

# CURRICULUM VITA

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### Education

<b>Ph.D. – Sociology</b> UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, Chicago, IL Advisor: Dr. Barbara Risman	<b>August 2014</b>
<b>M.A. – Sociology</b> UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, Chicago, IL	<b>May 2009</b>
<b>B.A. – Sociology</b> NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL	<b>May 2005</b>

### Employment History

<b>Assistant Professor</b> Women’s & Gender Studies and Sociology UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, Michigan	<b>September 2014 to present</b>
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### Publications

#### a) Book

1. **Brainer, Amy.** In press. *Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan*. Rutgers University Press.

#### b) Refereed Journal Articles

1. **Brainer, Amy.** 2017. “Materializing ‘family pressure’ among Taiwanese queer women.” *Feminist Formations* 29(3): 1-24.
2. **Brainer, Amy.** 2017. “New identities or new intimacies? Reframing ‘coming out’ in Taiwan through cross-generational ethnography.” *Sexualities* special issue on Anthropology’s Queer Sensibilities: Ethno-theoretical Approaches to Sexual and Gender Diversity. Published online ahead of print: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363460716677282>
3. **Brainer, Amy.** 2017. “Mothering gender and sexually nonconforming children in Taiwan.” *Journal of Family Issues* 38(7): 921-947.

#### c) Book Chapters

1. **Brainer, Amy.** 2017. "Patrilineal kinship and transgender embodiment in Taiwan." Pp. 110-128 in *Perverse Taiwan*, edited by H. Chiang and Y. Wang. New York: Routledge.
2. **Brainer, Amy.** 2015. "Growing up with a lesbian, gay, or bisexual sibling." Pp. 164-181 in *Families as They Really Are* (2nd ed.), edited by B. Risman and V. Rutter. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.
3. **Moore, Mignon and Amy Brainer.** 2013. "Race and ethnicity in the lives of sexual minority parents and their children." Pp. 133-148 in *LGBT-Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice*, edited by A. Goldberg and K. Allen. New York: Springer.

#### **d) Book Reviews and Other Writing**

1. **Brainer, Amy.** 2016. "Book review: Queering families of origin, edited by Ciara Bertone and Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli." *Journal of Family Theory and Review* 8(1): 116-121.
2. **Brainer, Amy.** 2016. "East Asian sexualities." In *The Sage Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*, edited by A. Goldberg. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications. (invited)
3. **Brainer, Amy.** 2014. "Book review: The marrying kind: Debating same-sex marriage within the lesbian and gay movement, edited by Mary Bernstein and Verta Taylor." *Gender & Society* 28(3): 498-500.

### **Grants**

#### **a) Awarded Research Grants**

1. "Queer Trajectories in Family Based Immigration," \$6,000, Brainer, A. (PI), Faculty Research Initiation and Seed Grant, 2016-2017.
2. "Reimagining LGBT Family Issues," \$5,000, Brainer, A. (PI), Wenner-Gren Foundation Engaged Anthropology Grant, 2014-2015.
3. "Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Kinship in Taiwan: Generational Changes and Continuities," \$20,000, Brainer, A. (PI), Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2012-2013.
4. "Same Sexuality and Family Relations in Taiwan," \$8,000, Brainer, A. (PI), Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2011-2012.

#### **b) Awarded Instructional and Professional Development Grants**

1. Faculty Incentive Research Funds, \$3,648, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2018.
2. Commission for Women Supplemental Professional Development Grant, \$600, 2017.
3. Women's & Gender Studies Professional Development Funds, \$250, 2016, 2017, 2018.

4. Creative Teaching Fund, \$1000, Hub for Teaching & Learning Resources, 2016.
5. Faculty Professional Development Grant, \$900, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2015.
6. SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, \$500, American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning, 2013.

## Honors and Awards

1. Outstanding Research Article, Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2017.
2. Outstanding Faculty Award, Women in Learning and Leadership, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2015.
3. Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013.
4. Jessie Bernard Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award, Feminism and Family Studies Section, National Council on Family Relations, 2009.
5. Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2009.
6. Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBTQ People and Allies Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2009.
7. David P. Street Master's Paper Prize, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2009.

