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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

- Washington State Labor Research grant. Principle investigator: "Assessing the social context of transgender sex workers: Toward a human rights approach." Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, UWS.
- Platforms for Public Scholarship Fellow, 2009-2010. Simpson Center for the Humanities, UWS.
- Teaching & Scholarship Enhancement award, UWB (\$9,054). 2009. To support summer research on Sexuality Education.

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

1. Lerum, K. "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), 1998.
2. Lerum, K. "Subjects of Desire: Academic Armor, Intimate Ethnography, & the Production of Critical Knowledge." *Qualitative Inquiry*, 7, 4, Pp. 466-483. (Special issue on Critical Ethnography). 2001.
3. Lerum, K. "Sexuality, Power, and Camaraderie in Service Work." *Gender & Society*, 18, 6. 756-776. 2004.

4. Gillespie, D, Dolsak, N, Kochis, B, Krabill, R, **Lerum, K**, Peterson, A, and Thomas, E. "Research Circles: Supporting the Scholarship of Junior Faculty." *Innovative Higher Education* 30, 3, 2005.
5. Lerum, K., and Dworkin, S. "'Bad Girls Rule': An Interdisciplinary Feminist Commentary on the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls." *Journal of Sex Research* 46. 4. 2009.
6. Lerum, K., and Dworkin, S. "Toward an Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Youth, Sexualization, and Health." *Journal of Sex Research* 46. 4. 2009.
7. Wahab, S., Baker, L., Smith, J. Cooper, K. , **Lerum, K.**, "Exotic Dance Research: A Review of the Literature from 1970 to 2008." *Sexuality & Culture*, 15, 1, Pp. 56-79. 2011.

Book Reviews

1. Lerum, K. *A Glossary of Feminist Theory*, by Andermahr, S., Lovell, T., and Wolkowitz, C. In *Contemporary Sociology* 27, 5, Pp. 543-544, 1998.
2. Lerum, K. *Communicating Gender*, by Romaine, S. In *Contemporary Sociology* 29, 3, Pp.506-507, 2000.
3. Lerum, K. "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, 2004.
4. Lerum, K. *Regulating Sex: The Politics of Intimacy & Identity*, edited by Bernstein, E. and Schaffner, L. In *Contemporary Sociology*, 36, 6, Pp. 559-561, 2007.
5. Lerum, K. *Intimate Labors: Cultures, Technologies, and the Politics of Care*. Edited by Boris, E. and Parrenas, R. In *International Review of Modern Sociology*. Pp. 150-153. 2011.
6. Lerum, K. *Strip Club: Gender, Power, and Sex Work*. By Price-Glynn, K. In *American Journal of Sociology* 117, 1, Pp. 345-347. 2011.
7. (In press, forthcoming 2011). Lerum, K. *The State of Sex: Tourism, Sex, and Sin in the New American Heartland*. By Brents, B., Jackson, C., and Hausbeck, K. In *Gender & Society*.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

1. Lerum, K. "'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* (3rd edition), Pp. 279-287, edited by Kollock, P. and O'Brien, J. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2001. **REPRINTED in the 4th edition, 2006** edited by O'Brien, J. and Kollock, P.
2. Parker, S. Horby, A., and **Lerum, K.** "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.2008.
3. Lerum, K. "Sexuality and Reproduction." In *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, v. 2. Sage. Edited by O'Brien, J. 2008.
4. (Forthcoming Feb. 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
5. (Forthcoming Spring 2012). Lerum, K. "My Trojan Dress." In *Here Come the Brides*. Edited by Kort, M. and Bilger, A. Seal Press.

Other Publications, Public Scholarship, & Creative Activities

Policy Brief

- 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)
http://www.humanrightsforall.info/uploads/Policy_Brief_FINAL.pdf

Blog Articles

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

Newsletter

- 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>
- 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).

