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APPOINTMENTS

2024- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
Joint Appointment in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

2023-2024 Senior Lecturer, Boston University
Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

2018-2023 Full-Time Lecturer, Boston University
Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program

EDUCATION

 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies
 M.A. Women and Gender Studies, San Francisco State University

B.A. Psychology, Gender Studies, St. Olaf College

AREAS OF INTEREST

Youth, Education, New Media, Sex & Gender, Sexualities, Race, Class, Culture, Criminology Qualitative, Feminist, and Digital Ethnographic Methodologies

PUBLICATIONS

Book (Under Contract)

Miller, Sarah. Forthcoming. The Tolerance Generation: Growing Up Online in the Anti-Bullying Era. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. (May 2026).

Book Chapters

2022 Miller, Sarah. "'Mean Girls' and Tough Guys: Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying." In Christopher Donoghue, ed. *The Sociology of Bullying: Power, Status, and Aggression Among Adolescents*. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Articles

- Wilkins, Amy and Sarah Miller. "'Secure' Girls: Class, Sexuality, and Self-Esteem." Sexualities 20(7): 815-834
- Miller, Sarah. "'How You Bully a Girl': Sexual Drama and the Negotiation of Gendered Sexuality in High School." Gender & Society 30(5): 721-744. [Lead Article]
 *Winner of the American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2014 Schalet, Amy, John Santelli, Stephen Russell, Carolyn Halpern, Sarah Miller, Sarah Pickering, Shoshana Goldberg, and Jennifer Hoenig. "Broadening the Evidence for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Education in the United States." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 43(10): 1595-1610.

2013 Miller, Sarah. "In Defense of Danger: Sex, Schools, and the Politics of Discourse." Sexualities 16(5/6): 604-621.

Articles in Preparation

Miller, Sarah. "When Drama is a Luxury: The Racial and Sexual Stratification of Gendered Bullying Practices."

Miller, Sarah. "'Our Generation's Duck and Cover': School Shooting Threats, Heteromasculinity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear."

Miller, Sarah. "Conducting Feminist Digital Ethnography with Youth: Strategies, Ethics, Complexities."

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2016-2017	National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, \$27,500
2015-2016	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Understanding the Ecology of School Bullying National Science Foundation, \$11,999

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2025	Morris Unrestricted Research Grant
	The Tolerance Generation- Indexing Boston University, Sociology Department, \$1300
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2025-2026	CISS Faculty Pilot Grant Exploring the Intersectional Impacts of School Shooting Threats on K-12 Education:
	Aims, Significance, and Impact
	BU Center for Innovation in Social Sciences, \$5000
2025	Morris Unrestricted Research Grant
	Exploring the Intersectional Impacts of School Shooting Threats
	Boston University, Sociology Department, \$4000
2024-2025	CISS Internship in Social Justice and Sustainability
	Exploring the Intersectional Impacts of School Shooting Threats
	BU Center for Innovation in Social Sciences, \$5000 for Undergraduate Research Support
2023	Morris Travel Grant
	Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2100
2022	Morris Travel Grant
2022	American Sociological Association Annual Conference
	Boston University, Sociology Department, \$1000
2022	Morris Unrestricted Research Grant
	The Tolerance Generation
	Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000
2022	WGS Small Grant
	The Tolerance Generation
	Boston University, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, \$1000

2021-2012	Online BU HUB Course Development Grant Sociology of Gender Boston University, Summer Term, \$13,000
2020-2021	Morris Collaborative Research Grant Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems Co P.I.: Max Greenberg Boston University, Sociology Department, \$2000 Annually
2019	Morris Unrestricted Research Grant Examining the Curricularization of Youth Social Problems Co P.I.: Max Greenberg Boston University, Sociology Department, \$3000
2016	Summer Dissertation Fellowship University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$3000
2015	Graduate School Dissertation Research Grant University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$1000
2015	Summer Grant Writing Fellowship University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department, \$1300
2014-2015	Center for Research on Families Dissertation Fellowship in Family Research An Ecology of Bullying: Conflict and Community in a Small Town High School University of Massachusetts Amherst, Center for Research on Families, \$10,000
2013	Online Teaching Fellow University of Massachusetts Amherst, Social and Behavioral Sciences, \$3000
2011-2012	University Fellowship Becoming Women: Sexuality, Gender and the Transition to Adulthood University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate School, \$16,000

