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### EDUCATION

- *Ph.D.*, Sociology, University of Washington, 2000. Dissertation: *Doing the Dirty Work: Emotion Work, Professionalism, & Sexuality in a Customer Service Economy*.
- Certificate in *Video Documentary Production*, University of Washington, 1995.
- *M.A.*, Sociology, University of Washington, 1993.
- *B.A.*, Sociology, Global Studies & Religion minors, Pacific Lutheran University, 1989.

### CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Associate Professor (with tenure), Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UW-Bothell, 2010-present.
- Adjunct Professor, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, UW-Seattle, 2009-present.

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Visiting Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, UC-San Francisco, Winter 2011.
- Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UW-Bothell, 2002-2010.
- Lecturer, Seattle University, 1997-2002.
- Instructor, UW-Seattle, 1997.
- Instructor, Seattle Central Community College, 1996-1997.

### RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

#### Research Awards

##### *Grants & Fellowships*

- Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, UWS, 2011. (Washington State Labor Research grant). For "Assessing the social context of transgender sex workers: Toward a human rights approach." (\$7,000).
- Pride Foundation, 2011. Research support for "Assessing the social context of transgender sex workers: Toward a human rights approach." (\$3,000).
- Platforms for Public Scholarship Fellow, 2009-2010. Simpson Center for the Humanities, UWS.
- Teaching & Scholarship Enhancement award, UWB, 2009. To support summer research on Sexuality Education (\$9,000).

##### *Awards*

- First place graduate paper, *Social Problems Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems*. For "Subjects of Desire: Academic Armor, Intimate Ethnography, & the Production of Critical Knowledge." 2000.
- First place graduate paper, *Culture Section, American Sociological Association*, 1999. For "12-Step Feminism Makes Sex Workers Sick: How the State and the Recovery Movement Turn Radical Women into 'Useless Citizens'."

### Publications

#### *Research Articles in Refereed Journals*

- Lerum, K., McCurtis, K., Saunders, P., and Wahab, S. 2012. "Using Human Rights to hold the US Accountable for its Anti-Sex-Trafficking Agenda: The Universal Periodic Review & New Directions for US Policy" *Anti-Trafficking Review*, 1.
- Wahab, S., Baker, L., Smith, J. Cooper, K., **Lerum, K.** 2011. "Exotic Dance Research: A Review

- of the Literature from 1970 to 2008." *Sexuality & Culture* 15, 1, Pp. 56-79.
- Lerum, K., and Dworkin, S. 2009. "'Bad Girls Rule': An Interdisciplinary Feminist Commentary on the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls." *Journal of Sex Research* 46. 4.
  - Lerum, K., and Dworkin, S. 2009. "Toward an Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Youth, Sexualization, and Health." *Journal of Sex Research* 46. 4.
  - Gillespie, D, Dolsak, N, Kochis, B, Krabill, R, **Lerum, K**, Peterson, A, and Thomas, E. 2005. "Research Circles: Supporting the Scholarship of Junior Faculty." *Innovative Higher Education* 30, 3.
  - Lerum, K. 2004. "Sexuality, Power, and Camaraderie in Service Work." *Gender & Society*, 18, 6. 756-776.
  - Lerum, K. 2001. "Subjects of Desire: Academic Armor, Intimate Ethnography, & the Production of Critical Knowledge." *Qualitative Inquiry* 7, 4, Pp. 466-483. (Special issue on Critical Ethnography).
  - Lerum, K. 1998. "12-Step Feminism Makes Sex Workers Sick: How the State and the Recovery Movement Turn Radical Women into 'Useless Citizens'." *Sexuality & Culture* 2, Pp. 7-36. (Special issue on Sex Work and Sex Workers).

#### **Book under Contract**

- *Sexuality: The Basics* (London: Routledge Press. Estimated publication 2014).

#### **Special Issue Journal**

- Lerum, K and Brents, B. eds. Special ½ issue of *Sociological Perspectives*, on "Human Trafficking and Sex Work." (forthcoming 2014).

