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Academic Positions Held

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

University of Pennsylvania
Scattergood Visiting Fellow, Department of Medical Ethics, Fall 2018

Princeton University
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 (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;
Medical Anthropology Theory; Nursing History Review*

Kempner, Joanna (In process) *Notes from the Psychedelic Underground: Survival on the Edge of Medicine*

Articles, Commentaries, and Chapters

*Peer-Reviewed

Graduate student co-author

*Parikh, Simy K., Joanna Kempner, William B. Young. (forthcoming, 2020) “Stigma in migraine and other severe headache.” *Current Pain and Headache Reports*. (23)

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

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.

*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 (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 (2016) “What biology can’t do.” *Headache*. 56(5): 1047-1052.

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>.

*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 Ottinger, 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.

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 20th century." *Cephalalgia*. 23: 624.

Public Sociology

2012-2018, Blogger for migraine.com, an online publication for people with migraine

Fellowships and Awards

- 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

- 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)

Selected Presentations

Public Talks, Panels and Symposia

- “Psychedelic Healing: A Public Panel.” University of Edinburgh, July 17th, 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 5th, 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.

Invited Academic Talks and Panels

- “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. 36th 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: 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.
- “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.

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 legitimating 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.

"Closing the legitimacy deficit: Using neuroscience to save headache medicine." Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2012.

“The biomedicalization of migraine and the limits of legitimization.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2011.

- “What’s in a name?: Cultural meaning and the ontological status of illness.” (with William B. Young). Presented to the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2011.
- “The stigma of migraine.” (with Jung E. Park and William B. Young). Presented to the American Headache Society, June 2010.
- “The chilling effect: Politics and the (non)production of scientific knowledge.” Presented to the Society for the Social Study of Science, October 2007.
- “Forbidden knowledge: How biological and social scientists identify and manage dangerous research.” Presented to the Society for the Social Study of Science, November 2006.
- "Masculinity and the social construction of cluster headache." Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2005.
- "The gender of migraine: Exploring the link between pharmaceutical marketing and public health." Presented to the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, October 2004.
- “Marketing migraine medication: Gendering the disorder through advertising.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2004.
- “The migraine personality: American headache research in the early 20th century.” Presented to the International Headache Congress, August 2003.
- “Is migraine a woman’s disease?” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2003.
- “Gendering pain: Reflections on women and migraine.” Presented to the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2003.
- “Mind and body in migraine: A paradigm in flux.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2002.
- “The rise and fall of the psychosomatic hypothesis of migraine: 1873-1960.” Presented to the American Headache Society, June 2002.
- “Lay challenges to biomedical authority: Breast cancer patients question biomedical knowledge.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2001.
- “Homemade science: Breast cancer patients as everyday theorists.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2000.

Teaching

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
Social Research Methods
Writing Seminar

University of Pennsylvania, Undergraduate
Sociology of Medicine

Service

Public Service

Treasurer, Executive Committee, Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy, 2018-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 underserved. Washington, DC, April 23-24th, 2019.

Professional Service

*Indicates elected positions

*Council member-at-large, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018-present

*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 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:

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*, *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

Graduate Committee, 2012-13, 2015-17, 2019-20 (elected)
Departmental Representative, AAUP-AFT, 2017-18, 2019-20
Reading Committee, 2019-2020
Member, Senior Hiring Search Committee, 2018-2019
Chair, Senior Hiring Search Committee, 2017-2018
Executive Committee, 2008-2009, 2011-14, 2017-2018 (elected)

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

Member, Appointments & Promotions Committee, School of Arts & Sciences, 2019-20
 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

Ongoing	Tsai-Yen Han, Sociology – (Chair) <i>Dirt Management: Cleanliness, Child Hygiene, and Child Care in the United States</i> , Proposal defended, 2017
Ongoing	John Bailey – (Chair) <i>The Fan as Paradigmatic Prosumer</i> , Proposal defended, 2017.
Ongoing	Maria Espinoza – <i>Communicating about dengue and other climate-sensitive diseases in a changing climate: The case of health professionals in Peru</i>
2020	Jorie Hofstra, Sociology -- <i>Narrating the Neurally-Disrupted Self: Brain, Self, and Society in the Attribution of Dysregulated Anger</i> ,
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 – <i>Molecularization at the Intersections: Critically Examining the Links Between Race, Testosterone and Prostate Cancer</i> .
2018	Hwa-Yen Huang, Sociology -- <i>Crisis Events, In-Betweenness, and Epistemic Transformation: A Phenomenological Study of Autobiographies of Illness and Political Violence</i>
2018	Lindsay Stevens, Sociology – (Chair) <i>According to Plan? Medicine, Inequality and Reproduction in the United States</i>
2017	Eiko Saeki, Sociology – <i>The Conceptualizations of the Beginning of Life in Japan: Technology, Reproduction and the Boundary of Personhood</i> .
2016	Étienne Meunier – (Co-Chair): <i>Organizing Collective Intimacy: An Ethnography of New York City’s Clandestine Sex Clubs</i>

Qualifying Papers, Masters Theses & Practicums

- Ongoing Katherine Tuangco, Qualifying Paper --TBD
- 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, Proposal defended May 2018.
- 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)

Selected Media Appearances

Kempner’s research has been covered in *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*, 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*, *PBS Newshour*, and the documentary *Out of My Head*.