AWARDS & HONORS

2024	Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching, Finalist Boston University's Highest Teaching Honors
2017	Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section, \$500
2016	Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section
2013	Best Teaching Associate Award University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department
2010	Graduate Student Service Award University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sociology Department
2007	Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence Women's Studies Department, San Francisco State University

TEACHING

Boston University, Department of Sociology and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program Assistant Professor (2024-Present), Senior Lecturer (2023-2024), Full-Time Lecturer (2018-2023)

Sociology 100: Principles of Sociology (2019)

Sociology & WGS 241: Sociology of Gender (2019-2025)

Sociology 335: Sociology of Race, Class, Gender (2018-2021)

Sociology & WGS 317/617: Gender and Crime (2019-2023)

Sociology & WGS 431/631: Genders, Sexualities and Youth Cultures (2019-2023, 2025)

WGS 101 & 102: Gender & Sexuality: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2018-2024)

WGS 801: Theories and Methods in WGS (2021-2023, 2025)

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology, Instructor of Record

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology (2015)

Sociology 287: Sexuality & Society—Online Fellows Course (2013-2016)

Sociology 344: Gender & Crime (2013, 2014) Sociology 387: Sexuality & Society (2012, 2013) Sociology 397: Youth & Social Inequality (2014)

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology, Teaching Assistant

Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology (2011, 2016)

Sociology 106: Race, Gender, Class and Ethnicity (2010)

Sociology 222: The Family (2010)

San Francisco State University, Department of Women's Studies, Teaching Assistant

Women's Studies 512/712: Feminist Approaches to Sexual Identities and Cultures (2007)

INVITED TALKS

2022	"The Sociology of Bullying." Creating Spaces 2022: A Conference for Aspiring Difference Makers. Montclair State University. April 19. Invited Presentation.
2019	"Twitter Wars, Teens & Tolerance: Negotiating Inequality Online in the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the Spring 2019 Boston University Sociology Seminar Series. Boston, March 4.
2019	"Everybody, Everybody: Reimagining Gender and Sexuality in Our Schools." Keynote Address. Presented at the Vermont Academy Diversity Conference. Saxtons River, January 19.
2017	"The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Spring Fellows Retreat. Washington, D.C., March 17.
2016	"High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying's Unintended Outcomes." Presented at the Center for Research on Families Annual Dinner. UMass Amherst. Amherst, March 8.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

2021	"Violence Prevention in the Digital Age." YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley. Prevention Symposium Webinar. June 29. Invited Presentation.
2019	<u>"On Gender Pronouns."</u> Interview by Virginia Gerwin. "Nature at 150: The Evolution of Academic Meetings." <i>Nature</i> . December 18. Invited Interview.
2019	<u>"ASA Adds Pronoun Query to Conference Registration."</u> With Shantel Buggs and Tristan Bridges. <i>ASA Footnotes</i> . Invited Entry.
2018	"What Transgender Means to Me." BU Today. October 29. Invited Interview.
2018	<u>"Sociologists on Sociology."</u> American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.

