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Education

PhD, Sociology, Northeastern University, 2014

Dissertation Title: *A Compulsory Alliance: Gender and Privilege in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance*

Dissertation Committee Members:

Alan Klein, PhD

Danny Faber, PhD

Gordana Rabrenovic, PhD

Hava Gordon, PhD (Outside Reader, University of Denver)

Comprehensive Examination: *Sociology of Education*

Comprehensive Examination: *Sociology of Gender*

MA, Sociology, 2005

Northeastern University

BA, Sociology and History, 2003

University of Denver

Teaching Certification:

Northeastern University College of Professional Studies Certified Online
Learning Instructor in Blackboard

Publications

Journal Articles

Levesque, Amie. "I've Always Wanted a Gay Family Member!: Straight Ally Girls and Gender in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance." Under Revise and Resubmit status at *Gender & Society*. 2015

Book Reviews

Learning the Hard Way: Masculinity, Place, and the Gender Gap in Education in Men and Masculinities v17 n4, pp. 451-452. 2014

Manuscripts in Progress

Levesque, Amie. *A Compulsory Alliance: Gender and Privilege in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance* (Book Manuscript)

Levesque, Amie. “Constructing the Ally: Youth Meanings of Ally Participation in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance” (Journal article in preparation for submission to *Symbolic Interaction*)

Levesque, Amie. ““People will Assume the Boys are Gay””: Masculinity and Straight Boys who Avoid the GSA” (Journal article in preparation for submission to *Men and Masculinities*)

Levesque, Amie. “Interrogating and Negotiating Deviant Masculinities in Youthful Populations” (Invited Journal Article for *Sociology Compass*)

Teaching Experience

Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor, University of Denver, Department of Sociology, 2015 – 2016

Courses:

Understanding Social Life (Intro to Sociology)
Social Problems
Advanced Writing Seminar
Gender in Society

Lecturer, University of Denver, Department of Sociology, 2014-2015

Courses:

Gender in Society
Social Inequality
Schooling in Society
Social Problems
Sociology of Childhood
Diversity

Community-Based Research Certificate Lead Faculty Member, Colorado Women’s College at the University of Denver, 2014 – 2015

The CBR Program is an honors certificate for students in which they work with a community partner, under my direction, to complete a year-long research project. I secured the project with Empowerment, a support and outreach program for women who have experienced poverty, incarceration, addiction, and/or prostitution. I guide students through the research project proposal, submission to the Institutional Review Board, data collection, and data analysis

and reporting. Our qualitative research project focuses on the efficacy of Empowerment's programs and areas of opportunity to engage more deeply with its clients.

Courses:

Introduction to Community-Based Research
Field Preparation
Field Research
Utilizing Findings
Independent Study: Reflecting on the Research Experience

Adjunct Faculty, University of Denver, Department of Sociology, 2010-2014

Courses Taught:

Sociology of Childhood
Gender in Society
Schooling and Society
Qualitative Research Methods

**Senior Lecturer, Northeastern University College of Professional Studies
Online Programs, 2009-Present**

Courses Taught (Online Instruction):

Race and Ethnicity
Gender and Work Roles in Society
Diversity
Social Problems
Social Theory I
Social Theory II
Social Theory III
Introduction to Sociology

**Lecturer, Colorado Women's College at the University of Denver, 2010-
Present**

Courses Taught:

Feminist Ethics
Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
Community-Based Research

Led a certificate program through 4 quarters of instruction, working with a community non-profit organization on a major research project about the homeless population in Denver. Led students through research design, field preparation, data gathering, analysis, and presentation to the college.

Introduction to Sociology
Social Science Research Methods

Lecturer, Northeastern University College of Professional Studies, 2006-2009

Courses Taught:

Gender and Work Roles in Society (Hybrid, Online, On-Ground Instruction)
Diversity (Online Instruction and On-Ground Instruction)
Race and Ethnicity (Online Instruction)
Social Theory I (Online Instruction)
Social Theory II (Online Instruction)
Social Theory III (Online Instruction)
Social Problems (Online Instruction)

Lecturer, Northeastern University Undergraduate Day Programs, 2005-2007

Courses Taught:

Gender in a Changing Society

Teaching Assistant, Northeastern University, 2004-2006

Peoples and Cultures with Professor Alan Klein: Spring 2006
Feminist Perspectives with Professor Wini Breines: Spring: 2005
Social Movements of the 1960's with Professor Wini Breines: Fall: 2004 & 2005

Teaching Assistant, University of Denver, 2003

Introduction to Sociology with Professor Audrey Sprenger: Winter 2003

Conference Presentations

“A Compulsory Alliance: Constructing the Straight Ally in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance,” paper presented at the 26th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference, February, 2014

“‘Allies’ and ‘Safe Spaces’: High School Student and Teacher-Sponsor Constructions of Meanings in a Gay-Straight Alliance,” paper presented at the Chicago Ethnography Conference at the University of Chicago, 2013

“Gender in a High School Gay-Straight Alliance: Experiences of and Perceptions about Self-Identified Straight Girls as Allies,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2013

Academic Honors, Grants, and Scholarships

Letter of Teaching Recognition from the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

“A faculty member who had the most meaningful positive impact on a student’s University experience” (Survey of University of Denver Alumni)
University of Denver, 2014

Outstanding Teaching Assistant: Instructor of Record

Nominated by Dr. Wini Breines
Northeastern University, 2006

Senior Graduate Assistantship

Northeastern University, 2006-2007

Teaching Assistantship and Full Scholarship

Northeastern University, 2004-2006

Full Tuition Scholarship

Northeastern University, 2003-2004

Breck Book Fund Research Grant

University of Denver, 2002

Partners in Scholarship Research Grant

University of Denver, 2002

Leadership Positions and Service

Senior Thesis Committee Member

Bailey Wilson’s Honors Thesis, University of Denver, 2014

Elected Student Representative to the Faculty Committee on Graduate Students

Northeastern University, 2005-2006

Lead Facilitator

Northeastern University Undergraduate Honors Program, 2007 & 2008

Amni Hyde Interviewer for Prospective Students

University of Denver, 2004

Invited Talks

Panel Member

School Presentation to Parents on Bullying
Ricks Center for Gifted Children, April, 2014

Panel Member

FOCUS Forum Panel: "Diversity and Sexualities"
Northeastern University, March, 2007

Academic Books Reviewed

David Shneer and Caryn Aviv. 2006. *American Queer, Now and Then: A Reader*
Boulder: Paradigm Publishers.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society

Current Research Interests

Gender, Sexualities, Education, Bodies, Social Inequality, Masculinities,
Children, Qualitative Research Methods

References

Available upon request