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**Academic Employment**

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 2015-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2008-2015

Member, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research

Faculty Affiliate, Department of Women and Gender Studies

Princeton University

Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Health & Wellbeing, Spring 2023

University of Pennsylvania

Scattergood Visiting Fellow, Department of Medical Ethics, Fall 2018

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Health & Wellbeing, 2006-2008

University of Michigan

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, 2004-2006

Department of Health and Policy Management, School of Public Health

**Education**

2004 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

2000 M.A. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

1996 B.A. in Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

**Publications**

***Books***

Kempner, Joanna (forthcoming June 2024) *Psychedelic Outlaws: The Movement Revolutionizing Modern Medicine*. New York: Hachette Book Group.

Reviewed: *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

Kempner, Joanna (2014) *Not Tonight: Migraine and the Politics of Gender and Health* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*Winner:*

2016 Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award. Awarded by the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

2016 Eileen Basker Memorial Prize. Awarded by the Society for Medical Anthropology.

Reviewed in: *Sociology of Health and Illness; Social Forces; Women's Review of Books; Huffington Post; Health Central; New Genetics & Society; Medical Anthropology Quarterly; Signs; Choice; Contemporary Sociology; Somatosphere; American Journal of Sociology; Science, Technology and Society*

***Edited Volumes***

The Price of Perfection/The Cost of Error: Charles Bosk and the Power of Ethnography (co-edited forum section of *Sociological Forum* December 2023). Editors: Emily Bosk, Elizabeth M. Armstrong, Joanna Kempner

Citizen Science: Theory and Practice. *Biomedical Citizen Science* (special issue, November 8, 2022). Editors: Christi Guerrini, Joanna Kempner, Lisa Rasmussen, Anna Wexler.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Graduate student co-author

Bailey, John, Joanna Kempner (2022) "Standards without Labs: Drug Development in the Psychedelic Underground." *Citizen Science: Theory & Practice*. 7(1): 41.

Parikh, Simy K., Joanna Kempner, William B. Young (2021) "Stigma in migraine and other severe headache." *Current Pain and Headache Reports*. 25(75).

Kempner, Joanna, John Bailey (2019) "Collective Self-Experimentation in Patient-Led Research: How Online Health Communities Foster Innovation." *Social Science & Medicine*. 238.

Schroeder, Rachel A., Dawn C. Buse, Jan Brandes, Anne Calhoun, Katharina Eikernmann-Haerter, Katie Golden, Rashmi Halker, Joanna Kempner, Nasim Maleki, Maureen Moriarty, Jelena Pavlovic, Robert E. Shapiro, Amaal Starling, William B. Young, Rebecca A. Nebel. (2018). Report from Society for Women's Health Research. Sex and Gender Differences

- in Migraine: Evaluating Knowledge Gaps. *Journal of Women's Health*. Aug: 27(8):965-973.
- Kempner, Joanna (2016) "What biology can't do." *Headache*. 56(5): 1047-1052.
- Young, William B., Iris X. Tian, Jung E. Park, Joanna Kempner (2013) "The stigma of migraine." *Public Library of Science One*. 8(1): e54074.
- Young, William B., Joanna Kempner, Elizabeth W. Loder, Jason Roberts, Judy Segal, Miriam Solomon, Roger Cady, Laura Janoff, Robert Sheeler, Teri Robert, Jennifer Yocum, and Fred D. Sheftell (2012) "Naming migraine and those who have it." *Headache*. 52(2). 283-291.
- Kempner, Joanna, Jon F. Merz, Charles L. Bosk (2011) "Forbidden knowledge: Public controversy and the production of nonknowledge." *Sociological Forum*. 26(3). 475-500. Lead article.
- Honorable Mention*. Star-Nelkin Paper Award. Science, Knowledge and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2012.
- Frickel, Scott, Sahra Gibbon, Jeff Howard, Gwen Ollinger, Joanna Kempner, David Hess. (2010) "Undone science: Charting social movement and civil society challenges to research agenda setting." *Science, Technology and Human Values*. 35(4). 444-473.
- Kempner, Joanna (2008) "The chilling effect: How do researchers react to controversy?" *Public Library of Science Medicine* 5(11): e222.
- Kempner, Joanna (2006) "Uncovering the man in medicine: Lessons learned from a case study of cluster headache." *Gender & Society*. 20(5): 632-656.
- Kempner, Joanna (2006) "Gendering the migraine market: Do representations of illness matter?" *Social Science & Medicine*. 63(8): 1986-1997.
- Kempner, Joanna, Clifford S. Perlis, Jon F. Merz (2005) "Forbidden knowledge." *Science*. 307: 854.
- Response to letters from Williamson OM, Fish, JM, and Wendl MC*, "The question of forbidden knowledge": Kempner, J, Perlis, CS, Merz, JF. *Science*, vol. 308, pp. 1549-1550.