#### **Book Chapters & Essays in Edited Volumes**

- Lerum, K. 2013. "Sexuality." *Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia* v. 2. Edited by Vicky Smith. Sage Publications. Pp. 773-776.
- Lerum, K. 2012. "What's Love Got to Do with It?: Life Lessons from Multiracial Feminism." In *Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia*. Edited by Gonzalez, C., Harris, A., Gutierrez y Muhs, G., and Flores-Niemann. Y. Salt Lake: University of Utah Press.
- Lerum, K. 2009. "Sexuality and Reproduction." In *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, v. 2. Sage. Edited by O'Brien, J.
- Parker, S. Hornby, A., and **Lerum, K**. 2008. "Zines: Librarians and Faculty Engaging Students in Creative Scholarship." In *Practical Pedagogy for Library Instructors: 17 Innovative Strategies to Improve Student Learning*. Edited by Cook, D. and Sittler, R. American Library Association.
- Lerum, K. 2001. "'Precarious Situations' in a Strip Club: Exotic Dancers and the Problem of Reality Maintenance." In *The Production of Reality: Essays and Readings in Social Psychology* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Pp. 279-287, edited by Kollock, P. and O'Brien, J. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press. **REPRINTED in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition, 2006** edited by O'Brien, J. and Kollock, P.

#### **Book Reviews**

- Lerum, K. 2011. *Intimate Labors: Cultures, Technologies, and the Politics of Care*. Edited by Boris, E. and Parrenas, R. *International Review of Modern Sociology*. Pp. 150-153.
- Lerum, K. 2011. *Strip Club: Gender, Power, and Sex Work*. By Price-Glynn, K. *American Journal of Sociology* 117, 1, Pp. 345-347.
- Lerum, K. 2011. *The State of Sex: Tourism, Sex, and Sin in the New American Heartland*. By Brents, B., Jackson, C., and Hausbeck, K. *Gender & Society* 25, Pp. 524-526.
- Lerum, K. 2007. *Regulating Sex: The Politics of Intimacy & Identity*, edited by Bernstein, E. and Schaffner, L. *Contemporary Sociology* 36, 6, Pp. 559-561.
- Lerum, K. 2004. "Defining the Emotional Contours of Exotic Dance." A Review of *G-Strings and Sympathy: Strip Club Regulars and Male Desire* by Frank, K. and *Bare: On Women, Sex, and Power* by Eaves, E. *Sexuality & Culture* 8, 1.
- Lerum, K. 2000. *Communicating Gender*, by Romaine, S. *Contemporary Sociology* 29, 3, Pp. 506-507.
- Lerum, K. 1998. *A Glossary of Feminist Theory*, by Andermahr, S., Lovell, T., and Wolkowitz, C.

*Contemporary Sociology* 27, 5, Pp. 543-544.

### ***Creative non-fiction journal and book publications***

- Lerum, K. 2012. "Circus." *Trivia: Voices of Feminism*, issue 13. Available online: <http://www.triviavoices.com/current-issue.html#.UK2ENY76rqE>
- Lerum, K. 2012. "My Trojan Dress." In *Here Come the Brides: Reflections on Lesbian Love and Marriage*. Edited by Kort, M. and Bilger, A. Seal Press. Pp. 59-71.

### ***Other Publications***

#### Editorials

- Lerum, K. In press. "Human Wrongs vs. Human Rights." *Contexts*. (Winter 2014).
- Lerum, K. 2012. "Introducing Mediations." *Contexts* 11, 1.

#### Grey/white papers

- Sex work and trafficking workgroup (Bretns, et al). 2013. Sex work and trafficking position paper. Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities ASA Sexualities Section
- Lerum, K, P. Saunders, D. Barlin, S. Wahab, J. Swift. 2011. "Reducing Violence Against Sex Workers: What are the Policy Options?" (Policy brief delivered to US State Dept., Feb. 2011).
- Lerum, K. 2003 (Spring). "Using Census data to teach about Poverty and Inequality." In the "Innovations in Teaching" column of *Network News*, the newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society.

#### Blog writing

- Founder and Co-Editor of, and frequent writer for: *Sexuality & Society*. (<http://thesocietypages.org/sexuality/>), a blog hosted by *Contexts*, published by the American Sociological Association. (Sept. 2009-present).
- Writer for *Ms. Magazine Blog* (<http://www.msomagazine.com/blog/>). (Nov. 2010-present).
- Writer for *Rh Reality Check* (<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/>). (March 2011-present).

### ***Journal Articles in Process***

- "Victims, Villains, and Heroes: How 'the Garden of Eden' made 'sex trafficking' a popular cause."
- "Stripper Stories in Film: Visions of Exotic Dancers from 1938-2010" (with S. Wahab, J. Swift, R. Gregory).

