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E D U C A T I O N

Ph.D. in Sociology with a Doctoral Certificate in Women's Studies

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Specializations: Professional Nursing Care, Commercial Intimacy, Gender, Race,
Intersectionality, Transnational Feminist Theory

Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Blee

M.A. in Women's Studies

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

B.A. in Psychology with Minor in Women's Studies

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

R E S E A R C H A N D T E A C H I N G I N T E R E S T S

Research

Ethnography and qualitative methods; Intersectionality Theory, Emotional Labor;
Women of Color College Students; Intimacy in Professional Work; Nursing;
Transnational feminist theories; Immigration; Sexual harassment; Intimate violence

Courses

Sociology of Gender; Gender, Labor, and Globalization; Sexuality and Society; Social
Theory; Sociology of Medicine; Feminist Theory; Women Today: Introduction to
Women's and Gender Studies; Feminist Research Methodologies (independent study),
Advanced Sexuality Studies (independent study), Gender and Care Work (independent
study)

Potential Courses

Violence: Intimate, Group, and State; Qualitative Research

P U B L I C A T I O N S

(B O O K S)

Ruchti, Lisa C. 2012. *Catheters, Slurs, and Pick-up Lines: Professional Intimacy in Hospital
Nursing*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press

Prize Nominations include: 2014 Mirra Komarovsky Book Award, Eastern Sociological Society
by Dr. Liberty Barnes; 2013 Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book
Award by Dr. Adina Nack, California Lutheran University

Reviews include: *Social Forces* (March 2015); *Contemporary Sociology* (January 2015); *American Journal of Sociology* (January 2013); *Gender & Society* (April 2013); *Sociology of Health and Illness* (2012); *Affilia* (November 2012)

Used in courses including: Women, Work, and Class by Prof. Amy Billingsly, University of Oregon Women's and Gender Studies (Summer 2014); Heath and Gender by Dr. Mark Sherry University of Toledo Department of Sociology (Spring 2013); Concepts of Caring by Dr. Shelly Tucker West Chester University Department of Nursing (Fall 2012);

PUBLICATIONS (SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS)

- Ruchti, Lisa C. forthcoming. "The Professionally Intimate Care Work of Women of Color Nurses: An Intersectional Analysis at the Mexican-American Border." In Moiyattu Banya and Rujuta Chincholkar-Mandelia and (Eds.) *Women, Gender and Sexualities: An Anthology*. Cognella.
- Ruchti, Lisa C. forthcoming. "Gender and Language in a Transnational Space: How Spanish-Speaking Latina Nurses and Patients Construct Care." in Marc Pruyn, Curry Malott, and Pierre Orelus (Eds) *Paths to Gender Justice in Education: Theories and Practices*. Charlotte, NC: IAP.
- Ruchti, Lisa C. 2013. "Fear, Fraud, and Frank Complexities: The Influence of Gender on Human Trafficking" in Mary Burke (Ed.) *Human Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Routledge Press.
- Ruchti, Lisa C. 2010. "A Review of Rebecca F. Plante and Lis M. Mauer (eds.) Doing Gender: Readings in Theory and Real-World Experience." *Sociological Viewpoints*, Spring: 65.
- Huebner, Lisa C. 2008. "It Is Part of the Job: The Impact of Work Culture on How Waitresses and Nurses Perceive Sexual Harassment." *Sociological Viewpoints*. Fall: 75-90. Cited in: Aquino, K. et al (2014). "Social Sexual Behavior at Work." Research in Organizational Behavior.

