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## EDUCATION

- PhD Sociology, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2020)
- Graduate Certificate in Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Dissertation Title:** Neutralizing Title IX: Hyperlegal Consciousness on College Campuses in the Age of #MeToo  
**Committee:** Kristen Schilt (chair), Anna-Maria Marshall, Kimberly Hoang, Robert Vargas
- MA Sociology, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2014)
- MA Peace and Conflict Studies, Ulster University, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland – *with distinction* (2009)
- MA Cultural Politics/Latin American Studies, La Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador – *with distinction* (2007)
- BA English, with Gender & Women’s Studies Concentration, Grinnell College, Iowa (2005)

## EMPLOYMENT

2020-present Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Dept. of Sociology & the College, University of Chicago

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- “Inequalities in Higher Education Guest-Expert Mentors Initiative,” Social Sciences Division Curricular Innovation Grant for \$2,200 (2020)
- “Undergraduate Research Assistant Opportunity for Study on Hookup Culture During the Pandemic,” Social Sciences Division Curriculum Innovation Grant for \$5,860 (2020-2021)
- Social Sciences Dissertation-Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago (2019-2020)
- Residential Fellow, Univ. of Chicago Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality (2018-2019)
- Teaching Fellow, Chicago Center for Teaching (2018-2019)
- Henderson Research Grant, University of Chicago (2018)
- Social Sciences Division Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago (2011)
- George J. Mitchell Scholar to Northern Ireland, U.S.-Ireland Alliance (2008)
- U.S. Fulbright Scholar Award to Ecuador (2005-2006)

## RESEARCH

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Janson, Lara. 2012. *Interculturalidad y género en la Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Cotacachi*. Quito: Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador: Corporación Editora Nacional.

Janson, Lara. 2010. "El Mercado de Mujeres: El Aumento del Tráfico Sexual de Latinoamericanas," in *La Pobreza en América Latina: ¿Una Dimensión Olvidada de la Integración Económico Regional?* Andrade, Pablo and Alicia Puyana (eds.). Quito: CLACSO-CROP.

- Article on rise in commercial sexual exploitation of Latin American women in edited volume.

Janson, Lara. 2005. "The Many Faces of Victoria's Secret." *Proteus*, 22 (2): 25-30.

- Article reviewed by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (2005).

Janson, Lara, Liz Mallot, and Louis McGinty. 2002. "Soil Temperature and Arthropod Abundance are Lower Near Ant Mounds." *Tillers*, 3: 15-19.

### Other Publications

Janson, Lara. 2020. *Challenging Intersectional Inequality Through Digital Media Images*. Teaching module for *Gender & Society's* peer-reviewed pedagogy project. September 8, 2020.  
<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/in-the-classroom-pedagogy-project/>.

Janson, Lara. 2013. *'Our Great Hobby': An Analysis of Online Network for Buyers of Sex in Illinois*. Chicago: Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation.

### Under Review

"Title IX Gatekeepers: How Hyperlegal Consciousness in Higher Education is Leaving Law Enforcement Behind."

- Submitted to top law & society journal in December 2020

"Our Great Hobby': An Analysis of Online Network for Buyers of Sex in Illinois"

- Winner, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Law and Society Division's Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition (2016)
- Under review at top criminology journal

### In Preparation

"Incel Masculinity, Tech Jocks, and Tinder: Surveying the Sexual Double Standard Across Different Campus Hookup Cultures"

- To be submitted to peer-reviewed sexuality studies journal in May 2021

"Hooking Up and Consent in the #MeToo Era: College Student Perceptions of Social Change"

- To be submitted to peer-reviewed social movement journal in March 2021

"Hooking Up in the Time of COVID-19: The Use of Symbolic Trust to Manage Risk in College Students' Sexual Decision-Making."

- To be submitted to peer-reviewed gender & sexuality journal in February 2021

"Don't Title IX Me': Masking the Compliance Gap and Molding the Law in Higher Education."

- To be submitted to peer-reviewed sociology of education journal in January 2021

## INVITED TALKS

“The Commercial Sex Industry and Sex Purchasers.” Harold Washington College - Criminal Justice class. March 2014.

