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EDUCATION

- 2025 **PhD, Sociology**
 Vanderbilt University
- Dissertation:
Selling Pleasure, Teaching Pleasure: Frontline Service Work in Adult Retail
- Committee:
Laura M. Carpenter (Chair), Bianca Manago, Dan Cornfield, Angela Jones
- 2021 **Master of Arts in Sociology**
 Vanderbilt University
- Thesis:
Sexual Pleasure Across the Life Course: Heterosexual Women's Narratives
- 2019 **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology with High Honors**
 Minor in Human Development
 Eckerd College

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Sexualities, Life Course, Criminology, Work and Organizations, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Bastian, Savannah C.**, Lisa R. Miller, and Laura M. Carpenter. "Heterosexual women's pleasure trajectories: How aging helps undo gendered sexual scripts." *Sociological Forum*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.13050>
- 2025 Miller, Lisa R. and **Savannah C. Bastian**. Equal coauthors. "Sexual Opportunities and Constraints: Women's Intimate Relationships across the Life Course." Chapter 2, pp. 9-22 in *Anthology Understanding Reproduction in Social Contexts*. Ed. Caitlin Killian. Bloomsbury.
- 2023 Cornfield, Dan, Chancey Herbolsheimer and **Savannah Bastian**. "In Pursuit of Cultural Equity: DEI Grantmaking Practices of U.S. Local Arts Agencies in Community Context." *American Behavioral Scientist*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642231177902>

- 2019 **Bastian, Savannah C.** “Dildos and Downtime: Exploring the Experience of Employees in Adult Entertainment Stores.” *Eckerd Scholar*.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Bastian, Savannah C. “Sex Plus Work: Intersections of Identity and Sexual Subculture in U.S. Adult Retail.” Abstract accepted; preparing for Special Issue on Sexual Subcultures in *Psychology & Sexuality*.

Carpenter, Laura M., **Savannah C. Bastian**, Alyssa Davis, and Olivia Wilborn. “‘Pt Endorses Hx of Sexual Assault’: Life Course Dimensions of Disclosing Sexual Violence to Clinicians.” Preparing for submission.

Davis, Alyssa, Laura M. Carpenter, **Savannah C. Bastian**, and Olivia Wilborn. “Linked Lives and Disclosures of Sexual Assault in the Electronic Health Record.” Preparing for submission.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2025 | <i>Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (\$1500)</i> |
| 2023 | <i>Internal Sociology Department funding (\$900 for interviewee compensation)</i> |
| 2019 | <i>American Sociological Association Honors Program</i> |
| 2019 | <i>Excellence in Gender Justice Award (received on behalf of student organization)</i> |
| 2019 | <i>Sociology Student Award, Eckerd College Sociology Department</i> |
| 2017 | <i>Eckerd College Ford Apprentice Fellowship</i> |
| 2017 | <i>Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society</i> |
| 2016 | <i>Phi Beta Kappa Pav Scholar Award</i> |
| 2015 | <i>Eckerd College Trustee Scholarship</i> |

TEACHING

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| 2025-2026 | Instructor , Department of Medicine, Health and Society, Vanderbilt University
Foundations of Medicine Health and Society (MHS 2100) |
| 2024 | Instructor , Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1010-01): Summer 2024 |

- 2022-2025 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Instructor: Bianca Manago
Statistics for Social Sciences (SOC 2100)
Multivariate Statistics I (Graduate Level - SOC6311)
Multivariate Statistics II (Graduate Level - SOC6312)
- 2020-2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Instructor: Alex Frenette
Contemporary Social Issues (SOC1020): Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
- 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Instructor: George Becker
Criminology (SOC3621): Spring 2020
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Instructor: Joshua Murray
Politics, State, and Society (SOC3614): Fall 2019
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Eckerd College
Instructor: Lisa R. Miller
Sex and Society (330S): Spring 2019
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Eckerd College
Instructor: Lisa R. Miller
Gender and Society (SO241): Fall 2018

GUEST LECTURES

- “Spicy Retail: Experiences of Adult Store Workers.” 11 November 2024.
Lecture for SOC 3623: Deviance and Social Control. *Vanderbilt University*.
- “Sexual Scripting.” 26 March 2024.
Lecture for SOC 3723: Gender, Sexuality and the Body Course. *Vanderbilt University*.
- “Gender, Stigmatization, and Sexually Transmitted Infections.” 30 March 2021.
Lecture for SOC 3304: Race, Gender and Health. *Vanderbilt University*.
- “Multilevel Thinking: Gender and Work.” 29 October 2020.
Lecture for SOC1020: Contemporary Social Issues. *Vanderbilt University*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Bastian, Savannah C.** “Spicy Retail: Adult Store Workers Experiences.”
Center for Positive Sexuality Annual Conference. Virtual.