## Professional Memberships

1. American Sociological Association
2. Association for Asian Studies
3. National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
4. National Women's Studies Association
5. North American Taiwan Studies Association
6. Society for the Study of Social Problems

## Refereed Conference Presentations

1. **Brainer, Amy**, "Where are the parents of the femme lesbians?: What missing data teach us about sex, gender, and family in Taiwan," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2017, Montréal, Québec.
2. **Brainer, Amy**, "Lesbian and gay parents, heterosexual kinship, and queer dreams: Making families in 21<sup>st</sup> century Taiwan," East Asia Family Law Workshop, Indiana University, May 2017, Bloomington, IN.
3. **Brainer, Amy**, "Queer parenting in Taiwan," Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2017, Toronto, Ontario.

4. **Brainer, Amy**, “Queer(ing) marriage and family in China and Taiwan,” *After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship*, CUNY Center for LGBTQ Studies, October 2016, NYC.
5. **Brainer, Amy**, “Queer ways of dying: End of life and afterlife care in contemporary Taiwan,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2015, Milwaukee, WI.
6. **Brainer, Amy**, “Mothering gender and sexually nonconforming children in Taiwan,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2015, Chicago, IL.
7. **Brainer, Amy**, “New identities or new intimacies? Reframing ‘coming out’ in Taiwan through cross-generational ethnography,” Queer Kinship and Relationships International Conference, June 2015, Zalesie, Poland.
8. **Brainer, Amy**, “From daughter and friend to son and daughter-in-law: Gender transition as a family affair,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2015, Chicago, IL.
9. **Brainer, Amy**, “Who are the ‘concerned parents’?: Global homophobias and local resistance among Taiwanese parents of LGBT children,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
10. **Brainer, Amy**, “Lesbian daughters-in-law, transgender descendants: Contemporary meanings of patrilineal kinship in Taiwan,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 2013, Chicago, IL.
11. **Brainer, Amy**, “How ‘continuing the paternal line’ matters for lesbians and transgender people in Taiwan,” April 2013, Gender Matters Conference, Chicago, IL.
12. **Brainer, Amy**, “Analyzing the generation gap in how LGBT people in Taiwan relate to their families of origin,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2013, New York, NY.
13. **Brainer, Amy**, “‘Let mom and dad know you’re the OK kind of gay’: Negotiations of class, gender, and sexuality in Taiwanese families,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2013, Chicago, IL.
14. **Brainer, Amy**, “Sexuality and family relations in Taiwan,” ISA 11th International Laboratory for PhD Students in Sociology, June 2012, Taipei, Taiwan.
15. **Brainer, Amy**, “Race and ethnicity in the lives of LGBT parents and their children,” Council on Contemporary Families Annual Conference, March 2011, Chicago, IL.
16. **Brainer, Amy**, “‘Do I choose the faith, or do I choose my brother?’: Theorizing straight and gay siblings,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2010, Atlanta, GA.
17. **Banerjee, Pallavi and Amy Brainer**, “South Asian single mothers in ethnic enclaves,” Association for Research on Mothering Conference on Mothering and Migration, February 2010, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
18. **Brainer, Amy**, “A family affair: Same-sexuality and family relations in Taiwan,” Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, February 2010, Santa Barbara, CA.
19. **Brainer, Amy**, “‘Being straight is not a choice’: Essentialism and identity de/construction among heterosexual siblings of gay, lesbian, and bisexual young adults,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2009, San Francisco, CA, and Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2009, Des Moines, IA.

## Teaching Activities

### a) Chronology of Teaching Assignments

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Num. of Students
W'18	Soc 201-001	Contemporary Social Problems	3	25
	Soc 201-002	Contemporary Social Problems	3	28
	Wgst/Anth/Soc 451	Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3	30
F'17	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-001	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	39
	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-002	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	38
	Wgst/Hum/Soc 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	39
S'17	Wgst/Soc 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	13
W'17	Soc 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	30
	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-001	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-002	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
F'16	Soc 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	28
	Wgst/Hum/Soc 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	34
	Wgst/Anth/Soc 451	Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3	26
S'16	Wgst/Hum/Soc 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	32
W'16	Pre-Tenure Faculty Course Releases			
F'15	Soc 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	39
	Wgst/Hum/Soc 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	40
	Wgst/Anth/Soc 451	Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3	25
W'15	Soc 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	36
	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	37
	Wgst 390C	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3	11
F'14	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-001	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	37
	Wgst/Anth/Hum/Psyc/Soc 303-002	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	Wgst 390C	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3	15

### b) Curriculum Development

1. Co-creator/coordinator, certificate in LGBTQ studies, 2017-present.
2. Co-facilitator, from topics- to concepts-approach (best practices for WGST intro courses), National Women's Studies Association Program Administration and Development Pre-Conference, November 2017, Baltimore.
3. Assignment redesign department liaison, Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, 2017.
4. New courses
  - a. Women's & Gender Studies/Sociology/Religious Studies 388, LGBTQ Religious Experience, approved Winter 2017.