“Our Great Hobby’: An Analysis of Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.”

- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (IHMEC) and YWCA Evanston. Featured panelist for public panel discussion about the demand for commercial sex in Illinois. Evanston Public Library. January 17, 2017.
- YWCA Sexual Violence and Support Services Department, Chicago, IL. YWCA Chicago. May 3, 2013.
- DePaul University Law School, Chicago, IL. Publication release event with media, law enforcement, and local stakeholders. February 13, 2013.

“Gender Inequality and Interculturalism.”

- The Center for Interamerican Studies (CEDEI), Cuenca, Ecuador. 2007.
- Fundación CIMAS, Quito, Ecuador. 2006.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Title IX Gatekeepers: How Hyperlegal Consciousness in Higher Education is Leaving Law Enforcement Behind.” Law and Inequality Roundtable, American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual Conference, August 9, 2020.

“Our Great Hobby’: The Construction of Legal Consciousness in Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.”

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20, 2016.
- University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. The Urban Workshop. November 17, 2015.

“Our Great Hobby’: Impacts of Law and Law Enforcement on Men Who Buy Sex.” SAFE Coalition for Human Rights Sex-Trafficking Awareness, Freedom and Empowerment Conference 2014, Chicago, IL. October 29, 2014.

“Impacts of Law and Law Enforcement on Men Who Buy Sex.” University of Chicago Law School – Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Chicago, IL. April 10, 2013.

“Demand Abolition: A Conversation about Sex Trafficking” featured panelist. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. May 15, 2013.

Hunt Alternatives Strategic Planning Conference Technical Expert, Dallas, TX. May 16-17, 2013.

“Culture in the Study of the Commercial Sex Industry” featured panelist. University of Chicago Spring Institute, Chicago, IL. May 3, 2013.

“What the Men are Saying and the Need for Early Prevention Education” Panel, Arresting Demand: A National Colloquium, Cambridge, MA. May 3-4 2012.

“El Mercado de Mujeres: El Aumento del Tráfico Sexual de Latinoamericanas.” CLACSO-CROP  
“Poverty, Economic Integration, and International Commerce” conference. La Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador November 27-29, 2007.

## **WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

“Title IX Gatekeepers: How Hyperlegal Consciousness in Higher Education is Leaving Law Enforcement Behind.” Sociology Dept. Summer Workshop, University of Chicago, IL. July 7, 2020.

“Don’t Title IX Me’: Masking the Compliance Gap and Molding the Law in Higher Education.” Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality, University of Chicago, IL. April 9, 2019.

“Our Great Hobby’: The Construction of Legal Consciousness in Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois.” The Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, IL. November 17, 2015.

Discussant for “Europe’s Legal Red Light Districts: Comparing Different Models and Distilling Best Practices,” by Ronald Weitzer. City, Space, and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, IL. Oct. 24, 2013.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Pedagogy Training**

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching from the Chicago Center for Teaching (2020)

Various seminars and workshops from the Chicago Center for Teaching (including, for example: Principles of Inclusive Pedagogy, Teaching by Discussion, Accessibility and Higher Education, Exploring Implicit Bias in the Classroom, Teaching “Difference,” and Gender in the Classroom).

### **Instructor of Record**

- “Beyond Hashtags: Social Movements in Digital Society” (*forthcoming – Spring 2021*)
- “The Sociology of Higher Education,” U. Chicago (*Autumn 2020*)
- “Foundations in Gender/Sexuality Studies: Defining the Feminist ‘Fourth Wave,’” U. Chicago (*Autumn 2019*)
- “The Legal Tender of Gender: Paradigms of Equality and Realities of Inequality in Gender & The Law,” U. Chicago (*Spring 2019*)
- “Problems in the Study of Gender: Media Wars,” co-taught with Dr. Jennifer Wild, U. Chicago (*Autumn 2017, Spring 2019*)
- “Microteaching Workshop Series for Social Science Graduate Students,” co-taught with Rebecca Ewert, Chicago Center for Teaching (*Winter 2019*)
- “Fundamentals of Teaching in the Social Sciences: Research Methods & Design Workshop Series,” co-taught with Jenn Jackson, Chicago Center for Teaching (*Autumn 2018*)
- “Power, Identity, and Resistance” Social Sciences Core Sequence, U. Chicago (*Autumn & Winter 2020, Spring 2018, Autumn 2018*)

