

CURRICULUM VITA

Amy Brainer

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Employment

Director of Women's and Gender Studies	2021 – present
Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies	2020 – present
Coordinator of LGBTQ Studies	2016 – present
Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology	2014 – 2020
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, Michigan	

Research Interests

LGBTQ+ Family Relationships | Queer Taiwan Studies | LGBTQ+ Marriage Immigration | Friendship and Chosen Families

Education

Ph.D. – Sociology	8/2014
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, Chicago, IL	
M.A. – Sociology	5/2009
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, Chicago, IL	
B.A. – Sociology	5/2005
NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL	

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications

Book

- Brainer, Amy, *Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan*, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, 2019.

Journal Articles

- Brainer, Amy, “‘There is absolutely no discrimination based on that allowed’: Marriage, migration, and equality rhetoric as a justification for harm,” *Humanity & Society*, 2022, DOI: 10.1177/01605976211064178.
- Brainer, Amy, “Lesbian and gay parents, heterosexual kinship, and queer dreams: Making families in 21st century Taiwan,” *positions: asia critique*, vol. 29, no. 3, 2021, 633-656.
- Brainer, Amy, “Caring for queer bodies and spirits in and after death: Research notes from Taiwan,” *Transdisciplinary Journal of Queer Theories and Studies*, no. 4, 2021, 688-692.
- Brainer, Amy, “New identities or new intimacies? Reframing ‘coming out’ in Taiwan through cross-generational ethnography,” *Sexualities*, vol. 21, no. 5-6, 2018, pp. 914-931.
- Brainer, Amy, “Materializing ‘family pressure’ among Taiwanese queer women,” *Feminist Formations*, vol. 29, no. 3, 2017, pp. 1-24.
- Brainer, Amy, “Mothering gender and sexually nonconforming children in Taiwan,” *Journal of Family Issues*, vol. 38, no. 7, 2017, pp. 921-947.

Book Chapters

- Brainer, Amy, “‘To have security, to have access to life’: Queer ambivalence at the borders of marriage and the nation,” forthcoming in L. Merla, S. Murru, G. Orsini, & T. V. Juros (eds.), *Excluding Diversity through Intersectional Borderings: Politics, Policies, and Everyday Experiences in Europe and Beyond*, Springer, New York.

- Brainer, Amy, “Queer bat signals: Families of origin and choice under social distancing and lockdown,” forthcoming in V. Rutter, B. Risman, & K. Williams (eds.), *Families as They Really Are* (3rd ed.), W. W. Norton & Company, New York.
- Brainer, Amy, Banerjee, Pallavi, and Moore, Mignon, “Race and ethnicity in the lives of LGBTQ parents and their children: Perspectives from and beyond North America,” in A. Goldberg and K. Allen (eds.), *LGBT-Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice* (2nd ed.), Springer, New York, 2020, pp. 85-103.
- Brainer, Amy, “Patrilineal kinship and transgender embodiment in Taiwan,” in H. Chiang and Y. Wang (eds.), *Perverse Taiwan*, Routledge, New York, 2017, pp. 110-128.
- Brainer, Amy, “Growing up with a lesbian, gay, or bisexual sibling,” in B. Risman and V. Rutter (eds.), *Families as They Really Are*, W. W. Norton & Co., New York, 2015, pp. 164-181.
- Moore, Mignon and Brainer, Amy, “Race and ethnicity in the lives of sexual minority parents and their children,” in A. Goldberg and K. Allen (eds.), *LGBT-Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice*, Springer, New York, 2013, pp. 133-148.

