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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014- Associate Professor of Sociology
University of California, Merced
- 2010-2014 Assistant Professor of Sociology
University of California, Merced

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
Minor in Gender
- Thesis: *Strategies for Success: Parental Funding, College Achievement, and the Transition to Adulthood*
Committee: Brian Powell and Elizabeth A. Armstrong (Co-Chairs),
Robert Robinson, and Eliza Pavalko
2011 American Sociological Association Dissertation Award Honorable Mention
- Qualifying Exam: *Sociology of Gender*, Passed with Honors
Committee: Brian Powell (Chair), Elizabeth A. Armstrong, and Martin Weinberg
- 2003 M.A. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Thesis: *The Division of Household Labor in Adoptive Households: More Traditional or More Egalitarian?*
Committee: Brian Powell (Chair) and Eliza Pavalko
- 2001 B.A. Magna cum Laude in Sociology, DePauw University
Minors: Women's Studies and Classical Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education	Gender	Social Inequality
Family	Sexuality	Mixed Methods

BOOKS

- Forthcoming Hamilton, Laura. *Parenting to a Degree: How Family Matters for College and Beyond*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2013 Armstrong, Elizabeth A. and Laura Hamilton (equal authorship). *Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Awards:

2015 American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award

2014 American Educational Research Association Division J—Postsecondary Education Publication Award

2014 North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Achievement Award

2014 Honorable mention for the American Sociological Association's section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Max Weber Book Award

2014 Runner-up for the American Sociological Association's section on Children and Youth Section's Distinguished Scholarly Contribution Award

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- 2014 Cheng, Simon, Hamilton, Laura, Stacey Missari, and Josef Ma. "Sexual Subjectivity among Adolescent Girls: Social Disadvantage and Young Adult Outcomes." *Social Forces* 93: 515-544.
- 2014 Hamilton, Laura. "The Revised MRS: Gender Complementarity at College." *Gender & Society* 28: 236-264.
- 2014 Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, Armstrong, Elizabeth M., and Lotus J. Seeley. "'Good Girls': Social Class and Sexual Privilege." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 77: 100-122.
- 2013 Hamilton, Laura. "More is More or More is Less? Parental Financial Investments during College." *American Sociological Review* 78: 70-95.
- 2012 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "The (Mis)Education of Monica and Karen." *Contexts* 11: 22-27.
- 2011 Hamilton, Laura, Geist, Claudia, and Brian Powell. "Marital Name Change as a Window into Gender Attitudes." *Gender & Society* 25: 145-175.
- Award:**
2013 American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Paper Award
- 2011 Hamilton, Laura, Werum, Regina, Steelman, Lala Carr, and Brian Powell. "Changing

Families, Changing Education.” In *Frontiers in Sociology of Education*. Edited by Maureen Hallinan. New York: Springer.

2010 Hamilton, Laura. “Family Names Count.” In *Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and Americans’ Definitions of Family*. By Brian Powell, Catherine Bolzendahl, Claudia Geist, and Lala Carr Steelman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

2010 Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, and Paula England. “Is Hooking up Bad for Young Women? Compared to What?” *Contexts* 9: 22-27.

Reprinted in:

The Contexts Reader, Second Edition. 2012. Edited by Douglass Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. W.W. Norton & Company.

Feminist Frontiers, Eighth Edition. 2012. Edited by Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila J. Rupp. McGraw Hill.

Award:

2011 Claude S. Fischer Award for Excellence in *Contexts*

2009 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. “Gendered Sexuality in Young Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options.” *Gender & Society* 23:589-616.

Reprinted in:

Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families, Fourth Edition. 2010. Edited by Susan Fergusson. McGraw Hill.

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Fourth Edition. 2012. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

2007 Hamilton, Laura. “Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women’s Gender Strategies and Homophobia.” *Gender & Society* 21: 145-72.

Reprinted in:

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Fourth Edition. 2012. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

Feminist Frontiers, Eighth Edition. 2009. Edited by Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila J. Rupp. McGraw Hill.

Awards:

2008 American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award

2008 American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award

2007 Hamilton, Laura, Cheng, Simon, and Brian Powell. “Adoptive Parents, Adaptive Parents:

Evaluating the Importance of Biological Ties for Parental Investment.” *American Sociological Review* 72: 95-116.

- 2006 Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, and Brian Sweeney. “Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape.” *Social Problems* 53: 483-99.

Reprinted in:

The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities, Fourth Edition. 2013. Edited by Joan Z. Spade and Catherine G. Valentine. Sage Publications.

Constructions of Deviance: Social Power, Context, and Interaction, Seventh Edition. 2012. Edited by Peter Adler and Patti Adler. Cengage Learning.

Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition. 2009. Edited by Mindy Stompler, Dawn M. Baunauch, Elisabeth O. Burgess, Denise Donnelly, Wendy Simmonds, and Elroi J. Windsor. Pearson.

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Third Edition. 2009. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Hamilton, Laura, and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. “The Femininity Premium: Hierarches among Women and the Reproduction of Gender Inequality.”