### *Commentaries and Book Chapters*

Armand, Cynthia, Joanna Kempner, Larry Charleston, III (forthcoming) Health Disparities and Headache Medicine. Wolff's Headache and Other Pain. 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

Kempner, Joanna. (2024) Brains Under Siege: Assessing the Harmful Effects of Migraine-Related Stigma. *Neurology*. 102(3): 1-2.

Bosk, Emily, Armstrong, Elizabeth M., Kempner, Joanna. (2023). Summing Up What Can Never Be Summed Up: A Meditation on the Work of Charles L. Bosk. *Sociological Forum*. 38(4): 1494-6.

Guerrini, Christi J., Joanna Kempner, Lisa M. Rasmussen, Anna Wexler (2022) Diverse, emergent, disruptive: perspectives on and developments in biomedical citizen science. *Citizen Science: Theory & Practice*. 7(1), p.36.

Kempner, Joanna (2022) Forbidden knowledge in a post-truth era. In *Routledge International Handbook of Ignorance Studies. Second Edition*. Eds. Matthias Gross and Linsey McGoey. New York: Routledge. Pp. 95-103.

Kempner, Joanna (2020) "Post-truth and the production of ignorance. A Commentary on Staying the Course: On the Value of Social Studies of Science in Resistance to the "Post-Truth" Movement." *Sociological Forum*. 35(1).

Kempner, Joanna (2018) "Building a Socially-Just Neuroethics of Inequalities in Pain Treatment." Pain Neuroethics. *Developments in Neuroethics and Bioethics*, volume 1. Daniel Buchman and Karen Davis, eds. London: Routledge.

Kempner, Joanna (2017) "Invisible people with invisible pain. A Commentary on "Even my sister says I'm acting like a crazy to get a check: Race, gender, and moral boundary-work in women's claims of disabling chronic pain." *Social Science & Medicine*. 189: 152-154.

Kempner, Joanna (2015) "The production of forbidden knowledge." In *Routledge International Handbook of Ignorance Studies*. Eds. Matthias Gross and Linsey McGoey. New York: Routledge.

Kempner, Joanna (2014) "Body and difference." *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society*. Signs@40 Virtual Issue.  
<http://signsat40.signsjournal.org/commentaries/#kempner>.

Kempner, Joanna (2003) "A sociologic perspective of migraine in women." *Migraine in Women*. Eds. Elizabeth Loder and Dawn Marcus. BC Decker and Company: 165-173.

### ***Book Reviews***

Kempner, Joanna (2016) Book review of *Contesting Intersex: The Dubious Diagnosis* by Georgiann Davis. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Kempner, Joanna (2016) Book review of *All in Your Head: Making Sense of Pediatric Pain* by Mara Buchbinder. *Somatosphere*. July 11, 2016.  
<http://somatosphere.net/2016/07/mara-buchbinders-all-in-your-head-making-sense-of-pediatric-pain.html>

Kempner, Joanna, Kristen Springer (2011) "The sociological promise of bridging mind, body, and society." *Rutgers Journal of Sociology: Mind, Body and Society*. 1(1): 6-9. (equal authorship)

Kempner, Joanna (2008) Book review of *Labour in the Laboratory: Medical Laboratory Workers in the Maritimes* by Peter L. Twohig. *American Journal of Sociology*, 114(2): 239-240.