Other Writing

- Brainer, Amy, and Naja Nile, “A Michigan student and professor on Florida’s House Bill 1557: Why it matters to all and how to talk about it,” *Pride Source*, 2022, <https://pridesource.com/article/a-michigan-student-and-professor-on-floridas-dont-say-gay-bill-why-it-matters-to-all-and-how-to-talk-about-it/>.
- Brainer, Amy, “Families: Transnational and global perspectives,” in A. Goldberg and G. Beemyn (eds.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*, SAGE, Thousand Oaks, 2021, pp. 247-249.
- Brainer, Amy, “Book review: Queering families of origin, edited by Ciara Bertone and Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli,” *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2016, pp. 116-121.
- Brainer, Amy, “East Asian sexualities,” in A. Goldberg (ed.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*, SAGE, Thousand Oaks, 2016, pp. 349-353.
- Brainer, Amy, “Book review: The marrying kind: Debating same-sex marriage within the lesbian and gay movement, edited by Mary Bernstein and Verta Taylor,” *Gender & Society*, vol. 28, no. 3, 2014, pp. 498-500.

Grants

Research Grants

- “Queering Marriage Migration,” Brainer, A. (PI), Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, 2020-2021.
- “Queer Trajectories in Family Based Immigration,” Brainer, A. (PI), Faculty Research Initiation and Seed Grant, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2016-2017.
- “Reimagining LGBTQ Family Issues,” Brainer, A. (PI), Engaged Anthropology Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, 2014-2015.
- “Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Kinship in Taiwan: Generational Changes and Continuities,” Brainer, A. (PI), Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, 2012-2013.
- “Same Sexuality and Family Relations in Taiwan,” Brainer, A. (PI), Chancellor’s Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2011-2012.

Instructional and Professional Development Grants

- Open Educational Resources Text Adoption Grant, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2020 (with Suzanne Bergeron and Lisa Martin).
- Faculty Research Publication and Dissemination Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2018.
- Faculty Incentive Research Funds, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2017.
- Supplemental Professional Development Grant, Commission for Women, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2017.
- Professional Development Funds, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Creative Teaching Fund, Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2016.

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2015.
- SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning, 2013.

Honors and Awards

- Ruth Benedict Prize for Outstanding Single-Authored Monograph, Association for Queer Anthropologists, 2019.
- Outstanding Paper from an Emerging Scholar, LGBTQ Research Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2018.
- Outstanding Research Article, Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2017.
- Outstanding Faculty Award, Women in Learning and Leadership, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2015.
- Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013.
- Jessie Bernard Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award, Feminism and Family Studies Section, National Council on Family Relations, 2009.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- Brainer, Amy, "Finding 'the one': Romanticizing and resisting (queer) marriage and naturalization in a settler colony," American Anthropological Association, Toronto, forthcoming 11/2023.
- Brainer, Amy, "Queer marriage migration beyond the couple: Families of origin in matters of the heart and state," Association for Humanist Sociology, Mexico City, 11/2022.
- Brainer, Amy, "'I don't want to lose my life': Security bargains among LGBTQ marriage migrants to the US," Excluding Diversity: At the Intersections of Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Gender Mobilizations, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (by Zoom), 3/2021.
- Brainer, Amy, "Queering family immigration," Association for Humanist Sociology, Detroit, 11/2018.
- Brainer, Amy, "LGBTQ research in non-western contexts," LGBTQ Inclusion as Researchers and in Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 9/2018.
- 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, Montréal, 8/2017.
- Brainer, Amy, "Lesbian and gay parents, heterosexual kinship, and queer dreams: Making families in 21st century Taiwan," East Asia Family Law Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, 5/2017.
- Brainer, Amy, "Queer parenting in Taiwan," Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, 3/2017.
- Brainer, Amy, "Queer(ing) marriage and family in China and Taiwan," After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, New York, 10/2016.
- Brainer, Amy, "Queer ways of dying: End of life and afterlife care in contemporary Taiwan," National Women's Studies Association, Milwaukee, 11/2015.
- Brainer, Amy, "Mothering gender and sexually nonconforming children in Taiwan," American Sociological Association, Chicago, 8/2015.
- Brainer, Amy, "New identities or new intimacies? Reframing 'coming out' in Taiwan through cross-generational ethnography," Queer Kinship and Relationships International Conference, Zalesie, Poland, 6/2015.
- Brainer, Amy, "From daughter and friend to son and daughter-in-law: Gender transition as a family affair," Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 3/2015.
- Brainer, Amy, "Who are the 'concerned parents'?: Global homophobias and local resistance among Taiwanese parents of LGBT children," National Women's Studies Association, San Juan, 11/2014.
- Brainer, Amy, "Lesbian daughters-in-law, transgender descendants: Contemporary meanings of patrilineal kinship in Taiwan," American Anthropological Association, Chicago, 11/2013.
- Brainer, Amy, "How 'continuing the paternal line' matters for lesbians and transgender people in Taiwan," Gender Matters Conference, Chicago, 4/2013.