PUBLICATIONS (OTHER)

- Hodes, Jacqueline and Lisa Ruchti. 2013. "From Serendipity to Sustainability: Strategies for Establishing An LGBTQIA Inclusive Climate on Campus" *PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium Building Bridges* 3(2): 2-5.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Alcidonis, Sendy Guerrier and **Lisa C. Ruchti**. "Rethinking Healthcare Policy: The Radical Possibilities of Intersectional Methodologies"
Proposal accepted for consideration in the anthology, Bringing Intersectionality to Public Policy. Will submit November 25, 2015
- Bregatta, Carleena Lara, Meg Panichelli, Abby Puls, and **Lisa Ruchti** "Salud, Silence, and Voice: How First Generation Mexican Women Discuss Sexual and Reproductive Health
- "Patient Care as Economic Exchange: How Race, Gender, and Nationality Shape the Purchase of Intimacy."

GRANTS AND AWARDS

WCU Foundation FaStR grant (9,945) to fund undergraduate research assistants for the WE2: Women's Education and Empowerment research study on women of color college students, 2016

CAS Student Engagement Grant (\$8,000) to fund undergraduate research assistants for the WE2: Women's Education and Empowerment research study on women of color college students, Fall 2015

WCU Committee for Excellent in Learning and Teaching (CELT) grant (\$2,000) to implement a feminist pedagogy workshop with Drs. Joan Woolfrey and Erin Hurt, 2014-2015.

CAS Student Engagement Grant (\$4,400) to implement WE2: Women's Education and Empowerment to recruit and retain women of color students at WCU, Fall 2014

CAS Diversity Grant (\$8,000) to conduct research on WE2: Women's Education and Empowerment to recruit and retain women of color students at WCU, Fall 2014

CAS Diversity Grant (\$6,000) to plan WE2: Women's Education and Empowerment to recruit and retain women of color students at WCU, Spring 2014

Alumnae Award, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department at the University of Cincinnati, 2014.

CASSDA award for "Latina Health and Wellness: Emergent Issues in Chester County, PA," Spring 2013

SWS Feminist Mentoring Award Nomination, 2013, Sociologists for Women in Society.

Phase II Competition: West Chester University Presidential Faculty Awards for 2011 External Grant Development Summer Stipend (\$5,000) to write a grant to the NSF Social and Economic Science Program in Sociology, April 2011

The Joseph McLaughlin Award for Faculty Scholarship (\$4,000), College of Arts and Sciences, West Chester University, to write "Transnational Feminist Issues in Human Trafficking" in Mary Burke (Ed.) *Human Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, April 2010

College of Arts and Sciences Development Grant (\$2,500), West Chester University, to fund three undergraduate students to assist in data analysis for *Catheters...*, November 2007

Provost Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh to write dissertation, 2006 - 2007

Andrew W. Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh to research dissertation, 2005-2006

Graduate Student Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Women's Studies, 2005

Norman Hummon Graduate Research Award for “It Is Part of the Job: Meanings of Sexual Harassment for Nurses and Waitresses” University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology, 2005

Tamara Horowitz Graduate Student Paper Prize for “It Is Part of the Job: Meanings of Sexual Harassment for Nurses and Waitresses” University of Pittsburgh, Women’s Studies, 2005

Annual Graduate Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology, 2005

Teaching Fellowship in Women’s Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2004 - 2005

Graduate Student Research Grant, Dissertation pilot, “Sexual Harassment: Definitions and Perceptions” University of Pittsburgh, Women’s Studies, 2003

W G S T A D V I S E E S G R A N T S A N D A W A R D S

Caitlin Brown, SURI Summer 2015

Felicia Orendorff, CAS Outstanding Student, Spring 2015

Joie Meier, “Towards a Femininity Studies” CAS Student Research Award, Fall 2014

Joie Meier, “Towards a Femininity Studies” SURI Summer 2014

Jessica Herling, CAS Outstanding Student, Spring 2014

Jessica Herling, CAS Student Research Award, Fall 2013

Carleena Lara Bregatta, CAS Student Research Award, Fall 2012

Amy Marvin, CAS Outstanding Student, Spring 2010

M E D I A A P P E A R A N C E S (T E L E V I S I O N)

“Racism in Hospitals,” Expert on Al Jazeera America News Hour, 8: 50 am segment, July 4th, 2014

M E D I A A P P E A R A N C E S (P R I N T A N D O N L I N E)

Interviewed for and quoted in “The Doctor Won’t See You Now” by Elijah Wolfson on Al Jazeera America Website, July 3, 2014

Interviewed and quoted in “A Day Without Care” by Sarah Jaffe in *Jacobin*, April 2013

Interviewed and quoted in “Mom Gene Discovered in Mice: Do You Have It?” by Jacoba Urist on www.today.com, September 12, 2012.