**Instructor of Record - Grinnell College's Liberal Arts in Prison Program, Grinnell, IA (2007)**

- “Women in Literature,” co-taught with Smita Sharma, Iowa Women’s Correctional Institute, Mitchellville, IA.
- “No-touch Salsa Dancing,” Iowa Women’s Correctional Institute, Mitchellville, IA.
- “No-touch Yoga and Relaxation,” Iowa Women’s Correctional Institute, Mitchellville, IA.

**Instructor of Record - Cárcel García Moreno, Quito, Ecuador (2005-2006)**

- Co-founder of first-ever prison education program at oldest men’s prison in Ecuador, offering courses in “Introduction to Creative Writing,” “Poetry of Resistance,” and “Therapeutic Art.”

**Teaching Assistant/Teaching Intern**

- “Social Structure and Change” with Dr. Marco Garrido, U. Chicago (*Winter ’17, ’18, ’19*)
- “States, Markets, and Bodies” with Dr. Kimberly Hoang, U. Chicago (*Autumn 2017, Winter 2019*)
- “Global-Local Politics” with Dr. Terry Clark, U. Chicago (*Winter 2018*)
- “Urban Innovation” with Dr. Terry Clark, U. Chicago (*Spring 2017*)
- “The Third World City” with Dr. Marco Garrido, U. Chicago (*Spring 2017*)
- “Sociological Methods” with Dr. Cheol-Sung Lee, U. Chicago (*Winter ’17 & ’15*)
- “Power, Identity, and Resistance” Core Sequence with Dr. Gary Herrigel, U. Chicago (*Spring 2016*)
- “Power, Identity, and Resistance” Core Sequence with Dr. Birte Löschenkohl, U. Chicago (*Autumn ’15*)
- “Crime and the City” with Dr. Forrest Stuart, U. Chicago (*Autumn ’14*)

**ENGAGED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Researcher, Community Organizer, and Consultant—Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), Chicago, IL (2010-2013)**

- Head of research project investigating demand side of Illinois commercial sex industry.
- Created boys’ high school curriculum about commercial sexual exploitation.
- Consultant for outreach program about human trafficking taught to youth in juvenile detention.

**International Conflict Research (INCORE) Course Facilitator Assistant and Staff Intern—INCORE, University of Ulster, Londonderry, Northern Ireland (2008-2009)**

- Revised curriculum for INCORE’s online “Gender and Conflict” course.
- Strengthened quantitative and qualitative gender analysis/evaluation skills in conflict areas.
- Assisted facilitators of INCORE Summer School 2009, with courses on “Evaluation of Peacebuilding Programmes,” “Interpersonal Reconciliation after Violence Conflict,” and “Peacemaking and Peacebuilding: Lessons Learned from Northern Ireland.”

### **Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Labor Trafficking Outreach Specialist/Interim**

**Coordinator**—Polaris Project, New Jersey (2008)

- Led research and outreach to Asian, Brazilian, and West African diaspora immigrant communities impacted by networks of commercial sexual and labor exploitation operating in NJ and NY.
- Taught and developed curriculum for anti-trafficking education/prevention outreach programs to youth at shelters and detention centers across NJ.
- Led presentations on trafficking victim protection/visas, policy formulation, gender inequality, and socioeconomic roots of trafficking to government agencies and NGOs.

### **Sexual Trafficking Public Education Project Founder**—Ministry of Culture, Quito, Ecuador (2007-2008)

- Developed public education curriculum rooted in empirical legal/social sciences data on human trafficking in South America.
- Presented to government agencies about gender inequality and trafficking.

