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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

Principal Senior Lecturer
Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
August 2021 - Present
*Affiliate Faculty Member
The Institute for Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Georgia State University
2010 – Present

Senior Lecturer
Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
August 2014 - Present
*Affiliate Faculty Member
The Institute for Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Georgia State University
2010 – Present

Lecturer
Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
August 2009 – 2014
*Affiliate Faculty Member
The Institute for Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Georgia State University
2010 – Present

Visiting Instructor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of North Florida
August 2008 – July 2009

Education

2009. Ph.D. Sociology, University of Florida
* Certificate of Study in Women's Studies & Gender Research, University of Florida
2006. M.A. Sociology, University of Florida
2004. B.A. Sociology, University of Florida

Areas of Specialization

Gender and Sexualities
Social Inequalities and Social Movements
LGBTQ identities, communities, and movements

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- (1) Ryan, Maura & Amanda Moras. 2016. "Race Matters in Lesbian Donor Insemination: Whiteness and Heteronormativity as Co-Constituted Narratives," *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 37(3): 1-18.
- (2) Ryan, Maura. 2013. "The Gender of Pregnancy: Masculine Lesbians Talk about Reproduction," *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, 17(2): 119-133.
- (3) Ryan, Maura, K.L. Broad, Clare Walsh, and Katie Nutter. 2013. "Professional Allies: The Storying of Allies to LGBTQ Students on a College Campus," *Journal of Homosexuality*, 60(1): 83-104.
- (4) Berkowitz, Dana and Maura Ryan. 2011. "Bathrooms, Baseball, and Bra-Shopping: Lesbian and Gay Parents Talk about Engendering Their Children," *Sociological Perspectives*, 54(3): 329-50.
- (5) Ryan, Maura and Dana Berkowitz. 2009. "Constructing Gay and Lesbian Families 'Beyond the Closet,'" *Qualitative Sociology*, 32(2): 153-172.
- (6) Broad, K.L., Helena Alden, Dana Berkowitz, and Maura Ryan. 2008. "Activist Parenting and GLBTQ Families," *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 4(4): 499-520.

Book Chapters

- (1) Ryan, Maura & Amanda Moras. 2020. "Race Matters in Lesbian Donor Insemination: Whiteness and Heteronormativity as Co-Constituted Narratives" in *The State of Families: Law, Policy, and the Meanings of Relationships* (ed) Jennifer A. Reich. New York, NY: Routledge.
- (2) Hines, Dana & Maura Ryan. 2016. "It's Not Just about Condoms and Sex: Using Syndemic Theory to Examine Social Risks of HIV among Transgender Women" in *Understanding the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the United States: The Role of Syndemics in Shaping the Public's Health* (eds.) Eric Wright and Neal Carnes. New York, NY: Spring Publication Company. pgs. 99-130.
- (3) Ryan, Maura. 2009. "Beyond Thomas Beatie: Transmen and the New Parenthood" in *Who's Your Daddy? And Other Writings on Queer Parenting* (ed.) Rachel Epstein. Canada: Sumach Press.
- (4) Ryan, Maura. 2009. "The Shimmy Shake Protest: Queer Femme Burlesque as Sex Positive Activism" in *Visible: A Femmethology, Volume 1* (ed.) Jennifer Clare Burke. Michigan: Homofactus Press. pgs.75-87
- (5) Ryan, Maura. 2009. "The Femme Movement: Why We're Here, Why We're (So Damn and Beautifully) Queer, and Why You're Going to Get Used To It" in *Visible: A Femmethology, Volume 2* (ed.) Jennifer Clare Burke. Michigan: Homofactus Press. pgs.60-63

Other Publications

- (1) Ryan, Maura. 2019, August 22. *A Toast to Wine Wednesday: Why the Potluck is One of the Most Enduring and Beautiful Ways Queer People Make Family*. Retrieved from: <https://slate.com/human-interest/2019/08/queer-lgbtq-potluck-social-importance-family-making.html>
- (2) Ryan, Maura. 2018. Queer: Identity and Praxis (Boxed Insert in a Textbook). In *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, 5th Edition by Mindy Stompler, Dawn Baunach, Wendy Simonds, Elroi Windsor, and Elisabeth Burgess (Eds.) NJ: Prentice Hall.
- (3) Ryan, Maura. 2016. Custody Issues in Transgender Parenting. In *Sage Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

- (4) Broad, K.L., & Maura Ryan. 2014. "PFLAG: Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays" a boxed insert included in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, 4th Edition by Mindy Stompler, Dawn Baunach, Wendy Simonds, Elroi Windsor, and Elisabeth Burgess (Eds.) NJ: Prentice Hall.
- (5) Ryan, Maura. 2011. "Sociology of Sexualities Syllabus" Syllabus published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- (6) Ryan, Maura. 2011. "Surprise by Gender Expression: A Femme Lesbian Coming Out Exercise." Essay published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- (7) Ryan, Maura. 2007. "Pregnancy, Lesbian Motherhood and Heterosexual Accountability," a vignette included in *Gendering the Body* by Sara Crawley, Lara Foley, and Constance Shehan. New York: Rowman and Littlefield. p103
- (8) Ryan, Maura. 2006. "Lovely Lady Bumps: Lesbian Pregnancy Experiences and Perceptions." *American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Newsletter*, May, p7
- (9) Ryan, Maura. 2006. "Searching for Dyke in My Family History." *Sinister Wisdom*, Fall Volumes 68/69, pgs222-225.
- (10) Ryan, Maura. 2005. "They Can't Take This Away From Us" *Clamor: The Revolution of Everyday Life*, November/December, pgs.18-21