### ***Other Public Scholarship activities***

#### Print press

- *New York Times*. Sept. 21, 2013. Interviewed for "Intimacy on the Web, with a Crowd." [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/22/technology/intimacy-on-the-web-with-a-crowd.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/22/technology/intimacy-on-the-web-with-a-crowd.html?pagewanted=all&_r=1&)
- *Insight Magazine*. Autumn 2012. UWB's newsletter for Alumni and Friends "Faculty spotlight." Pp. 8-9. <http://www.uwb.edu/getattachment/insight/archive/uwb-insightautumn12-pt.pdf>

#### Radio commentator

- KPLU (NPR affiliate) radio on the topic of privacy & social media <http://www.kplu.org/post/exploring-limits-privacy-henrys-talent-show> July 17, 2011.
- KBCS public radio on the topic of "Bullying and Harassment." (<http://kbcf.fm/site/PageServer?pagename=voicesofdiversity>) Nov. 17, 2010.
- KUOW (NPR affiliate) radio on the topic of "What is the Future of Adult Entertainment in Seattle?" (<http://www.kuow.org/program.php?id=17992>) July 23, 2009.

#### Community Events

- ACLU press conference. Prepared and Read statement on behalf of Safe Schools Coalition regarding the ACLU case of Russell Dickerson II. Seattle, WA. Dec. 7, 2010. <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/AberdeenWAsudentSuesSchools.html>
- Co-organizer/contributor, *Sexual Assault Awareness Week*, UWB. (March 2009; March 2010).
- Director of the *Sexual Health and Education Fair*, UWB. (May 2008; May 2010).

## Presentations (select)

### *Invited Academic Presentations (2005 to present)*

- Clarkson University. Invited speaker for regional Gender and Sexuality Studies conference. Pottsdam, NY. Oct. 25-26, 2013.
- American Sociological Association. Invited panelist for session on childhood and commodification. New York, NY. Aug. 2013.
- University of Washington, Bothell. Research in Action Seminar. "Ending the Demand for What?" March 1, 2013.
- University of California, San Francisco. Guest lecture in Feminist Theory. "Continuums and contexts of 'sexualization' and 'objectification'." Thurs., Feb. 21, 2013.
- The Evergreen College. "Remodeling the Garden of Eden: Human Wrongs & Rights in Anti-trafficking campaigns." Tues. Feb. 19, 2013.
- Invited speaker for a one-day conference entitled "From Prosecution to Empowerment: Fighting Trafficking and Promoting the Rights of Migrants." University of Southern California, Sat. Feb 2, 2013. <http://dornsife.usc.edu/conferences/from-prosecution-to-empowerment>
- University of California, San Francisco. Social and Behavioral Sciences Colloquia. "Studying transgender sex workers from a human rights framework." May 8, 2012.
- Pacific Sociological Association. "Writing for *Contexts*." San Diego, CA. March 23, 2012.
- University of Michigan, Dept. of Sociology, Gender & Sexuality Workshop. March 14, 2012.
- University of Michigan, Invited panel on Sexual Health (jointly sponsored by the Psychology and Women Studies departments). March 14, 2012.
- Panel: "Approaching Public scholarship from Diverse Disciplines." Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, Feb. 17, 2012.
- Cal-Poly Pomona. Invited speaker for Symposium on "The Paradox of Social Justice." Feb. 9, 2012.
- Using Human Rights to hold the US Accountable for its Anti-Sex-Trafficking Agenda: The Universal Periodic Review & New Directions for US Policy." Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Research Colloquium, UWB. Oct. 4, 2011.
- University of Washington, Seattle, School of Law. Invited panel on Sex Work. "Introducing Human Rights to the Anti-Trafficking Agenda: The Universal Periodic Review & New Directions for US Policy." May 9, 2011.
- University of California, San Francisco, Guest lecture, Health Policy class. "Sex Workers as Human Rights Activists: A discussion of Recent Activism at the UN and US State Department." Feb. 10, 2011.
- University of California, San Francisco, Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. "Introducing Human Rights to the Anti-Sex-Trafficking Agenda: Sex Worker Activists and the United Nations take on the US State Dept." Feb. 16, 2011
- University of California, San Francisco. Social and Behavioral Sciences Colloquia. "Can Sex Workers have Rights in the context of 'sex slaves' and the 'sexualization of girls'?" Feb. 24, 2011.
- Plenary Speaker for SSSS (Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality – Western Region). Title: "How the 'Sexualization of Girls' Discourse Ignores Sexual Health & Justice." April 10, 2010, Palm Springs, CA. <http://www.sssswr.org/call.html>
- Invited panelist: "Author meets critic: responding to Jessica Fields' book, *Risky Lesson: Sex Education and Social Inequality*." PSA, San Diego, CA, April 2009.
- *Professionalization and Public Scholarship* Workshop and Roundtable Organized by Graduate Students from the U.W. Institute on the Public Humanities, Seattle, Washington, April 2006.
- "Visual ethnography, Visual documentation, Community collaboration. Anthropology colloquium, University of Washington, Seattle, January 2006.
- "Theorizing differences between Sexual Camaraderie & Sexual Harassment: Implications for Policy Makers." Policy Studies Research Colloquium, University of Washington, Bothell, April 2005.