Kempner, Joanna (2003) "The migraine personality: American headache research in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century." *Cephalalgia*. 23: 624.

### ***Fellowships and Awards***

2023 Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Health & Wellbeing, Princeton University

2018 Excellence in Education for Cluster Headaches, Clusterbusters.

2017-18 Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Analysis, "Medical Humanities," Rutgers University

2016-17 Faculty Fellow, Institute for Research on Women, "Feminist In/Security: Vulnerability, Securitization, and States of Crisis," Rutgers University

2016 Eileen Basker Memorial Prize for *Not Tonight: Migraine and the Politics of Gender and Health*. Awarded by the Society for Medical Anthropology

- 2016 Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award for *Not Tonight: Migraine and the Politics of Gender and Health*. Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2015 Rutgers Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence
- 2012 Honorable Mention, Star-Nelkin Paper Award. Science, Knowledge and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2009-10 Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Analysis, “Evidence and Explanation in the Arts and Sciences,” Rutgers University
- 2006 Roberta G. Simmons Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2004-06 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research
- 2003 Graduate Mentor, Beth and Richard Sackler Undergraduate Research Scholarship
- 2003 University Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology
- 1998-02 Teaching Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology
- 1992 Howard Hughes Science Institute Scholar, Pennsylvania State University

### **Research Grants**

- 2022 Research Grants, Archival Research and Open Access Fees, Porta Sophia Psychedelic Prior Art Library. (\$1500)
- 2020-21 Consultant, Rapid NSF Grant: Assessing Ethical Challenges in Conducting Do-it-yourself (DIY) Science During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Co-PIs: Anna Wexler and Lisa Rasmussen. Institution: University of Pennsylvania
- 2018-19 Gretel Weiss Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, funded by the Department of Sociology, Rutgers University (\$4000).

- 2016-17 Research Council Grant, “Caring for Asthmatic Kids Amidst an Epidemic,” funded by Rutgers Council Grant Program (\$1200). Declined.
- 2011-12 Principal Investigator, “Not Tonight: A Lifecycle Grant,” funded by RU FAIR ADVANCE (\$5000).
- 2005 Principal Investigator, "The Politics of Sex Research: Assessing the Relationship between Political Controversy and Science," funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Grant (\$13,625)
- 2003 Principal Investigator, "Gendering Pain: A Cultural Analysis of Migraine and Cluster Headache," funded by a Otto and Gertrude K. Pollak Research Fellowship (\$10,615)
- 2002-03 Co-Investigator, “Forbidden Knowledge in Science,” Jon Merz, Co-Investigator, funded by the Greenwall Foundation (\$24,999)

## **Public Sociology**

### ***Service***

Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy

- Board Member at large, 2020-24
- Treasurer, Executive Committee, 2018-20

Member, Working Group, Priorities for Headache Research, National Institutes of Health, 2022-23.

Disparities in Headache Advisory Council

Member, 2020-present

Co-Chair, “Shut the Door on Stigma - Collaborating to Reframe Headache Diseases” Symposium sponsored by the Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP), a nonprofit organization that provides support to people with headache, migraine and cluster diseases who are often stigmatized and under-served. Washington, DC, April 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Blogger, Migraine.com, an online publication for people with migraine, 2011-2018.

### *Public Talks, Panels and Symposia*

“The Social Mycelium.” Pain and Psychedelics Association. Psychedelic Science Conference, Denver, CO, June 22, 2023.

“Psychedelic Outlaws.” First Annual UK/European Clusterbusters Conference. Glasgow, UK. May 7, 2023.

“Migraine Stigma and Advocacy,” ACT Now Fellows and Advocates Program. Miles for Migraine, annual presentation, 2020-22.

