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Academic Positions

2022-. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Cornell University

2020-2022. NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Michigan, 2020

Dissertation: “The New Gay Science: Sexuality Knowledge, Demography, and the Politics of Population Measurement.” (Committee: Karin Martin (Chair), Jennifer S. Barber, Rachel Kahn Best, Alexandra Minna Stern)

Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society, 2016

Graduate Certificate in LGBTQ Studies, 2014

M.A. in Sociology, University of Michigan, 2013

B.A. (High Distinction) in Sociology (Highest Honors), Women’s Studies (Highest Honors), and English Language and Literature, University of Michigan, 2009

Research & Teaching Interests

Climate Change, Demography, Environment, Gender, LGBTQ Studies, Medical Sociology, Reproductive Health, Research Methods, Science Studies, Sexualities, Theory, Violence

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Westbrook, Laurel, Jamie Budnick, and Aliya Saperstein. 2022. “Dangerous Data: The Measurement of Sexuality in Social Surveys.” *Sexualities* 25(5-6): 717-749.

Barber, Jennifer S., Karen Benjamin Guzzo, Jamie Budnick, Yasamin Kusunoki, Sarah R. Hayford, and Warren Miller. 2021. “Black-White Differences in Pregnancy Desire during the Transition to Adulthood.” *Demography* 58(2): 603-630.

Barber, Jennifer S., Yasamin Kusunoki, Heather Gatny, and Jamie Budnick. 2018. "The Dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence and the Risk of Pregnancy during the Transition to Adulthood." *American Sociological Review* 83(5):1020–1047.

◇ Article of the Year Award, American Sociological Association Family Section, 2020.

Ela, Elizabeth J. and Jamie Budnick. 2017. "Non-Heterosexuality, Relationships, and Young Women's Contraceptive Behavior." *Demography* 54(3):887–909.

Budnick, Jamie. 2017. "'Straight Girls Kissing' Beyond the Elite Campus." *Contexts* 16(1):42–47.

Budnick, Jamie. 2016. "'Straight Girls Kissing'? Understanding Same-Gender Sexuality Beyond the Elite College Campus." *Gender & Society* 30(5):745–768.

◇ Honorable Mentions: * Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities Award, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section, 2017. * Katherine Luke Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2015. * Dorothy McGuigan Prize for Best Graduate Essay on Women, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan, 2015.

◇ Reprinted in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, 5th Edition. 2018. Edited by Mindy Stompler, Dawn M. Baunach, Elisabeth O. Burgess, Wendy Simonds, and Elroi J. Windsor. New York, NY: W. W. Norton & Company, pages 52–60.

Other Scholarly Publications

Forthcoming Spring 2025. Wills, Emily Regan & Jamie Budnick. "I'm Not Tired." Chapter in *Navigating Academic Motherhood: The Possibilities of Mentorship for Tenure Earning Faculty*. Edited by Elizabeth Bradley and Vonzell Agosto. Routledge.

Budnick, Jamie. 2022. "Method Matters: How Early Motherhood, Monogamy, and Social Class Shape Young Women's Sexuality." Chapter 8 (pages 64–70) in *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays*, 4th Edition. Edited by Nancy L. Fischer, Laurel Westbrook, and Steven Seidman. Routledge.

Budnick, Jamie. 2019. Book review of *Lesbian, Queer, and Bisexual Women in Heterosexual Relationships: Narratives of Sexual Identity* by Ahoo Tabatabai (2015). *Sexualities* 22(5–6):987–994.

Budnick, Jamie. 2016. "Straight Girls Kissing? Not on Stage or on the Dance Floor, but off Campus and at Home." *Gender & Society* blog. October 21.

Budnick, Jamie. 2016. "Straight Girls Do Kiss on Campus, But What About Those Who Don't Go to College?" *The Conversation*. October 16.

◇ Reprinted in *The State of Families: Law, Policy, and the Meanings of Relationships*. 2021. Edited by Jennifer A. Reich. New York, NY: Routledge, pages 42–44.

