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EDUCATION

- Fall 2005-2009 **Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology**, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- Aug. 2003-2005 **Masters of Arts, Sociology**, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- May 2003 **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology**, City University of New York, Hunter College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021-present Director of Graduate Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA Department of Sociology
- Summer 2017-present Associate Professor, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA Department of Sociology
- Fall 2013- 2017 Assistant Professor, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA Department of Sociology
- Fall 2009- 2013 Assistant Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Department of Sociology and Stone Center for Latin American Studies

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Latinx Studies, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Sexuality, Family, Immigration

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscripts:

Acosta, Katie L. in press. *Queer Stepfamilies: The Path to Social and Legal Recognition*. New York, New York University Press.

Acosta, Katie L. 2013. *Amigas y Amantes: How Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family*. Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick. "2014 Outstanding Choice Title"

➤ Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology, Gender and Society, Contemporary Sociology and Social Forces*.

Peer-Reviewed Published Articles:

Acosta Katie L. 2018. Queering Family Scholarship: Theorizing from the Borderlands. *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. 10. 406-418. Impact Factor = 1.568

Acosta, Katie L. 2017. "In the Event of Death": Lesbian Families' Plans to Preserve Stepparent-Child Relationships. *Family Relations*. 66 (2):244-257.
DOI: 10.1111/fare.12243. Impact Factor = 1.426

Acosta, Katie L. 2016. Cultivating a Lesbiana Seria Identity. *Sexualities*. 19 (5-6):517-534.
Online First.
DOI: 10.1177/1363460715613287. Impact Factor = 0.460

Kail, Ben Lennox, **Katie L. Acosta**, and Eric R. Wright. 2015. State Level Marriage Equality and the Health of Same Sex Couples. *American Journal of Public Health* 105 (6): 1101-1105.
DOI: 10.2105/AJPH.2015.302589. Impact Factor = 4.552

Acosta, Katie L. 2011. The Language of (In)Visibility: Using In-Between Spaces as a Vehicle for Empowerment in the Family. *Journal of Homosexuality* 58 (6-7):883-900.
DOI: 10.1177/0094306112468721h. Impact Factor = 1.364

Acosta, Katie L. 2010. "How Could You Do This To Me?" How Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas Negotiate Sexual Disclosure with their Families. *Black Women Gender & Families* 4(1): 63-85. (journal is currently entitled *Women, Gender and Families of Color*)
DOI: 10.5406/blacwomengendfami.4.1.0063.

- Reprinted in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, edited by Mindy Stompler, Dawn Baunach Wendy Simmonds, Elroi Windsor and Elisabeth Burgess. Fourth Edition W.W. Norton & Company 2014.
- Reprinted in *Gendered Lives, Sexual Beings: A Feminist Anthology*. Edited by Joya Misra, Mahala Dyer Stewart, and Marni Brown. Sage 2017.

Asencio, Marysol and **Katie L. Acosta**. 2009. Migration, Gender Conformity, and Social Mobility among Puerto Rican Sexual Minorities. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* 6(3): 34-43.

DOI: 10.1525/srsp.2009.6.3.34. Impact Factor =0.871

Acosta, Katie L. 2008. Lesbianas in the Borderlands: Shifting Identities and Imagined Communities. *Gender & Society* 22(5): 639-659.

DOI: 10.1177/0891243208321169. Impact Factor: 1.956

Published Book Chapters:

Acosta, Katie L. 2020. Religion in the Lives of LGBT Parent Families. In *LGBT Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice*, 2nd Edition, edited by Abbie Goldberg and Katherine Allen. pp 215-227. New York, Springer Press.

Acosta, Katie L. 2019. Shared Parenting When Mommy and Momma Break Up. In *Feminist Research in Practice*, edited by Maura Kelly and Barbara Gurr. Rowman and Littlefield.

