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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Gender • Sexualities • Aging and Life Course • Health and Medicine • Bodies and Embodiment •  
Qualitative Methods • Visual Sociology and Digital Storytelling

### POSITIONS HELD

- 2009-present Associate Professor of Sociology  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
Affiliated Faculty: Gender & Sexuality Studies; Medicine, Health & Society
- 2014-2015 Interim Director, Program in Women's and Gender Studies  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2012-2015 Director, Program in Career Development, College of Arts and Science (mentoring  
and professional development program for tenure-track faculty)  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2002-2009 Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 1999-2002 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Population & Family Health Sciences,  
Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  
Funded by National Institute on Aging (2001-2002) and Social Science Research  
Council–Sexuality Research Fellowship Program (1999-2001)
- 2001-2002 Lecturer, Program for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality and Anthropology  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

### EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Dissertation: *Virgin Territories: The Social Construction of Virginity Loss in  
the Contemporary United States*
- 1995 M.A. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 1991 B.A./ Sociology/ Journalism, Boston University, Boston, MA  
B.S. Summa cum laude with Distinction

## HONORS and AWARDS

- 2018 Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center Mentoring Award, Vanderbilt University
- 2014 Second prize, Victoria University of Wellington's Critical Diagnosis Network creative writing contest, for 55-word story on diagnosis and doctor-patient communication
- 2007 Emerging Professional, The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), "recognized as one of the promising future leaders in the field of sex research"
- 2002 Professor of the Month, Alpha Phi Sorority, Johns Hopkins University
- 1998 Dean's Scholar, "in recognition of outstanding scholarly achievement," Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania
- 1991 College Prize for Excellence in Sociology, Boston University
- 1991 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1987-91 National Merit Scholarship

## SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS (\*current or former graduate student)

### *Books*

Carpenter, Laura M. & John DeLamater (Eds.). 2012. *Sex for Life: From Virginity to Viagra, How Sexuality Changes Throughout our Lives*. New York: New York University Press.

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Gender Studies*

Carpenter, Laura M. 2005. *Virginity Lost: An Intimate Portrait of First Sexual Experiences*. New York: New York University Press.

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, *Journal of Sex Research*, *Social Forces*

Chapter 4, "A Natural Step," reprinted in J. K. Davidson, N. B. Moore & T. D. Fisher (Eds.), *Speaking of Sexuality: Interdisciplinary Readings*, Oxford University Press, 2009.

### *Articles in Refereed Journals*

Carpenter, Laura M. Forthcoming, 2026. Critiquing Male Circumcision, Provoking Intersectional Fragility. *Journal of Bodies, Sexualities, and Masculinities*.

Cho, Eunji, Maryjo J. Gilmer, Mary S. Dietrich, Marie A. Bakitas, **Laura M. Carpenter**, Tracy J. Hills, & Terrah F. Akard. Forthcoming. Feasibility and Acceptability of a Digital Storytelling Intervention for Children with Serious Illness. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing* 85: 754–762.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2025.10.002>

Carpenter, Laura M. 2025. Remembering our Dead: Physicalizing State-Level Covid-19 Mortality Data in Textile Form. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 11 (2).

<https://doi.org/10.28968/cftt.v11i2.39214>

Bastian, Savannah\*, Lisa R. Miller & **Laura M. Carpenter**. 2025. Heterosexual Women's Pleasure Trajectories: How Aging Helps Undo Gendered Sexual Scripts. *Sociological Forum* 40(3): 285-421. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/socf.13050>

Lake, Allison M., Slavina B. Goleva, Lauren R. Samuels, **Laura M. Carpenter** & Lea K. Davis. 2022. Sex Differences in Health Conditions Associated with Sexual Assault in a Large Hospital Population. *Complex Psychiatry*. doi:[10.1159/000527363](https://doi.org/10.1159/000527363)

- Carpenter, Laura M. 2020. If You Prick Us: Masculinity and Circumcision Pain in the United States and Canada, 1960-2000. *Gender & History* 32(1): 54-69. DOI:10.1111/1468-0424.12472 [Wiley & Sons top-10 downloaded article between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2020]
- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. 2015. (Im)perishable Pleasure, (In)destructible Desire: Sexual Themes in U.S. and English News Coverage of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. *Journal of Sex Research* 52(8): 841–856.
- Newman, Harmony D.\* & **Laura M. Carpenter**. 2014. Embodiment Without Bodies: Analysis of Embodiment in the Pro-Breastfeeding and Anti-Male Circumcision Movements. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 36(5): 639-654. [Lead article]
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2011. Like a Virgin...Again?: Secondary Virginity as an Ongoing Gendered Social Construction. *Sexuality & Culture* 15(2): 115-140.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2010. Gendered Sexuality over the Life Course: A Conceptual Framework. *Sociological Perspectives* 53(2): 155–178.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2010. On Remedicalisation: Male Circumcision in the United States and Great Britain. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 32(4): 613-630.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2009. Influencing Health Debates Through Letters to the Editor: The Case of Male Circumcision. *Qualitative Health Research* 19(4): 519-534.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & Monica J. Casper. 2009. A Tale of Two Technologies: HPV Vaccination, Male Circumcision, and Sexual Health. *Gender & Society* 23(6): 790-816.  
Reprinted in Patrick R. Grzanka (Ed.), *Intersectionality: Foundations and Frontiers* (second edition), Routledge, 2019.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2009. Virginity Loss in Reel/Real Life: Using Popular Movies to Navigate Sexual Initiation. *Sociological Forum* 24(4): 804-827.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Constance A. Nathanson & Young J. Kim. 2009. Physical Women, Emotional Men: Exploring Gender and Sexual Satisfaction in Midlife. *Archives of Sex Research* 38(1): 87-107.  
Reprinted in J. Kenneth Davidson, Nelwyn B. Moore & Terri D. Fisher (Eds.), *Speaking of Sexuality: Interdisciplinary Readings*, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & Monica J. Casper. 2009. Global Intimacies: The HPV Vaccine and Transnational Women's Health. *Women's Studies Quarterly* 37(1-2): 80-100.
- Racine, Elizabeth F.\*, Kevin D. Frick, Donna Strobino, **Laura M. Carpenter**, Renee Milligan & Linda C. Pugh. 2009. How Motivation Influences Breastfeeding Duration Among Low-Income Women. *Journal of Human Lactation* 25(2): 173-181.
- Casper, Monica J. & **Laura M. Carpenter**. 2008. Sex, Drugs, and Politics: The HPV Vaccine for Cervical Cancer. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 30(6): 886-899.  
Reprinted in Rose Weitz and Samantha Kwan (Eds.), *The Politics of Women's Bodies*, 4th edition, Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Constance A. Nathanson & Young J. Kim. 2006. Sex After 40?: Gender, Ageism, and Sexual Partnering in Midlife. *Journal of Aging Studies* 20(2): 93-106.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2002. Gender and the Social Construction of Virginity Loss in the Contemporary United States. *Gender & Society* 16(3): 345-365.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2001. The Ambiguity of 'Having Sex': The Subjective Experience of Virginity Loss in the United States. *The Journal of Sex Research* 38(2): 127-139.  
Reprinted in Nancy Fischer & James Dean (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Heterosexualities Studies*, Routledge, 2022.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2001. The First Time/ Das Erstes Mal: Approaches to Sexuality in U.S. and German Teen Magazines. *Youth & Society* 33(1): 31-61.

