

## **Abigail R. Ocobock**

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

July 2018 - Present	Assistant Professor Sociology Department, University of Notre Dame
	Concurrent Faculty Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame
August 2017 - July 2018	Visiting Assistant Professor Sociology Department, University of Notre Dame
August 2015 - 2017	Postdoctoral Fellow Sociology Department, University of Notre Dame

### **EDUCATION**

August 2015	Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology, University of Chicago <i>Dissertation:</i> "The Institutionalization of Same-Sex Marriage: How Access to Legal Marriage Impacts LGBTQ People's Relationships."
2012	Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality, University of Chicago
2009	MA, Sociology The Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2003	MSc. Comparative Social Policy Oxford University (UK)
2002	BA, Politics University of East Anglia (UK) - First Class Degree

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Publications**

Ocobock, Abigail. 2020. "Leveraging Legitimacy: Institutional Work and Change in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage." *American Journal of Sociology*, 126(3): 513-544. (Impact Factor 4.68)

Ocobock, Abigail. 2018. "Status or Access? The Impact of Marriage on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Community Change." *The Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(2):367-382. (Impact Factor 3.89)

Ocobock, Abigail. 2013. "The Power and Limits of Marriage: Married Gay Men's Family Relationships." *The Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(1):191-205. (Impact Factor 3.89)

Farrell, Betty, Alicia VandeVusse, and **Abigail Ocobock**. 2012. "Family Change and the State of Family Sociology." *Current Sociology* 60(2): 283-299. (Impact Factor 2.38)

### **Invited Refereed Publications**

Ocobock, Abigail. 2018. "From Public Debate to Private Decision: The Normalization of Marriage among Critical LGBTQ People" in *After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship*, edited by Michael Yarborough, Angela Jones, and Joseph N. DeFilippis, Routledge.

### **Invited Book Reviews**

Ocobock, Abigail. 2016. Review of *The Power of the Past: Understanding Cross-Class Marriages*. By Jessi Streib in *American Journal of Sociology* 121(4).

Ocobock, Abigail. 2014. Review of *One Marriage under God: The Campaign to Promote Marriage in America* By Melanie Heath in *Social Forces*; doi: 10.1093/sf/sou025.

### **Works Under Contract**

*Marriage Material: How an Enduring Institution is Changing Same-Sex Relationships*. (Book manuscript, in production with the University of Chicago Press, forthcoming Fall 2024)

## **Works in Progress**

Time Management as Women's Work: Qualities of Cognitive Labor During the Pandemic and Beyond  
(Journal article in progress, being submitted to *Gender & Society* January 2024)

Golden Handcuffs: The Inflexibility of Workplace Flexibility for Mothers (Journal article in progress, co-authored with Eli Williams, for submission to *Gender, Work and Organizations*)

## **OP-ED PUBLICATIONS**

“Fifteen Years of Same-Sex Marriage Tell a Tale of Both Love and Loss” (May 2019), *Reuters*:

- <https://news.trust.org/item/20190520091147-9rxnm?fbclid=IwAR08lwzmR73c0GMqVWFp5g3RShbT3mWyB9z8nc1N0BISuUr>

“For Better and For Worse: Same-Sex Marriage Fifteen Years On” (May 2019), *New England Pride Guide*:

- <https://issuu.com/therainbowtimesnews/docs/prideguide-2019-final-web-rev>

## **MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH**

“Hitting a New Mother Load” by Tara Hunt McMullen (Summer 2021), *Notre Dame Magazine*:

<https://magazine.nd.edu/stories/hitting-a-new-mother-load/>

“‘Mom guilt,’ work hours rise in pandemic parenting, but so does quality family time” (November 2020) by Colleen Sharkey, *Notre Dame News*:

<https://news.nd.edu/news/mom-guilt-work-hours-rise-in-pandemic-parenting-but-so-does-quality-family-time/>

“What You Lose When You Gain a Spouse” by Mandy Len Catron (July 2019), *The Atlantic*:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2019/07/case-against-marriage/591973/>

“The Price of Equality” (June 2019) by J. Bryan Lowder, Q&A for *Slate*:

[https://slate.com/human-interest/2019/06/marriage-equality-radical-queer-abigail-ocobock.html?fbclid=IwAR2v-jt\\_EoXbr5gOGcMXqQqhtSOIJv8loJKzcrimeDb3Gz0oKBtk9PuxuPk](https://slate.com/human-interest/2019/06/marriage-equality-radical-queer-abigail-ocobock.html?fbclid=IwAR2v-jt_EoXbr5gOGcMXqQqhtSOIJv8loJKzcrimeDb3Gz0oKBtk9PuxuPk)

“Does Same-Sex Marriage Spell the End of LGBT ‘Community’?” by Samantha Allen  
(April 2018), *Daily Beast*:  
<https://www.thedailybeast.com/does-same-sex-marriage-spell-the-end-of-lgbt-community>

## **TEACHING**

### **Course Instructor – University of Notre Dame**

*The Sociology of Gender (Graduate class)*: Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023

*Gender & Sexuality in Families*: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2021

*Introduction to Social Problems*: Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021

*Marriage and Family*: Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018; Fall 2020, Fall 2021

*The Sociology of Sexualities*: Fall 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

### **Course Instructor – Indiana University, South Bend**

*Principles of Sociology*: Fall 2013

### **Course Instructor – University of Chicago**

*Problems in the Study of Gender* (co-taught): Spring 2010

### **Undergraduate Mentoring**

Dept. of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – Senior Thesis Advisor for:

Brittney Decimus (2017-18)

Bailey Jaeger (2017-18)

Kelby Bosma (2020-2021)

Hayleigh Rockenback (2021-2022)

Catherine Kinkopf (2023-2024).