### **Researcher and Collaborator with Women's Commission**—Union of Rural Indigenous Organizations (UNORCAC), Cotacachi, Ecuador (2006-2007)

- Conducted Master's thesis investigation on relationship between gender inequality and interculturalism within UNORCAC's Women's Commission, including socioeconomic analysis of local women's status.
- Helped lead empowerment and cultural revitalization workshops for rural Kichwa women.
- Organized leadership development seminars for rural Kichwa women about UNORCAC's agricultural sustainability and indigenous midwifery training programs.
- Coordinator for micro-credit and entrepreneur cooperative for rural Kichwa women.

## **SERVICE**

Pedagogy/curriculum creator of online lesson plan resources for teaching intersectional theory using social and digital media, *Gender & Society* (2020-present)

Junior Scholar Advisory Board, *Gender & Society* (2019-present)

UK/Ireland National Fellowships Endorsement Committee for University of Chicago (2018-present)

Organizer, invited local activist guest lecture series for "Defining the Feminist 'Fourth Wave'" course at University of Chicago (*Autumn 2019*)

Member of University of Chicago Indigenous Studies Group (2019-present)

Contributing organizer of "Our History is the Future: Standing Rock vs. the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance" (*June 2019*)

- Book presentation by Nick Estes (Kul Wicasa), Asst. Prof. of American Studies, University of New Mexico, followed by a round-table with local organizers with #NoDAPL and Black Lives Matter.

Organizer, "The Legal Tender of Gender: Original Undergraduate Research Symposium," Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (*June 2019*)

Moderator, “Transitions to Teaching on the Tenure Track” Panel, “Pathways to College Teaching Careers” Conference, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago (May 2019)

Member of Chicago Center for Teaching Race & Pedagogy Working Group (2018-2019)

- Co-organizer, “Race & Pedagogy at the Smart Museum,” Smart Museum, University of Chicago (May 2019)
- Co-organizer, “Diverse by Design: Crafting Inclusive Syllabi” workshop, U. Chicago Center for Identity and Inclusion (March 2019)
- Co-organizer, “Inclusive Teaching in STEM” event featuring Kimberly Tanner, Prof. Biology, San Francisco State University (February 2019)

Co-organizer, “Media Wars: Original Undergraduate Research Symposium” and “Media Wars: Original Graduate Research Symposium,” Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality (May, June 2019)

Co-organizer, “Demystifying Early Career Teaching in the Social Sciences,” Chicago Center for Teaching (April 2019)

Co-organizer, “Life In Trump’s America” Chicago Ethnography Conference (March 2018)

Co-organizer, “Media Wars: A Student Symposium of Research on Gendered Discourses of Truth and Untruth,” The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (November 2017)

Book Review Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology* (2017-2018)

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEW WORK**

Judge, University of Chicago Sociology BA Thesis Competition (2018, 2020)

*International Journal of Discrimination and Law* (2020)

*American Journal of Sociology* (2017, 2020)

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

### **Television**

[Brooks, Marion. 2013. “Johns’ Create Brotherhood in Search for Online Sex: ‘Mongers’ Help Each Other Find Prostitutes, Rating them by Looks, Performance, and Attitude.” Television newscast and print report, Chicago 5 NBC News, January 11, 2013.](#)

[“Study Claims Rockford Ranks Second in Illinois Cities for Purchase of Sex.” Television newscast, WREX 13, NBC Rockford, January 11, 2013.](#)

### **Radio**

[Moore, Natalie, “Study Sheds Light on Men Who Buy Sex in Illinois,” WBEZ News, Chicago, WBEZ91.5, January 11, 2013.](#)

[“CAASE Out with a New Report on Prostitution in Illinois,” 95WLS-AM 890, Chicago, January 11, 2013.](#)

**Print**

Kolkey, Jeff. 2013. "Rockford's Stepped-Up Efforts to Quell Prostitution Applauded." *Rockford Register Star*, August 24, 2013.

Braun, Georgette. 2013. "Advocates Say New Tactics Needed on Sex Arrests in Rockford." *Rockford Register Star*, January 20, 2013.

Braun, Georgette. 2013. "Rockford Ranked Second in Illinois for Posts on Site Where Men Buy Sex." *Rockford Register Star*, January 11, 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS**

Member, *American Sociological Association (ASA)*

Member, *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*

**REFERENCES**

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