Carpenter, Laura M. 1998. From Girls Into Women: Scripts for Sexuality and Romance in *Seventeen Magazine, 1974-1994*. *The Journal of Sex Research* 35(2): 158-168.

### *Book Chapters*

Carpenter, Laura M. 2015. Studying Sexualities from a Life Course Perspective. Pp. 65-89 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Sexualities*, John DeLamater & Rebecca F. Plante (Eds.). New York: Springer.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2008. The Ambiguity of Sex and Virginity Loss: Insights from Feminist Research Methods. Pp. 89-98 in *The New Basics: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality*, Abby L. Ferber, Kimberly Holcomb & Tre Wentling (Eds.). New York: Oxford University Press.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2002. Analysis of Textual Material. Pp. 327-343 in *Handbook for Conducting Research on Human Sexuality*, Michael W. Wiederman and Bernard E. Whitley, Jr., (Eds.). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

### *Commentaries, Reports, Encyclopedia Entries, Photographs, and Other Publications*

Carpenter, Laura M. 2023. Circumcision Stories: Enhancing our Understanding of Parental Perspectives in a Context of Controversy. Invited commentary in Narrative Symposium on Infant Male Circumcision. *Narratives in Bioethics* 13(2): 101-106.  
<https://doi.org/10.1353/nib.2023.a909670>

Carpenter, Laura M. 2020. Sex During Coronavirus. *Contexts Magazine*. Fall issue.  
Accompanying photographs also by Carpenter. <https://contexts.org/articles/sex-and-coronavirus/>  
(Revised from version published online, April 2020: <https://contexts.org/blog/structural-shocks-and-extreme-exposures/#laura>)

Carpenter, Laura M. 2019. Sexualities Across the Life Course. In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, second edition, George Ritzer and Chris Rojek (Editors). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. (Revised version of 2010 entry, listed below.)

Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. 2015. Virginity and Virginity Pledges. In *Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin (Eds.). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9781118896877> )

Kettrey, Heather Hensman\* & Laura M. Carpenter. 2015. Sexual Satisfaction. In *Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin (Eds.). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2010. Sexualities Across the Life Course. Entry in the online edition of *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer (Editor). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2010. Toward a Social Science of Sexual Satisfaction. Invited commentary on “Virginity Lost, Satisfaction Gained? Physiological and Psychological Sexual Satisfaction at Heterosexual Debut” by Jenny Higgins, James Trussell, Nelwyn Moore, and J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr. *Journal of Sex Research* 47(4): 395-398.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2009. Virginity and Virginity Loss. In *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships* (published electronically), Harry T. Reis and Susan Sprecher (Eds.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.  
<http://www.sage-ereference.com.proxy.library.vanderbilt.edu/humanrelationships/>

Carpenter, Laura M. 2007. Sexual Health. Pp. 4234–4238 in the *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer (editor). Vol. IX. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

### *Book and Film Reviews (selected)*

Carpenter, Laura M. 2024. Review of *Circumcision and Medicine in Modern Turkey*, by Oyman Başaran. *Contemporary Sociology* 53(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061241255860c>

- Carpenter, Laura M. 2021. Review of *On Infertile Ground: Population Control and Women's Rights in the Era of Climate Change* by Jade S. Sasser. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(5).
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2021. Review of *The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date* by Ellen Lamont. *Gender & Society* (June).
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2020. Review of *Health Care in Crisis: Hospitals, Nurses, and the Consequences of Policy Change* by Theresa Morris. *American Journal of Sociology* 125(6).
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2018. Review of *Botox Nation: Changing the Face of America* by Dana Berkowitz. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 299-301.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2017. Review of *Open to Disruption: Time and Craft in the Practice of Slow Sociology*, Anita I. Garey, Rosanna Hertz, & Margaret K. Nelson (eds.). *Work & Occupations*.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2015. Review of *Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself: Latina Girls and Sexual Identity* by Lorena Garcia. *Social Forces* 94(2): 1-6.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2013. Parental Ambivalence and Adolescent Sexuality. Review of *Not My Kid: What Parents Believe about the Sex Lives of Their Teenagers* by Sinikka Elliott. *Sex Roles* 69.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2012. Review of *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens, and the Culture of Sex*, by Amy T. Schalet. *Gender & Society* 26(6): 945-947
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2009. Review of *Wannabes, Goths, and Christians: The Boundaries of Sex, Style, and Status* by Amy C. Wilkins. *Sex Roles* 60(5): 432.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2007. Review of *Girls in Power: Gender, Body, and Menstruation in Adolescence*, by Laura Fingerson. *Contemporary Sociology* 36(5): 431-432.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2003. Review of *Sexual Teens, Sexual Media: Investigating Media's Influence on Adolescent Sexuality*, edited by Jane D. Brown, Jeanne R. Steele, and Kim Walsh-Childers. *Journal of Sex Research* 40(4): 403-405.

#### *Book Manuscripts, Working Papers, and Projects in Progress*

- Carpenter, Laura M. Anticipated 2027. *Cockfight: Contesting Male Circumcision in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada*. Book under contract with NYU Press.
- Barbee, Harry, Tara McKay & Laura M. Carpenter. *Gendered Adaptations: Navigating Sex Amidst a Health Crisis*. In progress.
- Wilson, Kanetha\* & Laura M. Carpenter. *Black Women's Experiences of Sexual Life after Breast Cancer*. In progress.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. *Public Problem or Laughing Matter: Humor and Soft Repression in US and British News Coverage of Male Circumcision*. In progress.
- Carpenter, Laura M. *Throw Momma on the Train*. Book manuscript in progress.

#### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

##### *External*

- 2021-25 National Institutes of Health, Grant # 1 R01 HG011405-01A1. *Elucidating the Phenome-Wide Impact of Sex and Gender on Disease*. Role: Co-Investigator (with Co-PIs Lea Davis, Mount Sinai Medical School, and Barbara Stranger, Northwestern University). Subcontract \$172,460 total costs, \$108,808 direct costs.
- 2014-16 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, Pilot Project Mini-Grant. *Survivorship in Women of Color: Coping Mechanisms for Black Women Diagnosed with Breast Cancer*. Role: Faculty PI for Kanetha Wilson (graduate student). \$20,000.

