REBECCA FARBER

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EDUCATION _____

Exp. 2018 Boston University, Ph.D.

Sociology and Gender Studies

2010 Bryn Mawr College, B.A.

Cum Laude

Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor

PUBLICATIONS _____

2017 Farber, Rebecca. "'Transing' Fitness and Remapping Transgender Male

Masculinity in Online Message Boards." Journal of Gender Studies.

2016 Book Review, "Airborne Dreams: 'Nisei' Stewardesses and Pan American World

Airways." Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific, Issue 37,

March.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2013 - 2018	Boston University Five-Year Tuition Fellowship (\$80,000)
2014 - 2018	National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (\$96,000)
2016	Boston University Department of Sociology, Most Outstanding Teaching Fellow
2016	Boston University Department of Sociology, Morris Fund Travel Grant (\$1,000)
2016	Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Long-Term (\$9,000)
2016	Boston University Department of Sociology Morris Fund Research Grant (\$500)
2015	Boston University Department of Sociology, Morris Fund Travel Grant (\$500)
2015	Boston University Department of Sociology Morris Fund Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,400)

2015	Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Short-Term (\$4,000)
2015	Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (\$2,700)
2014	Boston University Department of Sociology, Morris Fund Travel Grant (\$1,000)
2014	Boston University Department of Sociology, Morris Fund Collaborative Research Grant with Joseph Harris (\$2,500)
2013	Boston University Department of Sociology, Morris Fund Travel Grant (\$500)
2009	Bryn Mawr College Department of Sociology Pollak Research Grant (\$3,000)
2008	Bryn Mawr College Department of Sociology, Hanna Holborn Gray Research Grant (\$3,000)
2006	Al Neuharth Free Spirit Award for excellence in journalism (\$25,000)
2006	Prudential Spirit of the Community Award (\$1,000)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Principal Investigator, Assembling Medical Tourism in Thailand. This dissertation examines the medical tourism industry in Thailand with a focus on the commodification of sex and gender reassignment surgeries. It analyzes local impacts on Thai people, particularly transgender women, highlighting disparities in health care access and employment opportunities. The project involves observations of public and private health care settings, interviews with doctors, state officials and transgender individuals, historical analysis, and primary data collection including news articles and tourism discourses.
- 2016 Pilot fieldwork in Bangkok, Thailand consisting of five interviews with doctors and hospital administration, informal conversations with transgender individuals, and observations of health care settings.
- 2015 Principal Investigator, "Transing" Fitness and Remapping Transgender Male Masculinity. This project analyzes how transgender men construct health and fitness practices based on particular ideals of sex, gender, and the body. It explores the importance of social media and online communities such as YouTube and Reddit in allowing transgender men to share information and life stories.

- 2014 Co-Investigator, Historical Engagement of American Medical Sociology with the Problems of Global Health. (Co-Investigator: Joseph Harris). Using content analysis of journals and conference programs and in-depth interviews with journal editors and section chairs, this research examines how the discipline of American sociology has engaged with issues of global health from the mid-1980s to the mid-2010s.
- Pilot fieldwork in Bangkok, Thailand consisting of two months of observations of transgender entertainment venues and informal interviews with LGBT community members. As a volunteer with the Rainbow Sky Association of Thailand, I helped the agency draft its first grant application to the *Global Fund for Women* to target lesbian health, and assisted in outreach and organization events throughout Bangkok.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 "Assembling Medical Tourism in Thailand: How Global Flows of Bodies, Resources, and Technologies Shape Gender, Labor and Nation." Trans-Asian Mobilities and Encounters International Conference, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. January.
- 2016 "Transgender Rights in Thailand in the Era of Medical Tourism." Transgender Health Conference, Philadelphia, MA, June.
- 2016 "Local Impacts of Medical Tourism on Transgender Rights," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March.
- 2016 "Transgender Rights in Thailand and the Commodification of Transgender Surgeries," Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Memphis, TN, February.
- 2015 "Flexing New Norms? The Construction of FTM Masculinity in Bodybuilding Competitions," MASS-CONN Graduate Student Symposium, Boston, MA, May.
- 2015 "Gender, Race, Class and Nation: Queering Medical Tourism through Intersectionality." Social Theory Forum, Boston, MA, April.
- 2015 "Queering Medical Tourism in Thailand: The Discursive Figure of *Kathoey*Entertainers," Power and (In)Visibility Conference, MIT Women and Gender
 Studies Consortium, Boston, MA, March.
- 2014 "Branding Thai Medicine on a Transnational Stage: Transgender Women in the 'Ladyboy Cabaret,'" National Women's Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November.