Projects in Process

Book

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

Current Articles

- “Using Human Rights to hold the US Accountable for its Anti-Sex-Trafficking Agenda: The Universal Periodic Review & New Directions for US Policy” (Abstract accepted for special issue of Anti-Trafficking Review). With P. Saunders, S. Wahab, K. McCurtis, and J. Swift.
- “Stripper Stories in Film: Visions of Exotic Dancers from 1938-2010” (with S. Wahab, J. Swift, R. Gregory).

Other article projects

- “Is it still a ‘special evil’?: Anti-trafficking discourse, sex worker activism, & the Obama administration.”
- “Sex Workers and AIDS activists? Critical Considerations for 100% Condom Use Program” (with S. Dworkin)
- “Anti-Trafficking Legislation in Washington State: Who benefits?” (with M. Nguyen)

Presentations

Recent Invited Presentations

- 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.
- 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.
- 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>

Other Presentations

- “*From Punishment & Salvation to Human Rights: Sex Workers and the United Nations take on the US State Dept.*” (March 12, 2011) Pacific Sociology Association, March 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 25th Anniversary Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. Oct. 2009.
- “*Transitions to Freedom: connections between prison research and activism.*” PSA. San Diego, CA. April 2009.
- “Author meets critic: responding to Jessica Fields’ book, *Risky Lesson: Sex Education and Social Inequality.*” 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.
- “*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.
- “*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.
- “*Doing the Dirty Work: Child Care, Housecleaning, Food Service, & Sex Work.*” PSA, San Diego, April 1997.
- “*Subjects of Desire.*” PSA (invited panel), San Diego, April 1997.
- “*Hey Sweetie: Intimate Communication in the Service Industry.*” Interdisciplinary conference, University of British Columbia, March 1997.
- Video: “*Boundary Mavericks,*” a video ethnography about sex work. PSA (invited panel), Seattle, April 1996.
- “*On Display: Prostitutes, Models and Sorority Girls.*” PSA, San Diego, April 1994 (with J. Hollander and T. Olson).
- “*Is it Exploitative if I Like it?: Commercial Sex Workers Compare Notes with Feminists and the Social Problems Industry.*” Northwest Center for Research on Women, University of Washington; October 1993.
- “*Attitudinal Effects of Studying Gender.*” PSA, Reno, April 1989 (with undergraduate advisor Dr. J. Reisman and M. Graham).

Panel Organizer

- Bodies, Sexuality, and Social Justice in Sport. North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. Minneapolis, Nov. 2011.
- Sex work, Violence, and Policy: Toward a Human Rights Approach. University of Washington, Seattle, March 3, 2011.

- Feminist Science, Sexual Health, and Transnational Policies. Hypatia 25th 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.
- Embodied Sociology: Commentaries on Radical Participant Observation. Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Portland, Oregon, April 1999.
- Social Tongues: Language & Boundaries. PSA, San Francisco, April 1998.

Session Discussant

- Roundtable discussant on topic of sexuality in academia. Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Portland, OR, April 2008.
- Sociology of Sexuality. American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- 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.
- 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, University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training.

Previous memberships

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Sociologists for Women in Society, International Visual Sociology Association.

TEACHING & ADVISING

Courses Taught

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 (10 credit course)
- 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

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

- 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).
- Program Committee. Pacific Sociological Association, 2007-2008.
- 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.
- Associate Faculty, 2004-present. Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, Seattle.
- Graduate Student Paper Award committee member, American Sociological Association *Section on Sexualities*. 2004-2005
- *Social Action Taskforce*, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2002-2005.
- *Committee on the Status of Women*, Pacific Soc. Association, 2001-2005 (Chair 2001-2003).
- *Student Affairs Committee*, Pacific Sociological Association, 2001-2004.
- Student Council Rep., American Sociological Association *Culture Section*, *American Sociological Association*, 1999-2001.
- *Chair, Graduate Student Paper Competition – Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division*. Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2001.