“Women’s Chronic Illness During a Pandemic.” Panelist at Roundtable Discussion in Collaboration with the Bipartisan Women’s Congressional Caucus, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

“Psychedelic Healing: A Public Panel.” University of Edinburgh, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Organizer and presenter.

“Navigating Barriers for Women in Neurology.” Moderator for a Lunch Conversation at the American Academy of Neurology, sponsored by Amgen/Novartis, May 8, 2019.

“Fighting Migraine Stigma”

- Migraine Blogger Summit, sponsored by Amgen/Novartis, May 15, 2019.
- RetreatMigraine, A Gathering for Patients, sponsored by CHAMP, San Antonio, TX, April 13, 2019.
- Amgen, Thousand Oaks, CA, December 10, 2018.
- Miles for Migraine’s Migraine Education Day, Lankenau Hospital, PA, March 24, 2018.
- The Association of Migraine Disorders, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2, 2018.

“Migraine and Stigma: What Do We Know.” Shut the Door on Stigma: Collaboration to Reframe Migraine Disease. Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients. Washington, DC, April 23, 2019. Co-Chair and Presenter.

“Clusterbusters and the Transformation of Psychedelic Medicine: The Beginning.” Presented to the Clusterbusters Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, September 14, 2018.



“Our Bodies, Our Identities: What’s Standing Between Women and Quality Health Care?” Invited Panelist at the United State of Women Summit. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Sponsored by Amgen.

“The Stigma of Migraine.” Presented to the Jersey Blue Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, New Brunswick, NJ, April 3, 2017.

“The Social Life of Migraine.” Presented to Miles for Migraine, Migraine Education Day, Lankenau Hospital, PA, March 25, 2017.

“Clusterbusters and the Transformation of Psychedelic Medicine: The Early Days.” Presented to the Clusterbusters Annual Meeting, Austen, TX, September 17, 2016.

“A History of Cluster Headache: Myths and Misconceptions.” Presented to the Clusterbusters Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 18, 2015.

## **Academic Presentations**

### ***Invited Talks***

“Role of Citizen Science in Psychedelic Research.” PhilaDelic Conference. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, July 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

“Evidence, Authority, and Ownership: Thinking Through Emerging Evidence and Epistemological Problems in the Regulation of Psychedelic Medicine.” Center for Health and Wellbeing. Princeton University. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

“The Social Life of Psilocybin: Past, Present and Future.” Keynote Speaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neuroscience Conference on the topic The Neuroscience of Hallucinogens in Treating Depression and PTSD. Montclair State University. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

“Psychedelics and Pain.” Panelist at Student Psychedelic Conference. Sponsored by Students for Sensible Drug Policy UK, Drug Science Student Society, and the Southampton Psychedelics Research Society. April 10, 2022.

“Standards without Labs: Drug Development in the Psychedelic Underground.” School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin. March 31, 2022.

“A Population Health Approach to Migraine.” Panelist for the Health Equity and Inclusion Course presented during the 2021 American Headache Society annual meeting. Virtual Presentation.

Author Meets Critic Session: “More Than Medicine: Nurse Practitioners and the Problems They Solve for Patients, Health Care Organizations, and the State” (Cornell University Press, 2020). Panelist. Eastern Sociological Society, February 21, 2021.

“Patient-Led Research as a Source of Pharmaceutical Innovation,” Presented by Joanna Kempner and John Bailey to the Jefferson Headache Center, Philadelphia, PA, November 7, 2019.

“Pain-related Stigma, Prejudice, and Discrimination.” Research Priorities in Ethics and Chronic Pain Management. University of Toronto. Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. May 30, 2019.

“The Daytrippers: Psychedelics, Citizen Scientists, and the Will to Survive.” Keynote Speaker. 36<sup>th</sup> Qualitative Analysis and Ethnographic Research Conference. May 23, 2019.

“A History of Migraine.” Presented by Katherine Foxhall and Joanna Kempner, Presented to the Philadelphia Headache Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 25, 2019.

