

CURRICULUM VITA

Amy Brainer

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Employment

Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies	2020 – present
Director of LGBTQ Studies	2016 – present
Director of Women's & Gender Studies	2021 – 2024
Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology	2014 – 2020
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, Michigan	

Research Projects

Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan | Queer and Trans Marriage Migration | Institutional Memory and Intergenerational Solidarity: Oral Histories of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Loss of a Friend

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, 2019.

Journal Articles

- Brainer, Amy, "In bed with the state? Queer and trans migrations through marriage," *Sociology Compass*, 2025, online ahead of print, <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70097>.
- Brainer, Amy, "'There is absolutely no discrimination based on that allowed': Marriage, migration, and equality rhetoric as a justification for harm," *Humanity & Society*, vol. 46, no. 4, 2022, 571-593.
- 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," *Whatever: Transdisciplinary Journal of Queer Theories and Studies*, vol. 4, 2021, 726-730.
- 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,” in L. Merla, S. Murru, G. Orsini, & T. V. Juros (eds.), *Excluding Diversity through Intersectional Borderings: Politics, Policies, and Daily Lives*, Springer, 2024, pp. 113-129.
- Brainer, Amy, “Queer bat signals: Families of origin and choice under social distancing and lockdown,” in V. Rutter, B. Risman, & K. Williams (eds.), *Families as They Really Are* (3rd ed.), W. W. Norton & Company, New York, 2023, pp. 209-222.
- 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* (2nd ed.), 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* (1st ed.), Springer, New York, 2013, pp. 133-148.

Other Writing

- Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources Blog: “[Shadow narrative](#),” “[LGBTQ people and curricula: What is at stake and for whom?](#)” and “[Pedagogy in reactionary times](#).”
- Brainer, Amy and Nile, Naja, “[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.
- 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

- “Institutional Memory and Intergenerational Solidarity: Oral Histories of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,” Brainer, Amy (PI), Inclusive History Project, University of Michigan, 2024-2025.
- “Loss of a Friend,” Brainer, Amy (PI) and Al-Bedany, Fatima (student researcher), Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2024.
- “Queering Marriage Migration,” Brainer, Amy (PI), Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, 2020-2021.

- “Queer Trajectories in Family Based Immigration,” Brainer, Amy (PI), Faculty Research Initiation and Seed Grant, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2016-2017.
- “Reimagining LGBTQ Family Issues,” Brainer, Amy (PI), Engaged Anthropology Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, 2014-2015.
- “Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Kinship in Taiwan: Generational Changes and Continuities,” Brainer, Amy (PI), Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, 2012-2013.
- “Same Sexuality and Family Relations in Taiwan,” Brainer, Amy (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

- Susan B. Anthony Campus Award, Commission for Women, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2025.
- Ruth Benedict Book Prize for Outstanding Single-Authored Monograph, Association for Queer Anthropology, 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

Jump to: [Conference Sessions Organized and/or Chaired](#)

- Brainer, Amy, “Executive assaults on trans immigrants and international students,” Roundtable on Transgender Rights Under Siege: Global and Domestic Impacts of Recent Anti-Trans Executive Orders and Policies, American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, 11/2025.

- Brainer, Amy, “Queer marriage migration beyond the couple: Families of origin in matters of the heart and state,” Workshop on Same-Sex Marriage and Migration: Politics of Belonging, State Regulations, and New Ways of Doing Family across Borders, University of Amsterdam, 10/2024.
- Brainer, Amy, “Finding ‘the one’: Romanticizing and resisting (queer) marriage and naturalization in a settler colony,” American Anthropological Association, Toronto, 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 Panels and Plenaries

- Trans Studies NOW! Speaker Series
Cornell University, Ithaca, 4/2024
Paper title: “Beyond identity: Trans in relation”
- LGBTQ Families in the Twenty-First Century
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 8/2023
- Culture and the Constitution Speaker Series
Bucknell University, Lewisburg (by Zoom), 4/2023
Paper title: “LGBTQ+ people and curricula: What is at stake and for whom?”
- 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
- Women’s and Gender Studies Speaker Series
Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, 2/2016
Paper title: “Coming out in Taiwan: Beyond sexual identities and politics”

