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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017 – Present Associate Professor of Sociology
Boston University
- 2017 – Present Director of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
Boston University
- 2010 – 2017 Assistant Professor of Sociology
Boston University
- 2010 – Present Secondary Faculty Appointment in WGS
Boston University

EDUCATION

- PhD University of Texas at Austin, Sociology, Spring 2010
Certificate in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- MA University of Texas at Austin, Sociology, 2006
- BA New York University, Sociology, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Connell, Catherine. 2015. *School’s Out: Gay and Lesbian Teachers in the Classroom*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology* 121(4): 1290-1292.
 - Reviewed in *Anthropology & Education Quarterly* 46(4): 442-443.
 - Reviewed in *Journal of LGBT Youth* 15(2): 132-134.

Journal Articles (asterisk indicates non-refereed)

- Connell, Catherine. 2017. “‘Different Than An Infantry Unit Down In Georgia’: Metronormativity in the Homophobia Narratives of Boston Area ROTC Cadets” *Sexualities*. DOI: 10.1177/1363460717699771

- Connell, Catherine. 2017. "Now That We Can Ask and Tell: Evolving LGBT Identity Politics After DADT." *Sociological Compass* DOI: 10.1111/soc4.12506
- Connell, Catherine. 2016. "Contesting Racialized Discourses of Homophobia." *Sociological Forum* 31(3): 599-618.
- Connell, Catherine. 2015. "Pride & Prejudice & Professionalism." *Contexts* 14(4): 32-37.
- Reprinted in *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy* (Jodi O'Brien, Arlene Stein, eds.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications
- Mears, Ashley and Catherine Connell. 2015. "Paradoxical Value in Deviant Cases: Toward a Gendered Theory of Display Work." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 41(2): 333-359.
- *Connell, Catherine. 2015. "Right to Serve or Responsibility to Protect? Civil Rights Framing and the DADT Repeal." *Boston University Law Review* 95(3): 1015-1048.
- Connell, Catherine. 2013. "Fashionable Resistance: Queer 'Fatshion' Blogging as Counterdiscourse." *Women's Studies Quarterly* 41(1/2): 209-224.
- Connell, Catherine. 2012. "Dangerous Disclosures." *Sexuality Research & Social Policy* 9(2): 168-177.
- Williams, Christine and Catherine Connell. 2010. "'Looking Good and Sounding Right': Aesthetic Labor and Social Inequality in the Retail Industry." *Work & Occupations* 37(3): 349-377.
- Revised reprint in *Invisible Labor: Hidden Work in the Contemporary World* (Marion Crain, Winifred Poster, Miriam Cherry, eds.). Berkeley: University of California Press.
 - Reprinted in *Working in America: Working in America: Continuity, Conflict, and Change in a New Economic Era* (Amy S. Wharton, ed.). Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.
- Connell, Catherine. 2010. "Doing, Undoing, or Redoing Gender? Learning From the Workplace Experiences of Transpeople." *Gender & Society* 24(1): 31-55.
- Featured on JSTOR Daily: <http://daily.jstor.org/work-life-transpeople/>
 - Winner of SWS Cheryl Allen Miller Award
 - Winner of ASA Section on Sex & Gender Sally Hacker Award
- Connell, Catherine and Sinikka Elliot. 2009. "Beyond 'The Birds and the Bees': Learning Inequality Through Sexual Education." *American Journal of Sexuality Education* 4(1): 83-102.

Connell, Catherine. 2007. "Repairing a Schism in Feminism: Toward a Broader Understanding of Gender Discrimination." *Intersections: Women's and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines* 5: 13-20.

Schilt, Kristen and Catherine Connell. 2007. "Do Workplace Gender Transitions Make Gender Trouble?" *Gender, Work, & Organization* 14(6): 596-618.

Book Chapters

Connell, Catherine. 2018. "'Thank You For Coming Out Today': The Queer Discomforts of In-Depth Interviewing" in *Other, Please Specify: Queer Methods in Sociology* (University of California Press)

Connell, Catherine and Ashley Mears. 2018. "Bourdieu and the Body" in *Oxford Handbook of Pierre Bourdieu* (Oxford University Press)

Connell, Catherine. 2015. "Reconsidering the Workplace Closet: The Experiences of Gay and Lesbian Teachers." In *Sexual Orientation at Work: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives* (Fiona Colgan and Nick Rumens, Eds.), p. 42-57. New York: Routledge.