“Citizen Science in the Psychedelic Renaissance: Surviving Pain During Prohibition.” Anthropology and Sociology Senior Class Speaker. Williams College, Williamstown, MA. March 5, 2019.

“The Daytrippers: Citizen Scientists and their Quest to End Pain.” University of Pennsylvania’s Medical Sociology Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, October 27, 2017.

“Forbidden Knowledge as Disruption.” Presented to the Disruption Network Lab, Berlin, Germany, September 30, 2016.

“How do Scientists React to Controversy?” Panelist for the Consortium of Social Science Associations’ Annual Meeting, Washington DC, March 9, 2015.

“Not Tonight: Migraine and the Politics of Gender and Health”

- Institute for Health, Health Policy, and Aging Research, Rutgers University, January 29, 2015.

- Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware, February 25, 2015.

“What do the politics of legitimacy mean for headache specialists?” Jefferson Headache Center, Thomas Jefferson University, November 6, 2014.

“All In Her Head: Stigma and the Migraine Brain.” Program in Science, Technology and Society, Drexel University, February 7, 2013.

“All in her head: The enduring legitimacy problems of migraine,” School of Social Work, Rutgers University, November 16, 2012.

“Scientific controversies and the production of nonknowledge,” School of Communication and Library Science, Rutgers University, April 20, 2009.

“The Chilling Effect: Politics and the Nonproduction of Nonknowledge.” Science and Technology Program. Wesleyan University, November 4, 2008.

“Forbidden knowledge and self-censorship in the academy,” Panelist for “Intellectual Freedom in the Academy,” Rutgers University Libraries, October 2, 2008.

“Forbidden knowledge and the sex researcher,” Plenary speaker. International Academy of Sex Research, Leuven, Belgium, July 2008.

“Forbidden knowledge: The phenomenology of scientific inaction,” Culture & Interaction Group, University of Pennsylvania, 2008.

“Politics and censorship in science: How much is there and what should we do about it?” Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, October 15, 2007.

“Erections, Mounting & AIDS: Incestuous Gay Monkey Sex (or seven words you can't write in your NIH grant).”

- Panelist, American Sociological Association, August 2007.
- Bioethics, Values & Society seminar, University of Michigan, April 2006.

“Gendering pain: Lessons learned from a case study of cluster headache,” Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, February 22, 2007.

"The big chill: Political controversy and the suppression of research agendas."  
Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Seminar, June 2006.

"The politics of sex research: Assessing the relationship between political  
controversy and research agendas." University of Michigan Health &  
Societies Mini-Conference, April 28, 2006.

Panelist for Author Meets Critics panel on *Virginity Lost: An Intimate Portrait of  
First Sexual Experiences* by Laura Carpenter. University of Pennsylvania,  
Sociology Department, March 17, 2006.

"Forbidden knowledge: Mechanisms of social control in science." History of  
Science and Sociology and Anthropology Departments at Williams  
College, April 7, 2005.

"Forbidden knowledge and the politics of science," Working Group on Science  
and Society and the Sigma Xi chapter at Wayne State University, April 1,  
2005.

### ***Selected Refereed Presentations***

"The Psychedelic Underground: Collective self-experimentation as a "work-  
around" solution to undone medical science." Presented to the 4S  
Conference: On the Limits of Knowing: Ignorance, Promises and  
Political Economy of Knowledge, Cambridge, MA. August 29-30, 2017.

"So it's the Shrooms: Collective self-experimentation as solution to undone  
medical science." Presented to the American Sociological Association,  
Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

"Forbidden knowledge and its relationship to ignorance." Presented to the  
Eastern Sociological Society, February 2015.

"Producing forbidden knowledge: How an embodied health movement is  
legitimizing psychedelic medicine." Presented to the Eastern  
Sociological Society, February 2014.

"Embracing a brain disease: How migraine advocates contest one of the most  
common diagnoses." Presented to the American Sociological  
Association, August 2013.