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Chronology of Teaching Assignments

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

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Number Students
F’25	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	4	14
	WGST 488	Colonialism, Race, and Sexuality	4	13
S’25	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	4	40
W’25	FNDS 3602	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives	4	21
	WGST ANTH 451	Family Diversity and Power	4	22
F’24	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	4	30
	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	4	16

S'24	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	4	31
W'24	FNDS 3602	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives	4	15
	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	4	20
	WGST ANTH 406	Culture and Sexuality	4	30 (online)
F'23	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	4	30 (online)
	WGST ANTH 451	Family Diversity and Power	4	17
S'23	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3	30
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	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives	3	24 (online)
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	31 (online)
	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	37 (online)
S'20	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	28 (online)
W'20	SOC 302	Social Struggle and Social Change	3	33
	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	24
	WGST ANTH SOC 451	Family, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3	25
F'19	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	30
W'19	SOC 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	26
	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	33
	WGST ANTH SOC 451	Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3	30
F'18	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies	3	38
S'18	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	3	18
W'18	SOC 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	25
	SOC 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	28
	WGST ANTH SOC 451	Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3	30
F'17	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	39
	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	28
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	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	Families, Sexualities, 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	Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights	3	25
W'15	SOC 201	Contemporary Social Problems	3	36
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	37
	WGST 390C	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3	11
F'14	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	37
	WGST ANTH PSYC SOC 303	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3	40
	WGST 390C	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3	15

Curriculum Development

Courses Developed

Term Approved	Course Number	Course Title
F'23	FNDS 3602	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives <i>300-level version</i>
W'21	WGST 488	Decolonizing LGBTQ Studies <i>Retitled: Colonialism, Race, and Sexuality</i>
F'19	FNDS 1602	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives <i>100-level version</i>
W'19	SOC 302	Social Struggle and Social Change
W'17	WGST SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience
W'15	WGST ANTH SOC 451	Families, Sexualities, and Human Rights in a Changing World <i>Retitled: Family Diversity and Power</i>
W'15	WGST HUM SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies
F'14	WGST 390C	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies

New Programs and Initiatives

- Generative AI 7-week faculty course
Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, F'24
- Affiliate project on "Teaching and learning under the conditions of political backlash to critical race, gender, and sexuality studies"
Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, W'23-F'23
- 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
- Assignment Redesign Department Liaison
Hub for Teaching and Learning Resources, W'17

Student Supervision

- Chen, J., "Queering relatedness: Gay men's reproductive paths and family making in Taiwan," Dissertation External Examiner, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, S'24.
- Salmassi, M., "Foundations in LGBTQ studies," independent study in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn, W'24.
- 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 (UIOP), 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 Iris, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2024-present.
- 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

- University of Michigan Queer/Trans Task Force Leadership Team (tri-campus)
Member, 2024-present
- UM Dearborn Inclusive History Project Steering Committee
Member, 2024-present
- Faculty Immigration Defense Committee-Dearborn
Member, 2025-present
- UM Dearborn Student Writing Awards Committee
Judge, 2024
- 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

- CASL Curriculum Committee
College Wide Programs representative, 2025-present
- 3-to-4 Credit Conversion Committee
Member, 2022-2023
- 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

Department and Program Committees

- Program Steering and Curriculum Committee
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-2024; Member, 2014-present*
- Program Steering and Curriculum Committee
LGBTQ Studies, *Chair, 2016-present*
- Promotion and Tenure Committee
Criminology and Criminal Justice, *Member, 2023-2024*
- LEO Lecturer Review and Search Committees
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-2024; Member, 2024-present*
Sociology, *Member, 2017-2020*
- Graduation Event Planning Committee
Women's and Gender Studies, *Chair, 2021-2024; Member, 2015-present*
- Self-Study Group
Women's and Gender Studies, *Member, 2018-2020*
- Online Funds Committee
Behavioral Sciences, *Member, 2018-2019*
- Undergraduate Mentoring Program
Sociology, *Coordinator, 2016-2018*

