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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

#### *Refereed Journal Articles*

- 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).
- 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. 2004. "Sexuality, Power, and Camaraderie in Service Work." *Gender & Society*, 18, 6. 756-776.
- 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., 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.
- 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, 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.

### **Books under Contract**

- *Sexuality: The Basics* (London: Routledge Press. Estimated publication 2013)

### **Book Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- 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.
- 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. 2009. "Sexuality and Reproduction." In *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, v. 2. Sage. Edited by O'Brien, J.
- 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.
- (Forthcoming in 2012). Lerum, K. "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.
- (Forthcoming, 2013). Lerum, K. "Sexuality." Contracted for *Sociology of Work*. Sage Publications.

### **Book Reviews**

- Lerum, K. 1998. *A Glossary of Feminist Theory*, by Andermahr, S., Lovell, T., and Wolkowitz, C. *Contemporary Sociology* 27, 5, Pp. 543-544.
- Lerum, K. 2000. *Communicating Gender*, by Romaine, S. *Contemporary Sociology* 29, 3, Pp. 506-507.
- 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. 2007. *Regulating Sex: The Politics of Intimacy & Identity*, edited by Bernstein, E. and Schaffner, L. *Contemporary Sociology* 36, 6, Pp. 559-561.
- 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.

### **Other Publications, Public Scholarship, & Creative Activities**

#### Editorial writing

- Lerum, K. 2012. "Introduction to Mediations." *Contexts* 11, 1.

Policy Brief writing

- Lerum, K, P. Saunders, D. Barlin, S. Wahab, J. Swift. “Reducing Violence Against Sex Workers: What are the Policy Options?” (Policy brief delivered to US State Dept., Feb. 2011) .

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.msmagazine.com/blog/>). (Nov. 2010-present).
- Writer for *Rh Reality Check* (<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/>). (March 2011-present).

Newsletter writing

- Lerum, K. “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, Spring 2003.

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.com/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/AberdeenWAsStudentSuesSchools.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).

***Journal Articles in Process***

- “Stripper Stories in Film: Visions of Exotic Dancers from 1938-2010” (with S. Wahab, J. Swift, R. Gregory).

***Book chapters in Process***

- “Critical Collaborations for sexual and social justice” (culminating from an invited symposium on “The paradox of Social Justice”).

**Presentations*****Invited Academic Presentations (2000 to present)***

- Invited speaker for a one-day conference entitled "Human Trafficking: Reframing the Problem." To be held at University of Southern California, Sat. Feb 1, 2013. Funded by the Open Society Foundation.
- American Sociological Association. Invited panelist for session on childhood and commodification. New York, NY. Aug. 2013.
- 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 (2000-present)**

- "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.
- "Envisioning Family: Photo-Analysis in Undergraduate Family Projects." International Visual Sociology Association, San Francisco, CA. August 2004.
- "Sexuality, Camaraderie, & Power in Service Work." American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA. August 2003.
- "Teaching as an Activist Act." Sociologists for Women in Society, Wilmington, NC, February 2003.
- "Service Workers 'Acting Professional': Implications for a Theory of Professions." ASA, Anaheim, CA., August, 2001.
- "Symbolic Interactions at Work." PSA, San Francisco, CA, April 2001.

- *"Paid Attention: How Contemporary Service Work has Created new forms of Intimate Communication."* PSA, San Francisco, April. 2000.

#### ***Invited Community Presentations (2010-present)***

- International Women's Day rally speaker, Westlake Center, Seattle. March 10, 2012.
- Northshore Rotary Club. Kenmore, WA. March 7, 2012.
- Panel speaker for "Rights vs. Rescue: Sex worker rights, harm reduction, and the law." Seattle Public Library, Capitol Hill Branch, March 3, 2012.
- Workshop for *Girls Rock! Seattle* summer camp. Title: *Body & Identity Portraits: Women in the Music Industry.* With Faith Simonelli. July 29-30, 2010.
- Salon Presentation for HIV/AIDS Program, Public Health-Seattle & King County. Title: "*Male Sex Workers: Toward a Sexual Health and Sexual Rights Approach.*" July 29, 2010.

#### ***Session Organizer (2000-present)***

- Body Rights and Human Rights. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver, CO, Aug. 2012.
- Reframing "Sexualization": Why critical sexualities researchers should intervene in the 'Sexualization of Girls' discourse. American Sociological Association mini-conference, "Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities." Denver, CO, Aug. 2012.
- Bodies, Sexuality, and Social Justice in Sport. North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. Minneapolis, Nov. 3, 2011.
- Sex work, Violence, and Policy: Toward a Human Rights Approach. University of Washington, Seattle, March 3, 2011.
- Workshop/panel for transgender sex workers. Gender Odyssey conference, Seattle, Aug. 6, 2011.
- Feminist Science, Sexual Health, and Transnational Policies. Hypatia 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. Oct. 2009.
- Visual Sociology. American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- Theorizing Global Activism. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Anaheim, CA., August 2001.
- Sexuality and Culture. SSSP, Wash. D.C., August 2000.
- The Commercial Sex Industry. SSSP, D.C., August 2000.

#### ***Invited Discussant (2000-present)***

- Invited discussant for a roundtable topic of sexuality in academia. Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Portland, OR, April 2008.
- Invited discussant for panel on Sociology of Sexuality. American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- Invited discussant for Thinking Sex in Transnational Times, Workshop on Helen Leung's "Queer self writing in Hong Kong." Simpson center for the Humanities, University of Washington, Seattle. May 2003.
- Invited discussant for panel on Sociology as a Science: How do we teach it? Or, should we teach it? ASA, Anaheim, CA., August 2001.

## **Professional Affiliations**

### ***Current memberships***

American Sociological Association, Pacific Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training.

## **TEACHING & ADVISING**

### **Courses Taught at UW**

#### ***Graduate***

- Visual Documentation Praxis (Anth/Humanities, UWS)
- Cultural Studies Research Practices (Masters in Cultural Studies, UWB)

#### ***Undergraduate***

- American Idol(s): How Stories shape Culture & Identity
- Approaches to Social Research

- Commercial Sex Work, Sexual Health, & Global Human Rights
- Family in U.S. Society
- Feminist Theories & Practices
- Filming the Real
- Global & Local Health Inequalities: Practices & Interventions
- Meanings & Realities of Inequality
- Multi-Media Storytelling for Social Transformation
- New Directions in Cultural Research: Community Collaboration Practice (2007 Summer Institute in the Arts & Humanities)
- Politics of Sex Education
- Qualitative Inquiry
- Sexual Politics & Culture: Thinking Sex
- Sociology of Sexuality: (Trans)Gendering Sexuality
- Visual Ethnography
- Worlds of Work: Internships

## **SERVICE (select and current only)**

### **Professional Service**

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

- Editor, “Mediations” section of *Contexts*. (A journal of the American Sociological Association). 2011-present.
- 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 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*, Duke University Press.

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

- Program Committee. Pacific Sociological Association, 2012-2013; 2007-2008.
- Awards Committee, Pacific Sociological Association, 2008-2011. (Chair, Undergraduate paper award, 2009-2011; Chair, Social Conscience award, 2010-11; Committee member, PSA book award 2010-11).
- Council member (elected), *Section on Sexualities*, American Sociological Association. 2006-2009.

### **University Service**

- Vice-Chair, General Faculty Organization, University of Washington, Bothell, 2012-2013.
- *Campus Council on Promotion, Tenure, and Faculty Affairs*, 2011-2013.

### **School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Service**

- *Society, Ethics, and Behavior (SEB) convener*, 2007-2010; 2012-.
- Chair, Diversity Committee, 2012-present.