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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Ph.D., Sociology (Graduate certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies)	August 2020
M.A., Sociology	March 2016
M.A., Social Sciences	June 2013
Missouri State University	Springfield, MO
B.S., Business Administration	December 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Children & Youth, Gender, Social Media, Education, Organizational Communication, Ethnography, Interviews

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teen digital wellbeing at school

University of Chicago, *Principal Investigator (2017-2020)*

- In this dissertation, I conducted two years of school observation and interviews with students and faculty to understand how school members managed digital technology in the classroom (e.g., Chromebooks) and the technology they brought in for personal use (e.g., smartphones and gaming devices). In this analysis, I examine how teenagers stayed connected, self-managed, and dealt with distractions from their personal and school-provided devices. I also examined the ways technology impacted teachers as well as their assumptions about students' technological skills. I document the ways that schools do, and do not, scaffold effective digital wellbeing strategies for young people, ultimately arguing that the schools I studied have little impact on teens' digital behavior. In this project, I ultimately identify opportunities for how digital tools can build carrots for teachers and students to develop better habits for integrating technology into the school day in ways that help learning and wellbeing.

Communication demands on MBA students

University of Chicago Booth School of Business, *Project Lead (2011-2012)*

- In this project, I studied the changing technological landscape for MBA students after colleagues noticed a shift in the student body that accompanied the prevalence of smartphones and social media. After learning about students' changing needs and demands and how they fit into the school, I made recommendations for how to alter previous methods of outreach and worked with individual teams across University of Chicago's business school to create new opportunities for communication.

Competitive analysis research on industry trends

University of Chicago Booth School of Business, *Project Lead (2010-2012)*

- In this project, I prepared key summary findings and reports on companies, industries, and professionals. This research consisted of two parts: fulfilling research requests based on upcoming meetings, and making recommendations based on my findings, interactions, and meetings with students.

APPOINTMENTS

Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago Research and App Development	Chicago, IL July 2020 – Present
University of Chicago Booth School of Business Assistant Director, Career Resource Center Manager, Career Resource Center	Chicago, IL June 2010 – September 2012 June 2007 – June 2010
Saint Martha's Hall (Battered Women's Shelter) Development Intern	Saint Louis, MO Summer 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago
Teaching Assistant

- Urban Structure and Process, Professor Forrest Stuart (Spring 2018)
- Sociology of Human Sexuality, Professor Edward O. Laumann (Spring 2018)

Teaching Intern

- Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations, Professor Kyeong-Hee Choi (Fall 2017)
- Social Sciences Core: Power, Identity and Resistance, Professor Jeff Jackson (Spring 2017)
- Social Sciences Core: Power, Identity and Resistance, Professor Peter Wirzbicki (Fall 2016)

Westwood College

Adjunct Faculty Member (2013-2014)

- SOSC 121 - Human Relations: An introduction to the Human Relations School and cultural influences on communication
- PDEV 111 – Success Strategies: Strategies and skill building for educational goals
- PDEV 200 – Career Management: Resume and cover letter creation; preparation for job search post-college

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Outland, Sarah. "Women who (used to) rock: Women's attrition in a masculine subculture. (under review)

Outland, Sarah. *The connected classroom: Juggling technology, distractions, and expectations in high school*. (Dissertation)

CONFERENCE AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"Women's double hurdle: Gaining the skills and adapting to the social expectations of masculine spaces." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (August 2017)

“Women’s double hurdle: Gaining the skills and adapting to the social expectations of masculine spaces.” Presented at the 19th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Illinois at Chicago. (April 2017)

“Punk affiliation in adulthood: Gender and aging in a “youth” subculture.” Presented at the University of Chicago Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group. (February 2014)

“Punk affiliation in adulthood: Gender and aging in a “youth” subculture.” Presented at the Winter Meeting of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, TN. (February 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- 2019 Midwest Sociological Society Member
- 2018- Mentor, Illinois Science & Technology Institute
- 2018-19 Editorial Board Member, Manuscript Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL
- 2017-19 Co-Chair, First Generation Student Group
- 2015-19 Deans Advisory Council, University of Chicago Social Science Division
- 2016-18 Committee Board Member, Ethnography Incubator, University of Chicago
- 2016-18 Editorial Board Member, Book Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL
- 2016-17 Co-Chair, Society for Social Research, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 President, Society for Social Research, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Committee Member, 18th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference
- 2015 Chair, University of Chicago Sociology Spring Institute
- 2014-15 Committee Member, 5th Annual Engendering Change Conference
- 2014-15 First Year Representative, Society for Social Research
- 2013- American Sociological Association (ASA) Member
- 2012-13 Committee Member, 15th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Residential Fellowship, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago (2019-2020)
- Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2019-2020)
- Henderson Research Grant, University of Chicago (2019)
- Social Sciences Five Year Fellowship (Tuition + Stipend) (2014-2019)
- Robert Henigan Literature Scholarship (2002)