2016-2018	Project Assistant, Public Engagement Project, UMass Amherst
2017	"There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland." American Sociological Association Communications Video Campaign. Invited Interview.
2016	Miller, Sarah. <u>"How You Bully a Girl."</u> Gender & Society Blog. October 11. Invited Entry.
2014	Miller, Sarah. <u>"The Link Between Slut Shaming, Bullying, and Femininity."</u> Gender & Society Blog. June 16. Invited Entry.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2025	"It Happens Sideways": Intersectional Inequalities and the Paradoxes of Bullying Prevention. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, August 11.
2025	"'Bullying Doesn't Happen to Kids Like Me': Youth, Inequality, and the Paradox of Anti-Bullying Policy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 8.
2025	"'It's Just This Very Slow TrickleNot One Smack': Definitional Dilemmas and the Uneven Outcomes of Anti-Bullying Policies." Presented at the 2025 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 21.
2024	"Bullying without Bullies." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 10.
2022	"Growing Up Online in the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, August 7.
2022	"Bullying Prevention and the Gendered Costs of Kindness." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 13.
2021	"Mean Girls and Tough Guys: Gender, Sexuality and Bullying Prevention's Hidden Curriculum." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual Meeting, August 8.
2021	"Navigating the Academic Job Market." Panelist and Organizer. Presented at the annual meeting of the Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Virtual Meeting. February 19.
2020	"'Bullies are Gonna Get Their Karma': School Shooting Threats, Adolescent Masculinity, and the Contemporary Culture of Fear." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual Meeting, August 8.
2020	"'Spreading Kindness Like Confetti': Gender, Sexuality, and the Individualization of Anti-Bullying Initiatives." Presented at the 2020 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
2019	"To Bully Without Bullying: Subtle Hostilities and the Reproduction of Inequality." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, August 13.
2019	Critic for Author Meets Critics Panel: "Mixed Messages: Norms and Social Control Around Teen Sex and Pregnancy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, March 23.
2019	"'Our Generation's Duck and Cover': Bullying, Adolescence, and the Normalization of School Shooting Threats." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 16.

2019	"'There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Bullying and the Absence of Sexuality and Gender Diversity Education." Presented at the 2019 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. Pacific Grove, February 23.
2018	"Policing 'Girl on Girl Crime': Reinforcing Inequalities Through Anti-Bullying Initiatives." Presented at the American Sociological Association's Sexualities Pre-Conference: Sexualities, Race and Empire. Philadelphia, August 10.
2017	"'There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and The Limits of Tolerance." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 14.
2017	"The Gendered Dynamics of Anti-Bullying." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, August 12.
2017	"The Tolerance Generation: High School, Inequality, and the Anti-Bullying Era." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Antonio, April 30.
2017	"'There's No Field Trip to Transgenderland': Anti-Bullying, Transphobia, and the Limits of Tolerance." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, February 23.
2016	"High School, Inequality, and Anti-Bullying's Unintended Outcomes." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, August 21.
2015	"Sexual Drama, Peer Publics, and the Transition to Adulthood." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, August 23.
2015	"Comparing Qualitative Intersectional Methodologies." Presented at the annual meeting of Social Theory Forum: New Perspectives in Intersectionality. Boston, April 18.
2014	"When Drama is a Luxury: Making Sense of Class in Bullying Narratives." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, August 15.
2013	"'Secure Girls': Self-Esteem and Sexual Reputations." With Amy Wilkins. Presented at Sexual Reputations: A Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern University. Chicago, November 9.
2013	"'Secure Girls': Heterosexuality and the Paradox of Self-Esteem." With Amy Wilkins. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, March 30.
2012	"Sexual Regulation and the Negotiation of the Charmed Circle." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, August 19.
2012	"'Trumors, Sluts, and Lesbians': Gossip and Gendered Constraint Among U.S. Girls." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, February 26.
2010	"In Defense of Danger: Voicing the Discursive Boundaries of Adolescent Female Sexuality." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, August 15.