- Brainer, Amy, “Analyzing the generation gap in how LGBT people in Taiwan relate to their families of origin,” American Sociological Association, New York, 8/2013.
- 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, Chicago, 3/2013.
- Brainer, Amy, “Sexuality and family relations in Taiwan,” ISA 11th International Laboratory for PhD Students in Sociology, Taipei, 6/2012.
- Brainer, Amy, “Race and ethnicity in the lives of LGBT parents and their children,” Council on Contemporary Families, Chicago, 3/2011.
- Brainer, Amy, “‘Do I choose the faith, or do I choose my brother?’: Theorizing straight and gay siblings,” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 8/2010.
- Banerjee, Pallavi and Brainer, Amy, “South Asian single mothers in ethnic enclaves,” Mothering and Migration, Association for Research on Mothering, San Juan, 2/2010.
- Brainer, Amy, “A family affair: Same-sexuality and family relations in Taiwan,” Sociologists for Women in Society, Santa Barbara, 2/2010.
- 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, San Francisco, 8/2009.

Invited Conference Panels and Plenaries

- LGBTQ Families in the Twenty-First Century
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, forthcoming 8/2023
- Author Meets Critics: *Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan*
North American Taiwan Studies Association, Seattle, 5/2019
- The Future of Taiwan Studies
North American Taiwan Studies Association, Seattle, 5/2019
- Decentering Ethnocentrism in Research on LGBTQ Families of Color
LGBTQ Research Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 5/2018
- Taiwan in Trans* Perspective: Transdisciplinary, Transnational, Transcultural
North American Taiwan Studies Association, Toronto, 6/2016

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Chronology of Teaching Assignments

Program abbrev. key: ANTH - Anthropology | FNDS - Foundations | HUM - Humanities | PSYC - Psychology | SOC - Sociology | WGST - Women’s and Gender Studies

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Num. of Students
W’23	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	30
	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	16
F’22	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies	3	29
	WGST 488	Decolonizing LGBTQ Studies	3	14
S’22	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies	3	26
W’22	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	34
F’21	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	12
	WGST ANTH SOC 451	Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3	12
W’21	Sabbatical			

F'20	FNDS 1601 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST HUM SOC 366	Hope & Joy in Queer & Trans Lives Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3 3 3	24 (online) 31 (online) 37 (online)
S'20	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	28 (online)
W'20	SOC 302 WGST SOC 388 WGST ANTH SOC 451	Social Struggle and Social Change LGBTQ Religious Experience Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3 3 3	33 24 25
F'19	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST HUM SOC 366	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3 3 3	40 40 30
W'19	SOC 201 WGST SOC 388 WGST ANTH SOC 451	Contemporary Social Problems LGBTQ Religious Experience Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3 3 3	26 33 30
F'18	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST HUM SOC 366	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3 3 3	40 40 38
S'18	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	18
W'18	SOC 201 SOC 201 WGST ANTH SOC 451	Contemporary Social Problems Contemporary Social Problems Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3 3 3	25 28 30
F'17	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST HUM SOC 366	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3 3 3	40 39 39
S'17	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	13
W'17	SOC 201 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Contemporary Social Problems Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3 3 3	28 40 40
F'16	SOC 201 WGST HUM SOC 366 WGST ANTH SOC 451	Contemporary Social Problems Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3 3 3	28 34 26
S'16	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	32
W'16	Pre-Tenure Faculty Course Releases			
F'15	SOC 201 WGST HUM SOC 366 WGST ANTH SOC 451	Contemporary Social Problems Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3 3 3	39 40 25
W'15	SOC 201 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST 390C	Contemporary Social Problems Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3 3 3	36 37 11
F'14	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303 WGST 390C	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3 3 3	37 40 15