- 2008-10 National Science Foundation, Grant # 0816678. *News Media Coverage and the Construction of Public Health Problems: Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain*. Role: PI. \$114,808
- 2005-06 Tennessee Department of Health & Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence grant. *Social Norms, Violence Against Women, and Sexist Attitudes*—a statewide survey of Tennessee college students. Role: Methods consultant (PI: Linda G. Manning, Vanderbilt Women’s Center). \$5,000.
- 1999-2001 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council – Sexuality Research Fellowship Program. \$35,000 per year.

#### *Internal*

- 2022-23 Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Faculty Fellow in Interdisciplinary Seminar on “Mending and Transforming.” Two-course release.
- 2021-22 Mellon Partners for Humanities Education Collaboration Grant. Role: Co-PI (with Cynthia Gadsden, Tennessee State University). *Strings & Yarns: Needleworkers Forming Community through Creativity, Connections, and Stories*. \$8,000.
- 2020-21 Faculty Fellow, Center for Digital Humanities, Vanderbilt University. \$33,000.
- 2017-18 Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Spence and Rebecca Webb Wilson Fellow and Co-Director of Interdisciplinary Seminar on “Telling Stories: Modes, Media, Meanings.” \$4,500.
- 2016-17 Faculty Working Group Grant, Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning (VIDL). Co-Organizer, “Working Group on Digital Storytelling.” \$4,000.
- 2015-16 Innovation Grant, Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning (VIDL). “Harnessing Digital Storytelling for Research and Teaching at Vanderbilt.” \$6,500.
- 2013-14 Faculty Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Interdisciplinary Seminar on “Diagnosis in Context.” \$4,000.
- 2011-12 Vanderbilt University Research Scholar Grant. \$18,000.
- 2010-11 Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Jacque Voegeli Fellow and Co-Director of Seminar on “Representation and Social Change.” \$4,500.
- 2008-09 Faculty Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Interdisciplinary Seminar on Trauma Studies. \$4,000.
- 2006-07 Vanderbilt University Research Scholar Grant. \$18,000.
- 1997-98 Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. \$18,000.

#### CREATIVE EXPRESSION

- 2020 “Nashville Feminisms.” Proof of concept and prototype for interactive story map. Includes original digital story, “Nashville Suffrage Monument.” URL on request.
- 2019 “Throw Momma on the Train.” Panel about my research in *Telling Stories/ Stories That Tell*, a collaborative large-scale book-object created with Robert Penn Warren Center fellows (2017-18 Fellows Program) and book artist Britt Stadig. See <http://www.tellingstoriesstorieshattell.com>
- 2017 “Stella Vaughn.” Digital story collaboration with Mona Frederick. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOXt1Xdy5Mk>
- 2016 “Hidden Recessive.” Digital story. URL available on request.

- 2014 “Four out of Five.” Digital story. URL available on request.
- 2010 “Do Not Traffic in Women and Children” [Photograph]. *WSQ: Women’s Studies Quarterly* 38 (1&2).

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Presentations*

- Sexuality and Aging from a Life Course Perspective*. Invited talk at the Institute for Sexual and Gender Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Minneapolis, MN, 2024
- Panelist on panel honoring Mary Bernstein as recipient of Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award, given by the American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities, 2017
- Contesting Male Circumcision as Symbolic Politics*. Seminar series speaker, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, Columbus, 2016
- A Cutting Debate: Controversy over Male Circumcision in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain*. Seminar series speaker, School of History, Technology & Society at Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, 2015
- Reproducing and Challenging Inequalities Through New Technologies, Science, Economy, and Health Practice*. Plenary speaker, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2014
- Sociological Observations of Sexual Behavior: Sexual Selves in Cultural and Historical Context*. Keynote speech for Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists, Nashville, TN, 2012
- Taking a Life Course Approach to Gendered Sexuality*. Southern Sociological Society. Panel on Sexual Socialization, 2012
- Sex for Life: Taking a Life Course Approach to Gendered Sexuality* (lecture) and *If I Knew Then What I Know Now: Dos and Don’ts in Qualitative Sexuality Research* (graduate student seminar). Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 2012
- “Meet the Scholar” Salon. Institute for Women and Gender Studies, University of Toronto, 2011
- Cutting Off Debate? News Media and the Politics of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting*. University of Maryland, College Park, 2010
- Sexuality Over the Life Course*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, 2009
- Medicalization, Masculinity, and the Media: Constructing Male Circumcision as a Social Problem*. Louisiana State University, Sociology Department, 2008
- V is for... Virginity Loss*. University of Redlands (CA), Women’s Center and Office of Diversity Affairs, 2007
- Virginity Lost* guest lecture. Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2006
- Gendered Sexuality over the Life Course*. Annual lecture for Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, 2006
- Virgin Territories: Virginity and Virginity Loss in Contemporary America*. Millersville University (Lancaster, PA), Sociology Department and Women’s Studies, 2006
- Seminar on *Virginity Lost*. College of Charleston, Women’s Studies Program, 2006
- Understanding Sexuality Over the Life Course*. University of Wisconsin at Madison, Center for Demography of Health and Aging, 2006
- Virginity Loss in a Diverse Climate*. Alpha Kappa Delta Lecture, Belmont University, 2005

*Gender and Sexuality in Midlife*. Seminar on Aging and Health, Center for the Study of Health, Culture and Society, Emory University, 2001

*Author Meets Critics & Book Salons*

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session for Steven Epstein's *The Quest for Sexual Health* at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, 2023

Panelist, Book Salon for Kelsy Burke's *The Pornography Wars* at the Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, 2023

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session for Alyson K. Spurgas's *Diagnosing Desire: Biopolitics and Femininity into the Twenty-First Century* at the Eastern Sociological Society, 2022

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session for Miranda Waggoner's *The Zero Trimester* at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, 2018

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session for Dana Berkowitz's *Botox Nation: Changing the Face of America* at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2017

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session for Abigail Saguy's *What's Wrong With Fat* at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, 2013

Panelist, Author Meets the Critics session on Kathleen Bogle's *Hooking Up: Sex, Dating, and Relationships on Campus* at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2009

Author, Author Meets Critics panel on *Virginity Lost*. University of Pennsylvania, Sociology Department, 2006

*Conference Presentations (\*current or former (under)graduate student)*

Carpenter, Laura M. 2025. Disclosures of Sexual Assault and Abuse in Midlife and Older Adulthood: A Sociological Analysis of Reports in Electronic Health Records. Poster presented at the Kinsey Institute 2025 Symposium on Sex and Aging.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2025. Who Decides for Children? Debating Parental Purview by Contesting Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Carpenter, Laura M., \*Savannah Bastian, \*Alyssa Davis & \*Olivia Wilborn. 2024. "Pt Endorses Hx of Sexual Assault": Life Course Dimensions of Sexual Harm Disclosure in Medical Records. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Davis, Alyssa\*, \*Savannah Bastian, \*Olivia Wilborn & **Carpenter, Laura M.** 2024. Linked Lives and Disclosures of Sexual Assault in the Electronic Health Record. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Carpenter, Laura M., Lea K. Davis, Barbara Stranger & Digna Velez-Edwards. 2023. Notes from an Interdisciplinary, Collaborative Study of Sex, Gender, and Complex Disease. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Carpenter, Laura M., \*Savannah Bastian, \*Alyssa Davis & \*Olivia Wilborn. 2023. "Pt Endorses Hx of Sexual Assault": Life Course Dimensions of Sexual Harm Disclosure in Medical Records. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Carpenter, Laura M., \*Savannah Bastian, \*Olivia Wilborn & \*Alyssa Davis. 2023. Making Sexual Assault Known: Medical Disclosures in Context. Roundtable presentation at Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting.