MENTORSHIP

Advising

(*Degree Currently In Progress)

Graduate Student	Degree	Role	Graduation	Dept/Program	University
Jace Rios Rivera*	PhD	Primary Advisor	2031	Sociology	Boston University
Kaizha King*	PhD	Primary Advisor	2030	Sociology	Boston University

Zoe Johnson*	PhD	Committee Member	2030	American Studies	Boston University
Carrie Sheehan*	PhD	Committee Member	2027	Sociology	Boston University
Korie Tinch*	PhD	Committee Member	2027	American Studies	Boston University
Lan Huang*	PhD	Committee Member	2027	Sociology	Boston College
Thao Nguyen*	PhD	Committee Member	2026	Sociology	Boston University
Dalia Kijakazi*	PhD	Committee Member	2026	History	Boston University
Caryne Nicholas*	PhD	Committee Member	2026	History	Boston University
Bahar Aldanmaz Fidan	PhD	Committee Member	2025	Sociology	Boston University
Oscar Hughes	PhD	Committee Member	2023	Special Education	Boston University
Elliot Chudyk	PhD	Committee Member	2023	Sociology	Boston University
Sarah Lillo	PhD	Committee Member	2023	Sociology	Boston University
Heather Mooney	PhD	Committee Member	2022	Sociology	Boston University
Kimberly Rhoten	MA	Committee Member	2022	Sociology	Boston University
Alex Streisand*	BA/MPH	CISS Internship Supervisor	2026	Public Health	Boston University

Undergraduate Student	Degree	Role	Graduation	Dept/Program	University
Ella Wagner*	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2026	Sociology	Boston University
Cady Messimer*	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2026	Kilachand Honors	Boston University
Julie Derraik*	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2026	Sociology	Boston University
Tia Perkins	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2025	Sociology	Boston University
Oskar Smeal	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2025	Kilachand Honors	Boston University
Shuyao Xiang	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2024	Sociology	Boston University
Lily Belisle	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2024	Sociology	Boston University
Leightta Sherrill	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2024	Kilachand Honors	Boston University
Lauren Byerly	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2023	Kilachand Honors	Boston University
Evan Gilbert	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2023	Sociology	Boston University
Sadie Cowan	BA	Honors Thesis Reader	2022	Sociology	Boston University
Katie Barnes	BA	Honors Thesis Reader	2022	Sociology	Boston University
Kelsey Brown	BA	Honors Thesis Reader	2022	Sociology	Boston University
Carly Mast	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2021	Health Humanities	Boston University
Theresa Tran	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2021	Sociology	Boston University
Stacey Herman	BA	Honors Thesis Reader	2021	Sociology	Boston University
Lev Paasche-Orlow	BA	Honors Thesis Reader	2020	Sociology	Boston University
Sarah Garrity	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2015	WGS	UMass Amherst
Bo-Ryung Hwang	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2014	Sociology	UMass Amherst
Lindsey Athanasiou	BA	Honors Thesis Advisor	2014	WGS	UMass Amherst

Graduate Student Workshops & Trainings

2025	From Dissertation to Book, Transitioning from Research Past to Future
	Professionalization workshop for sociology graduate students, March 3
2024	Navigating the Socialogy Academic Joh Market Workshop

Navigating the Sociology Academic Job Market Workshop 2024 Training held for BU sociology graduate students, April 2

Teaching Fellow Training 2023

Training held for BU sociology graduate students, February 13

Navigating the Sociology Academic Job Market Workshop 2021 Training held for BU sociology graduate students, May 5

Graduate Student Mentorship

2023	Faculty Advisor for Directed Study, History: Dalia Kijakazi
2022	Faculty Advisor for Directed Study, Sociology: Thao Nguyen
2021	Faculty Advisor for Directed Study, Sociology: Dongyoung Kim
2021	Graduate Teaching Mentor: Selma Hedlund, Kate Stockly

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

2024-2025	Faculty Mentor, BU Center for Innovation in Social Sciences Undergraduate Internship in Social Justice and Sustainability: Alex Streisand
2024-2025	Faculty Advisor, Independent Major: Social Psychology, Oskar Smeal
2023-2025	Faculty Advisor, Independent Major: Community, Power, and Queer Futures, Tia Perkins
2022-2025	Faculty Advisor, Independent Major: Intersectionality and Queer History, Xóchitl Aquirre
2021-Present	Academic Advisor for BU WGS Minors as Director of Undergraduate Studies for WGS
2021-2022	BU SPARK! Data Science Undergraduate Research Team Advisor:
	Investigating School Shooting Threats in the Digital World
2018-2020	Academic Advisor for BU Sociology Undergraduates