Armstrong, Elizabeth and Jamie Budnick. 2015. "Sexual Assault on Campus." Online Symposium on Intimate Partner Violence, *Council on Contemporary Families*. April 20.

◇ Featured in *The Society Pages*. "Revisit: Sexual Assault on Campus." November 30.

Barber, Jennifer S., Yasamin Kusunoki, and Jamie Budnick. 2015. "Women Not Enrolled in Four-Year Universities and Colleges Have Higher Risk of Sexual Assault." Online Symposium on Intimate Partner Violence, *Council on Contemporary Families*. April 20.

Work in Progress

The New Gay Science: How Demography Shaped Sexuality Knowledge and LGBTQ Politics.
(book manuscript)

"From Diagnosis to Demographic: The Politics of LGBTQ Population Measurement."

"'This Survey Did Not Define It As Sexual Intercourse': Non-Heterosexual Women's Participation in Fertility Research."

Awards & Honors

2020 Article of the Year Award, American Sociological Association Family Section

2019 Honorable Mention, Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section

2018 Poster Session Winner, annual meetings of the Population Association of America

2017 Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities Award, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section

2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

2015 Honorable Mention, Katherine Luke Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

2015 Honorable Mention, Dorothy McGuigan Prize for Best Graduate Essay on Women, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan.

2010 Dorothy McGuigan Prize for Best Undergraduate Essay on Women, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan.

2009 Robert Cooley Angell Award for Best Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

2009 Virginia M. Voss Memorial Award for Excellence in Academic Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan

Grants & Fellowships

- 2025 Research Grant with Kevin Guyan (co-PI) (“Gay Numbers: The Use and Misuse of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in the UK and US”), Cornell University + University of Edinburgh Global Strategic Collaboration Awards program (\$5,000+£4,000)
- 2024 Research Grant with Sharon Sassler (PI) (“Who Can Freeze the Future?: A Survey of Employer-Assisted Reproductive Technology Benefits”), Cornell Center for Social Sciences (\$11,970)
- 2021 ISR Next Generation Award (“Reproductive Justice through the Climate Crisis: Understanding Women’s Family Planning Practices and Sexual Health Concerns in the Unprecedented Present and an Unimaginable Future”), Marshall Weinberg Endowments, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (\$4,000)
- 2019 Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2018 Predoctoral Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2017 Debt Management Award (for public service), Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$10,000)
- 2016 Anna Olcott Smith Award (for feminist scholarship), Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$8,000)
- 2016 Research Grant (“What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring Non-heterosexual Behavior and Identity in Survey Research”), Population Studies Center Initiatives Fund, University of Michigan (\$7,900)
- 2015 Community of Scholars (“The New Gay Science: The (Re)Emergence of Biological and Genetic Theories of Sexuality”), Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
- 2013 Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$1,500)
- 2013 Research Grant (“Barriers to Mixed Methods Research: Non-heterosexual Behavior, Attraction, & Identity in Survey Research & Beyond”), Population Studies Center Initiatives Fund, University of Michigan (\$3,500)
- 2013 Research Grants (“Theory-Driven Measurement of Young Women’s Sexualities: Axes of Behavior, Attraction, & Identity”), Department of Sociology, University of Michigan (\$600+\$400)
- 2013 Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation (Award; 2012 Honorable Mention)