Carpenter, Laura M. 2021. Visualizing State-Level Covid-19 Mortality Data in Fiber Art Form. Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (virtual).



- Carpenter, Laura M. & Cynthia Gadsden. 2021. Strings and Yarns: Needleworkers Forming Community through Creativity, Connections, and Stories. Project demonstration at Digitarium conference (virtual), Alabama Digital Humanities Center.
- Barbee, Harry, Tara McKay & **Laura M. Carpenter**. 2021. Identifying Risky Partners: Queer Sex in a Pandemic. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2020. Rethinking Sexual Agency, Virginity, and Virginity "Loss." Paper presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Annual Meeting. Session highlighted in the program as part of the "Feature Feminist Science Symposium Series."
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2019. A T-Shirt Looks at Gender and the Global Garment Industry. Workshop at the Gender-Bodies-Technology Conference.
- Wilson, Kanetha\* & Carpenter, Laura M. 2018. Black Women's Experiences of Sexual Life after Breast Cancer. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities Section Mini-Conference.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2018. From Maps to Apps: Changing Technologies and the Coming-of-Age Road Trip. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2017. Body Part Analogies in an Embodied Health Movement. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2017. If You Prick Us: Male Circumcision, Gender, and Pain. Paper presented at the Gender and Pain in Modern History Conference, Birkbeck (College) Trauma Project, University College of London.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2016. Fillies and Feminism: Representations of Female Racehorses in Popular and Sports Media, 1974-2015. Paper presented at North American Society for Sport History.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2016. Hardware Restoration: Reactions to Reconstruction after Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. Paper presented at Gender-Bodies-Technology.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2016. Cutting Both Ways: Male Circumcision and Health Disparities in the US South. Paper presented at the conference *Politics of Health in the US South*.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2015. A Sensitive Subject: Pleasure in Anglo-American Debates about Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2014. Medical Science, Grassroots Activism, and Informed Consent to Male Circumcision in the USA and Canada. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2014. Invoking Bodies and Nature in National Debates over Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. 2013. Public Problem or Laughing Matter: Humor and Soft Repression in US and British News Coverage of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. Paper presentation, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2012. Body Mapping and Board Games: Visual Methods for Studying Sexualities over the Life Course. Paper presented at Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities conference.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Erin Bergner. 2012. These Problems Are (Not) the Same: Domain Expansion in the Movements Against Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. Roundtable presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Newman, Harmony D.\* & Laura M. Carpenter. 2012. Embodiment without Bodies: Analysis of Embodiment in the Pro-Breastfeeding and Anti-Male Circumcision Movements. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. 2011. Missing Discourse of Male Desire? Sexual Themes in U.S. and British News Coverage of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. Poster presented at the World Association of Sexuality Annual Meeting, Glasgow, UK.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2011. Using Their Science Against Them: Strategies in Two Movements Against Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. & \*Heather Hensman Kettrey. 2010. The Missing Discourse of Male Desire? Sexuality-Related Frames in U.S. News Coverage of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2009. News Media and the Construction of Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting as Health-Related Public Problems. Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. and Monica J. Casper. 2008. Culture, Gender, and the Politics of Children's Sexual Health: Comparing Male Circumcision and the HPV Vaccine. Paper presented at the Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2008. Theorizing Remedicalization: The Case of Routine Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2007. Gendered Sexuality Over the Life Course: Advancing Theory and Research. Poster presented at *The Future of Sexuality Research*, co-sponsored by the National Sexuality Resource Center and Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2006. The News Media and the Public Debate over Routine Male Circumcision. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2006. Telling the Truth about Sex: Insights from a Qualitative Study. Roundtable at Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2005. Virginity Loss in Reel/Real Life: Using Popular Movies to Navigate Sexual Initiation. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2005. Theorizing Gendered Sexuality over the Life Course. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2004. Theorizing Gendered Sexuality over the Life Course. Roundtable Session, Sociologists for Women in Society Summer Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2003. Like a Virgin...Again?: Understanding Secondary Virginity and Related Phenomena. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Constance A. Nathanson & Young J. Kim. 2003. Sex After 40?: How Social Norms about Gender and Aging Shape Sexual Activity in Midlife. Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Emily Agree & Kathryn Yount. 2002. Harmony in the House: Gender and Generation in Decision-Making in the Philippines. Paper presentation, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Constance A. Nathanson & Young J. Kim. 2002. Gender and Sexual Satisfaction in Midlife. Paper presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2002. Gendering Virginity Loss in Popular Film: From A Summer Place to American Pie. Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2001. The News Media and the Public Debate over Routine Male Circumcision. Paper presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M., Constance A. Nathanson & Young J. Kim. 2000. Gender and Sexuality in Later Life. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

- Carpenter, Laura M. 2000. Gendered Virginity: Gender and the Social Construction of Virginity Loss. Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2000. The Ambiguity of "Having Sex": The Subjective Experience of Virginity Loss in the U.S. Paper, Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 1998. Virginity is a Gift: A Distinctive Approach to Early Sexual Experiences. Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 1998. Virgin Territory: The Social Construction of Virginity in the Contemporary U.S. Roundtable paper at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 1997. Das Erstes Mal/The First Time: Virginity Scripts in U.S. and German Teen Magazines. Poster presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 1996. From Girls Into Women: Romance and Sexuality in *Seventeen* Magazine, 1974-1994. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society.

### *Book Readings*

- Carpenter, Laura M. 2006. Book reading of *Virginity Lost* at Writer's House, Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA), sponsored by the Sociology Department.
- Carpenter, Laura M. 2006. Reading of *Virginity Lost* at Vanderbilt Bookstore, Nashville.