### **Teaching, Selected**

Rutgers University, Undergraduate  
Social Problems

Sociology of Body & Health  
Politics of Health  
Normality & Abnormality  
Medical Sociology

Rutgers University, Graduate  
Sociology of the Body  
Sociology of Health & Illness  
Sociology of Body & Health  
Social Research Methods  
Writing Seminar

### **Academic Service**

\*Indicates elected positions

### ***Professional Service***

Member, Archival Research Network, Porta Sophia Psychedelic Prior Art  
Library, 2022-present  
\*Council member-at-large, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section of the  
American Sociological Association, 2018-2021  
\*Council Member, Body and Embodiment Section of the American  
Sociological Association, 2013-2017 (elected)  
Chair, Graduate Paper Award Committee, 2016-17  
Chair, Mentoring Committee, 2015-16  
Member, Book Award Committee, 2014  
Mentor, 2014-17  
Member, Advisory Board, "Research on the Media," American Headache  
Society, 2017  
Mentor, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Joint Mentoring Network, 2015-16  
Member, American Sociological Association Subcommittee on Promoting  
Research through Social Media, 2015  
\*Nominations Committee, Medical Sociology Section of the American  
Sociological Association, 2013-2014 (elected)  
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Framing Migraine, American Headache  
Society, 2012  
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Representative to the United Nations  
Economic and Social Council Commission on the Status of Women,  
2007  
\*Council member at-large, Medical Sociology Section of the American  
Sociological Association, 2006-2008 (elected)  
Chair, Louise Johnson Award Committee, 2008  
Chair, Roberta G. Simmons Award Committee, 2007

Spokesperson, Graduate Employees Together, University of Pennsylvania,  
American Federation of Teachers, (GET-UP/AFT) 2003-2004  
Graduate Representative, University of Pennsylvania's Sociology Department,  
1999-2000

### ***For Professional Conferences***

Organizer, 2023. "The Price of Perfection/The Cost of Error: Charles Bosk and the Power of Ethnography." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.

Presider and Moderator, 2020, "New Books in Medical Sociology." Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

Organizer and Discussant, 2019, "DIY Medicine: Hacking Health, Opting Out, Self-Medicating, and Consumer Resistance." American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Co-Organizer, Body and Embodiment Roundtables, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Organizer and Presider, 2014, "Science and Ethics," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Discussant, 2012, "Neuro: Interventions, Entanglements, Futures," American Sociological Association.

Presider, 2009, "Gender and Social Movements," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Discussant, 2009, "Healthcare and Technology," Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.

Presider, 2006, "Sociology of Bioethics," American Sociological Association.

Organizer, 2003, "Cultural Representations of Illness," Eastern Sociological Society.

### ***Editorial Service***

Editorial Board, *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*, 2023-2025.

Advisory Expert Board, Routledge Research in Ignorance Studies Book Series, Routledge Press, 2017-present

Editorial Board, *Contexts*, 2012-2015

Associate Editor, *Signs*, 2009-2015

Faculty Advisory Board, *Rutgers Journal of Sociology*, 2010-2013

Reviewer for Journals: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Bioethics*, *Headache*, *Neurology*, *Feminist Media Studies*, *Social Epistemology*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Forum*, *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*, *Contexts*, *Biosocieties*, *Science & Technology Studies*, *Signs*

Reviewer for Book Publishers: Oxford University Press, Polity Press, Lynne Rienner Publisher, W.W. Norton Press, Routledge Press, Johns Hopkins University, University of Minnesota Press, Sage Publications

