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EDUCATION

- Spring 2014 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder
Dissertation title: “*Coming Out and Coming Up: LGBT-Identified Youth and the Queering of Adolescence.*”
- Winter 2005 B.A., Women’s Studies Individualized Degree: “*Feminist Scholarship and Women’s Activism in a Global Context*” Minor: *Spanish.*
Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado.
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology,
California State University San Marcos
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sex/Gender/Race/Sexualities; Qualitative Methods;
Feminist and Queer Theories; Public Sociology

BOOKS

- November 2018 Robertson, Mary. *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity*
New York: NYU Press.
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PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2014 Robertson, Mary Anna. 2014. “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Behavior among Adolescents in an LGBT Youth Center.” *Sexuality and Culture* 18(2): 385-404.
- 2012 Robertson, Mary A. and Arlene Sgoutas. 2012. “Thinking Beyond the Category of Sexual Identity: At the Intersection of Sexuality and Human Trafficking Policy” *Politics & Gender* 8 (3): 421-429
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IN PROGRESS

- 2018 Sue, Christina and Mary Robertson. “Societal Elephants: Conducting Ethnographic Research on Racism in the Americas” in *Qualitative Studies of Silence: The Unsaid as Social Action* Amy Jo Murray and Kevin Durrheim, editors. Forthcoming on Cambridge University Press.

OTHER WRITING

2016 Robertson, Mary Anna. 2016. "Coming Out: The New Dynamics by Nicholas A. Guittar" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 45(2): 187-188.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2015-present Research Member. *Center for Research on Sexuality and Sexual Health (SASH)*. San Diego State University Institute for Behavior and Community Health.

2010-2013 Research Member. *LGBTQ Youth Drop-In Center Research Group*. University of Denver School of Social Work, Denver, CO.
Supervisor: Dr. Eugene Walls, Senior Research Director.

2009-2011 Graduate Research Assistant. *The Colorado Project*. Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT), Denver, CO.
Supervisor: Dr. Annjanette Alejano-Steele, Senior Research Director.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

CSUSM

Lexus Criswell, MA Member 2018-
Kelsey Sportsman, MA Member 2018-
Jakayla Daniels, MA **Chair** 2017-18
Felipe Rendon, MA Member 2017-18
Angélica Ruiz, MA Member 2017-
Kristen Schmidt, MA Member 2017-18
Shane Anderson, MA Member 2016-18
Arnold Burgos, MA Member 2016-

Jordan Grasso, MA Member 2016-17
Frank Sarmiento, MA Member 2016-17
Jennifer Seidlitz, MA Member 2016-17
Barbara Imle, MA Member 2015-16
Aaron Fitzpatrick, MA Member 2015-16
Rachael McGlaston, MA **Chair** 2015-16
Katie Monderine Roethel, MA Member 2015-16

San Diego State University, IBACH

Brandon Dao, MPH Member 2017
Emily Greenstadt, MPH Member 2016-2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University San Marcos, Fall 2014-Present

Gender in Society (face to face and online)
Race & Ethnic Relations
Sexualities and the Law
Sociology of Sexualities
Transgender Studies
Critical Perspectives in Human Service Delivery (graduate level)

University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2011-Spring 2014

Sex, Gender & Society
U.S. Race & Ethnic Relations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PAPERS

- August 2018 “A New Generation of Sexual Stories: The True Stories Young People Tell about Sex” *Sexualities Section of the American Sociology Association Pre-Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- March 2018 “Exploring Youth Sexualities through True Storytelling” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association* Long Beach, California
- June 2015 “LGBT-Identified Youth Exploring Same-Sex Representations of Sexuality Using Digital Media.” *Biennial Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture, and Society*. Dublin, Ireland
- November 2012 “A New Generation of Queer Activists: the View from an LGBTQ Youth Center.” *Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association*. Oakland, California.
- August 2012 “Becoming Queer: Identity Construction among LGBTQ Youth.” *Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities: Mini-Conference on Sexualities Studies in Sociology*, Dissertation Masters Class. Denver, Colorado.
- March 2012 “Engaging Intersectionalities: Challenges to Doing Ethnographic Research with Vulnerable and Hard-to-Reach Populations.” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*. San Diego, California.
- August 2009 “Negative Implications of U.S. Anti-Trafficking Policy on Transnational Feminist and Women’s Organizing.” *Political Economy of the World-Systems Mini-Conference*. San Francisco, California.

PANELS

- March 2018 “‘I’m not supposed to be here.’ Mentoring First Generation Undergraduate and Graduate Students in the Cal State University System” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association* Long Beach, California
- February 2017 “A Conversation about Reproductive Justice” *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavior and Social Sciences*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California
- March 2015 “Coco Before Chanel”, *Tournées French Film Festival*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California.
- February 2015 “Cultural Appropriation and Stereotypes”, *Office of Diversity, Educational Equity, and Inclusion*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California.