Hesburgh Program in Public Service, University of Notre Dame – Capstone Research Project Advisor for Jacklyn Cooney (2018).

### **Graduate Mentoring**

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair*:

Brianna McCaslin (2024); Eli Williams (2025); Elizabeth Moison (2026)

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member*:

Current

Greg Wurm; Lindsay Heldreth; Junrong Sheng

Prior

Ya Su (2021); Lily Watermoon (2021); Abigail Jorgensen (2022); Ruth Carmi (2023)

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

2021	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame – Large Social Sciences Research Grant: \$5,954.40.
2019	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame – International Travel Grant: \$1,552.
2014-15	William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship, The Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago: \$23,000
2013-14	Williams Institute Small Grant Program: \$5,000
2013-4	Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Research, Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago: \$21,000
2013-14	Charles R. Henderson Fund, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago: \$19,000 (award declined due to terms of other grants awarded).
2013	National Science Foundation, Dissertation Completion Fellowship: \$9,500
2012-13	Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Residential Fellowship: \$1,000

**TEACHING AND PAPER AWARDS**

2021	Marian Mullin Hancock Teaching Award, Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame
2015	American Sociological Association, Family Section, Graduate Student Paper Award
2014	Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award – Honorable Mention

- 2012 American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section,  
Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2012 American Sociological Association, Family Section,  
Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2012 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Family Division,  
Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2011 University of Chicago, Sociology Department, Graduate  
Student Essay Prize

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- June 2022 Invited Speaker, COVID-19 Panel, Work and Family  
Researchers Network Conference, New York City.
- November 2016 Invited Speaker, Center for Family and Demographic  
Research (CFDR), Bowling Green State University.
- October 2016 Invited Speaker, Syracuse University, Sociology Graduate  
Student Association Workshop.
- April 2016 Invited Speaker, “Marriage Equality and Public Policy”  
Panel, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting,  
Atlanta, GA.

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

- August 2023 Time Interrupted: Gendered Inequalities in Time Use  
During Covid-19, *Sex and Gender Roundtable President*,  
ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- August 2019 The Implications of Legal Marriage: LGBTQ Individuals  
and Same-Sex Couples – Paper Session, ASA Annual  
Meeting, New York.  
*“(Re)Defining Same-Sex Relationships in the Era of Legal  
Marriage”*
- August 2017 Marriage and Cohabitation – Paper Session, ASA Annual  
Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

*“Status or Access? The Impact of Marriage on LGBTQ Community Change”*

- August 2016                      Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Studies – Regular Session, ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle WA.  
*“From Public Debate to Private Decision: Marriage and the Suppression of Critical LGBTQ Voices.”*
- April 2016                        Traditional Marriage Standards and Its Legal and Social Consequences - Paper Session, Southern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.  
*“Expecting to be Accepted: The Sources, Consequences, and Limits of Marital Legitimacy for LGBTQ People.”*
- August 2015                      Marriage, Civil Unions and Cohabitation - Paper Session, ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.  
*“From Norms to Feelings: Understanding the Influence of Marriage over Relationship Behaviors.”*
- November 2013                 Queer Politics Paper Session, Social Science Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.  
*“‘It’s a Supply and Demand Thing’: Gaining the Right to Marry and the Need for LGBTQ Community.”*
- August 2012                      Dissertation Panel, ASA Sexualities Section Crossing Boundaries Conference, Denver, CO.

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE – UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**

- 2021 - Present                    University Committee on Women Faculty and Students (Elected Member)
- 2021-Present                    Member of the IDEA Center Advance Team working on issues of gender equity in STEM on campus
- 2020-21                          Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2019 & 2020                    Truman Fellowship Nominations Interview Panel
- 2018-2020                      Graduate Student Placement Committee, Department of Sociology (Chair from 2019-2020)
- 2018-Present                    Gender Graduate Exam Committee, Department of Sociology (Chairing committee from 2021 on)



2014 Elected American Sociological Association, Sexualities  
Section Student Representative

2012-13 American Sociological Association, Family Section  
Newsletter Committee Member

2011-12 American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section  
Roundtables Session Organizer

2011-12 American Sociological Association, Sex & Gender Section  
Distinguished Book Award Committee Member

2011-12 American Journal of Sociology, Book Review Board  
Member

2009-10 Social Theory and Evidence Workshop Coordinator,  
University of Chicago

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Council on Contemporary Families  
National Council on Family Relations  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Work and Family Researchers Network