Invited to write blog, “The Top Five Myths in Nursing” North Philly Notes, Temple University Press, March 19, 2012

Interview, “Bedside Matters: Catheters, Slurs, and Pick-up Lines,” By Adina Nack on Girl With Pen, February 23, 2012

I N V I T E D P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Workshop and Panel Discussant for “Fear, Fraud, and Frank Complexities: The Influence of Gender on Human Trafficking” HTC 2016 Human Trafficking Conference, Brooklyn, NY, 2016.

Presenter for “LGBTQA for Faculty and Staff,” Cedar Crest College, 2014

Presenter, “Catheters....” Dr. Carrie Smith’s Sociology of Medicine Class, Millersville University, Spring 2013

Co-presenter for one day workshop on “LGBTQA and Medicine”, “LGBTQA 101”, “Ally Training”, October, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, 2013

Discussant for one-day workshop, “Beyond the IRB: Frontiers in the Ethics of Qualitative Research”, October, University of Pittsburgh, 2010

“Intersectionality, In/appropriate Intimacies, and Invisible Labor: Challenges in Nursing Ethics.” Philosophy Forum, October, West Chester University, 2009

Keynote Speaker for “The Feminization of Immigration.” Symposium, September, Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA, 2008

“Florence Nightingale Has Left the Building: Using the Concept of Intersectionality to Analyze Intimate Care Work.” February, Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA, 2007

“In/appropriate Intimacies, Invisible Labor: Challenges in Nursing and Ethics.” Center for Bioethics and Health Law, February, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2007

“Professional Intimacy in Hospital Nursing” Nursing Grand Rounds, January John C. Lincoln Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, 2007

“Florence Nightingale Has Left the Building: Using the Concept of Intersectionality to Analyze Intimate Care Work.” Women’s Studies Program, November, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2006

“Research and Nursing.” Nurse Practitioner Graduate Theory Course, January Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2006

“Teaching as Activism.” Women’s Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2005

“It’s Part of the Job: Meanings of Sexual Harassment in Care and Service Labor.” Women’s Studies Program, October, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2004

P R O F E S S I O N A L C O N F E R E N C E S

Co-presenter with students, Caitlin Brown, Samantha Jeune, and Christa Rivers (all WGST majors). ““There’s No Such Thing as a Single-Issue Struggle”: Women of Color College Students’ Experiences of Intersecting Oppressions” WCU Research Day, November, 2015.

Co-presenter with advisee, Joie Meier, "Toward a Femininity Studies." Sociologists for Women in Society, Baltimore, MD, 2015.

Presenter, "Professional Intimacy: How to Teach New Nurses the Praxis of Care" Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, 2014

Presenter, "Professional Intimacy in Feminist Spaces: Student Outbursts, Come-Ons, and Breakdowns" National Women's Studies Association, Cincinnati, 2013

Presenter, "Growing a Feminist Scholarship, Praxis, and Pedagogy from an Intersectional Foundation." National Women's Studies Association, Cincinnati, 2013

Presenter, "Salud, Silence, and Voice: How First Generation Mexican American Women Discuss Sexual and Reproductive Health" Latinos Communities Conference, West Chester University, 2013.

Author's Corner, *Catheters, Slurs, and Pick-up Lines: Professional Intimacy in Hospital Nursing*, WCU Research Day, 2013

Co-presenter with Carleena Lara Bregatta, Meg Panichelli, and Abby Puls "Salud Latina: A Community of Women Levanta Su Voz" Sociologists for Women in Society, New Mexico, 2013.