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2024 “The Time has Come to Think about Surveying Sexuality: Imagining Queer Demography Beyond the Health Paradigm and Charmed Circle.” FemQuant: Feminist Approaches to Quantitative Social Science (Virtual: December 5).
- 2024 “The Time has Come to Think about Surveying Sexuality: Imagining Queer Demography Beyond the Health Paradigm and Charmed Circle.” Graduate Student Sociology Association, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (Virtual: October 18).
- 2024 “The Time has Come to Think about Surveying Sexuality: Imagining Queer Demography Beyond the Health Paradigm and Charmed Circle.” Queer Demography Summit, Office of Population Research, Princeton University (Princeton, NJ: March 29).
- 2023 “Population Counts: Making Numbers Matter and the Curious Case of Kinsey’s Ten Percent.” Politics of Demography graduate seminar, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (virtual: October 18).
- 2022 “The Methods of Sexuality: Surveys, Sexuality Knowledge, and LGBTQ Politics.” Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Cornell University (Ithaca, NY; virtual due to pandemic: February 2).
- 2022 “The New Gay Science: How Demography Shaped Sexuality Knowledge and LGBTQ Politics.” Colloquium, Department of Applied Health Science, School Public Health-Bloomington, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN; virtual due to pandemic: January 6).
- 2021 “The New Gay Science: How Demography Shaped Sexuality Knowledge and LGBTQ Politics.” Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine (Irvine, CA; virtual due to pandemic: December 10).
- 2021 “Exploring Secondary Data for Sexuality Research.” Graduate workshop, Human Sexuality Department, California Institute of Integral Studies (San Francisco, CA; virtual due to pandemic: April 22).
- 2019 “The Social Lives of Sexuality Statistics.” Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA: November 4).
- 2018 “The Social Lives of Sexuality Statistics: Sexuality Knowledge, Demography, and the Politics of Population Measurement.” Colloquium, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA: November 7).

- 2018 “What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring and Making Meaning of Same-Gender Sexuality in Demographic Surveys.” Undergraduate course, Sociology Department, Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH: October 22).
- 2018 “The Social Lives of Sexuality Statistics.” Social Policy, Attitudes and Sexual Behaviour workshop, McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada: October 18–19).
- 2016 “What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring and Making Meaning of Same-Gender Sexuality in Demographic Surveys.” Women’s Studies Brownbag Speaker Series, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI: March 30).
- 2015 “What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring and Making Meaning of Same-Gender Sexuality in Demographic Surveys.” Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society Speaker Series, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI: December 7).

Conference Presentations

- 2024 “Population Counts: Making Numbers Matter and the Curious Case of Kinsey’s Ten Percent.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Montreal, Quebec, Canada; August 9–13).
- 2021 “No Differences: Debating Demographic Expertise in the Marriage Equality Cases.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (virtual due to pandemic; August 6–10).
- 2019 “Sexuality Knowledge, Demography, and the Politics of Population Measurement.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (New York, NY; August 10–13).
- 2018 “The Social Lives of Sexuality Statistics.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Philadelphia, PA; August 11–14).
- 2018 “The Social Lives of Sexuality Statistics.” Paper presented at Sexualities section preconference at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Philadelphia, PA; August 9–10).
- 2018 “Surveying Sexualities: Past, Present, and Future” (with Laurel Westbrook and Aliya Saperstein) Paper presented at Sexualities section preconference at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Philadelphia, PA; August 9–10).
- 2018 “‘This Survey Did Not Define It As Sexual Intercourse’: Non-Heterosexual Women’s Participation in Fertility Research.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual meetings (Denver, CO: April 26–28).