## TEACHING

### *Undergraduate Courses Taught*

#### *Vanderbilt University*

Gender, Sexuality, and the Body  
Race, Gender, and Health  
Womb to Tomb: The Life Course (first-year writing seminar)  
Honors Thesis Seminar I & II  
Introduction to Social Research  
Gender in Society  
Seeing Social Life

#### *Johns Hopkins University*

Women and Health, Anthropology and Program for Women, Gender, & Sexuality

#### *University of Pennsylvania*

Sociology of Gender, Department of Sociology & College of General Studies  
Introduction to Sociology, College of General Studies

### *Graduate Courses Taught*

#### *Vanderbilt University*

Seminar on Theoretical Foundations of Sociology  
Seminar on Contemporary Social Theory  
Seminar on Gender and Sexuality (Sociology Department)  
Seminar on Feminist Theory (Gender & Sexuality Studies Department)  
Seminar on Methodology: Qualitative Methods  
Media and Society, for Program in Comparative Media Analysis and Practice (Co-Instructor)  
Representing "Americas" in American Studies (Co-Instructor)

*Johns Hopkins University*

Gender, Sexuality, and Population (Co-Instructor)

*Dissertation Committees: Chair or Co-Chair*

Note: I have additionally served on 28 dissertation committees (25 at Vanderbilt, 3 elsewhere)

- ongoing Alyssa J. Davis, Sociology (Chair) – *Institutional Multiplicity in Digital Spaces: How Digital Communication Technologies as Emergent Institutions Enable and Respond to Non-Touch Sexual Violence*
- 2025 Savannah Bastian, Sociology (Chair) – *Selling Pleasure, Teaching Pleasure: Frontline Service Work in Adult Retail*
- 2024 Leah Marion Roberts, Community Research & Action, Peabody College (Co-Chair) – *Youth Sexual Health Promotion: The Politics and Practices of Equity and Inclusion*
- 2023 Yu-Ri Kim, Sociology (Chair) – *Aging in Other Places: How Older Adults in South Korea Navigate Intimacy in Changing Times*
- 2022 Hannah Regan, Sociology (Chair) – *Liking Your Way To Love, Swiping Your Way To Sex: The Sexual Fields and Capital Exchange Processes on Dating Apps*
- 2021 Ashley F. Kim, Sociology (Co-Chair) – *“We’re talking eggs... and we don’t mean brunch”: The Gendered and Racialized Discourse of Preconception and Fertility Care*
- 2021 Erin Bergner, Sociology (Chair) – *Organizing (Dis)Order: Medical Authority and Intersex Diagnoses*
- 2017 Kanetha Wilson (Chair), Sociology – *Lopsided Suzy with the Baby Fine Hair: Black Women and Transformed Bodies after Breast Cancer*
- 2014 Heather Hensman Kettrey, Sociology (Chair) – *It “Just Happened” One Night: Gender Norms and Consent to Unwanted Sexual Activity on College Hookups*
- 2013 Erin Rehel, Sociology (Chair) – *Welfare State and Play Dates: Fatherhood and Masculinity in the New Economy*
- 2012 Daniel R. Morrison, Sociology (Chair) – *Patient Experiences with Medical Devices: The Case of Deep Brain Stimulation*
- 2009 Harmony Newman, Sociology – (Chair) *Cross-Cultural Framing Strategies of the Breastfeeding Movement and Mothers’ Response*
- 2007 Shelby C. Pannell Longard, Sociology – (Chair) *Mothers and Daughters: Creation and Contestation of Beauty and Femininity in Child Beauty Pageants*
- 2007 Lynette R. Jacobs-Priebe, Community Research and Action – (Co-Chair) *Social Norms, Violence Against Women, and Sexist Attitudes*
- 2004 Cynthia Ganote, Sociology – (Chair) *Hopeful Action: The Role of Social Capital in Neighborhood Mobilization*

*Master’s Papers, Special Area/ Major Area Papers & Advanced Preparation Projects (as Chair)*

Note: I have additionally served on 7 master’s thesis and advanced preparation committees

- 2025 Alyssa Davis – (Chair) *Digital Communication Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence: A Research Proposal*
- 2021 Savannah Bastian – (Chair) *Sexual Pleasure Across the Life Course: Heterosexual Women’s Narratives*
- 2020 Rachel Underwood – (Chair) *See Me: Homelessness Seen Through Women Living the Experience*
- 2020 Elizabeth Balderston – (Chair) *Substance Over Style: Institutional Activism, Opportunity Structures, Strategic Framing, and Attempts to Amend State Constitutions to be Gender-Neutral in Maine, New York, and New Hampshire*

- 2019 Hannah Regan – (Chair) *The Impact of Condom Advertisements on Young Adults' Perceptions of Condoms*
- 2018 Andrea Becker – (Chair) *Gender, Heteronormativity, and Views on Cyber-Stalking*
- 2011 Erin Bergner – (Chair) *Determinants of the Duration of Untreated Psychosis: Family Member Perspectives*
- 2006 Harmony Newman – (Chair) *The Modern Mystique: Support Groups for Stay-at-Home Mothers*
- 2005 Lynette R. Jacobs-Priebe – (Chair) *Feminist Values and Pedagogy in Community Psychology Graduate Education*. Research practicum for Community Research and Action Program (HOD, Peabody College)
- 2005 Heather Talley – (Chair) *Close Encounters of the Not-So Queer Kind*
- 2005 Noel Austin – (Chair) *Gender and Bullying in Popular Films, 1975-2002*
- 2004 Josh Packard – (Chair) *Women and Professional Football*
- 2003 Steve Lee – (Chair) *(De)Intellectualizing Art: Classical Music Discourse, 1965-94*

#### *Research Collaboration Agreement (RCA) Project Supervision*

- 2023-24 Alyssa Davis – Linked Lives and Disclosures of Sexual Assault in Electronic Health Records
- 2018 Yu-Ri Kim – Gendered Sexuality over the Life Course in Place
- 2018 Cathryn Beeson Lynch – The #MeToo Movement
- 2016 Elizabeth Barna – Gender, Sex, and Horse Racing
- 2016 Megan Robinson – Public Responses to a CDC Proposed Guidance
- 2015 Peter Vielehr – News Coverage of Male Circumcision as HIV Preventive
- 2014 Katherine Pullen – Women Sports Fans

#### *Comprehensive Exam and Special Area Exam Committees*

Note: I have additionally served on 7 exam committees, on Culture, Sexuality Education, International Migration, Witch Hunts, and Deviance

- 2022 Whitney Frierson (Chair) – Gender & Sexuality (focus on education)
- 2022 Chancey Herbolsheimer (Chair) – Medical Sociology (focus on reproduction)
- 2022 Savannah Bastian (Chair) – Gender & Sexuality (focus on life course)
- 2021 Rachel Underwood (Chair) – Gender & Sexuality (focus on poverty)
- 2020 Hannah Regan (Chair) – Gender & Sexuality (Paper: “Why Does Pleasure Matter?”)
- 2018 Philip Pettis (Chair) – Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality (focus on Embodiment)
- 2018 Yu-Ri Kim (Chair) – Social Class and Sexuality
- 2018 Ashley F. Kim (Chair) – Gender
- 2018 Cathryn Beeson Lynch (Chair) – Gender and Sexuality
- 2015 Katherine Pullen (Chair) – Gender and Sex
- 2015 Peter Vielehr (Chair) – Aging and the Life Course
- 2014 Kanetha Wilson (Chair) – Gender, Race, Class, and Health
- 2013 Allison McGrath (Chair) – Gender, Bodies, and Feminism
- 2013 Courtney Thomas (Chair) – Race, Gender, and Class (focus on Health)
- 2012 Carly Rush (Chair) – Embodiment, Disability, and Deafness
- 2012 Sandra Arch (Chair) – Gender and Human Rights
- 2011 Erin Bergner (Chair) – Gender and the Body
- 2010 Jamie Zuehl (Shenton) – Medical Anthropology and Anthropology of the Body
- 2009 Dan Morrison (Chair) – Medical Sociology
- 2009 Erin Rehel (Chair) – Gender and Masculinity