Professional Presentations

- (1) 2019. "Lez Be Real? Are Some Queer People Re-Considering Lesbian Identity?" Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), New York, NY
- (2) 2014. "Queer Prison Abolition: Questions on the Efficacy of Online Activism." Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), San Juan, Puerto Rico
(Presented with co-author Amanda Moras)
- (3) 2013. "Femme: The Gender, Race, and Class Politics of De-Sexing the Body." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), New York, NY
- (4) 2013. "Beyond the Term Paper: Creative Projects for Learning Enhancement." National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development (NISOD)'s Annual International Conference on Teaching & Leadership Excellence, Austin, TX
- (5) 2013. "Cissexism in Queer Communities: Who Counts as Femme?" Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Atlanta, GA
- (6) 2013. "'Queers Deserve More': Radical Critiques of Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebrations." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Boston, MA
- (7) 2012. "Bodies in Protest: Femininity, Burlesque, and the Corporeality of Activism." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), New Orleans, LA
- (8) 2011. "How Did We Get Queer?" Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), Atlanta, GA

* Individual presenter for this paper and panel co-organizer (with Red Vaughn Tremmel) for the session, “The Cultural Politics of Burlesque Then and Now”

(9) 2011. “Queer Internal Colonialism: Race-d Homonormativity as a Tool of Colonialism” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Jacksonville, FL (presented with co-author, Marshal Jeffries).

(10) 2010. “From Feminine to Femme: The Group Construction of a Queer Femme Identity,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Regular Session, Atlanta, Georgia

(11) 2010. “Race Matters in Lesbian Donor Insemination: Whiteness and Heteronormativity as Co-Constituted Narratives,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Atlanta, Georgia. (Presented with co-authors Amanda Moras and Eve Shapiro).

(12) 2008. “The Shimmy Shake Protest: Queer Femme Burlesque as Sex Positive Activism,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Regular Session, Boston, Massachusetts.

(13) 2008. “‘I Can Be Supportive in a Way That May Not Be...In Your Face’: The Interpretive Work of Being a Professional (Straight) Ally on a College Campus,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Boston, Massachusetts. (Presented with co-author, K.L. Broad).

(14) 2007. “Challenging Fatherhood: Transmen and the New Parenthood,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, New York, New York.

(15) 2007. “De Vendida a Fiel: Locating Queer Latina/os in Latinidad,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Roundtable Session, New York, New York. (Presented with co-author, Namita Manohar).

(16) 2007. “Queer Internal Colonialism: Aiding Conquest through Borderless Discourse,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Regular Session, New York, New York.

(17) 2007. “You Look Just Like Your Mother(s): Race Matters in Lesbian Sperm Donor Decisions,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, New York, New York. (Presented with co-author, Amanda Moras).

(18) 2007. “All Together Now: Transmen and Feminism/Transmen and Feminist Research,” *Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)*, Chicago, Illinois.

(19) 2006. “Crew Cuts, Combat Boots, and Babies: Masculine Lesbians and Pregnancy Perceptions,” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Montreal, Canada.

(20) 2006. “When It Takes (More Than) Two to Tango: Lesbian and Gay Family Negotiations,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Regular Session, Montreal, Canada. (presented with second author, Dana Berkowitz)

(21) 2006. “Public Pregnancies: Lesbian Pregnancies in a Heterosexual World,” Annual Meeting of the *National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)*, Oakland, California.

(22) 2006. “Baseball Playing and Bra Shopping: Gay Dads and Lesbian Moms Talk about Engendering Their Children,” *Real Families, Real Facts: Family Pride Academic Conference*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Presented with co-author Dana Berkowitz).

(23) 2005. "What Would Sarah Schulman Do?: What Lesbian Ethics Tells Us about the Same-Sex Marriage Debate," *Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)*, Orlando, Florida.

*Individual Presenter of this talk and panel organizer for the session "Queer Values and Same-Sex Marriage"

(24) 2005. "Femmes Do Pregnancy: Queer Gender Work in the Pregnant Body," *Queering Femininities Conference*, Seattle, Washington.

(25) 2005. "Public Relations in Radicalism: Social Movement Framing in the Lesbian Avengers," *Annual Meeting of the New England Women's Studies Association (NEWSA)*, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

University & Professional Activities

Courses Taught

Introduction to Sociology (and Freshman Learning Community sections)
Introduction to Social Problems (and Writing across the Curriculum sections)
Sociology of Human Sexualities/Sex & Society
Gender & Society (undergraduate course)
Gender & Society (graduate seminar)
Gender & Sexuality (A Critical Thinking and Writing Course)
Sociology of Women
Queer Identities (undergraduate course)
Queer Studies (graduate seminar)
Activism, Protest, and Revolution
LGBT Family Studies
Girls
Special Topics: 4th Feminist Body Politics

Department Service, Georgia State University

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
The Institute for Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
2010-Present

Member, Teaching Committee
Department of Sociology
2010 – Present

Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club
Department of Sociology
2011 – 2016

University Service, Georgia State University

Faculty Co-Advisor, *The Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity*
2011 – 2018

Professional Service

Committee Member, Southeastern Women's Studies Association (SEWSA) Conference 2011, Hosted by Georgia State University
Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Editorial Experience

Intern, *Journal of Family Issues*
Fall 2003 – Spring 2005

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Homosexuality*
2012 – Present

Awards and Recognitions

2014. Nomination for Outstanding Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University

* Decision forthcoming

2013. Nomination for Outstanding Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University

2012. Nomination for Excellence in Teaching Diversity, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University

2008. Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences University of Florida

2004 - 2006. Grinter Fellow, Alumni Graduate Fellowship, University of Florida

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, Member since 2005

National Women's Studies Association, Member since 2005

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member since 2006