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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis 2022 (Expected)
Designated Emphasis in Feminist Research
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Laura Grindstaff (Chair, Sociology), Dr. Diane Wolfe (Sociology), Dr. Maxine Craig (Sociology), Dr. Chris Smith (University of Toronto, Sociology)

Advanced to Candidacy (high pass) 2019
Exam Committee: Dr. Chris Smith (Chair, Sociology), Dr. Laura Grindstaff (Sociology), Dr. Maxine Craig (Sociology), Dr. Diane Wolfe (Sociology), Dr. Chris Cannon (Human Ecology)

M.A., Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis 2018

B.A., Department of Sociology, University of Georgia 2016

RESEARCH

Interests: Sexuality; Gender; Family and Kinship; Parenthood; Sexual Socialization; Intersectionality; Identity Formation; Feminist Research and Methodology; Qualitative and Quantitative Methodologies

Areas of Examination: *Family & Kinship* and *Gender & Sexuality*

Reading lists available upon request.

Publications

Berghaus, Abbey. "Making Visible the Invisible: How Bisexual Parents Ponder Coming Out to Their Children." *Under Review at Sexualities*.

Abstract: Scholars know little about how bisexual parents navigate their queer identities, particularly as they interact with their children. Part of the explanation for this is that when researchers study bisexual parents, they often misclassify these parents as straight or gay depending on the gender of their partner. I use data from an online survey to examine bisexual parents' perspectives on coming out to their children. The sample consists of 767 US parents (47 percent bisexual, 25 percent lesbian, 20 percent straight, 7 percent gay, and 7 percent asexual). I use a qualitative, thematic analysis of the open-ended question "Do you plan to tell your current children about your sexual orientation? Why or why not?" to compare responses across sexual orientation and gender. I find that bisexuals, regardless of gender or relationship status, are more likely than gay and lesbian respondents to provide answers related to "honesty" or "solidarity" as their motivation for planning to come out to their children. I argue that these motivations may reflect bisexual parents' attempts to navigate the stigma and erasure they experience in both straight and queer spaces.

Research Appointments

Hanson, Rebecca and Patricia Richards. 2017. "Sexual Harassment and the Construction of Ethnographic Knowledge." *Sociological Forum* 32(3): 587-609.

Responsibilities: Created a comprehensive annotated bibliography addressing issues in fieldwork, such as objectivity, intimacy, danger, isolation, emotion, autoethnographic/qualitative styles, etc.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of California Davis (UCD), Department of Sociology

SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017
SOC 3: Social Problems	Fall 2017
SOC 131: Sociology of the Family	Winter 2018
SOC 145B: Gender and Rural Development	Spring 2018
SOC 25: Popular Culture	Fall 2018
SOC 151: The Criminal Justice System	Winter 2019

Reader, University of California Davis (UCD), Department of Sociology

SOC46A: Introduction to Social Research	Summer 2017
SOC 135: Social Relationships	Summer 2017, Summer 2018
SOC 2: Self and Society	Summer 2017
SOC 130: Race Relations	Summer 2018

Guest Lecturer, University of California Davis (UCD), Department of Sociology

SOC 131: Sociology of the Family	Spring 2018
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Berghaus, Abbey. 2019. "Making Visible the Invisible: How Bisexual Parents Ponder Coming Out to Their Kids." Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association's annual conference, Oakland, CA, March.

Berghaus, Abbey. 2018. "Parenting Beyond the Sexual Binary." Paper presented at the University of California – Davis Sociology Department's Research and Development Conference, Davis, CA, June.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

UC Davis Graduate Program Fellowship \$12,880	2020
Sociology Graduate Program Travel Grant \$100	2019
American Institute of Bisexuality \$50,000	2018
ISS Research Award \$500	2018
Georgia's HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships Full undergraduate tuition and fees	2014 – 2016

SERVICE WORK

Sociology Graduate Student Mentorship Program, Mentor (2017 – Present)
UAW 2865 Student Workers Union, Head Steward (2017 – 2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Pacific Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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