2009	Heather Kettrey (Chair) – Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
2008	Dan Morrison (Chair) – Sociology of Science and Technology Studies
2008	Sarah Glynn (Chair) – Sociology of Bodies
2005	Harmony Newman (Chair) – Sociology of Gender
2005	Heather Talley (Chair) – Science and Technology, with focus on Medicine
2003	Shelby Pannell (Longard) (Chair) – Gender and Identity in Childhood and Adolescence

### *Independent Studies with Graduate Students*

Fall 2021	Savannah Bastian, Whitney Frierson & Chancey Herbolsheimer –Reproduction
Fall 2020	Rachel Underwood – Visual Sociology
Spring 2018	Yu-Ri Kim – Critical Theory
Fall 2017	Cathryn Lynch, Yu-Ri Kim, Ashley Kim – Genders and Sexualities
Spring 2015	Peter Viekehr – Aging and the Life Course
Spring 2014	Kanetha Wilson – Gender, Race, Class, and Health
Fall 2013	Allison McGrath – Gender Theory and Feminist Action
Fall 2012	Courtney Thomas – Race, Gender, and Class
Fall 2012	Lauren Stavish and Minyoung Moon – Gender, Work, and Human Rights
Spring 2010	Kelly Williams (Religious Studies) – Sexuality and Social Control
Spring 2009	Erin Rehel – Sports, Leisure, and Gender
Fall 2008	Heather Kettrey – Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
Fall 2008	Dan Morrison – Sociology of Science and Technology
Spring 2008	Sarah Glynn – Sociology of Bodies
Spring 2006	Josh Packard – Visual Sociology (Homelessness Project)
Fall 2005	Harmony Newman – Gender and the Family
Spring 2005	Soma Chaudhuri – Advanced Qualitative Methods (Sensitive Topics)
Fall 2004	Harmony Newman & Damian Williams – Advanced Qualitative Methods
Spring 2003	Josh Packard – Qualitative Field Research Methods
Fall 2003	Elizabeth Royal – Gender, Sexuality, and Bodies

### *Scholarship Oversight Committee (SOC) Member—Vanderbilt Medical School*

2016-2018	Uchenna Ezeibe Anani, MD, Clinical Fellow
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### *Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision and Other Work with Undergraduate Students*

Note: I have additionally served on 4 honors thesis committees, in Sociology, Gender & Sexuality Studies, and Medicine, Health & Society

2015-	Director, Honors Program in Sociology and Environmental Sociology
2023	Immersion Vanderbilt Supervisor for Olivia Wilborn
2013-14	Honors Thesis Committee Chair for Sarah Catherine Billups, Sociology. <i>Beauty and the Barbell: Analysis of Female Figure and Physique Competitors' Self-Evaluations</i>
2013	Vanderbilt University Summer Research Program (VUSRP) Supervisor for Sarah Catherine Billups
2010-11	Honors Thesis Committee Chair for Kendall Cox, Sociology. <i>Gendered Constructions of Mental Health in the Mass Media</i>
2005-06	Honors Thesis Committee Chair for Kayti Protos, Women's & Gender Studies. <i>Misinterpretation, Ambivalence, and the Importance of Communication: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Movement to End Violence Against Women</i>

- 2005 Vanderbilt University Summer Research Program Supervisor for Kasie Luttrell  
 2005 Summer internship supervisor for Hadley Zeavin, Women's & Gender Studies.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *Departmental Service (Sociology) – Vanderbilt University*

- 2017-2025-26 Director, Honors Program in Sociology and Environmental Sociology  
 2023-25 Graduate Program Committee  
 2021-22 Undergraduate Program Committee  
 2021 Undergraduate Program Committee  
 2021 Chair, Chair Selection Advisory Committee  
 2020-21 Awards, Nominations, & Publicity Committee (Chair in 2020-21)  
 2018 (fall) Director of Graduate Studies  
 2017-18 Graduate Program Committee  
 Medical Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee  
 2015-16 Co-Chair, Speakers Committee  
 2014-15 Undergraduate Program Committee  
 2013-14 Graduate Program Committee  
 2012-13 Medical Sociology/Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Recruitment Committee  
 2009-11 Director of Undergraduate Studies  
 2010-11 Chair, Chair Selection Advisory Committee  
 Member, Lecturer Evaluation Committee  
 2009-11 Medical Sociology/Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Recruitment Committee  
 2008-09 Senior Faculty Recruitment Search Committee  
 Medicine, Health, and Society Junior Recruitment Committee  
 2007-08 Graduate Program Committee  
 2004-06 Speakers Committee (co-chair in 2005-06)  
 2005 Graduate Program Committee  
 2004-05 Senior Faculty Recruitment Search Committee  
 Enhancing Graduate Education Proposal Committee (ad hoc)  
 2002-04 Graduate Program Committee

### *University and College Service – Vanderbilt University*

- 2025- Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Science  
 2020-21 Faculty Council, College of Arts & Science  
 2018-21 Committee on Standards and Procedures (CASP), College of Arts & Science  
 2017 Campus Evaluation Committee Member, Fulbright National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship  
 2015-16 Secretary, Faculty Council, College of Arts & Science  
 2014-16 Provost's Task Force on Sexual Assault (Chair, 2015-16)  
 2013 Women's & Gender Studies Mellon Visiting Professor Search Committee

2013	Academic Planning Group for the Undergraduate Residential Experience
2012-13	Women's & Gender Studies Self Study Committee
2012-14	Admissions Committee, College of Arts and Science
2012-14	Faculty Council
2010-11	Board Member, Vanderbilt Student Communications (VSC)
2008-11	Editorial Committee, Vanderbilt University Press (Chair, 2010-11)
2009-10	Junior Advisory Review Committee (JARC), College of Arts and Science
2007-08	Committee on Educational Programs, College of Arts and Science
2004-06	Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Freshman Essay Prize contest
2002-04	Phi Beta Kappa Membership Committee

