

# ALEXANDRA BREWER

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## EDUCATION

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- Expected 2020      Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- Dissertation Title: *The Deserving Pain: How Clinicians Arbitrate Credibility and Merit in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis*
- Committee: Kristen Schilt (co-chair), Anna Mueller (co-chair), Robert Vargas
- 2014                  Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2011                  Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*, Sociology, Barnard College

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Medical sociology; work, organizations, and occupations; gender, race, and class; medical education

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Brewer, Alexandra. 2018. "We were on our own?: Mothers' experiences navigating the fragmented system of professional care for autism." *Social Science & Medicine* 215: 61-8.

### Under Review

Brewer, Alexandra, Melissa Osborne, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O'Conner, and Vineet Arora. "Who Gets the Benefit of the Doubt? Performance Evaluations, Medical Errors, and the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medicine Resident Education." Revise & Resubmit at *American Sociological Review*

### Manuscripts in Progress

Brewer, Alexandra. "Moralizing the Opioid Shortage: Race, Pain, and Resource Scarcity in an Urban Hospital."

- 2019 Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
- 2019 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- 2019                  University of Chicago Social Science Division Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,000)
- 2019                  ASA Student Forum Travel Grant (\$250)

2018	Charles R. Henderson Fund Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago (\$3000)
2018	Research Travel Grant from the Orin Williams Fund, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago (\$3000)
2018	Lee Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$75)
2018	Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics Graduate Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$1500)
2018	Society for Social Research Travel Grant (\$200)
2018	Travel Grant, Impairment in the Social World, Columbia University (\$150)
2017-18	Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for Health and Social Science, University of Chicago
2017	American Journal of Sociology Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

## HONORS

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2019	Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
2019	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division,
2019	Chicago Ethnography Incubator Graduate Student Fellow, University of Chicago
2018-9	Robert Park Lectureship, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
2011	Graduation with Distinction (cum laude), Barnard College
2011	Honors in Sociology, Barnard College, 2011

## PRESENTATIONS

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“Moralizing the Opioid Shortage: Race, Pain, and Resource Scarcity in an Urban Hospital”

- Inequality Working Group, University of Chicago, February 28, 2019
- Midwest Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 18, 2019
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, August 9, 2019
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 12, 2019

“Errors, Blame, and the Benefit of the Doubt: Examining the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medical Education”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018

“Dangerously Underconfident: Gender and the Cultivation of Professional Role Confidence Emergency Medical Education”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018
- Gender and Sexualities Working Group, University of Chicago. May 8, 2018
- Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago. April 30, 2018

“The Deserving Pain? : Determining Legitimacy of Opioid Use in Sickle Cell Patients”

- Impairment and the Social World Conference, Columbia University. March 22, 2018
- Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago. March 17, 2018
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 11, 2018

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 12, 2018

“Decentralization of Medical Knowledge and the Cost of Coordinating Care”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

Sociology of Medicine (2019)

Sociology BA Thesis Seminar (research methods for thesis work) (2016-19)

Self, Culture, Society I (undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2015, 2016)

### Teaching Assistant

Self, Culture, Society I, II, & III (undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2014-15)

English Teaching Assistant through the French Ministry of Education, Argenteuil, France (2011-12)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2019-20 Graduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Vineet Arora**, *Evaluating IGNITE (Improving Graduate medical and Nursing Interprofessional Team Experiences)*. Responsibilities include designing study, managing IRB, collecting interview data, and analyzing data.

2019-20 Graduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Anna Mueller**, *Professional Experiences of Women and Minorities in Emergency Medicine*. Responsibilities include designing study, managing IRB, study recruitment, collecting ethnographic and interview data, developing coding nodes, analyzing data, and writing manuscripts.

2018-20 Graduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Anna Mueller**, *Gender Bias in Emergency Medical Education*. Responsibilities include managing data analysis of multiple researchers, analyzing data, and writing manuscripts.

2010-11 Undergraduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Peter Bearman**, *Understanding Autism*. Responsibilities included grant writing, study recruitment, and analyzing data.

## PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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2019-21 Student Representative, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2018-19 Student editor, Medical Sociology Newsletter, American Sociological Association

2018 Co-Organizer, Engendering Change Conference, University of Chicago

2017-18 Undergraduate Events Coordinator (PRISM preceptor), University of Chicago

2017-18 Graduate Student Supervisor, *Chicago Journal of Sociology*, University of Chicago

2015-16 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

2014-16 Manuscript Assignment Board, *American Journal of Sociology*

2013-14 Vice President, University of Chicago Society for Social Research

2014 Co-organizer, University of Chicago Spring Institute Conference

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (native), French (advanced proficiency)