- 2017 “How Sexuality Knowledge Shapes LGBTQ Sociopolitical Life: The Case of Expert Evidence in *Obergefell*.” Paper presented at the Society for Social Studies of Science annual meetings (Boston, MA; August 30–September 2).
- 2017 “How Sexuality Knowledge Shapes LGBTQ Sociopolitical Life: The Case of Expert Evidence in *Obergefell*.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Society annual meetings (Montreal, Quebec, Canada; August 12–15).
- 2017 “How Sexuality Knowledge Shapes LGBTQ Sociopolitical Life: The Case of Expert Evidence in *Obergefell*.” Paper at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meetings (Montreal, Quebec, Canada; August 11–13).
- 2017 “‘This Survey Did Not Define It As Sexual Intercourse’: Non-Heterosexual Women’s Participation in Fertility Research.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meetings (Montreal, Quebec, Canada; August 11–13).
- 2016 “‘This Survey Did Not Define It As Sexual Intercourse’: Non-Heterosexual Women’s Participation in Fertility Research.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Seattle, WA: August 20–23).
- 2016 “What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring Non-heterosexual Behavior and Identity in Survey Research.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Forum (Vienna, Austria: July 10–14).
- 2015 “The New Gay Science: The (Re)Emergence of Biological and Genetic Theories of Sexuality.” Paper presented at the Community of Scholars Annual Symposium, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI: October 30).
- 2015 “Intimate Partner Violence: Behavioral and Sociodemographic Correlates of Attitudes” (with Jennifer S. Barber, Yasamin Kusunoki, and Andreja Siliunas). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Chicago, IL: August 22–25).
- 2015 “Prevalence and Predictors of Non-Heterosexual Behavior, Attraction, and Identity in a Population-Based Sample of Young Women.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Chicago, IL: August 22–25).
- 2015 “Relationships and Contraceptive Behavior in a Population-Based Sample of Non-Heterosexual Young Women” (with Elizabeth J. Ela). Paper presented at the Population Association of America annual meetings (San Diego, CA: April 30–May 2).

- 2014 “What We Ask About When We Ask About Sex: Measuring Non-heterosexual Behavior and Identity in Survey Research.” Paper presented at the Science, Knowledge, & Technology preconference at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Chicago, IL: August 21).
- 2014 “Relationships and Contraceptive Behavior in a Population-Based Sample of Non-Heterosexual Young Women” (with Elizabeth J. Ela). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (San Francisco, CA: August 16–19).
- 2014 “‘Straight Girls Kissing’?: Theorizing Same-Sex Behavior in a Population-Based Sample of ‘Straight’ Women.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (San Francisco, CA: August 16–19).
- 2013 “Barriers to Mixed Methods Research: Non-heterosexual Behavior, Attraction, and Identity in Survey Research and Beyond.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (New York, NY: August 10–13).
- 2012 “Storied Selves: Intersecting Identities in the Coming Out Stories of College Women.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meetings (New York, NY: February 23–26).
- 2011 “Narrating Queer Identities and Communities at College.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Las Vegas, NV; August 20–23).
- 2011 “Pregnancy and Exposure to Sexual and Pregnancy-Related Media Content: Evidence from the Relationship Dynamics and Social Life (RDSL) Study” (with Eileen Patten). Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual meetings (Washington D.C.; March 31–April 2).
- 2010 “The Relationship Between Dating Conflict and Pregnancy: Preliminary Results” (with Jennifer S. Barber, Yasamin Kusunoki, and Heather Gatny). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Atlanta, GA; August 14–17).
- 2010 “Relationship Characteristics and Conflict Reported in an Online Weekly Survey: Preliminary Results” (with Yasamin Kusunoki, Jennifer S. Barber, and Heather Gatny). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Atlanta, GA; August 14–17).
- 2010 “Storytelling Sociology: Queer Identities and Communities at College.” Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Poverty and Inequality (Ann Arbor, MI; February 19).

Other Conference Activity

- 2024 Discussant/Presider for Sex & Gender Section and SKAT Section Roundtables at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Montreal, Quebec, Canada; August 9–13).
- 2024 Discussant for Gender/Power/Theory Workshop, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL: May 10–12).
- 2023 Discussant, book talk (*Democracy's Data: The Hidden Stories in the U.S. Census and How to Read Them* by Dan Bouk), Cornell Population Center, Cornell University (October 20).