### *Refereed Conference Presentations (2005-present)*

- "Ending the Demand for What?: Human wrongs and rights in anti-trafficking campaigns." Pacific Sociological association, Reno, NV, March 2013.

- “*Hollywood stripper stories: Can films about exotic dancers be feminist?*” 2013 Innovation Forum: Engaging Design. University of Washington, Bothell. Feb. 11, 2013.
- “*Assessing the Social Context of Transgender Sex Workers: Toward a Human Rights Policy Approach.*” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver, CO, Aug. 2012.
- “*Reframing Trafficking.*” American Sociological Association mini-conference, “Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities.” Denver, CO, Aug. 2012.
- “*Stripper Stories in Film: Visions of Exotic Dancers from 1938-2010.*” Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA March 24, 2012.
- “*From Punishment & Salvation to Human Rights: Sex Workers and the United Nations take on the US State Dept.*” Pacific Sociology Association, March 12, 2011, Seattle, WA
- “*Is it still a ‘special evil’?: Anti-trafficking discourse, sex worker activism, & the Obama administration.*” Pacific Sociology Association (PSA), April 2010 (Oakland, CA).
- “*Collaborating across sexual-political lines.*” Northwest Eco/Community Psychology conference, University of Washington, Bothell, Oct 2009.
- “*Assessing the effectiveness of state, national, and international Anti-Trafficking Legislation.*” Hypatia 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. Oct. 2009.
- “*Transitions to Freedom: connections between prison research and activism.*” PSA. San Diego, CA. April 2009.
- “*Sex scenes in the Classroom*” (panel on “prickly pedagogical issues”). American Association of Colleges and Universities. Seattle, Jan. 2009
- “*Teaching Community Collaborative Research as Competency and Pedagogy.*” Northwest Eco/Community Psychology conference, University of Washington, Bothell, Oct 2007.
- “*The ‘Promise of Post-Modern Sex Education,*” Policy Studies Research Colloquium, University of Washington, Bothell, April 2007.
- “*The Promise of Post-Modern Sex Education.*” Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Oakland, CA, April 2007.
- “*Sex Workers and AIDS activists: A cross national evaluation of HIV/AIDS intervention programs.*” PSA, Hollywood, CA, April 2006.

#### **Conference Organizer**

- Co-organizer and facilitator: “Beyond the Carceral State: Queer, Feminist, Anti-Racist Critiques and Interventions.” Mini-Conference at UW Bothell, May 14, 2013.

#### **SERVICE (select)**

##### **Professional Service**

###### **Service to Professional Publications**

- Editor, “Mediations” section of *Contexts*. (A journal of the American Sociological Association). 2011-2013.
- Consulting editor, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. (A journal of International Academy of Sex Research). 2011-present.
- Editorial Board, *Sexuality & Culture*. 2004-present.
- Have served as a referee for: *American Sociological Review*, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *Contexts*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Sex Research*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sex Roles*, *Sexuality & Culture*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Compass*, *Sociological Focus Sociological Perspective*, *Teaching Sociology*, *Women’s Health Issues*, *Women Studies International Forum*; Duke University Press, Research Royalty Fund (UW).

###### **Service to Professional Organizations**

- Pacific Sociological Association Publications Committee, elected to represent the Northern Region (2013-2016).
- Sexualities section organizer, Pacific Sociological Association, 2012-2013.
- Council member (elected), Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association. 2006-2009.
- Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in Sociology Pacific Sociological Association, 2003-2009.