

CURRICULUM VITA
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EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 (expected) **Ph.D., Sociology** Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Dissertation: “Biomedical MultipliciTs: How the Testosterone Industry Reconstructs Risk to Promote the Growth of Pharmaceutical Use”
Committee: Kristen Springer (Chair), Joanna Kempner, Catherine Lee, Rebecca Jordan-Young (Barnard College)
- 2012-2014 **M.A., Sociology** Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
M.A. Thesis: “The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking”
Committee: Karen Cerulo (Chair), Phaedra Daipha, Hana Shepard
- 2006-2010 **B.A. Sociology (Honors)** University of Iowa
Honors Thesis: “Polychronic Technology Usage: Understanding Intra/Intergenerational Variation of Media Multitasking in Diverse Groups”
Committee: Mary E. Campbell (Chair), Steven Hitlin
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology	Science, Knowledge & Technology	Sex, Gender & Sexualities
Race & Ethnicity	Computational Social Science	Culture & Cognition

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*, 51(6), 846-855.

Himmelstein, M., Kramer, B. L. & Springer, K. (Forthcoming). “Stress in Strong Convictions: Precarious Manhood Beliefs Moderate Cortisol Reactivity to Masculinity Threats.” *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Carlin, L. & Kramer, B.L. “Hair, Hormones & Ghosts: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.” *Under Review for Special Issue*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Kramer, B.L. "Tracking Testosterone: Ambiguity, Absence, and the Re-inscription of Race in Hormonal Research." *Manuscript in Preparation (Estimated Submission in Oct. 2018)*.

Kramer, B.L., Weber, M., & Yanovitzky, I. "Networks of Evidence Use in the Context of Federal Childhood Policymaking." *Manuscript in Preparation (Estimated Submission in Oct. 2018)*.

Weber, M., Kramer, B.L., & Yanovitzky, I. "Knowledge Brokering & the Implementation of Health Research from a Networks Perspective." *Manuscript in Preparation (Estimated Submission in Dec. 2018)*.

Weber, M., Kramer, B.L., & Yanovitzky, I. "Claims-Making in Policy Networks: Using ERGMs to Evaluate Childhood Obesity Legislation." *Manuscript in Preparation (Estimated Submission in Dec. 2018)*.

Kramer, B.L. "Making Multitasking Matter: Using Object-Oriented Ontology to Study Human-Drone Systems." *Manuscript in Preparation (Estimated Submission for Special Issue in Mar. 2019)*.

Kramer, B.L. "Enacting Emotional Brains: Sensitive Subjects in Personalized Sexual Medicine." *Manuscript in Preparation*.

Himmelstein, M., Springer, K., & Kramer, B. "Baseline and Stress." *Analysis in Progress*.

Springer, K., Kramer, B.L., & Himmelstein, M. "Cardiovascular Dynamics during Masculinity Threats." *Analysis in Progress*.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

2018-19	<i>Graduate Fellowship</i> , School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2018	<i>Sociology Small Grant Award</i> , \$500, Rutgers University, Dept. of Sociology
Spring 2018	<i>Graduate Fellowship</i> , School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2018	<i>TA/GA Professional Development Fund</i> , \$1055, Rutgers University, Dept. of Sociology
Spring 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
2013	<i>Matilda White Riley Term Paper Award</i> , \$350, Rutgers University, Dept. of Sociology
2012-13	<i>Excellence Fellowship</i> , Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
2009-10	<i>ICRU Fellowship</i> , Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, \$2500, Univ. of Iowa
2008	<i>Alpha Kappa Delta National Honors Recipient</i> , University of Iowa

RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT

2018-19 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Interactive Technology for Media Literacy Drug Prevention in Community Groups, National Institute for Drug Use (NIDA) funded project with Kathryn Green (Rutgers University) and Michael Hecht (Real Prevention)

- Spring 2018 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Evaluating Policymakers Information and Knowledge, William T. Grant Foundation funded project with Itzhak Yanovitzky (Rutgers University) and Matthew Weber (Rutgers University)
- 2015-17 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Discordant Models of Testosterone Function Project, National Science Foundation (NSF) funded project with Rebecca Jordan-Young (Barnard College) and Katrina Karkazis (Stanford University)
- 2015-16 *Consultant*, Heart Rate and Blood Pressure Variability Training Consultant, Emotion and Psychopathology Laboratory, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Principal Investigator: Edward Selby (Rutgers University)
- 2013-17 *Lab Manager*, Health, Environment and Relational Ties (HEART) Laboratory, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Advisor: Kristen Springer (Rutgers University)
- 2012 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Health, Environment and Relational Ties (HEART) Laboratory, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Advisor: Kristen Springer (Rutgers University)
- 2007-08 *Undergraduate Research Assistant*, Center for the Study of Group Processes (CSGP), Advisors: Michael Lovaglia (University of Iowa), Mary Campbell (University of Iowa)