- b. Women's & Gender Studies/Anthropology/Sociology 451, Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights in a Changing World, approved Winter 2015.
- c. Women's & Gender Studies/Humanities/Sociology 366, Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies, approved Winter 2015.
- d. Women's & Gender Studies 390C, Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies, approved Fall 2014.

### c) Undergraduate Student Supervision

- 1. Jaworski, A., "Nonviolent Communication about Sex," independent study in Sociology, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Fall 2017.
- 2. Gironza, J., "The Process of Transmasculine Individuals Coming Out to Parents," independent study in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Fall 2016.
- 3. Gaber, L., "Accessibility Design Project: Making Disability Studies Accessible!" independent study in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Fall 2016.
- 4. Monier, M., "Representations of Transwomen in the Media," sponsored Research Fellowship in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Summer 2016.
- 5. Davis, T., "Control'd Chaos" (podcast about Black lesbian experience), independent study in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Summer 2015.
- 6. Mustafa, M., "Resisting Reconciliation: Middle Eastern and Queer Identities," independent study in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Winter 2015.
- 7. Jones, N., "Counseling and the LGBTQ+ Community," independent study in Women's & Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Winter 2015.
- 8. Sociology mentees: H. Alazzawi, J. Gironza, A. Jaworski, J. Harris, F. Mackie

### d) Invited Lectures

- 1. **Brainer, Amy**, "Coming out in Taiwan: Beyond sexual identities and politics," Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN (2016)
- 2. **Brainer, Amy**, guest lecture for Feminist Methods, Prof. Sonalini Sapra, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN (2016)
- 3. **Brainer, Amy**, "Where are the parents of the femme lesbians? What missing subjects teach us about sex, gender, and family in Taiwan," Association for Student Anthropologists, University of Michigan-Dearborn (2015)
- 4. **Brainer, Amy**, Skype-in guest lectures: Global Families, Prof. Kristy Shih, Central Michigan University (2016), Gender and Society, Prof. Georgiann Davis, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2015), Graduate Gender Seminar, Prof. Barbara Risman, University of Illinois at Chicago (2015), Ethnicity and Families, Prof. Pallavi Banerjee, Vanderbilt University (2014)

5. **Brainer, Amy**, “Trans\* Taiwan: Bodies, families, politics, histories,” Gender Umbrella Society, University of Illinois at Chicago (2013)
6. **Brainer, Amy**, “Social and historical perspectives on siblings and parents of tongzhi,” 「從社會與歷史的角度來探討同志父母與手足」 Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association Family Working Group, Taipei, Taiwan (2012)
7. **Brainer, Amy**, “Generational changes in Taiwan tongzhi family relations,” Department of Education, National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, Taiwan (2012)
8. **Brainer, Amy**, “Intimate research: Doing ethnography and oral history interviews in communities we care about,” Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan (2012)
9. **Brainer, Amy**, “Generational changes in Taiwan tongzhi family relations,” 「不同時代的同志與家庭關係」 Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association LGBT Elders Working Group, Taipei, Taiwan (2012)
10. **Brainer, Amy**, “International perspectives on contemporary families,” 「現代家庭的國際觀點」 Lee-Ming Institute of Technology, Taipei, Taiwan (2012)
11. **Brainer, Amy**, “Sexing up family studies: Why queer desires and sexual politics are important for understanding family change,” Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan (2012)
12. **Brainer, Amy**, “‘If your sister’s a lesbian, you might be a lesbian too’: Growing up with a gay, lesbian, or bisexual sibling,” 「如果妳姊姊是個拉子，那妳也有可能是個拉子：跟同志兄弟姐妹一起長大」 Queer Student Group, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan (2011)

