

**CURRICULUM VITA**  
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**EDUCATION**

In Progress	PhD	Sociology	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
2014	M.A.	Sociology	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
		<i>M.A. Thesis:</i> "The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking" Committee: Karen Cerulo (Chair), Phaedra Daipha, and Hana Shepard	
2010	B.A.	Sociology (with Honors) Minors in Psychology and Spanish	University of Iowa
		<i>Honors Thesis:</i> "Polychronic Technology Usage: Understanding Intra/Intergenerational Variation of Media Multitasking in Diverse Groups" Committee: Mary E. Campbell (Chair), Steven Hitlin	

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**SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Sex, Gender and Sexualities	Science, Knowledge and Technology	Social Theory
Culture and Cognition	Evolution, Biology and Society	Health and Illness

**TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Feminist Biology	Critical and Social Neuroscience	Philosophy of Science
Psychoneuroendocrinology	Cardiovascular Psychophysiology	Philosophy of Mind

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**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2015	<i>Special Fellowship</i> , Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
2014-15	<i>Excellence Fellowship</i> , Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
2013-14	<i>Graduate Assistantship</i> , Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University
2012-13	<i>Excellence Fellowship</i> , Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
2010	Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Travel Grant, \$500, University of Iowa
2010	Honors Program Travel Grant, \$300, American Sociological Association
2010	Annual Conference Travel Grant, \$100, Midwest Sociological Society

2009-10 *ICRU Research Fellowship*, Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, \$2500, University of Iowa

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### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2013 *Matilda White Riley Term Paper Award*, \$350, Rutgers University, Dept. of Sociology  
2010 *J. Richard Wilmeth Award for Excellent Honors Thesis*, \$150, University of Iowa, Dept. of Sociology  
2010 *Manford Kuhn Award for Best Undergraduate Junior-Senior Paper*, \$100, Iowa Sociological Association  
2010 *Award for Distinguished Poster Presentation in Social Sciences*, University of Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, University of Iowa  
2010 *Honors Program Participant*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
2010 *Outstanding Senior Award*, University of Iowa, Dept. of Sociology  
2008 *Alpha Kappa Delta National Honors Recipient*, University of Iowa

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### **RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT**

2015-17 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Discordant Models of Testosterone Function Project, National Science Foundation funded project with Rebecca Jordan-Young (Barnard College) and Katrina Karkazis (Stanford University)  
2015-17 *Consultant*, Heart Rate and Blood Pressure Variability Training Consultant, Emotion and Psychopathology Laboratory, Rutgers University, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research  
2013-17 *Lab Manager*, Health, Environment and Relational Ties (HEART) Laboratory, Rutgers University, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research  
2012-17 *Research Assistant*, Health, Environment and Relational Ties (HEART) Laboratory, Rutgers University, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research  
2007-08 *Undergraduate Research Assistant*, University of Iowa, Department of Sociology, Center for the Study of Group Processes (CSGP)  
2007 *Telephone Research Surveyor*, Social Science Research Center (SSRC)

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### **TEACHING INVOLVEMENT**

2016-17 *Instructor*, Sociology of Medicine & Health Care, Rutgers University, Sociology  
2016 *Teaching Assistant*, Sociological Research Methods, Rutgers University, Sociology  
*Teaching Assistant*, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Rutgers University, Sociology  
2010-11 *Culture and Language Assistant*, I. E. S. Blas Infante, Córdoba, Spain  
2010-11 *English Tutor and Translator*, Schibolet Idiomas, Córdoba, Spain  
2008 *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*, University of Iowa, Sociology

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

Kramer, B. L., Himmelstein, M. S., & Springer, K. W. (2017). Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 1-10.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Himmelstein, M., Kramer, B. & Springer, K. “Stress in Strong Convictions: Precarious Manhood Beliefs Moderate Cortisol Reactivity to Masculinity Threats.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Kramer, B. “The Pharmaceuticalization of Emotional Brains: Tracing the Emergence of Personalized Sexual Medicine.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Kramer, B. “Making Multitasking Matter: Using Object-Oriented Ontology to Study Human Drone Systems.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Kramer, B., Carlin, L., Jordan-Young, R., & Karkzis, K. “Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable: Submerging Race in Biomedical Studies of Testosterone.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Springer, K., Kramer, B., & Himmelstein, M. “Unpacking the Black Box: Using Psychophysiology to Better Understand Men and Masculinities.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Himmelstein, M., Springer, K., Kramer, B., & Barnwell, P. “Baseline and Stress.” *Data Collected and Analyses in Progress*.