*Guest Lectures and Programming at Vanderbilt*

2023	Workshop on Upcycling and Transforming T-Shirts at East House dorm
2022	Panelist, "Saying Yes to Saying No: Figuring Out Professional Boundaries," Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center
2018	Panelist, Teaching Digital Literacies Learning Community Conversation on Multimodal Assignments, Center for Teaching
2017	Professor Dinner/Talk/Q&A at Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
2016	Judge, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition
2015	Leader and Organizer, Workshop on Digital Storytelling (via VIDL grant)
2015	Panelist for <i>Touched for the Very First Time: Examining the Cultural, Religious, and Social Constructions of Virginity</i> , part of "Sex Ed and Healthy Relationships Week" sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center
2015	Panelist for "On Writing: Research, Advocacy, and the Academy: Making Writing Count," sponsored by the Vanderbilt Writing Studio
2013, 2011	Judge, <i>Latin American Images: Photography</i> exhibit, sponsored by Center for Latin American Studies
2012	Co-organizer, "Representation and Social Change," interdisciplinary conference at the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities
2011	Co-organizer, "American Cultures in a Digital Age," interdisciplinary conference for the American Studies Program
2009	Panelist, Ethics and Pedagogy of Gender and Sexuality, sponsored by the Center for Ethics, the Center for Teaching, and Women's and Gender Studies
2008	Panelist, "Demystifying Grant Application Guidelines," Vanderbilt University Grant and Fellowship Workshop
2008	Panel Organizer, "Womb to Tomb: Sociology of the Life Course," for First-Year Forum at Vanderbilt's Writing Studio
2005	Panelist, "Gender and Authority in the Classroom" (sponsored by Center for Teaching, Writing Studio, Women's and Gender Studies)
2005	Faculty Panelist, "Could I be a Feminist?" Student Forum
2004-05	Steering committee member, Healthy Sex/Sex Education for Grown-ups lecture series (sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center)



2004	Panelist, "Walk of Fame/Walk of Shame." Part of the Healthy Sex/Sex Education for Grown-ups lecture series
2004	Dialogue leader, "Virginity at Vanderbilt." Informal presentation for undergraduate students at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center
2004	"Strategies for completing the dissertation." Panelist, Graduate Student Teaching Event for Professional Development (GradSTEP)
2003	Talk at Cole Hall on gender and virginity loss, Graduate Scholar Program faculty conversation series
recurring	Guest lectures for graduate courses, including seminar on Gender and Sexuality (Gender Studies certificate requirement) (2022, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2005, 2004), Comparative Media Analysis & Practice Maymester Bootcamp (2017), Masters of Liberal Arts & Science Capstone Course (2016), Interdisciplinary Approaches to Justice and Well-Being (2004)
recurring	Guest lectures for undergraduate courses, including Introduction to Sex and Sexuality (2023), Feminist Theory and Methods (2020), Feminist Research Methods (2008, 2005), Introductory Sociology (2006), Introduction to Social Research (2005)

### *Service to the Discipline*

2025-28	Member, Jessie Bernard Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
2021-24	Member, Rose Series Editorial Board, American Sociological Association and Russell Sage Foundation Press
2018	Reviewer (Ad Hoc) for National Science Foundation Science, Technology & Society (STS) Program
2017	Reviewer (Ad Hoc) for National Science Foundation Sociology Program
2014-17	Chair Elect, Chair, and Past Chair, Section on Body & Embodiment, American Sociological Association
2014-16	Editorial Board, <i>Contexts</i> (ASA magazine)
2014-16	Reviewer (Ad Hoc in 2014, Appointed in 2015-16), Social Sciences Panel, American Association of University Women (AAUW)
2015	Reviewer (Ad Hoc) for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2013-16	Advisory Editor, <i>Sociological Perspectives</i> (official journal of the Pacific Sociological Association)
2012	Reviewer (Ad Hoc) for National Science Foundation Science, Technology & Society (STS) Program
2011-13	Nominations Committee Chair Elect and Chair, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2010	Reviewer, Sociology & Psychology Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities
2008-11	Council Member, Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association
2008	Reviewer (Ad Hoc) for National Science Foundation Sociology Program
2007-11	Editorial Board, <i>Gender &amp; Society</i>
2005-06	American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section paper award committee
ongoing	Reviewer for refereed journals: <i>American Sociological Review</i> ; <i>Annual Review of Sex Research</i> ; <i>Archives of Sex Research</i> ; <i>BioSocieties</i> ; <i>Contexts</i> ; <i>Critical Public Health</i> ; <i>Culture, Health &amp; Sexuality</i> ; <i>European Journal of Women's Studies</i> ; <i>Feminist</i>

*Psychology; Gender & Society; The Gerontologist; Health; Journal of Adolescence; Journal of Health & Social Behavior; Journal of Marriage and the Family; Journal of Sex Research; Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy; Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; Men & Masculinities; Poetics; Psychology of Women Quarterly; Qualitative Health Research; Qualitative Sociology; Sex Education; Sex Roles; Sexualities; Sexuality Research & Social Policy; Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society; Social Problems; Social Psychology Quarterly; Social Science & Medicine; Social Studies of Science; Social Thought & Research; Sociological Forum; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Quarterly; Sociology of Health & Illness; Socius; Visual Studies; Work & Occupations*

ongoing      Reviewer for University of Chicago Press, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, Vanderbilt University Press, State University of New York (SUNY) Press, University of Regina Press, Palgrave-Macmillan, Praeger, Polity Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers

ongoing      Mentor of junior faculty and graduate students in mentoring programs sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society and ASA Section on Body & Embodiment

### *Conference Activity and Service*

- 2022      Organizer, Book Forum for Rene Almeling's *GUYnecology: The Missing Science of Men's Reproductive Health* at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2018      Faculty Reviewer, Dissertation Proposal Session. American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities Mini-Conference
- 2016      Panel Discussant, "Embodiment, Science, and Technology." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2016      Panel Discussant, "Embodiment and Social Movements." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2015      Thematic Session Organizer, "Sexual Practices and Sexual Pleasures." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2015      Panel Discussant, "Vaccinations: An Emerging Area of Sociological Inquiry." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2014      Panel Discussant, "Mature Women's Sexuality." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2014      Local Arrangements Committee, Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2014      Panel Discussant, "State Regulation of Circumcision (Metzizeh B'peh)." Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics
- 2013      Panel Discussant, "Sociology of Sexuality." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2013      Panel Discussant, "Sociology of AIDS." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2012      Chair, Local Arrangements Committee. Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities. Conference sponsored by American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities
- 2012      Organizer and Presider, Critical Issues Workshop on "Seeing Sexualities: Using Visual Methods in Sexuality Research" at Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities Conference
- 2012      Organising Committee, Fourth US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Queens University-Belfast, Northern Ireland