Connell, Catherine. 2011. "The Politics of the Stall: Transgender and Genderqueer Workers Negotiating 'The Bathroom Question'." In *Embodied Resistance: Breaking Rules in Public Spaces* (Christina Bobel & Samantha Kwan, Eds.), p 175-185. Nashville: Vanderbilt Press.

Book Reviews

Connell, Catherine. 2017. "The Cost of Fight Club Membership Too High For Some Women." *Signs Journal*, Feminist Intellectuals Project, Short Takes: Provocations on Public Feminism. <http://signsjournal.org/feminist-fight-club/>

Connell, Catherine. 2014. Review of the book *Transgender Employment Experiences* by Kyla Bender-Baird. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 43(5): 662-663.

Connell, Catherine. 2014. Review of the book *Hard to Get: 20-Something Women and the Paradox of Sexual Freedom* by Leslie C. Bell. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 43(6): 829-830.

Connell, Catherine. 2012. Review of the book *Making Up The Difference: Women, Beauty, and Direct Selling in Ecuador* by Erynn Masi de Casanova. *American Journal of Sociology* 117(4): 1257-1259.

Connell, Catherine. 2007. Review of the book *Selling Women Short: Gender and Money on Wall Street* by Louise M. Roth. *Gender & Society* 21(5): 781-783.

Other Publications

Connell, Catherine. 2017. POV: What Does It Mean When We Say #MeToo? BU Today, <https://www.bu.edu/today/2017/me-too/>

Connell, Catherine. 2015. "Despite Expanding Marriage Rights, Protection From Employment Discrimination Continues to Elude Most LGBT Americans." UC Press blog post, <http://www.ucpress.edu/blog/18240/despite-expanding-marriage-rights-employment-discrimination-continues-to-elude-most-lgbt-americans/>

Connell, Catherine. 2014. "Pride and Professionalism Shape the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Teachers." The Society Pages blog post, <http://thesocietypages.org/girlwpen/2015/01/07/pride-and-professionalism-shape-the-lives-of-gay-and-lesbian-teachers/>

Connell, Catherine. 2013. "Glass Escalator." In *Encyclopedia of Work* (Vicki Smith, Ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Connell, Catherine. 2011. "The Possibilities and Limitations of Subversion Through Fa(t)shion" Sociological Images blog post, <http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/2011/02/20/guest-post-possibilities-and-limitations-of-subversion-through-fatshion/>

Connell, Catherine. 2009. "Sports and Homosexuality." In *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society* (Jodi O'Brien, Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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| 2018 | Program Assessment Mini-Grant for BU WGS Program, BU Provost's Office and College of Arts and Sciences |
| 2015 | Frank and Lynn Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching, BU College of Arts and Sciences |
| 2009 | Cheryl Allyn Miller Award, Sociologists for Women in Society, for an outstanding contribution to research on women and paid work, "Doing (Trans)Gender at Work" |
| 2009 | Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship Award, ASA Sexualities section, for best dissertation proposal in the sociology of sexuality |
| 2009 | UT Austin William S. Livingston Outstanding Assistant Instructor Award, for best graduate student instructor at the University of Texas at Austin |

- 2009 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sex & Gender section, for paper, "Doing (Trans)Gender at Work"
- 2009 UT Women's and Gender Studies Dissertation Award, for best dissertation proposal in Women's Studies at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award, honorable mention, for paper, "Dangerous Disclosures"
- 2008 Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship, Mid-South Sociological Association, for best dissertation project pertaining to symbolic interaction and ethics
- 2008 Campus Coalition for Sexual Literacy Fellowship, The Ford Foundation, to establish a student organization dedicated to improving sexuality resources on the UT Austin campus
- 2008 NSRC Summer Institute Scholarship, National Sexuality Resource Center, for three-week intensive sexuality studies seminar and methodology training
- 2007 UT Austin Humanities Institute Fellow
- 2004 University Honors Fellowship, UT Austin

INVITED LECTURES

- 2017 "We're Looking For a Few Good Gays." SUNY Albany, Department of Sociology.
- 2017 "Homonationalism & Gender Essentialism." University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology.
- 2017 "LGBTQ Issues in Education: Imagining New Possibilities," Hazel Dick Leonard Research Symposium, Simmons College.
- 2017 "Gender Conformity and Nonconformity," Gender & Work Symposium, Harvard Business School.
- 2016 "School's Out: Sexuality in Education." University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Sociology.
- 2016 "*School's Out: Is Education Beyond the Closet?*" and "LGBTQ Teachers Panel." York University, Department of Education.
- 2015 "School's Out: Gay and Lesbian Teachers in the Classroom." University of Nebraska, Lincoln, co-organized by the Departments of Sociology and WGS.