Campus Events and Workshops

- Mass Deportation, Our Communities and Our Campus: A Roundtable of UIM-Dearborn Faculty and Guest Experts
Panelist, 10/2025
- Can We Practice Intellectual Empathy with Our Own Families?
Guest lecture, HONS 312: Ways of Seeing: Diversity of Thought and Intellectual Empathy, 11/2025
- AI Intersections Podcast Club
Organizer and discussant, 2/2025, 3/2025, 4/2025
- GenAI Faculty Panel, Retention and Graduation Summit
Panelist, 2/2025
- CASL Faculty Research Celebration
Presenter, 4/2024
- Voices for Peace, A Call for Justice, Vigil for Gaza
Speaker, 10/2023
- LGBTQ+ Teaching and Learning: Solidarity across K-12 and Higher Ed
Organizer, 10/2023
- Lavender Graduation
Speaker and/or Host, 2019-2023
- 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

- Association for Queer Anthropology
Co-Chair, 2024-present; *Board of Directors*, 2022-present
- Ruth Benedict Book Prize Committee
Association for Queer Anthropology, *Member*, 2021; *Chair*, 2022-2023
- Peer Reviewer
About Gender-International Journal of Gender Studies
Anthropological Quarterly
Current Sociology
Gender, Place and Culture
Gender & Society
Humanities & Social Sciences Communications
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Family Studies
Journal of Homosexuality
Journal of Lesbian Studies
Journal of Marriage and Family

Migration Studies

Rutgers University Press

Sexualities

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

Social Problems

Social Science and Medicine

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

- American Anthropological Association
- American Sociological Association
- National Women's Studies Association

Former

- Association for Asian Studies
- Association for Humanist Sociology
- 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

- Student Organizing and Intergenerational Worldmaking
American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, *Organizer and Discussant*, 11/2025
- Queer Demography: Thinking Sexuality, Gender, and Kinship in an Era of Population "Decline"
American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, *Discussant*, 11/2025
- 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, Taiwan, 6/2022
- Department of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 10/2021
- Women in Learning and Leadership, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 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 Interviews and Activities

- FREEP Film Festival, Detroit
Panel discussion with producer of *Chasing Chasing Amy*, 4/2024
- KLA-PRISM, Ann Arbor
Presentation, "Joy and wellbeing in the global workplace: LGBTQ perspectives," 6/2023
- *Marie Christie Quarterly*
Interview with A. Saleh, "Virtual reality: How students are coping with the difficulties of remote learning," 4/2021
- Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group
Presentation, "Thinking more globally and intersectionally about queer youth and COVID-19," 4/2021
- University of Michigan-Dearborn *Reporter*
Interview with *Reporter* staff, "Three UM-Dearborn faculty talk about what being a 'good' professor means during a global pandemic," 4/2020
- *NPR Worldview*
Interview with J. McDonnell, "Same-sex marriage legalized in Taiwan," 5/2019
- *The Society Pages*, Counsel on Contemporary Families
Interview with B. Risman, "Queer kinship in Taiwan," 11/2018
- International Women's Day Gala, She's the First, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Keynote, 3/2018

- Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association-Southern Branch, Kaohsiung Workshop, “Parenting LGBTQ children,” 10/2015
- Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association and International Lesbian and Gay Association-Asia, Taipei Workshop, “Creating lives together,” 10/2015
- Association for Student Anthropologists, University of Michigan-Dearborn Presentation, “Where are the parents of the femme lesbians? What missing subjects teach us about sex, gender, and family in Taiwan,” 11/2015
- Gender Umbrella Society, University of Illinois at Chicago Presentation, “Trans* Taiwan: Bodies, families, politics, histories,” 3/2013
- Department of Education, National Dong Hwa University, Hualien Presentation, “Tongzhi family relationships: Social and historical perspectives,” 12/2012
- LGBT Elders Working Group, Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, Taipei Presentation, “Tongzhi family relationships: Social and historical perspectives,” 11/2012
- Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Jhongli Presentation, “Intimate research: Doing ethnography and interviews in communities we care about,” 11/2012
- Lee-Ming Institute of Technology, Taipei Presentation, “International perspectives on contemporary families,” 10/2012
- LGBT Elders Working Group, Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, Hualien, Taiwan Panel Presentation, “Cross generational perspectives on LGBT lives – Body, family, emotions, work,” 10/2012