***Departmental Service, Rutgers University***

\*Executive Committee, 2008-09, 2011-14, 2017-18, 2023-24

Graduate Program Committee, 2023-24

Academic Integrity Facilitator 2021-22, 23-present

Departmental Representative, AAUP-AFT, 2017-18, 2019-22, 2023-present

Colloquium Committee, 2021-22

\*Community and Equity Committee 2021-22

Area Captain (Health), 2019-22

Undergraduate Teaching Committee, 2020-21

\*Graduate Committee, 2012-13, 2015-17, 2019-20

Reading Committee, 2019-2020

Member, Senior Hiring Search Committee, 2018-2019

Chair, Senior Hiring Search Committee, 2017-2018

Vision Committee, 2017-2018

Undergraduate Committee, 2016-2018

Junior Hiring Search Committee, 2008-9, 2017-18

Teaching Committee, 2016-2017 (elected)

Anne Foner Dissertation Award Committee, 2015

Colloquium Committee, 2009-2011, 2014-2015

Undergraduate Committee, 2013-2014

Coordinator, Gender, Difference and Inequality Group, 2009-2012

Coordinator, Gender, Difference and Inequality Workshop, 2010-2012

Judge, The Jack Riley and Matilda White-Riley Term Paper Award, 2011

Events Committee, 2010-2011

Proseminar Organizer, 2009-2010

***University Service, Rutgers University***

Member, Appointments & Promotions Committee, School of Arts & Sciences, 2019-21

Presenter, "Your Body is (Still) a Battlefield: Gender and Your Health,"  
Douglass Career Day, 2017.

Presenter, "The Politics of Disease," School of Arts and Sciences Tent of Big Ideas, Rutgers Day 2015.

Core Requirements Committee (CRC), 2011-2013

## ***Supervising***

### ***Dissertation Committees***

- 2024 Hannah Troxel, Sociology (Chair) *Obesity isn't 'Good Health'—It Immediately Means Bad Health: Uses, Transformations, and Consequences of the Diagnosis of Obesity.*
- 2023 Jessica Poling, Sociology *Embodying Change: Personal and Public Mediations of Gendered Disruptions*
- 2023 John Bailey, Sociology (Chair) *Knowing Digital Bodies: Exploring Digital Health Subjectivities Through Online Collaboration*
- 2023 Maria Espinoza, Sociology *Communicating about dengue and other climate-sensitive diseases in a changing climate: The case of health professionals in Peru.*
- 2020 Tsai-Yen Han, Sociology (Chair) *Dirt Management: Cleanliness, Child Hygiene, and Child Care in the United States.*
- 2020 Jorie Hofstra, Sociology -- *Narrating the Neurally-Disrupted Self: Brain, Self, and Society in the Attribution of Dysregulated Anger.* ”
- 2019 Victoria Gonzalez, Sociology *Where is the “We” in Online Social Movements?: Rethinking the Role of Collective Identity in Online Activism*
- 2019 Brandon Kramer, Sociology *Molecularization at the Intersections: Critically Examining the Links Between Race, Testosterone and Prostate Cancer.*
- 2018 Hwa-Yen Huang, Sociology -- *Crisis Events, In-Betweenness, and Epistemic Transformation: A Phenomenological Study of Autobiographies of Illness and Political Violence*
- 2018 Lindsay Stevens, Sociology (Chair) *According to Plan? Medicine, Inequality and Reproduction in the United States*
- 2017 Eiko Saeki, Sociology *The Conceptualizations of the Beginning of Life in Japan: Technology, Reproduction and the Boundary of Personhood.*
- 2016 Étienne Meunier (Co-Chair): *Organizing Collective Intimacy: An Ethnography of New York City's Clandestine Sex Clubs*

### ***Qualifying Papers, Masters Theses & Practicums***

- 2022 Armani Beck-McField, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Privilege, Race, and Sexism: First-Person Accounts from Transgender Women*
- 2020 Allegra Pocinci, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *“Begin to Feel Whole Again”: Constructions of Addiction by Opioid Treatment Centers*
- 2020 Maria Espinoza, Sociology *Disease after the flood: The social construction of infectious diseases in the wake of extreme weather events within newspapers in Peru.*