Curriculum Development

Courses Developed

- Decolonizing LGBTQ Studies, WGST 488, approved W'21

- Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives, FNDS 1602, approved F'19
- Social Struggle and Social Change, SOC 302, approved W'19
- LGBTQ Religious Experience, WGST SOC 388, approved W'17
- Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights, WGST ANTH SOC 451, approved W'15
- Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies, WGST HUM SOC 366, approved W'15
- Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies, WGST 390C, approved F'14

New Programs and Initiatives

- Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources Faculty Affiliate
Project: *Pedagogy and political backlash to teaching about race, gender, and sexuality*, W'23-F'23
Blog posts: <https://dearbornhub.net/?author=20>
- CASL First Year Experience Task Force
Program approved W'19, launched F'19
- LGBTQ Studies Certificate Task Force
Program approved W'17, launched F'18
- Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources Assignment Redesign Department Liaison
Project: *Transparent teaching*, W'17

Student Supervision

- Giraud, C., "Discrimination, concealment, and multiple minority status within LGBTQ populations," Master's thesis co-chair, Clinical Health Psychology, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'20-S'21.
- DiMauro, P., Filkins, P., Sommers, Z., & Wilson, L., "Non-binary genders," independent studies (completed collaboratively) in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, S'21.
- Thomas, E. "LGBTQ couple relationships," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'20.
- Hopper, A., "DSM-5 and trans* communities," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, S'20.
- Jessop, A., & Vasquez, J., "Experiences of LGBTQ college students," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'19.
- McBeth, B., "Asexuality and ace spectrum identities," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, S'19.
- Erickson, D., Fabbri, L., Freeman, S., McQuiston, B., & Wilson, R., queer studies reading group, independent studies (completed collectively) in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'18.
- Jaworski, A., "Applying principles of nonviolent communication to sex and intimacy," independent study in Sociology, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'17.
- Gironza, J., "The process of transmasculine individuals coming out to parents," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'16.
- Gaber, L., "Making disability studies accessible," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, F'16.
- Monier, M., "Representations of transwomen in the media," sponsored fellowship in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), S'16.
- Davis, T., "Control'd chaos" (podcast about Black lesbian experience), independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, S'15.
- Mustafa, M., "Resisting reconciliation: Middle Eastern and queer identities," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, W'15.
- Jones, N., "Counseling and the LGBTQ community," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, W'15.

Additional Mentoring

- Faculty advisor to Pride, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2016-present

- Faculty advisor to She's the First, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2014-2017

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University Service

Campus-wide Committees

- Disability Services Appeal Committee
Member, 2019-present
- DEI Campus-Wide Survey
Consultant on sex and gender questions, 2021
- Strategic Planning Committee on Closing Student Equity Gaps
Member, 2019
- Campus Safety Oversight and Advisory Committee
Member, 2018-2019
- Student Leadership Awards Selection Committee
Member, 2018-2019

College-wide Committees

- 3-to-4 Credit Conversion Committee
Member, 2022-present
- Diversity and Inclusion Research and Engagement Collaborative (DIRECT) Working Group
Member, 2022
- CASL Retention and Student Success Committee
Member, 2020
- Foundations Committee
Member, 2019-2020
- First Year Experience Task Force
Member, 2018-2019
- CASL Restructuring Task Force
Member, W'2018
- Chancellor's Medallion Award Selection Committee
Member, 2016-2018
- Academic Integrity Board
Member, 2015-2018

Departmental and Program Committees

- Promotion and Tenure Committee
Criminology and Criminal Justice, *Member, 2023-present*
- Program Steering Committee
LGBTQ Studies, *Chair, 2016-present*
- Program Steering Committee
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-present; Member, 2014-2021*
- Curriculum Committee
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-present; Member, 2015-2021*
- Graduation Event Planning Committee
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-present; Member, 2015-2019*
- Self-Study Group
Women's and Gender Studies, *Member, 2018-2020*