- 2024 Davis, Alyssa J., **Savannah C. Bastian**, Olivia Wilborn and Laura M. Carpenter. “Linked Lives and Disclosures of Sexual Assault in the Electronic Health Record.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Montreal, Canada.
- 2024 Laura M. Carpenter, **Savannah C. Bastian**, Alyssa J. Davis, and Olivia Wilborn. “‘Pt Endorses Hx of Sexual Assault’: Life Course Dimensions of Sexual Harm Disclosure in Medical Records.” *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, Canada.
- 2023 Laura M. Carpenter, **Savannah C. Bastian**, Olivia Wilborn, and Alyssa J. Davis. “Making Sexual Assault Known: Medical Disclosures in Context. A preliminary qualitative analysis of abstracted clinical notes.” *Sociologists for Women in Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2022 **Bastian, Savannah C.** “Sexperts and their Audiences.” *Southern Sociological Society*. Birmingham, Alabama.
- 2021 **Bastian, Savannah C.** “Sexual Pleasure Across the Life Course: Heterosexual Women’s Experiences.” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual.
- 2020 **Bastian, Savannah C.** “An Examination of the Role of Religious Service Attendance in Major Life Decision-Making Processes.” *Southern Sociological Society*. Jacksonville, Florida. (meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2025 “The Women’s Ledger: The State of Women and Girls in Tennessee.” Produced a statistical report on women and girls’ issues in Tennessee to drive strategic decision-making within the non-profit over the next calendar year. *The Women’s Fund*, a granting organization under Nashville’s Community Foundation.
- 2025 “Sociology, Sexuality, and Me.” 18 May 2025. Talk for Sunday School. *Edgehill United Methodist Church*, an open and affirming congregation.
- 2021 Panelist for “Understanding Sexual Assault: How We Raise Awareness, Provide Support, and Prevent Harm.” 27 April 2021. *Eckerd College*, event hosted by the Office of Advocacy Services.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Postdoctoral Research Analyst**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigator: Jenny Davis.
Assisting with survey and interview-based research design and implementation.
- 2025 **Research Consultant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University

Principal Investigator: Jonathan Metzl.
Assisting with data location and quantitative analysis for monograph.

- 2022-2025 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigator: Laura M. Carpenter.
NIH grant-funded research project in collaboration with Vanderbilt University Medical Center on disclosure of sexual assault and abuse in electronic health records. Led student team in qualitative coding and data analysis.
- 2023 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigator: Bianca Manago.
“Data Cleaning: Preparing Raw Data for Analysis.”
Assisted with book edits.
- 2021 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigator: Laura M. Carpenter.
“Cockfight: Contesting Male Circumcision in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.”
Assisted with qualitative coding.
- 2020 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigators: Alex Frenette, Gillian Gualtieri and Megan Robinson.
“Growing Divides: Historical and Emerging Inequalities in Arts Internships”
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project Special Report: Spring 2021.”
Assisted with qualitative coding.
- 2019 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Principal Investigator: Joshua Murray.
“Elite Connections: Corporate Elite Donations and the Invisible Primary of Top Cabinet Appointees.” Invited presentation for the Political Economy Working Group at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, December 2019.
Assisted with quantitative coding.
- 2017 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Eckerd College
Principal Investigator: Lisa R. Miller.
“Women’s Sexualities across the Life Course: The Role of Major Events, Transitions, and Turning Points.”
Assisted with qualitative coding and data analysis.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2024-2025 **President, Sociology Department Graduate Student Body**
Attended Vanderbilt University graduate student council meetings, facilitated events relevant to the needs of graduate students, and acted as liaison between faculty and graduate students. Provided feedback for department faculty search.

- 2022-2023 **Vice President, Sociology Department Graduate Student Body**
 Sociology Department Graduate Student Body.
Attended Vanderbilt University graduate student council meetings, voted on issues relevant to graduate students, and communicated institutional updates to students.
- 2022-2023 **Associate Editor for Work and Occupations**
 Peer review referee.
Assisted with locating peer reviewers and provided reviews on occasion.
- 2023 **Presider for “Contemporary Issues in Sexual Economies.”**
 American Sociological Association. 20 August 2023.
- 2017-2019 **Co-President, Eckerd College Feminists**
Facilitated programming, budgeting and event planning with other offices on campus.

SOFTWARE EXPERTISE

STATA, Microsoft Excel, Atlas.ti, MaxQDA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Sociological Society
 Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
 American Sociological Association
 Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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 Professor of Sociology
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 Associate Professor of Sociology
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