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Kramer, B. L. “Visualizing the Racialization of Testosterone in Biomedical Studies.” Society for Social Studies of Science, Sydney, Australia, August 2018.
- Carlin, L. & Kramer, B. L. “Hair, Hormones & Ghosts: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.” Society for Social Studies of Science, Sydney, Australia, August 2018.
- Kramer, B. L. “The Sensitive Subjects of Personalized Sexual Medicine.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA., August 2018.
- Carlin, L. & Kramer, B. L. “Unveiling the Ghosts of the Post-Genomic: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA., August 2018.
- Kramer, B. L., Springer, K. W., & Himmelstein, M. S. “Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task.” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MA., February 2018.
- Kramer, B.L. & Carlin, L. “Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable in Testosterone Research.” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MA., February 2018.
- Kramer, B. L. “Making Multitasking Matter: Using Object-Oriented Ontology to Study Human Drone Systems.” Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.
- Carlin, L., Kramer, B. L. “Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable: Submerging Race in Biomedical Studies of Testosterone.” Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.

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

Kramer, B. "The Pharmaceuticalization of Emotional Brains: Tracing the Emergence of Personalized Sexual Medicine." Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA., February 2017.

Kramer, B., Springer, K.W., & Himmelstein, M. S. "Unpacking the Black Box: Using Psychophysiology to Better Understand Men and Masculinities." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL., August 2015.

Kramer, B.L. "Using Developmental Systems Theory and Social Neuroscience in the Sociology of Culture and Cognition." Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY., February 2015.

Kramer, B.L. "The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking." Invited Speaker for Culture Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., September 2014.

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

TEACHING INVOLVEMENT

Fall 2017	<i>Instructor</i> , Sociology of Medicine & Health Care, Rutgers University, Sociology
Spring 2017	<i>Instructor</i> , Sociology of Medicine & Health Care, Rutgers University, Sociology
Fall 2016	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Sociological Research Methods, Rutgers University, Sociology
Spring 2016	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Contemporary Sociological Theory, Rutgers University, Sociology
Fall 2008	<i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</i> , University of Iowa, Sociology

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2018	<i>Conference Co-Organizer</i> , Symbioses Biosocial Network, New Brunswick, NJ
2017-18	<i>Job Search Committee Graduate Representative</i> , Rutgers, Department of Sociology
2013-17	<i>Mentor</i> , Rutgers Sociology Multigenerational Mentoring Program
2013-14	<i>Colloquium Committee Representative</i> , Rutgers, Department of Sociology

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

2016	<i>Reviewer</i> , Sociological Forum
2012	<i>Reviewer</i> , Rutgers Journal of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017- Society for Social Studies of Science

2015- Eastern Sociological Society
2010- American Sociological Association
2008- Alpha Kappa Delta

TECHNICAL AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Technical Skills: Statistics (R, SPSS, STATA); Networks (R, Gephi, Sci2); Cloud Computing (Amazon EC2 Web Services); Survey Design (Qualtrics); Online Databases (ISI Web of Science, Scopus, Google Scholar, PubMed); Reference Platforms (EndNote, Zotero); Qualitative Coding (NVivo); Psychophysiology Software & Acquisition (AcqKnowledge; E-Prime; CNAP 500at BP acquisition; BIOPAC Systems including electrocardiograph, heart rate variability, respiration, and blood pressure; Mindware HRV/BPV); Biomarker Acquisition (Cortisol, Testosterone via saliva)

Language Skills: English (native, fluent); Spanish (proficient speaker, reader, and writer)

CERTIFICATIONS

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Certification, License 25648908 (4/2018 – 4/2021), Rutgers University.

Protection of Minors Training Course Certification, License LHPO148ONJSRPOSM (4/2019 – 4/2019), Rutgers University.

Good Clinical Practice Training for Social and Behavioral Research Certification, License 23584 (4/2018), National Institutes of Health.

UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS AND HONORS

2010 *J. Richard Wilmeth Award for Excellent Honors Thesis*, University of Iowa, Dept. of Sociology

2010 *Manford Kuhn Award for Best Undergraduate Junior-Senior Paper*, 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

2010 Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Travel Grant, Univ. of Iowa

2010 Honors Program Travel Grant, American Sociological Association

2010 Annual Conference Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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