- 2015 "Pride and Professionalism in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Teachers." Colgate University Event, co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology & Department of Women's Studies.
- 2015 Guest Lecture and Author Q&A for *School's Out*, Sociology of Gender & Sexuality, Professor Christine Williams, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2014 Guest Lecture and Author Q&A for *School's Out*, Inequality and Health graduate course, Professor Sara Shostak. Brandeis University.
- 2014 "Gay Pride and Prejudice: The Experiences of Gay and Lesbian Teachers." Northeastern Department of Sociology Intellectual Events Speaker Series.
- 2013 "Queer, Qualitative, and on the Market" and "Graduate Methods Workshop: In-Depth Interviewing." University of Texas at Austin Department of Sociology.
- 2011 "Out Of The Closet, Into The Classroom." BU OUTlook Lecture Series.
- 2011 "Dangerous Disclosures: Coming Out in the Classroom." BU Tertulia Junior Faculty Group.
- 2011 "The Possibilities and Limitations of Queer Theory for Sexualities Research." Conference Keynote, Brandeis University Undergraduate Research Conference.
- 2007 "Doing (Trans)Gender: Workplace Gender Politics and Gender Transition." Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Program, March 2007.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2018 "Love the Soldier, Hate the Service: Methodological Tensions in Organizational Sexualities Research" ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Philadelphia.
- 2017 Critic, Author-Meet-Critics Session, American Sociological Association meetings, *Geisha of a Different Kind* by C Winter Han, 2017
- 2017 "Different Than An Infantry Unit Down In Georgia": Narratives of Northeastern Exceptionalism Among ROTC Cadets in the Post-DADT Era." Eastern Sociological Association Meetings, Philadelphia.
- 2016 "'We're Looking For A Few Good Gays': Homonationalism and Gender Essentialism in the US Military." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

- 2016 “Is A Kinder, Gentler Military Possible? Gender & Sexuality Policy Change From the Perspectives of Incoming Officers.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2015 Author, Author-Meets-Critics Session on *School’s Out: Gay and Lesbian Teachers in the Classroom*, author. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2015 “Workplace Sexuality.” Invited panelist, thematic session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2015 “Sexuality, Politics, and Education: Imagining New Conversations.” Invited panelist, thematic session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2014 “Right to Serve or to Protect?” The Civil Rights Act at 50 Conference, Boston University.
- 2014 “Racialized Discourses of Homophobia.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2014 “A Few Good Gays: The Implications of Obama’s Repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Gender in the Age of Obama Conference, Northeastern University.
- 2014 “Racializing Homophobia: The Intersectional Politics of Homophobia Discourse.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2014 (with Ashley Mears) “A Gendered Theory of Display Work and the Political Economy of Bodies for Sale.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2013 Session Presider, “Intergenerational Relationships of Gay and Lesbian Adult Children: Consequences of Support and Strain.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference.
- 2013 Author-Meets-Critic Session on *Just One Of The Guys? Transgender Men and the Persistence of Gender Inequality*, invited panelist. Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2012 (with Ashley Mears) “A Theory of Women’s Display Value.” Social Science History Association Conference.
- 2012 “To Split, Knit, or Quit? The Identity Negotiations of Gay and Lesbian Teachers.” American Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2012 Author-Meets-Critic Session on *Just One Of The Guys? Transgender Men and the Persistence of Gender Inequality*, invited panelist. Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

- 2012 "QueerFatFashion: Internet Activism, Queer Identities, and Possibilities of Fashionable Resistance." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2012 "'Gay Friendly Homophobia'?: The Paradox of Homonormative Workplace Policy and Culture." Sociologists for Women in Society Conference.
- 2011 "What Can We Learn About LGBT Youth From Studying Gay and Lesbian Teachers?" Social Science History Association Conference.
- 2011 "And The Walls Came Tumblr-ing Down? Internet Activism, Queer Identities, and Possibilities of 'Fashionable' Resistance." UCLA Queer Studies Conference.
- 2011 "Racializing Homophobia: Discourses of Race and Sexuality in the Classroom." Race, Class, and Gender Conference.
- 2011 "Out of The Closet And Into The Classroom?: Identity Negotiations of Gay and Lesbian K-12 Teachers." Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2010 "Constructing the Campus Queer." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2009 "Dangerous Disclosures." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2009 (with Sinikka Elliot) "Beyond the Birds and the Bees." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2009 "Teaching While Gay: LGBT Teachers Navigating Treacherous Legal and Social Terrains." The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Law around the World Conference, co-sponsored by the International Lesbian and Gay Law Association and The Williams Institute (UCLA).
- 2008 "'I'm an Educator Who Just Happens to be Gay': Sexuality and Professional Identity for LGBT Teachers." National Sexuality Resource Center Western Regional Conference.
- 2008 "*Stalling* Progress: Gender Equality, Transgender Workers, and Bathroom Politics." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2007 "Troubling the Gendered Organization: The Possibilities of Transgender for Workplace Equality." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2006 "'This Isn't Who We Hired!': Transgender Negotiations of Gender in the Workplace." Sociologists for Women in Society Conference.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INVITED EVENTS