SERVICE

Service to the University

2025	Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
2024	Dean's WGS Leadership Ad-hoc Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Advisor, LGBTQIA+ BU Student Task Force 2022-2023

Service to the Department/Program

2025-Present	Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Sociology Department
2024-Present	Lead, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, WGS Program
2024-Present	Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Sociology Department
2024	Lead, WGS Hub Curriculum Revision Committee, WGS Program
2024	Organizer, Job Market Workshop for BU Sociology Graduate Students
2022-Present	Learning Assistant Alliance Program Coordinator, WGS Program
2021-Present	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program
2021	Organizer, Job Market Workshop for BU Sociology Graduate Students
2020-2022	Member, BU Sociology Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Advisory Group
2020-2021	Member, Morris Grant Committee, Sociology Department
2019-2022	Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, WGS Program
2013	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology Rossi Lecture
2011	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology Recruitment Event
2010-2011	Representative, UMass Department of Sociology Graduate Policy Committee
2010-2011	Secretary and Treasurer, UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
2010	Organizer, UMass Department of Sociology's Recruitment Event
2009-2010	Secretary and Treasurer, UMass Sociology Graduate Student Association
2009-2010	Representative, UMass Department of Sociology Committee on Intellectual Activities

Service to the Discipline

2025-Present	Member, Sociology of Education Association Board
2025-2026	Mentor, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Mentoring Program
2025-2026	Mentor, American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Mentoring Program
2025-2026	Mentor, American Sociological Association Children & Youth Section Mentoring Program
2024-2025	Distinguished Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Education Association
2024-2025	Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Education Association
2023-Present	Conference Registrar, Sociology of Education Association
2022	"Boundaries, Borders, Segregation and Integration" Presider at the annual meeting of
	the Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference, Virtual. February 24 th .
2021-2023	Member, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Program Committee
2021-2023	Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Roundtables
2020-2022	Member, Sociology of Education Association Board

2017-2020	Member, Sociologists for Trans Justice Committee to Promote Trans, Non-binary, and
	Intersex Inclusion, American Sociological Association
2016-2017	Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee of the Section on
	Sexualities, American Sociological Association
2015	"Exploring Sexuality and Identity." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern
	Sociological Society, New York, NY.
2014	"Sexualities Across the Life Course." Presider at the annual meeting of the American
	Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
2012	"Shaping Sexualities." Presider at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society,
	New York, NY.

Journal Reviewer

Gender & Society, Humanity & Society, Journal of Early Adolescence, Men & Masculinities, Law & Society, Qualitative Sociology, Sociology of Education, Sex Education, Sexualities, Sex & Sexualities, Social Problems, Sociology Compass

OTHER EMPLOYMENT & SERVICE

2013-2014	Research Assistant, Future of Sex Education and Advocates for Youth
2008-2011	Research Assistant, Advancing Sexuality Education, Health, and Policy, Ford Foundation P.I.: Amy Schalet, Associate Professor
2008-2011	Research & Editorial Assistant, Author: Amy Schalet Book: Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens, and the Culture of Sex
2007-2008	Research & Editorial Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center Book: Sexual Literacy: Sexuality in Human Nature and Society
2007-2008	Recruiting Coordinator, Google, Mountain View
2006-2007	Research Assistant, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality P.I.: Lynn Sorsoli, Research Scientist; Deborah Tolman, Director
2005-2007	Human Resources Specialist, San Francisco State University, San Francisco
2005-2006	Research Assistant, National Sexuality Resource Center P.I.: Gilbert Herdt, Director
2003-2005	Board of Directors, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago
2002-2005	Director of Education & Training, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago
2001-2005	Rape Crisis Counselor, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate, Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Science

Member, American Educational Research Association

Member, American Sociological Association Member, National Women's Studies Association Member, Sociology of Education Association