- 2010 Session organizer, Sexuality Across the Life Course, sponsored by Sexualities Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2010 Panelist for “Critique Me” session for job candidates, Sociologists for Women in Society summer meeting
- 2008 Delegate and Member of Gender and Health Study Group, Third Joint US-UK Medical Sociology Conference
- 2007 Session Co-Organizer (with John DeLamater, University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Discussant, *Sexuality Over the Life Course*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2006 Delegate and Member of Gender and Health Study Group, Second Joint US-UK Medical Sociology Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2006 Panelist and Co-Organizer, *Turning Your Dissertation Into a Book*, Summer Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2005 Roundtable Presider, *Culture and Gender*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2005 Roundtable Discussant, *The Fat of the Matter: Sociological Perspectives of Obesity*, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society
- 2003 Session Organizer, *Gender in the U.S. South*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2003 Roundtable Discussant, *Gender: Body Ideal and Discourse*, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society
- 2002 Panel Discussant, *Constructing Adolescence, Constructing Gender*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2000 Panel Discussant, *Sexuality in Mass Media*, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society
- 1998 Informal Discussion Roundtable Presider and Organizer, *More Than Just First Coitus: Assessing Alternative Indicators of Sexual Initiation*, American Sociological Association

#### *Public Sociology*

- 2021 Blog post for Center for Digital Humanities: *Digital Humanities, Analog Style* <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/digitalhumanities/digital-humanities-analog-style/>
- 2019 Panelist at Southern Festival of Books, session on *Telling Stories/ Stories That Tell*, a large-scale book-object created by book artist Britt Stadig and Warren Center fellows
- 2019 Op-Ed Project. Selected to participate in multi-day campus workshop.
- 2012 Lecture: *The Science of Sexuality: How We Know What We Know*. Science Café at Adventure Science Center, Nashville, TN
- 2011 Panelist: TAKE CARE: Biomedical Ethics in the Twenty-First Century. Opening event for art exhibit curated by Adrienne Outlaw, Sarratt Gallery at Vanderbilt
- 2010 Commentator: *Winter's Bone*, Belcourt Theater and Vanderbilt University's Faculty-Led Interactive Cinematic eXplorations (FLiCX)
- 2010 Lecture: *American Pie: Fact or Fiction? A Closer Look at Virginity Loss in the Movies*. Thinking Outside the (Lunch) Box, Nashville Public Library  
 A portion of the video recording of this talk was used by UMass-Amherst Professor Janice Irvine for an online section of her “Society and Sexuality” course in 2020.

- 2010 Organizer/curator, Photo Voice exhibit (projects created by students in my visual sociology course) at Blend Studio, Nashville, TN
- 2009 “Moral Hazard.” Review of *The Purity Myth: How America’s Obsession with Virginity Is Hurting Young Women* by Jessica Valenti. *Ms. Magazine*
- 2006 Lecture: *What Does Virginity Loss Mean? Implications for Public Policy*. Planned Parenthood New York
- 2005 Act Like a Grrrl Summer Performance Program (sponsored by Actors Bridge Ensemble of Nashville, TN). Discussion facilitator for sexualities segment.
- 2002 Lecture: *Sexuality and Virginity Loss in U.S. and German Teen Magazines*. Students For Choice Lecture Series, Johns Hopkins University

### *Media Coverage and Service*

Interview about controversy over male circumcision for No Such Thing podcast

Interview about virginity and virginity loss for Women Like Sex podcast

Interview about virginity and virginity loss for *Virgin, Bitch, Beauty* podcast

Interview about virginity auctions for *Mel Magazine*, April 2022. <https://melmagazine.com/en-us/story/are-virginity-auctions-real>

Interview about virginity culture in the 1990s for *Inside Hook*, April 2022. <https://www.insidehook.com/article/arts-entertainment/early-2000s-virginity-culture>

Interview about replacing the concept of virginity loss for BBC’s *Worklife*, October 2021. <https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20210921-should-we-re-brand-virginity>

Interview about the concept of virginity and virginity testing for ABC Life Media (Australia), January 2020. <https://www.abc.net.au/life/is-it-time-we-got-rid-of-the-concept-of-virginity/11742474>

Interview about virginity in popular media, especially TV’s “The Bachelor,” *Vox.com*, January 2019. <https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2019/1/7/18171965/the-bachelor-colton-premiere-virgin>

Interview about what would happen if all humans lost their sex drive for *Gizmodo*, September 2017. <https://gizmodo.com/what-would-happen-if-everyone-in-the-world-lost-their-s-1818504575>

Interview about the fragility of marriage in contemporary America for *Playboy*, September 2016. <http://www.playboy.com/articles/happily-never-after>

Interview about generational changes in young adults’ levels of sexual activity for *Men’s Journal*, September 2016. <http://www.mensjournal.com/health-fitness/articles/are-young-people-really-having-less-sex-w438181>

Interview about virginity loss on prom night for *Fusion/ABC News*, April 2016. <http://fusion.net/story/291635/the-great-prom-night-virgin-debate/>

Interview about sexual consent for *This Vanderbilt Life* podcast, episode “What is consent at Vanderbilt” <http://www.vanderbilthustler.online/2016/02/22/this-vanderbilt-life-what-is-consent-at-vanderbilt/> February 2016.

Interview about unexpectedly heavy online ticket sales for “50 Shades of Gray” in southern states. *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, February 2015.

Interview about surname practices in families, National Public Radio (aired on Nashville affiliate WPLN on September 12 and nationally on Morning Edition on September 15, 2014). <http://nashvillepublicradio.org/blog/2014/09/12/tennessee-wont-let-brentwood-family-create-new-last-name/>

Interview about sexual desire in long-term relationships. *Psychology Today*, August 2014.

- Guest on *The Daily Circuit* radio show, Minnesota Public Radio, show about slow/low uptake of HPV vaccine, April 2013.
- Interview about first sexual experiences. *Cosmopolitan* UK edition, April 2013.
- Interview about preplanning one's funeral in midlife. *The Tennessean*, September 2012.
- Guest on *Midday with Dan Rodricks* radio show, WYPR (National Public Radio affiliate in Baltimore, Maryland), focused on *Sex for Life* (coedited book), June 2012.
- Interview about first love. *Elle Canada*, February 2012.
- Interview about changing patterns of residence for Tennessee children. *Tennessean*, August 2011.
- Interview about British blogger Kate Monro's project collecting virginity-loss stories. *The Observer* (London), July 2010.
- Interview on the psychology of "first times." *Psychology Today*, February 2010.
- Interview about why people are attracted to athletes as romantic partners. *Tennessean*, Sept. 2009.
- Interview about woman auctioning her virginity to pay for graduate school. *CNN.com*, January 2009.
- Interview about generations' differential adoption of electronic calendars. *Tennessean*, January 2009.
- Interview about French-British differences in midlife women's sexuality. *The Guardian* (UK), November 9, 2008.
- Interview about born-again virginity. *MSNBC.com*, 28 February 2008.
- Interview about why French women don't stop having sex. *Washington Post*, 10 February 2008.
- Interview about sexuality and aging. *Healthy Women, Take 10* (National Women's Health Resource Center Internet journal), February 2008.
- Interview about virginity loss. *Cherries: A Film about Firsts* (working title). Jesse Migneault, documentary maker. Three Fates Films/Dartmouth University. Taped 23 January 2008.
- Interview about male birth control pill. *The Tennessean*, 2 December 2007.
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