 2022-2023 Dissertation Committee Member, Sociology: Elliot Chudyk
- 2022 Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam, Sociology: Kimberly Rhoten
- 2021 Navigating the Sociology Academic Job Market Workshop, Organizer
- 2021 Graduate Teaching Mentor: Selma Hedlund, Kate Stockly
- 2020-2023 Dissertation Committee Member, Sociology: Sara Lillo
- 2020-2022 Dissertation Committee Member, Sociology: Heather Mooney
- 2019-2020 Committee Member for Comprehensive Exam, Sociology: Sara Lillo

### Undergraduate Student Mentorship

- 2023-Present Main Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Shuyao Xiang
- 2023-Present Main Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Lily Belisle
- 2022-Present Main Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Elizabeth Kostina
- 2022-Present Main Advisor for BU Kilachand Honors Thesis: Leightta Sherrill
- 2022-2023 Main Advisor for BU Kilachand Honors Thesis: Lauren Byerly
- 2022 Committee Member for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Sadie Cowan
- 2021-2022 BU SPARK! Data Science Undergraduate Research Team Advisor:  
*Investigating School Shooting Threats in the Digital World*
- 2021-2022 Main Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Evan Gilbert
- 2021-2022 Committee Member for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Katie Barnes
- 2021-2022 Committee Member for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Kelsey Brown
- 2021 Main Advisor for BU Undergraduate Health Humanities Thesis: Carly Mast
- 2020-2021 Main Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Teresa Tran
- 2020-2021 Committee Member for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Stacey Herman
- 2019-2020 Committee Member for BU Sociology Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis: Lev Paasche-Orlow
- 2018-2020 Academic Advisor for Boston University Sociology Undergraduates
- 2014-2015 Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Sarah Garrity
- 2013-2014 Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Bo-Ryung Hwang
- 2011-2012 Advisor for UMass Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Lindsey Athanasiou

### University Service

- 2022-2023 Faculty Advisor, LGBTQIA+ BU Student Task Force

2022-Present	Learning Assistant Alliance Program Coordinator, WGS Program
2021-Present	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program
2021	Organizer, Job Market Workshop for BU Sociology Graduate Students
2020-2022	Member, BU Sociology Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Advisory Group
2020-2021	Member, BU Sociology Morris Fund Committee
2019-2022	Member, BU WGS Program Undergraduate Requirements Committee
2013	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology's Rossi Lecture
2011	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology's Recruitment Event
2010-2011	Representative, UMass Graduate Policy Committee
2010-2011	Secretary and Treasurer, UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
2010	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology's Recruitment Event
2009-2010	Secretary and Treasurer, UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
2009-2010	Representative, UMass Committee on Intellectual Activities

### Peer Reviewer

*Gender & Society, Sexualities, Social Problems, Qualitative Sociology, Humanity & Society, Men & Masculinities, Journal of Early Adolescence, Law & Society, Sociology of Education, Sex Education, Sociology Compass*

### Annual Meeting Service

2023-Present	Conference Registrar, Sociology of Education Association
2022	"Boundaries, Borders, Segregation and Integration" Presider at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference, Virtual. February 24 <sup>th</sup> .
2021-Present	Member, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Program Committee
2021-Present	Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Roundtables
2020-2022	Member, Sociology of Education Association Board
2017-2020	Member, Sociologists for Trans Justice Committee to Promote Trans, Non-binary, and Intersex Inclusion, American Sociological Association
2016-2017	Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee of the Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association
2015	"Exploring Sexuality and Identity." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
2014	"Sexualities Across the Life Course." Presider at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
2012	"Shaping Sexualities." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.

### Other Employment & Community Service

2007-2008	Recruiting Coordinator, Google, Mountain View
2005-2007	Human Resources Specialist, San Francisco State University, San Francisco
2003-2005	Board of Directors, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago
2002-2005	Director of Education & Training, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago
2001-2005	Rape Crisis Counselor, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Educational Research Association  
 American Sociological Association  
 National Women's Studies Association  
 Sociology of Education Association  
 Sociologists for Women in Society

## REFERENCES

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