Acosta, Katie L. 2019. Deep Reflexivity in Conducting Sexuality and Family Research. In *Feminist Research in Practice*, edited by Maura Kelly and Barbara Gurr. Rowman and Littlefield.

Kelly, Maura, Gordon Gauchat, **Katie L. Acosta**, Elizabeth Withers, Joyce McNair. 2019. "Does Science do More Harm than Good? A Mixed Methods Analysis of African American Women's Attitudes towards Science. In *Feminist Research in Practice*, edited by Maura Kelly and Barbara Gurr. Rowman and Littlefield.

Acosta, Katie L. and Veronica Salcedo. 2018. Gender (Non) Conformity in the Family. In *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*. edited by Barbara Risman, Carissa Froyum and William Scarborough. New York, Springer Press.

Asencio, Marysol and **Katie L. Acosta**. 2016. Una Cartografía De Las Sexualidades Latinas En Estados Unidos (Introducción), En *Sexualidades Latinas en Estados Unidos*, Marysol Asencio, editora, London, England: Frontpage Publications Limited.

Acosta, Katie L. 2011. Sexual Citizenship: Marriage, Adoption and Immigration in the United States in *Human Rights in Our Own Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the United States*. edited by Bandana Purkayastha, Davita Glasberg, and William Armaline. Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Asencio, Marysol and **Katie L. Acosta**. 2009. Introduction: Mapping Latina/o Sexualities Research and Scholarship. In *Latina/o Sexualities: Probing Powers, Practices, Passions*

and Policies. edited by Marysol Asencio. New Jersey, Rutgers University Press.

Acosta, Katie L. 2007. "This Would All Be Solved if Only We Could Get Married": Queer Marriages and Immigration Policy. Pp. 21-40 in *Sexual Politics of Desire and Belonging*, edited by Alejandro Cervantes-Carson and Nick Rumens. Amsterdam. Rodopi Press.

Book Reviews:

Acosta, Katie L. 2017. "Family Secrets: Stories of Incest and Sexual Violence in Mexico, by Gloria González-Lopez." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 58 (4): 352-353.
DOI: 10.1177/0020715217727216

Acosta, Katie L. 2013. "Tacit Subjects: Belonging and Desire among Dominican Immigrant Men, by Carlos Ulises Decena." *Contemporary Sociology* 42 (1): 75-76.

Other Publications:

Acosta, Katie L. 2020. "Racism — A Public Health Crisis." *Cities & Communities* 19 (3): 506-515.

Acosta, Katie L. under consideration. Mis Reflexiones durante la Cuarentena in *World Making in Napanla: Feminist Ideals for Pandemic Times* edited by Gloria González López, Sharmilla Rudrappa, and Christen Smith.

Acosta, Katie L. 2017. Bringing in the Political Self. *Insider Higher Education - Conditionally Accepted*. September, 29.

Acosta, Katie L. 2016. Pulse: A Space for Resilience, a Home for the Brave. *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking* 3(3): 107-110. (invited submission)

Acosta, Katie L. 2016. Latina/o Sexualities. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*. Online First (invited submission)

Acosta, Katie L. 2016. "Feminisms, Latina". *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (invited submission)

Acosta, Katie L. 2014. We Are Family. *Contexts*, winter issue (invited submission).

- Reprinted in *Gender Sexuality and Intimacy: A Context Reader* edited by Jodi O'Brien and Arlene Stein. Sage 2017.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Acosta, Katie L. Afro Latinx: An Ethnography on Belonging

Acosta, Katie L. Salvador Vidal-Ortiz and Jessica Fields. Foregrounding Race and Empire in the Sociology of Sexualities edited volume.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2020 -2021	Sociologists for Women in Society Feminist Lecturer Award
Spring 2012	Tulane University, COR Research Fellowship (\$4,472)
Spring 2011	Tulane University, Newcomb College, Summer Research Fellowship (\$2,517)
Spring 2010	Tulane University, COR International Travel Grant (\$500)
Spring 2010	Tulane University, COR Research Fellowship (\$8,520)
Spring 2007	University of Connecticut, Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center Scholarship Award for commitment to Latino issues through leadership and service
Spring 2006 - 2008	University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Recipient
Fall 2003- Spring 2009	University of Connecticut, Graduate School, Multicultural Fellowship Recipient

