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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
Expected May 2010

Dissertation: *Blind to Sameness: The Socio-Optical Construction of Male and Female Bodies*

Committee: Eviatar Zerubavel (chair), Karen Cerulo, Judith Gerson, Arlene Stein, Lynn Chancer (CUNY)

M.A. Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, 2004

M.A. Draper Institute, New York University (Gender Politics), 2001

B.A. Liberal Arts, Sarah Lawrence College, 1997

RESEARCH AREAS

Gender, Social Theory, Cognitive and Cultural Sociology, Visual Sociology, Sociology of the Body

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Book Chapters

Forthcoming "Toward a Sociology of Perception: Sight, Sex and Gender." *Cultural Sociology*.

Forthcoming "Perception: A Cognitive Sociological Approach." In *La Sociologie Cognitive*, edited by Fabrice Clement and Laurence Kaufman. (Paris: Ophrys/Maison des Sciences de l'Homme).

- 2006 "Unintended Consequences of the Feminist Sex/Gender Distinction." *Genders* 43.
- 2004 "Looking for the Body in Sociological Literature on Gender." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 48: 3-25.

Book Reviews

- 2007 Review of Seckinger, Beverly. *Laramie Inside Out. Teaching Sociology* 35(1): 109-110.
- 2005 Review of Sloop, John. *Disciplining Gender: Rhetorics of Sex Identity in Contemporary U.S. Culture. Gender & Society* 19(4): 563-565.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- "A Blind Phenomenology of Sexed Bodies"
- "Sexpectations: Socially Organized Selective Perception in Sex Attribution"
- "Thinking With Socio-Mental Filters: Exploring the Social Structuring of Attention and Significance" (with Thomas DeGloma)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2008-2009 **University & Louis Bevier Dissertation Fellowship**
Rutgers University
- 2008 **Candace Rogers Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper**
Eastern Sociological Society
Paper: "Toward a Sociology of Perception: Sight, Sex and Gender"
- 2006-2007 **Graduate Fellowship, "Mind and Culture" Working Group**
Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University
- 2006-2007 **Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**
Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2006 **Matilda White Riley Award for Best Qualifying Paper**
Department of Sociology, Rutgers University

Paper: "Bringing the 'Sex' Back In: Unintended Consequences of the Sex/Gender Distinction"

2005 **Best Student Paper Award, Theory Division (Honorable Mention)**

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Paper: "Sex Seen: The Socio-Optical Construction of Sexed Bodies"

2003 **Matilda White Riley Award for Best Graduate Student Paper**

Department of Sociology, Rutgers University

Paper: "The 'Real' and the 'Safe': A Sociological Perspective on the Classification of Sex Acts"

2001-2003 **Sociology Excellence Fellowship**

Rutgers University

2000 **John W. Draper Scholarship for Academic Achievement**

New York University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2009 "Blind to Sameness: Unseen Similarities between Male and Female Bodies," *New Directions in Cognitive Sociology*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

2007 "Sexexpectations: Socially Organized Selective Perception in Sex Attribution," *Sociology of the Body*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2006 "Sex Seen: The Social Enactment of Sex," *Culture and Cognition* Mini-Conference, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

2005 "Bringing the 'Sex' Back In: Unintended Consequences of the Feminist Sex/Gender Distinction," *Feminist Theory*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2005 "Thinking With Socio-Mental Filters: Exploring the Social Structuring of Attention and Significance," *Structures of Knowledge*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (With Tom DeGloma).

2004 "Sex Seen: The Socio-Optical Construction of Sexed Bodies," *Visual Sociology*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2004 "Looking for the Body in Sociological Literature on Gender," *Rethinking Gender*, University of California, Berkeley.

- 2004 "The 'Real' and the 'Safe': A Sociological Perspective on the Classification of Sex Acts," Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2004 "Blind to Sameness: Exploring the Social Construction of Sex," Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2003 "Looking for the Body in Sociological Literature on Gender," Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007-present Teaching Assistant, Writing Program, Department of English, Rutgers University
- 2003-2006 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
- 2003 Teaching Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University

Courses Taught:

Contemporary Sociological Theory (2 semesters)
 Sexuality and Society (6 semesters)
 Sociology of Gender/Sociology of Women (3 semesters)
 Expository Writing (2 semesters)

Courses Assisted:

Contemporary Sociological Theory (1 semester)
 Research Methods (2 semesters)
 Introduction to Sociology (1 semester)

Other Courses Prepared to Teach:

Classical Theory
 Cognitive Sociology
 Sociology of the Body
 Sociology of Perception
 Social Psychology
 Individual & Society

** Syllabi and student evaluations available upon request.*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research Assistant, Dr. Catherine Lee, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, 2006-present

Reviewer, *Body & Society* and *Sociological Forum*

Interviewer, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, 2002

Interviewer, The NAMI Advocacy Project, Rutgers University, 2002

Writing tutor, Livingston Writing Center, Rutgers University, 2004-2005

Web site design and maintenance, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, 2003-2005

Web site design, Initiative on Climate Change, Social Policy and Politics, Rutgers University, 2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (culture and sex and gender sections)

Eastern Sociological Society