Teaching

Cornell University

Sexualities: S25 (undergraduate lecture)

Health in Social Context: F24, F23, S23 (undergraduate seminar, Writing in the Majors)

Logics of Social Science Research: F24, F23 (graduate seminar)

Arts & Sciences Advising Seminar: F23 (undergraduate seminar)

University of Michigan

Introduction to Sociology: Su20 (instructor, undergraduate)

Research Methods: Sp13 (instructor, undergraduate)

Sexuality and Science: F14 (TA, undergraduate)

Research Methods: W13 (TA, undergraduate)

Introduction to Social Inequality: F12 (TA, undergraduate)

Consulting

Qualitative and Mixed Methods (Program on Women's Healthcare Effectiveness Research, Obstetrics & Gynecology Department, University of Michigan Health System, Summer 2016)

Qualitative Interviewing Methods (Intimate Partner Violence and Contraception Project, Summer 2015; Reproductive Health and Substance Use Project, Fall 2015)

NVivo Qualitative Coding Software (Qualitative Research Methods Graduate Seminar, Fall 2013, Fall 2015; Relationship Dynamics and Social Life Study, Summer 2014, Summer 2016)

Pedagogical Training

Faculty Seminar (Summer 2023), Knight Institute, Cornell University

Graduate Teacher Certificate, 2015, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT), University of Michigan

Preparing Future Faculty pedagogical seminar, 2015, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT), University of Michigan

Advising

Cornell University

Doctoral Dissertation Committees: Majo Flor-Ágreda

Doctoral Student Advisees: Shio Lim, Sam Safford

Honors Thesis Committees: Andrew Juan (reader)

Undergraduate Research Assistants: Camille Brady, Natalie Dreyer, Anya Khanna, Forrest Holandi, Kendahl Wesley

Undergraduate Advisees: Anthony Bartolotto, Gracelynn Osei-Bosompem, Anya Khanna

University of Michigan

Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (SURO), Department of Sociology, University of Michigan (Fall 2013: Holly Armstrong and Erica Gehringer; Winter 2014: Erica Gehringer)

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), University of Michigan (2010–2011: Molly Ryder and Madalyn Meldrim; 2011–2012: Lauren Smith and Madalyn Meldrim; 2012–2013: Sally Kim and Maria Keller; 2013–2014: Jayla Johnson)

Professional Experience

2008–18 Research Assistant, Relationship Dynamics and Social Life Study (Principal Investigator: Jennifer S. Barber), Population Studies Center, University of Michigan. (Additional roles include full-time research technician (2009–2011), qualitative coding software consultant, and student supervisor.)

2017 Co-chair, Legislative Action Committee, Rhode Island Chapter, National Organization for Women

2017 Generation Action Intern, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

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- 2014–15 Research Assistant, Sexual Assault on Campus (Principal Investigators: Elizabeth A. Armstrong and Sandra R. Levitsky). Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2014–15 Research Assistant, Modern Love: The Search for Intimacy at Mid-life (Principal Investigator: Elizabeth A. Armstrong). Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2009–10 Research Assistant, Integrated Fertility Survey Series (Principal Investigator: Pamela J. Smock). Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan
- 2007–09 Coordinator, Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC), University of Michigan

Service

Discipline

- 2024– Deputy Editor, *Sex & Sexualities* (new ASA journal under development)
- 2025 Distinguished Book Award Committee Member, Sex & Gender Section, American Sociological Association
- 2024 Distinguished Article Award Committee Member, Sex & Gender Section, American Sociological Association
- 2022–24 Committee on the Status of LGBTQ People (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committees), American Sociological Association
- 2017 Best Article Award Committee Member, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association

University & Department

- 2013–15 Gender & Sexuality Workshop Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2014 Personnel (Faculty Hiring) Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

Ad hoc reviewer for:

American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Canadian Review of Sexuality, Gender & Society, Journal of Bisexuality, Journal of Marriage & Family, Journal of Sex Research, Law & Social Inquiry, Sexualities, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science & Medicine, Sociology Compass

Professional Affiliations

- 2010– American Sociological Association (Sections: Medical Sociology; Population; Science, Knowledge, & Technology; Sex & Gender; Sexualities)
- 2020–22 Center for Sexuality & Health Disparities, School of Nursing, University of Michigan
- 2020– Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
- 2010– Population Association of America
- 2016–19 Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2015– Social Science History Association
- 2015– Society for Social Studies of Science
- 2015– Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2011– Sociologists for Women in Society

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