- LEO Lecturer Search and Review Committees
Sociology, *Member*, 2017-2020
- Online Funds Committee
Behavioral Sciences, *Member*, 2018-2019
- Undergraduate Mentoring Program
Sociology, *Coordinator*, 2016-2018

Campus Events and Workshops

- Lavender Graduation
Speaker and/or Host, 2019-present
- Supporting Each Other Through Mental Health Challenges
Office of the Provost, *Panelist*, 12/2022
- Creating Safe(r) Spaces for Healthy Relationships
Women's and Gender Studies, HEART, and For the Binat, *Organizer*, 10/2022
- Rethinking "Class Participation" and "Attendance" Through a Critical Disability Lens
Women's and Gender Studies with Instructional Designer Sarah Silverman, *Organizer* 3/2022
- The Past and Present of Disability Activism in Higher Education
Women's and Gender Studies with Instructional Designer Sarah Silverman, *Organizer*, 2/2022
- Wolverine Welcome Day
Seminar Facilitator, 8/2022
- Equity Gaps in Online Learning
Foundations Program, *Presenter*, 5/2020
- High Impact Practices
Foundations Program, *Presenter*, 2/2020
- Research Associate Deans Meeting
Faculty Presenter for CASL, 11/2018
- Transitions Welcome (for returning women students ages 25+)
Women's Resource Center, *Faculty Mentor*, 9/2018
- CASL Open House (for prospective and admitted students)
Faculty Representative, 10/2016, 4/2017, 10/2017, 4/2018, 4/2019
- Caring for LGBTQ Communities in Today's World
LGBTQ Studies, *Organizer*, 10/2017
- Active Learning with Technology
Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, *Panelist*, 3/2017
- Solidarity Rally: No Walls! No Borders! No More Deportations!
The Social Justice League, *Speaker*, 2/2017
- Campus Climate Panel
Student Government, *Panelist*, 2/2017
- Creating an Inclusive World: LGBTQ Panel
The College Democrats, *Panelist*, 11/2016
- Processing the Pulse Nightclub Shooting through an Intersectional Lens
LGBTQ Studies, *Organizer and Facilitator*, 6/2016
- Service as a Component of Your Career
New Faculty Orientation, *Panelist*, 8/2015
- Candlelight Vigil for Victims of World Violence
Lebanese Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Pakistani Student Association, Social Justice League, and Students for Islamic Awareness, *Speaker*, 11/2015

Professional Activities

- Ruth Benedict Book Prize Committee
Association for Queer Anthropology, *Member, 2021; Chair, 2022-present*
- Association for Queer Anthropology Board of Directors
American Anthropology Association, *Member, 2022-present*
- Peer Reviewer
About Gender-International Journal of Gender Studies
Anthropological Quarterly
Current Sociology
Gender, Place and Culture
Gender & Society
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Family Studies
Journal of Homosexuality
Journal of Lesbian Studies
Journal of Marriage and Family
Rutgers University Press
Sexualities
Social Problems
Social Sciences
Sociological Forum
- Editorial Advisory Board
Social Problems, Society for the Study of Social Problems, *Member, 2014-2017*
- Conference Program Committee
Society for the Study of Social Problems, *Member, 2017*

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Active (2023)

- American Anthropological Association
- Association for Humanist Sociology
- American Sociological Association
- National Women's Studies Association

Former

- Association for Asian Studies
- Council on Contemporary Families
- International Sociological Association
- Midwest Sociological Society
- North American Taiwan Studies Association
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan, *Visiting Scholar, 2011-2012*

Conference Sessions Organized and/or Chaired

- Race, Sexuality, and Marriage in Immigrant Lives
National Women's Studies Association, by Zoom, *Organizer, 9/2021*
- At the Edge of the Sea: Queer Taiwan and Historical Difference
University of California-Davis, by Zoom, *Discussant, 4/2021*
- Recentring and Decentering China: Mapping Geopolitics through Queer Affect and Imagining Alternative Futurity
National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta, *Discussant, 11/2018*
- Constructing Gender
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, *Reviewer and Chair, 8/2018*