SELECTED PAPERS PRESENTED:

Summer 2019	Equity and Inclusion for Scholars of Color in our Sections, ASA and the Discipline. American Sociological Association, August 2019 New York.
Spring 2018:	It's in the Blood: Afro-Latinidad and Black Identity in LBQ Families. Invited Speaker. AfroLatinidades Symposium, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
Winter 2018	Surviving and Thriving throughout the Academic Life Course: Advice from Feminists and Anti-Racists Scholars. Panelist. Sociologists for Women in Society, January 2018, Atlanta, GA.
Summer 2017	Plural Parenting within Queer and Lesbian Stepparent Families. Roundtable Presentation. American Sociological Association,

- August 2017, Montreal Canada.
- Spring 2017 Stepping into the Courts. Panel Participant. Southern Sociological Society, April 2017, Greenville, SC.
- Spring 2016 *In the Event of Death: Lesbian Families' Plans to Preserve Stepparent-Child Relationships.* Panel Participant. Southern Sociological Society, April 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- Fall 2015 “Soy Lesbiana y Mi Pareja es Morena”: How Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Navigate Interracial/Interethnic Relationships. Invited Speaker, Emory University- The James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, October 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Fall 2015 Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas Doing Family and Negotiating Acceptance. Invited Panelist, Indiana University- Latino Studies Program, September 2015, Bloomington, Indiana.
- Summer 2015 Latina/o Sexualities Research: Emerging Discourses from within the Constraints of the Academy. Invited Panelist, American Sociological Association, August 2015, Chicago, IL.
- Summer 2015 Claiming Space, Finding Voice and Challenging Institutional Boundaries in Race, Sexuality and Family Research. Invited Panelist, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2015, Chicago, IL.
- Summer 2014 “But I Don’t Want Rich, Spoiled Kids”: Racial and Cultural Tensions in Lesbian Stepparent Families. Invited Panelist, Association for Black Sociologists, August 2014, San Francisco, CA.
- Spring 2014 New Directions in Latin@ Sexualities Research. Invited Panelist, Rutgers University, April 2014, New Brunswick, NJ
- Spring 2014 Stepping into Queer Parenting, Invited Speaker, University of West Georgia, April 2014, Carrollton, GA
- Spring 2014 Stepping into Queer Parenting, Panel Participant, Southern Sociological Society, April 2014, Charlotte, NC
- Spring 2012 Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas Gaining Familial Acceptance through Gender Conformity. Panel Participant, Southern Sociological Society, April 2012, New Orleans, LA.

- Spring 2011 Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas Doing Family and Negotiating Acceptance. Invited Panelist, Council on Contemporary Families, April 2011. Chicago, IL.
- Fall 2010 "Mami Soy Lesbiana y Mi Pareja es Morena": How Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Navigate Interracial/Interethnic Same-Sex Relationships. Panel Participant. Latin American Studies Association, October 2010. Toronto, Canada.
- Summer 2010 Boundaries Identities and Layers of Belonging in One Latina Lesbian Social Group. American Sociological Association, August 2010. Atlanta, GA.
- Spring 2010 The Language of Invisibility. Invited Panel Participant, Lavender Languages, April 2010. American University, Washington, DC.
- Spring 2010 Navigating the Academic Job Market. Panel Participant, Southern Sociological Society, April 2010. Atlanta, GA.
- Spring 2010 Boundaries Identities and Layers of Belonging in One Latina Lesbian Social Group. Panel Participant, Southern Sociological Society, April 2010. Atlanta, GA.
- Spring 2009 "*How Could You Do This To Me?*" How Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas Negotiate Sexual Disclosure with their Families, Panel Participant, Eastern Sociological Association, February, 2009. Baltimore, MD.
- Summer 2008 What is Latina/o Sexualities? What are the Implications of this Research for Social Workers? University of Connecticut, Storrs. Presented in Spanish to social workers from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras.
- Spring 2008 Lesbianas in the Borderlands: Shifting Identities and Imagined Communities. Invited lecturer, Out to Lunch Series, Rainbow Center, University of Connecticut.
- Fall 2007 Latina/o Sexualities Workshop. Panel Participant. Rethinking the Latino Intellectual Ecology, October, 2007, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
- Summer 2006 U.S. Asylum Policy and Sexual Orientation: How Gays and Lesbians Experience Legality. Panel Participant, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August, 2006. Montreal, CA.
- Summer 2006 How Gays and Lesbians Experience Legality through US Asylum