- April 2013 “Emerging Issues in Queer & LGBTQ Studies”, *Higher Education Diversity Summit*, Metropolitan State University, Denver, Colorado.
- March 2013 Robertson, Mary. Panel member, *Author Meets Critic* “Odd Couples: Friendships at the Intersection of Gender and Sexual Orientation” by Anna Muraco. Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association, Reno, Nevada.
- ROUNDTABLES**
- August 2018 “Using True Storytelling in the Classroom As A Tool for ‘Exploring Racialized Emotions.’” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Symposium*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- August 2015 “‘With some people my girl comes out with other people my boy comes out.’: Negotiating Gender Ambiguity.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Chicago, Illinois.
- August 2013 “Dealing with Societal ‘Elephants’: Strategies for Conducting Qualitative Research on Socially Silenced Topics” with Christina A. Sue. *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. New York City, New York.
- August 2013 “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Desire among LGBT Youth.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. New York City, New York.
- August 2011 “Heteronormative Discourses in the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association*. Las Vegas, Nevada.

INVITED LECTURES

- August 2015 “Using Storytelling in the Classroom.” Guest lecture for the California State University San Marcos Faculty Center *Summer Teaching Institute*.
- April 2015 “‘Everything I knew about sex I learned from lesbian fan fiction.’: Exploring same-sex representations of sexuality using digital media.” Guest lecture for San Diego State University’s *Institute for Behavior and Community Health Lunchtime Series*.
- April 2013 “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Behavior among Sexual Minority Youth.” Guest lecture for Dr. Amy Wilkins, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology.
- September 2011 “Vulnerable Youth Identity Construction.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Eugene Walls, University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work.
- September 2010 “The Relationship between Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Edward P. Cannon, University of Colorado at Denver, Department of Psychology.
- October 2010 “Introduction to Human Trafficking,” Guest Lecture for Dr. Jana Everett, University of Colorado at Denver, Department of Political Science.

October 2009 “Missed Connections: Commercial Sex Demand Reduction Programs And the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.” Guest Lecture for Dr. AJ Alejano-Steele, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Institute for Women’s Studies and Services.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012-13 Graduate Student Representative, *Sex and Gender* section of the American Sociological Association

2011-2014 Facebook Page Co-Moderator. *Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality* caucus of the American Sociology Association.

2009-2010 Graduate Student Representative, *Political Economy of the World Systems* section of the American Sociological Association

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2018- *Academic Senate Member* representing the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University San Marcos.

2017-2018 Member-At-Large, *General Education Curriculum (GEC) Diversity Work Group*, California State University San Marcos.

2016-2018 Member. *Faculty Development Committee*, College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University San Marcos.

2015- Member. *Graduate Program Committee*, Department of Sociology, California State University San Marcos

2015-2016 Member. *Curriculum Committee*, Department of Sociology, California State University San Marcos

2009-2011 Graduate student member, *Diversity Committee*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2010-2013 Adult Volunteer, *LGBT Youth Drop-In Center*

2003-2008 Area Program Committee member, *American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)*, Denver, Colorado office

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 *Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Grant*, \$1,500, California State University San Marcos.

2017 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant*, \$750, California State University San Marcos

- 2017 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$1000, California State University San Marcos*
- 2017 *Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Grant, \$3,554, California State University San Marcos.*
- 2016 *Director's Fund Grant, \$1000, New York University Press.*
- 2016 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, \$330, California State University San Marcos*
- 2016 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$350, California State University San Marcos*
- 2016 *University Professional Development Grant, \$1,890, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, \$300, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$450, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *University Professional Development Grant, \$5,331, California State University San Marcos*
- 2014 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, \$600, California State University San Marcos*
- 2014 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$1200, California State University San Marcos*
- 2013 *Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant, \$1000, Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder*
- 2012 *Equity and Excellence Graduate Student Award, University of Colorado at Boulder, Office of Diversity, Equity & Community*
- 2011 *Elizabeth "Betsy" Moen Mathiot "Walk the Talk" Feminist Scholars in Sociology Award, \$500, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology*
- 2011 *Dissertation Expense Award, \$600, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology*
- 2005 *Ally of the Year Award. Auraria Campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center, Denver, Colorado*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2015 *California State University San Marcos Third Annual Teaching Expo.* San Marcos, California (April 17, 2015)
- 2015 *Learner-Centered Teaching Conference.* Palomar Community College, San Marcos, California (February 21, 2015).
- 2015 *North County Higher Education Alliance Teaching Conference.* California State University San Marcos, California (January 30, 2015).
- 2013 *The Knapsack Institute: Transforming Teaching & Learning.* University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion, Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 9-11, 2013).
- 2013 *Metro Area Engaged Faculty Institute: Service Learning 101.* Colorado Campus Compact, Auraria Campus, Denver, Colorado (February 28 – March 1, 2013).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA).

Section memberships: Sociology of Sex and Gender; Sociology of Sexualities.

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

Iota Iota Iota (Triota) National Women and Gender Studies Honor Society

National Women's Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Moderate fluency in Spanish.