2014	"Queering Medical Tourism in Thailand," American Sociological Association Regular Paper Session, San Francisco, CA, August.		
2014	"Queering Medical Tourism in Thailand," Boston University/Boston College/University of Connecticut Graduate Students Conference, May.		
2014	"Surgically-Gendered Labor and Transgender Women in Thailand," Gender, Bodies, and Technology Conference, Virginia Tech University, May.		
2014	"Performing Medical Tourism in the Thai Transgender Cabaret," Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February.		
INVITED LECTURES			
2016	Guest speaker on medicalization, Introduction to Sociology at Boston University, November.		
2016	Guest speaker, "Medical Tourism in Thailand." Sociology of Medical Markets, Boston University, March.		
2016	Guest speaker, "Kathoey Health in Thailand in the Era of Medical Tourism." Sociology of Globalization, Boston University, April.		
2016	Guest speaker on doctor-patient interactions, Sociology of Health and Health Care, Boston University, March.		
2015	Guest speaker on professionalization of medicine, Sociology of Health and Health Care, Boston University, March.		
2015	Guest speaker on the importance of SES to health, Sociology of Health and Health Care, Boston University, January.		
2014	Guest speaker on medical tourism, Sociology of Global Health at Boston University, December.		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE			
2015	Teaching Fellow, Sociology of Health and Health Care		
2016	Teaching Fellow, Sociology of Health and Health Care		

ACADEMIC	SERVICE	
2016	Reviewer, Sociological Focus Journal	
2015 -	Student Editorial Board Member, Political Power and Social Theory Journal	
2015 - 2016	Senior Editor, American Sociological Association Economic Sociology Section Newsletter	
2014	Co-organizer, Boston University Gender and Sexuality Studies Graduate Student Paper Workshop	
2014 - 2015	Student Representative, Boston University Sociology Department Seminar Series	
2014	Co-organizer, Queer Graduate Students Consortium	
2014	Reviewer, International Social Sciences Journal	
2014 -	Student Mentor for incoming graduate students	
2009 - 2010	Student Representative, Bryn Mawr/Haverford College Gender and Sexuality Studies Program	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE		
2016	Provided copyediting and bibliographical assistance for <u>Achieving Access:</u> <u>Professional Movements, Politics, and the Struggle for Health</u> <u>Universalism in Thailand, Brazil, and South Africa</u> by Joseph Harris	
2014	Wrote index for <u>Dealing in Desire</u> : <u>Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline</u> , and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex Work by Kimberly Kay Hoang	
2013	Wrote index for Plastic Money by Alya Guseva and Akos Rona-Tas	
2012 - 2013	School-Based Health Alliance, Program Assistant. Washington, D.C. Developed and moderated national webinar trainings on sexuality education and HIV prevention inschools; trained and provided technical assistance to health center providers and stakeholders nationwide; spearheaded and led organization's first Youth Advisory Council.	
2010 - 2012	Mazzoni Center, HIV Medical Case Manager. Philadelphia, PA. Monitored and evaluated medical care and treatment adherence of 45	

low-income clients with HIV/AIDS; consistently exceeded monthly service unit requirements as measured by hours of direct client advocacy; coordinated social service benefits and attended medical visits.

2008 YES Institute, Editorial Assistant. Miami, FL.

Created survey evaluations to analyze LGBT youth suicide prevention program efficacy, generated data, and synthesized results in newsletter format. Provided staff training in SPSS.

2008-2010 Bryn Mawr College Writing Center Tutor

2002 - 2006 "Report Card," The Miami Herald. Authored biweekly opinion column about

public school education.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING _____

2017 AUA Thai Language Studies

2014 Digital Feminist Studies Workshop Participant, Humanities, Arts, Science, and

Technology Alliance and Collaboratory

REFERENCES

Catherine Connell: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
Alya Guseva: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
Joseph Harris: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
Ashley Mears: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University

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