Policies. Panel Participant, Law and Society Association July, 2006. Baltimore, MD.

- Winter 2006 Sexualizing Immigration Scholarship: Gays and Lesbians Creating Empowering Spaces through Immigration. Panel Participant, Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2006. Boston, MA.
- Spring 2005 Invisible Immigrant's Experience: Exploring the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Immigrants from Latin America. Panel Participant, Human Rights Recruitment Conference April, 2005. Storrs, CT.
- Fall 2005 "This Would All Be Solved if Only We Could Get Married": Queers, Marriage, and Immigration Policy. Panel Participant, Sex And Sexualities Conference November, 2005. Vienna, Austria.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Qualitative Methods (graduate level)*
- *Families and Society*
- *Race and Ethnic Relations*
- *Sexualities(graduate level)*
- *Gender & Society (graduate level)*
- *Race, Gender Sexuality*
- *Social Problems*
- *Gender in Latin America*
- *Foundations to Sociology*
- *Race in the Americas (graduate level)*
- *Race, Class, & Gender*
- *Latinos: Sex and Gender*
- *Sociology Field Experience, La Romana, Dominican Republic.*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Summer 2018- 2021 Council Member, American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section (elected position)
- Spring 2019 -2021 Vice President, Southern Sociological Society (elected position)
- Spring 2018- Spring 2020 Editorial Board Member, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (nominated member)
- Jan. 2018- Jan. 2020 Selection Committee, ASA Jessie Bernard Award (nominated member)
- Jan. 2018- January 2020 Co-Chair of the Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee for Sociologists for Women in Society (elected position)
- Spring 2018 Co-Organizer of Gender and Sexuality Mini-Conference

Along with Kylie Parrotta, Southern Sociological Society,
New Orleans, LA.

- Fall 2016-Summer 2018 *Tri-Chair Sexualities, Race and Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time* - ASA Sexualities section
- Spring 2015- Spring 2018 Executive Committee Member - Southern Sociological Society (elected position)
- Spring 2013-Spring 2014 Southern Sociological Society, Program Committee Member (invited committee member)
- Spring 2012-Spring 2014 Sociologists for Women in Society, Membership Committee (elected position)
- Spring 2011 Member for Newcomb College Institutes' Keynote Speaker Planning Committee
- Summer 2011 and 2012 Summer Transition Program Faculty Mentor Tulane University

Reviewer for: *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Centro: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology Compass*, PSC CUNY Research Proposals, Oxford University Press, and W.W. Norton., University of California Press, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Spring 2018, 2019 Chair of the Gender Comprehensive Exam
- Fall 2017-2018 Executive Committee Member
- Spring 2016 Chair of the Sexualities Comprehensive Exam
- Fall 2015- Spring 2016 Executive Committee Member
- Spring 2014-Spring 2015 Graduate Program Committee
- Spring 2014- Fall 2015 Executive Committee Member
- Spring 2014 Committee Member, Race and Urban Comprehensive Exam

