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EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

- 2015 University of Chicago, Ph.D. Sociology
Committee: Kristen Schilt (Chair), Elisabeth Clemens, Carla Pfeffer, and
Barbara Risman
- 2012 University of Chicago, Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality
Studies
- 2009 University of Chicago, MA, Sociology
- 2003 Oxford University (UK), MSc. Comparative Social Policy
- 2002 University of East Anglia (UK), BA, Politics
First Class Degree

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2024 **Ocobock, Abigail**, *Marriage Material: How an Enduring Institution is
Changing Same-Sex Relationships*, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago
Press.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2020 **Ocobock, Abigail.** “Leveraging Legitimacy: Institutional Work and Change in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage.” *American Journal of Sociology*, 126(3): 513-544. (Impact Factor 4.4. Rank in Discipline: #2)
- 2018 **Ocobock, Abigail.** “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 6.0. Rank in Sub-Discipline of Family Sociology: #1)
- 2013 **Ocobock, Abigail.** “The Power and Limits of Marriage: Married Gay Men’s Family Relationships.” *The Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(1):191-205. (Impact Factor 6.0. Rank in Sub-Discipline of Family Sociology: #1)
- 2012 Farrell, Betty, Alicia VandeVusse, and **Abigail Ocobock.** “Family Change and the State of Family Sociology.” *Current Sociology* 60(2): 283-299. (Impact Factor 2.0)

Articles Currently Under Peer-Review

Ocobock, Abigail. “Cognitive Labor, Not-so Hidden Power, and Barriers to Gendered Change at Home” (Under Review at *Gender and Society*).

Invited Refereed Publications

2018. **Ocobock, Abigail.** “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.

Book Reviews

- 2016 **Ocobock, Abigail.** Book Review of *The Power of the Past: Understanding Cross-Class Marriages*. By Jessi Streib in *American Journal of Sociology* 121(4).
- 2015 **Ocobock, Abigail.** Book Review of *One Marriage under God: The Campaign to Promote Marriage in America* By Melanie Heath in *Social Forces* 94(2).

Works in Progress

Ocobock, Abigail and Eli Williams. “Gendered Handcuffs: The Inflexibility of Workplace Flexibility” (Journal article in progress)

Op-Ed Publications

- 2019 **Ocobock, Abigail.** “Fifteen Years of Same-Sex Marriage Tell a Tale of Both Love and Loss” *Reuters*
- 2019 **Ocobock, Abigail.** “For Better and For Worse: Same-Sex Marriage Fifteen Years On” *New England Pride Guide*

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Work and Family Researchers Network Conference, New York, NY
- 2016 Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR), Bowling Green State University
- 2016 Syracuse University, Sociology Graduate Student Association Workshop
- 2016 Southern Sociological Society, Panel on “Marriage Equality and Public Policy,” Atlanta, GA

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2023, August “Time Interrupted: Gendered Inequalities in Time Use During Covid-19,” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2022, June “Parenting and Work During Covid-19: Alleviating and Exacerbating the Time-Crunch,” Work and Family Research Network, New York, NY
- 2020, August “How do Same-Sex Couples Get Engaged? Gender, Age, and Adherence to Heteronormative Marriage Scripts,” American Sociological Association, Virtual Conference
- 2019, August “(Re)Defining Same-Sex Relationships in the Era of Legal Marriage,” American Sociological Association, New York, NY

- 2017, August “Status or Access? The Impact of Marriage on LGBTQ Community Change,” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2016, August “From Public Debate to Private Decision: Marriage and the Suppression of Critical LGBTQ Voices,” American Sociological Association, Seattle WA
- 2016, April “Expecting to be Accepted: The Sources, Consequences, and Limits of Marital Legitimacy for LGBTQ People,” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2015, August “From Norms to Feelings: Understanding the Influence of Marriage over Relationship Behaviors,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
- 2013, November “‘It’s a Supply and Demand Thing’: Gaining the Right to Marry and the Need for LGB Community.” Social Science Historical Association Chicago, IL
- 2012, August Dissertation Panel, American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section Crossing Boundaries Pre-Conference, Denver, CO

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

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

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

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

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

“Does Same-Sex Marriage Spell the End of LGBT ‘Community’?” by Samantha Allen (April 2018), *Daily Beast*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), Large Social Sciences Research Grant: \$5,954.40
- 2019 Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), International Travel Grant: \$1,552

- 2014 University of Chicago, Division of Social Sciences, William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship: \$23,000
- 2013 Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, Small Grant Program: \$5,000
- 2013 University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Research, Dissertation Fellowship: \$21,000
- 2013 University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, Charles R. Henderson Fund: \$19,000 (award declined due to terms of other grants awarded)
- 2013 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: \$9,500 (Award ID: 1303621)
- 2012 University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, Residential Fellowship: \$1,000