- 2018 Invited Panelist, Free Speech in the Classroom, BU Kilachand Honors College.
- 2016 “Thank You For Coming Out Today’: The Intractability of the Closet in LGBTQ Interview Research.” Queer Methods Workshop, Harvard University.
- 2016 Invited Scholar, “Breakfast with Gender & Sexuality Scholars.” Sociologists for Women in Society Conference.
- 2016 Panelist, “Workplace Transitions.” First Event Transgender Conference.
- 2013 *Orgasm, Inc.* film screening introduction. Boston University Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Activism.
- 2013 “The Vulnerability of LGBTQ+ Youth.” Boston University Alternative Spring Break Organization.
- 2012 “Graduate School Workshop: The Basics.” Boston University Undergraduate Sociology Association.
- 2012 “Surviving The Job Market Workshop.” Brandeis University Department of Sociology.
- 2011 “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Diversity in Human Sexuality.” Boston University CORE panel.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of Sociology Service

Seminar Series Committee, 2011-2012; 2014-2016

Chair: 2015-2016

Graduate Program Committee, 2014-2015

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2011-2013

Undergraduate Program Committee, 2011-2014, 2016-2017

Hiring Committee, 2013-2014

Merit Review Committee, 2014

Morris Endowment Selection Committee, 2013-2014, 2016-2017

University Service

WGS Program Director, Spring 2016, 2017-present

WGS Co-Sponsorship Committee Chair: 2017-present

Co-Advisor, BU Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Activism: 2018-present

BU Gender & Sexuality Faculty Group, 2010-present
Co-Director, 2015-2016

WGS Director of Graduate Studies, 2015-2016

BU Center for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Doctoral Pedagogy Training
Committee, 2010-2013

Faculty Advisor, BU Student Organizations

Q – BU's Queer Activist Collective, 2011-2017

Undergraduate Sociology Association, 2011-2013

Chinese Chess Club, 2011-2013

Hong Kong Students Association, 2011-2013

Service to the Discipline

Board Member, *Signs: Journal of Women & Culture*, 2015-present

Outgoing Chair, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2018-2019

Nominations Committee Chair, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2018-2019

Chair, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2017-2018

Program Committee Chair, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2017-2018

Martin P. Levine Dissertation Award Committee Member, ASA Section on Sexualities 2017-
2018

Best Article Award Committee Chair, ASA Section on Sex & Gender, 2016-2017

Session Discussant, American Sociological Association panel, "Doing Gender: 30 Years
Later," 2017

Session Discussant, Eastern Sociological Association panel, Military Mini-Conference, 2017

Incoming Chair, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2016-2017

Council Member, ASA Section on Sex & Gender, 2014-2017

Board Member, Boston Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies 2015-2017
Led 6 week microseminar, Sex Panics and Social Control, Fall 2016

Secretary/Treasurer, ASA Section on Sexualities, 2013-2016

Roundtable Organizer, ASA Section on Sexualities Roundtable Session, 2014

Membership Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2011-2014

Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Sex & Gender, 2013-2014

Session Co-Organizer (with Tre Wentling) and Discussant, American Sociological Association panel, "Trans* and Genderqueer Perspectives on the Social World", 2013

Session Co-Organizer (with Ashley Mears), Social Science History Association panel, "Gender and Value: Pay Gap Paradoxes and Puzzles", 2013

Session Discussant and Presider, American Sociological Association panel, Sociology of Sexuality Regular Session, 2012

Sally Hacker Award Committee, ASA Section on Sex & Gender, 2011-2012

Session Co-Organizer (with Laurel Westbrook), ASA Sex & Gender Section and LGBT Caucus Joint Session, "Gender Identity/Expression and Social Conflict", 2012

Roundtable Organizer, ASA Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section Roundtable Session, 2010

Council Member (Student Representative), ASA Section on Sexualities, 2009-2010

Board Member and President, ASA Student Forum Advisory Board, 2007-2009

Managing Editor, *Gender & Society*, 2005-2006