Armstrong, Elizabeth A. and Laura Hamilton. “An Institutional Approach to Stratification in Higher Education.”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2008 Hamilton, Laura. “Adoption.” *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology.* Edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishers Ltd. Malden, MA.
- 2007 Hamilton, Laura and Brian Powell. “The Hidden Curriculum.” *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology.* Edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell Publishers Ltd. Malden, MA.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 William T. Grant Scholars Program Finalist
- 2014 Spencer Foundation Small Grant (\$49,955)
- 2013 University of California-Merced Senate Award for Early Career Research
- 2011 National Academy of Education Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Finalist
- 2011 Honorable Mention for American Sociological Association Dissertation Award

- 2010 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Finalist
- 2009-2010 American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant
- 2008 Department of Sociology, Indiana University
Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship
- 2007 Department of Sociology, Indiana University
Schuessler Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2007 Kinsey Institute Research Grant
- 2006-2008 Discipline Based Scholarship in Education Associates Award
Spencer Foundation
- 2006 Midwest Sociological Association Women in Society
First Place Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2006 North Central Sociological Association
First Place Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2005-2007 Department of Sociology, Indiana University
Advanced Departmental Fellowship
- 2003 Society for the Study of Social Problems Family Division
Graduate Student Paper Award

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 University of California, Los Angeles. "Meeting the Needs of Less Privileged Students: The Role of Academic Advisors." Keynote at the UC system-wide Academic Advisors' Conference.
- 2015 University of California, Berkeley. "How Peer Cultures and Status Anxiety Influence Drinking, Sexual Assault, and Mental Health in College."
- 2013 Stanford University. "Education's Digital Future: The View from Midwest U."
- 2013 University of California, San Diego. "Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality."
- 2013 DePauw University. "'Good Girls': Social Class and Sexual Privilege."

MEDIA

Appeared in the documentary *The Ivory Tower*

Work has been discussed in: *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *TIME*, *Forbes Magazine*, among many other outlets

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2014 Hamilton, Laura. "Class Dynamics of Affordability." Invited Panelist on "Conflicting Visions of Affordable Postsecondary Education." American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Hamilton, Laura. "Gender Strategies and College Major: Understanding Horizontal Segregation." American Sociological Association Meetings, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 Hamilton, Laura, Claudia Geist, and Brian Powell. "Mapping Gender Attitudes with Views toward Marital Name Change." American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "Gendered Sexuality in Emerging Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "Gendered Sexuality in Emerging Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." American Sociological Association Meetings, Boston, MA.
- 2007 Hamilton, Laura. "Exploring Sexual Meaning-Making in a Longitudinal Ethnographic and Interview Project." American Sociological Association Meetings, New York, NY.
- 2006 Hamilton, Laura. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006 Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." American Sociological Association Meetings, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006 Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, Omaha, NE.
- 2006 Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." North Central Sociological Association Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2005 Hamilton, Laura. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Gender Structure Explanation of Party Rape." American Sociological Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 Hamilton, Laura. "Family Structure and the Division of Household Labor: Taking the Case of Adoptive Families." North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH.

- 2004 Hamilton, Laura. "Family Structure and the Division of Household Labor: Taking the Case of Adoptive Families." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Hamilton, Laura. "The Division of Household Labor in Adoptive Families: More Traditional or More Egalitarian?" American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 2002 Hamilton, Laura. "Over 100 Years of Childbirth: Doctors Deliver Babies." American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Professor: *Graduate Level Sociology of Education*
- 2012-2015 Professor: *Sociology of Education*
50-60 students
Duties: Offer an interactive, hands-on course for upper division students. Focus on development of verbal reasoning skills and acquisition of theoretical knowledge.
- 2011-2015 Professor: *Sociology of Family*
35-50 students
Duties: Run a small, intensive seminar for upper division students. Critical reasoning, writing, and verbal communication skills emphasized.
- 2010-2015 Professor: *Introduction to Sociology*
120-300 students
Duties: Organize and lecture for a large introductory seminar primarily for first-year students.
- 2008 Instructor: *Introduction to Atlas.Ti*
Day-long, intensive seminar, 10 graduate students
Duties: Provide hands-on instruction on the use of Atlas.Ti, a program for the organization and analysis of qualitative data.
- 2006 Instructor: *Constructing the Family-Sociological Research Practicum*
2 semesters, 12 graduate students
Duties: Teach the qualitative methods component of the course. Also, assist head instructor with development of a survey project and advise graduate students on their Master's papers.
- 2004-2005 Instructor: *Introduction to Sociology*
3 semesters, 60-70 students
Duties: Full responsibility for the course, including course design, preparing lectures, creating and grading exams and papers.
- 2004 Lab Instructor: *Statistics for Sociology*
1 semester, 20 students

Duties: Assist instructor with statistics class including supervising computer labs, grading lab assignments, and helping students with course material.

2002-2004 Graduate Assistant: *Introduction to Sociology, Society and the Individual, The Family*
 Duties: Assist instructors with course organization, grading assignments and exams, and advising students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015- Creator of the Postsecondary Institutional Features database

2004-2009 Co-director/Co-investigator
 College Social Life Longitudinal Ethnographic and Interview Study
 Indiana University, with Elizabeth A. Armstrong

2005-2006 Project Manager/Co-investigator/Interview Supervisor
 National Telephone Survey: *Constructing the Family in the 21st Century II*
 Indiana University; Brian Powell, Project Director

2002-2003 Research Assistant
 National Telephone Survey: *Constructing the Family in the 21st Century I*
 Indiana University; Brian Powell, Project Director

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015- Sociology of Education Journal Editorial Board Member

2014-2015 Sociology of Education Section Session Organizer

2014-2015 Social of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Curriculum Committee Member

2013-present Sociology Department Newsletter Coordinator

2011-present Planning Committee Member for the Qualitative/Historical Archives Laboratory

2012-2013 School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Executive Committee Member

2011-2012 Sociology Job Search Committee Member

2011-2012 WASC Program Assessment Committee Member

Reviewer *American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Gender & Society,*

Reviewer University of Chicago Press, University of California Press

2004-2005 Sociology Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Organization, Indiana University

2004-2005 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2002- American Sociological Association
Sections: Sociology of Education, Sex and Gender, Family, Sexualities

2004- Midwest Sociological Society
2004- North Central Sociological Association

2004- Society for the Study of Social Problems

REFERENCES

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