- 2020 Hannah Troxel, Sociology, Qualifying Paper (Chair) *Medicalization Under Regulatory Threat: Medical Power, Pharmaceutical "Corruption," and Government During the Obesity Specialist Controversy of the 1960s*
- 2017 Brandon Kramer, Sociology, Qualifying Paper (Chair) *The Pharmaceuticalization of Emotional Brains: Personalized Medicine for Sensitive Subjects.*
- 2017 John Bailey, Sociology, Qualifying Paper (Chair) *"I Know That Feel, Bro": Interactionally Achieved Masculinity and Emotional Expression Online.*
- 2015 Tsai-Yen Han, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Working with Bacteria: Spatiality, the Body, and Sterilization Networks in a Food Science Laboratory.*
- 2015 Lindsay Stevens, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Environmental Contaminants as a Threat to Reproductive Health: Provider Perspectives.*
- 2015 Elizabeth Luth, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Physician Education and Patient Pain Experience: Exploring the Gap in Undergraduate Medical Education.*
- 2014 Lisa Champion, Sociology, Qualifying Paper -- *"Doing Sick/Doing Cancer": Identity Work in the Lives of those Living With Cancer*
- 2014 Lindsay Stevens, Sociology, Qualifying Paper (Chair) *The Limits of Control: Health Care Providers' Attitudes about Reproductive Planning.*
- 2014 Andrew Stroffolino, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Scientific Immunity and the 2009 L'Aquila Earthquake.*
- 2013 Hwa-Yen Huang, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *The Narrative Management of Projective Ambiguity: The "Narrative Detour" in Taiwanese Folk Healer's Illness Narratives.*
- 2011 Etienne Meunier, Sociology, Qualifying Paper (Chair) *Collective Intimacy: The Unexpected Effect of Health Regulations on Private Gay Sex Parties in NYC*
- 2010 Eiko Saeki, Sociology, Qualifying Paper *Reflective Adaptations of Western Knowledge: Obstetrics and Reproductive Discourses from the Late Tokugawa to the Beginning of Meiki, Defended September 2010.*
- 2010 Sara Törnquist, Women's Studies, Practicum *The Issues and Challenges of a Gender Perspective in Healthcare, Medicine and Medical Research*
- 2009 Lyndsay Currie, Women's Studies, Master's Thesis, *Women Increasing Health Literacy from Our Bodies, Our Selves to Breastcancer.org*

### ***Undergraduate Honors Thesis***

- 2016-2019 Jordan Jones, Honors Program  
2016 Katherine Wright, Women and Gender Studies  
2015 Schercheryar Rizwan, Interdisciplinary thesis, “*Not an Animal*”:  
*The Portrayal and Stigmatization of Disabled Individuals in Film*  
2010 Lyndsi Silberman, Sociology, *The Identity of Anorexia: A  
Qualitative Study on Pro-Ana and Pro-Recovery Identity Sets*

### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association

(Sections on Medical Sociology, the Body & Embodiment, Sex and  
Gender, and Science, Knowledge and Technology)

Eastern Sociological Society

### **Selected Media Appearances**

Kempner’s research has been covered in the *Washington Post*, *Science Friday* and *All Things Considered* on NPR, *Health Day*, *National Geographic*, n+1, the Associated Press and the Associated Press radio, the *Ottawa News*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *London Times*, *Inside Higher Education*, *New Books in Sociology*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Financial Times*, *Nature*, the *Newark Star-Ledger*, *Scientific American*, *Science*, *Nature Medicine*, *Huffington Post*, *Business Week*, *salon.com*, *abcnews.com*, *Oregon State University Research News*, *Physician News Digest*, *Futurity*, *MSN*, *US News and World Report*, *UPI*, *Rutgers Today*, *BBC Radio 4’s Thinking Allowed*, *Lancet Neurology*, the *Guardian*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Catapult*, *Reader’s Digest – Canada*, *TightLipped Podcast*, *PBS Newshour*, the *Rooster*, and the documentary *Out of My Head*, *We Should Talk about That Podcast*, *Psyche*, *Newsweek*