## **Service Activities**

### **a) University Service**

#### **University and College Committees**

1. Campus safety oversight & advisory committee (2018-present)
2. Student leadership awards selection committee (2018-present)
3. Chancellor’s Medallion award selection committee (2016-present)
4. CASL restructuring task force (2018)
5. Academic integrity board (2015-2017)

#### **Departmental and Program Committees**

1. LGBTQ studies certificate steering committee (chair, 2016-present)
2. Sociology undergraduate mentoring coordinator (2016-present)
3. Women’s & Gender Studies curriculum committee (2015-present)

4. Women's & Gender Studies/Women in Learning & Leadership recognition event planning committee (2015-present)
5. Women's & Gender Studies steering committee (2014-present)
6. Sociology LEO review committee (2018)
7. Sociology LEO search committee (2017)

### **Invited Panel Presentations**

1. Active Learning with Technology, Digital Education Day, sponsored by the Hub Center for Teaching and Learning Resources (10 March 2017)
2. Campus Climate Faculty Panel, sponsored by Student Government (22 February 2017)
3. Role of Service in Research and Teaching, New Faculty Orientation (27 August 2015)

### **b) Professional Activities**

1. Reviewer for *Current Sociology*, *Gender, Place and Culture*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Sexualities*, *Social Sciences*, *Sociological Forum*, and *About Gender-International Journal of Gender Studies*
2. Editorial advisory board, *Social Problems* (2014-2017)
3. Program committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (2017)
4. Conference sessions organized and/or chaired
  - a. Organizer, "Constructing gender" and "Gender, sex, and power," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2018, Philadelphia, PA.
  - b. Organizer, "Narratives of globalization and sociology," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2017, Montréal, Quebec.
  - c. Presider, "Gendered and sexual institutions and embodiments," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2017, Montréal, Quebec.
  - d. Invited panelist, "Taiwan in trans\* perspective: Transdisciplinary, transnational, transcultural," North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference, June 2016, Toronto, Ontario.
  - e. Discussant, "Transnational movements and impossible desire: On the rise of neoconservatism and LGBTQI politics in Taiwan," North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference, June 2016, Toronto, CA.
  - f. Co-organizer with Jingshu Zhu, "Queer(ing) marriage and family in China and Taiwan," After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, CUNY Center for LGBTQ Studies, October 2016, NYC.
  - g. Co-organizer with Pallavi Banerjee, "Configurations of power and the marginal in global contexts," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2016, Montréal, Québec.
  - h. Chair, "(Non) recognition: Strategies of resistance," Queer Kinship and Relationships International Conference, June 2015, Zalesie, Poland.
  - i. Co-organizer with Francine Banner, "Precarious Death," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2015, Milwaukee, WI.

- j. Organizer, “Local-global entanglements and anti-queer/anti-feminist movements,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 5. Visiting scholar, Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan (2011—2013)

## **Student and Community Engagement**

- 1. Faculty advisor to PRIDE, University of Michigan-Dearborn (2016-present)
- 2. Faculty advisor to She’s the First, University of Michigan-Dearborn (2014-present)
- 3. Invited speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> International Women’s Day Gala, sponsored by She’s the First (9 March 2018)
- 4. Organizer/host, Caring for LGBTQ Communities in Today’s World, sponsored by the LGBTQ Studies Certificate Program and featuring Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow, Elisa Pérez-Arellano, and Lia Fabbri (3 October 2017)
- 5. Invited speaker, Solidarity Rally: No Walls! No Borders! No More Deportations! sponsored by the Social Justice League (2 February 2017)
- 6. Invited speaker, Creating an Inclusive World: LGBTQ Panel, sponsored by the College Democrats (29 November 2016)
- 7. Invited speaker, Candlelight Vigil for Victims of World Violence, co-sponsored by the Lebanese Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Pakistani Student Association, Social Justice League, and Students for Islamic Awareness (16 November 2015)
- 8. Organizer/facilitator, Creating Lives Together, family workshops held in cooperation with the International Lesbian and Gay Association-Asia and the Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, Taipei and Kaohsiung, Taiwan (27-29 October 2015)
- 9. Invited panelist, “Cross generational perspectives on LGBT lives—body, family, emotions, work,” 「20、30、40、50 跨世代同志生命分享—身體、家庭、感情、職場」 Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association LGBT Elders Working Group, Hualien, Taiwan (22 October 2012)

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