Kramer, B. “Mixing and Masc-ing: Interrogating and Integrating Precarious Manhood into Sociological Theory.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Kramer, B. “Using Discursive Psychology to Study Masculinities in an Experimental Entanglement.” *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Kramer, B. “The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking.” *Paper Completed for Department Qualifying Paper. Manuscript in Preparation*.

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## **CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Kramer, B. “Making Multitasking Matter: Using Object-Oriented Ontology to Study Human Drone Systems.” Presented at annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.

Kramer, B., Carlin, L., Jordan-Young, R., & Karkzis, K. “Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable: Submerging Race in Biomedical Studies of Testosterone.” Presented at annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.

Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task. Springer, K. W., Kramer, B. L., & Himmelstein, M. S. Presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. August 2017.

“Pharming the Emotional Brain: The Development of Personalized Sexual Medicine.” Invited Speaker for Psychology of Women (Liz Carlin), City University of New York, New York City, NY. October 2016.

“Unpacking the Black Box: Using Psychophysiology to Better Understand Men and Masculinities.” Kramer, B., Springer, K.W., & Himmelstein, M. S. Presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL., August 2015.

“Identifying the Physiological Mechanisms Underlying Masculinity Threats.” Springer, K.W., Kramer, B. L., & Himmelstein, M. S. Poster Presentation at 2015 Showcase of Research at the Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., March 2015.

“A Cluttered Construction: A Sociology of Hoarding.” Invited Speaker for Normality and Abnormality course (Dr. Deborah Carr), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., February 2013. Invited Speaker for Normality and Abnormality course (Dr. Deborah Carr), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., November 2014. Invited Speaker for Normality and Abnormality course (Dr. Allan Horowitz), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., March 2015. Invited Speaker for Introduction to Sociology course (Dr. Kristen Springer), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., April 2015.

“Using Developmental Systems Theory and Social Neuroscience in the Sociology of Culture and Cognition.” Presented at annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY., February 2015.

“The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking.” Invited Speaker for Culture Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., September 2014.

“Polychronic Technology Usage: Understanding Intra/Intergenerational Variation of Media Multitasking in Diverse Groups.” Presented at the University of Iowa Department of Sociology Social Psychology Horseshoe, Iowa City, IA, March 2010. Revised version presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL., March 2010, the annual meeting of the Iowa Sociological Association Meeting, Cedar Falls, IA., April 2010, and the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA., August 2010.

“Polychronic Technology Usage: Understanding Intra/Intergenerational Variation of Media Multitasking in Diverse Groups.” *Poster Presentation*. Presented at the annual event for the University of Iowa’s Iowa Center of Research for Undergraduates Research in the Capitol, Des Moines, IA., March 2010 and Spring Undergraduate Research Forum, Iowa City, IA., March 2010. Revised version presented at the annual meeting of the Iowa Psychological Association, Iowa City, IA., April 2010.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

2016-	<i>Reviewer, Sociological Forum</i>
2013-	<i>Mentor, Rutgers Sociology Multigenerational Mentoring Program</i>
2012	<i>Reviewer, Rutgers Journal of Sociology</i>
2013-14	<i>Colloquium Committee Representative, Rutgers University, Department of Sociology</i>
2008-10	<i>Member, Undergraduate Sociological Association</i>
2008-09	<i>Website Administrator, Undergraduate Sociological Association</i>
2008-09	<i>Vice-President, Iowa Student Psychology Association</i>
2007-10	<i>Member, Iowa Student Psychology Association</i>

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017- Society for Social Studies of Science  
2015- Eastern Sociological Society  
2011- Society for Social Neuroscience  
2010- American Sociological Association  
2008- Alpha Kappa Delta

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## RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Computer: Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics, SPSS, Stata, AcqKnowledge, E-Prime, NVivo, Gephi  
Technical: Saliva acquisition and ELISAs (Cortisol, Testosterone), BIOPAC Systems (ECG, HRV, RSP, cardiac output, and blood pressure acquisition and data analysis), CNAP 500at (blood pressure acquisition), Mindware HRV and BPV analysis  
Language: English (fluent), Spanish (proficient speaker, reader, and writer)

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## REFERENCES

Rebecca Jordan-Young, PhD  
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