- Gender, Sex, and Power
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, *Reviewer and Chair*, 8/2018
- Narratives of Globalization and Sociology
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, *Presider*, 8/2017
- Gendered and Sexual Institutions and Embodiments
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, *Presider*, 8/2017
- Transnational Movements and Impossible Desires: On the Rise of Neoconservatism and LGBTQI Politics in Taiwan
North American Taiwan Studies Association, Toronto, *Discussant*, 6/2016
- Queer(ing) Marriage and Family in China and Taiwan
After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, CUNY Center for LGBTQ Studies, New York, *Co-organizer with Jingshu Zhu*, 10/2016
- Configurations of Power and the Marginal in Global Contexts
National Women's Studies Association, Montréal, *Co-organizer with Pallavi Banerjee*, 11/2016
- (Non) Recognition: Strategies of Resistance
Queer Kinship and Relationships International Conference, Zalesie, Poland, *Chair*, 6/2015
- Precarious Death
National Women's Studies Association, Milwaukee, *Co-organizer with Francine Banner*, 11/2015
- Local-Global Entanglements and Anti-Queer/Anti-Feminist Movements
National Women's Studies Association, San Juan, *Co-organizer with Pallavi Banerjee*, 11/2014

Book Talks for *Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan*

- Center for Women's and Gender Studies, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, by Zoom, 6/2022
- Department of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University, by Zoom, 10/2021
- Women in Learning and Leadership, University of Michigan-Dearborn, by Zoom, 3/2021
- Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2/2020
- Department of Sociology, University of Calgary, Alberta, 9/2019

Invited Presentations and Interviews

- Brainer, Amy, "LGBTQ+ people and curricula: What is at stake and for whom?" Culture and the Constitution Speaker Series, Bucknell University, by Zoom
Panel Presentation, 4/2023
- Brainer, Amy, "Thinking more globally and intersectionally about queer youth and COVID-19," Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group, by Zoom
Presentation, 4/2021
- Amanda Saleh, "Virtual reality: How students are coping with the difficulties of remote learning," *Mary Christie Quarterly*, Mary Christie Institute
Interview, 4/2021
- Staff, "Three UM-Dearborn faculty talk about what being a 'good' professor means during a global pandemic," *Reporter*, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Interview, 4/2020
- NPR Worldview with Jerome McDonnell, "Same-sex marriage legalized in Taiwan"
Interview, 5/2019
- Barbara Risman, "Queer kinship in Taiwan: An interview with Amy Brainer," *the Society Pages*, Counsel on Contemporary Families
Interview, 11/2018
- International Women's Day Gala, She's the First, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Keynote, 3/2018
- Brainer, Amy, "Coming out in Taiwan: Beyond sexual identities and politics," Women's and Gender Studies Speaker Series, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
Presentation, 2/2016

- Brainer, Amy, “Parenting LGBTQ children,” Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association-Southern Branch, Kaohsiung
Workshop Organizer and Facilitator, 10/2015
- Brainer, Amy, “Creating lives together,” Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association and International Lesbian and Gay Association-Asia, Taipei
Workshop Organizer and Facilitator, 10/2015
- 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
Presentation, 11/2015
- Brainer, Amy, “Trans* Taiwan: Bodies, families, politics, histories,” Gender Umbrella Society, University of Illinois at Chicago
Presentation, 3/2013
- Brainer, Amy, “Tongzhi family relationships: Social and historical perspectives,” LGBT Elders Working Group, Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, Taipei and Department of Education, National Dong Hwa University, Hualien
Presentation, 11/2012 (Taipei) and 12/2012 (Hualien)
- 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
Presentation, 11/2012
- Brainer, Amy, “International perspectives on contemporary families,” Lee-Ming Institute of Technology, Taipei
Presentation, 10/2012
- LGBT Elders Working Group, “Cross Generational Perspectives on LGBT Lives – Body, Family, Emotions, Work,” Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, Hualien, Taiwan
Panel Presentation, 10/2012

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