PAPER AWARDS

- 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

TEACHING

Teaching Awards

2021 University of Notre Dame, Gender Studies Program, Marian Mullin Hancock Teaching Award

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame

Gender & Sexuality in Families: Fa2016; Sp2017; Sp2018; Fa2018; Sp2021

Introduction to Social Problems: Sp2018; Sp2019; Sp2021

Marriage and Family: Sp2016; Fa2017; Fa2018; Fa2020; Fa2021, Sp2023; Sp2024

The Sociology of Gender (Graduate class): Sp2020; Fa2021; Fa2023

The Sociology of Sexualities: Fa2017; Fa2020; Sp2022; Sp2023; Sp2024

Indiana University, South Bend

Principles of Sociology: Fall 2013

University of Chicago

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

MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING

Doctoral Dissertations Advised

<i>Student</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Placement</i>
Elizabeth Moison	Current	Chair	
Taylor Hartson	Current	Member	
Lindsey Heldreth	Current	Member	
Junrong Sheng	Current	Member	
Greg Wurm	Current	Member	
Brianna McCaslin	2024	Co-Chair	Asst. Prof. of Instruction, UT Austin
Eli Williams	2024	Chair	Notre Dame, Postdoc
Ruth Carmi	2023	Member	Asst. Prof. Appalachian State
Abigail Jorgensen	2022	Member	Asst. Prof. Saint Louis University
Ya Su	2021	Member	Visiting Asst. Prof. Swarthmore
Lily Watermoon	2021	Member	

Masters Theses Advised

Elizabeth Moison	2022	Chair
Lauren Nielsen	2022	Chair
Carly Sherman	2022	Member
Eli Williams	2021	Chair

Lindsay Heldredth	2021	Member
Junrong Sheng	2021	Member

Undergraduate Senior Theses Advised

<i>Student</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Grad. Year</i>
Catherine Kinkopf	Glynn Family Honors, Sociology	2024
Hayleigh Rockenback	Sociology, Honors	2022
Kelby Bosma	Sociology, Honors	2021
Bailey Jaeger	Sociology, Honors	2018
Brittney Decimus	Sociology, Honors	2018
Jacklyn Cooney	Hesburgh Program in Public Service	2018

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Present-2018	Department of Sociology, Gender Graduate Exam Committee, (Chair 2021, 2023, 2024; Member 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)
Present-2024	Department of Sociology, Hiring Committee (Member)
Present-2024	Department of Sociology, Graduate Student Placement Committee (Chair)
2021-2024	University Committee on Women Faculty and Students (Elected Member)
2023-2024	Department of Sociology, Graduate Admissions Committee (Member)
2022-2023	Gender Studies Program, Marian Mullin Hancock Teaching Award Committee (Chair)
2021-2022	Department of Sociology, Graduate Studies Committee (Member)
2021-2023	IDEA Center Advance Team for Gender Equity in STEM (Member)
2020-21	Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee (Member)
2019 & 2020	Truman Fellowship Nominations Interview Panel (Member)
2018-2020	Department of Sociology, Graduate Student Placement Committee, (Chair 2019-20; Member 2018-19)

Service to the Discipline

Present-2020	Journal of Marriage and Family Editorial Board Member
2021	National Science Foundation, Grant Application Reviewer
2020	American Sociological Association, Sex and Gender Section, Membership Committee Member
2020	American Sociological Association, Family Section, Nominating Committee Member
2019	American Sociological Association, Mentoring Across Specializations (Sex & Gender, Sexualities, and Race, Class and Gender Sections) Mentor
2018	Rutgers University Press, Book Manuscript Reviewer
2016-17	American Sociological Association, Session Organizer for Regular Session on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Studies
2014	American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section Student Representative (Elected)
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

Conference Discussant

2023	American Sociological Association, Sex and Gender Roundtable President, Philadelphia, PA
2019	American Sociological Association, "LGBTQ Families and Relationships" Panel, New York, NY

- 2016 American Sociological Association, Family Section, “Marriage”
Roundtable, Seattle, WA
- 2013 Social Science Historical Association, “Thinking Gender, Thinking
Feminism” Panel, Chicago, IL
- 2012 American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section, “Regulating Bodies
and Identities,” Denver, CO

Peer Reviewer for Article Manuscripts:

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Family Theory and Review
Journal of Marriage and Family
Sociological Compass
The Journal of Homosexuality

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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