Graduate Student Committees-Georgia State University

MA Thesis

- 2017 –2018 Claudia Tillman. (Committee Member). Millennials and Hegemonic Mothering: Gender, Paid Work and Parenting Ideology of White First Time Mothers. **Complete.**
- 2017- Shafeeq Rashid. (Committee Member). “The Words of the Shooter: An Analysis of Masculine Identity Performance in the Words of Spree Shooters.” In Progress.
- 2014-2017 Penny Harvey. (**Chair**) The Negotiation of Identities: Being a Southern Woman who loves women and growing up in the rural areas of the Bible Belt. **Complete.**
- 2015- 2019 Claire James. (**Chair**) From Invisibility to Normativity: A Deconstruction of Same-Sex Parental Appearances in Parenting Magazines. **Complete.**
- 2016 – 2018 alithia zamantakis. (**Chair**) transSEXUALITY: TRANS, NONBINARY, AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING INDIVIDUALS NAVIGATING AND NEGOTIATING DESIRABILITY STANDARDS WHILE DATING. **Complete.**
- 2015- 2019 Sierra Nicely (Committee Member) Creative Industries: Behind the Scenes Inequality. **Complete.**

Dissertation

- 2020 — Dresden Lackey (Committee Member) “But Where Are You Really From?: Examining Experienced Microaggressions by Region the Eastern US.” **In progress.**
- 2020 – Tim Brown (Chair) “Visible Men a Grounded Theory Analysis of Twitter Users Ideation of Experiential Black Masculinity.” **In progress.**
- 2020 — Jennie Lambert. (**CoChair**). “Coming Out Twice: How the Queerr and Mad Disclose Their Identities.” **In progress.**
- 2020 —Zoe Fawcett Feggens (Committee Member) “Doing Pregnancy without Doing “Womanly”: Non-Traditionally-Feminine Gender Expression and the Provision of Pregnancy Related Medical Care. **In progress.**
- 2020 — Tiara Giddings. (Committee Member) Black and Trans on Campus: Transgender Student Experiences at HBCUs. **In progress.**
- 2015- 2019 Taura Taylor. (Committee Member) “Hair That Moves: Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and The Natural Hair Social Movement.” **Complete.**

- 2019 — alithia zamantakis. (**Chair**) “THINKING CIS: Transphobia Cis-Het Men and Cis Lesbians.” **In progress.**
- 2019 — Claudia Tillman. (Committee Member) The Emergence of Obstetrics Violence. **In progress.**
- 2017 – Jordan Miller. (**Chair**) “What Makes Trans Lives More Livable?: A Comparative Content Analysis of the #WeHappyTrans Digital Activism Project.” **In Progress.**
- 2017- Kirstin Ralston. (Committee Member) “Gender Sexuality and Transracial Adoptees.” **In Progress.**
- 2016 Lanier Basenberg. (Committee Member) “Some guys do, but that’s not me.’ Language use and the rejection of hegemonic masculinity.” **Complete.**
- 2015-2016 Neal Carnes. (Committee Member) “We’re Here, We’re Queer: A Qualitative Study of Queer Communities through an Analysis of Agency and Solidarity.” **Complete.**
- 2015- Tiffany Parsons. (Committee Member) “Pervasive and Unrecognized Discrimination on College Campuses.” **Complete.**

Graduate Student Committees –Tulane University

MA Thesis

- 2010-2012 Andrew Zach Schultz. (Committee Member) “Loca and Real Men: The Social Construction of Gender, Sexuality, and Class in the Dominican Republic.” **Complete.**
- 2010-2011 Emily Schulman. (Committee Member) “Constructing collectivity: Group identity formation among the Nicaraguan Jewish population.” **Complete.**
- 2009-2010 Corey Waters. (**Committee Chair**). “A more resistant margin: gender and development in rural El Salvador.” **Complete.**
- 2009- 2010 Amanda Magdalena. (Committee Member). “Peloteras de casa: baseball’s role in creating gender capital for Mexican American Women, 1930-1960.” **Complete.**