Presenter, "From Hostile-worlds to Connected-lives: The Purchase of Sexualized Professional Intimacy in Nursing Care" American Sociological Association, Denver CO, 2012.

Moderator, "Using Feminist Pedagogy to Take Learning into the Community" National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 2011

Presenter, "The Risks of Student Activism In and Out of the Classroom" National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 2011

(Paper and Organizer) "Patient Care as Economic Exchange: How Race, Gender, and Nationality Shape the Purchase of Intimacy" for the Intersectional Purchases of Intimacy panel, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, 2011

"Intersectionality Applied: Redefining Patient Care in Nursing" for the Race, Gender, Class Implications of Transnational Care-work Panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2010

"Intersectionality Applied: Redefining Patient Care in Nursing" for the 4th Annual CRS Symposium & Reunion - Intersectionality: Challenging Theory, Reframing Politics, Transforming Movements at the UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, 2010

"Intersectionality, In/appropriate Intimacies, and Invisible Labor: Challenges in Nursing Ethics," Paper for Care Ethics and Intersectionality Panel, National Women's Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 2009

“Care as Economic Exchange: How Nurses and Patients Shape the Purchase of Intimacy at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Nationality” for the Using Intersectionality to Analyze the Commodification of Sex, Love, and Care, National Women’s Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 2009

Chair for the Intersections of Labor: Constructing a Working Class Identity Panel, Working Class Studies Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 2009

“The Language of Intimacy: How Spanish-Speaking Patients and Nurses Make Space for Better Hospital Care.” Transnational Dialogues: De-centering the Academic Debate on Global Feminisms Conference, Kenyon College, September, Gambier, Ohio, 2008

“The Origins of Love: Plato and Hedwig Queer Gender and Sexuality.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2008

“Male Nurses and Intimate Care: Practicing Gender in Nursing.” American Sociological Association, New York City, New York, 2007

“What is Feminist? Notes from an Introduction to Women’s Studies Class.” National Women’s Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2007.

“Florence Nightingale Has Left the Building: Using the Concept of Intersectionality to Analyze Intimate Care Work.” Midwest Sociological Society/North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2007.

“Rigorous and Flexible: Policy-Oriented Research that Listens to and Learns from Participants.” Midwest Sociological Society North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2007

“Intimacy as Part of Work: Distinctions between Harm and Care.” Law and Society Association, Baltimore, Maryland, 2006

“It is Part of the Job: Meanings of Sexual Harassment for Nurses and Waitresses.” International Coalition against Sexual Harassment 11th Annual Conference Academic and Workplace Sexual Harassment, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

“It’s Not Offensive: How Intimacy as a job Requirement Troubles the Ways We Think About Sexual Harassment at Work.” North Central Sociology Association, Pittsburgh, PA, 2005

“Blurred Boundaries: Considering the Impact of Migrant Care Labor On Meanings of Sexual Harassment.” North Central Sociology Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2005

“It’s Part of the Job: Meanings of Sexual Harassment in Care and Service Labor.” Bridging Care-work Research, Advocacy, and Policy, Fourth Care-work Conference, San Francisco, California, 2004

“Sexual Harassment in Waitress Positions: An Analysis of Perceptions.” Transcending Boundaries: From Empowerment to Activism Eighth Annual GSPIA Women’s Conference, March, University of Pittsburgh, 2003

P R O F E S S I O N A L S E R V I C E

Executive Committee, WGST Program, West Chester University, 2007 - 2016

Steering Committee, WGST Program, West Chester University, 2007 - 2016

College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee, West Chester University, 2012-2015

Member, Policies Committee, CAPC, West Chester University 2015-2016

Chair, Diversity General Education Sub-Committee, CAPC, West Chester University, 2011-2014

Faculty Mentor, Multicultural Affairs, West Chester University, 2007 - 2014

LGBTQA Advocacy Committee, West Chester University, 2007 - 2014

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Eastern Sociological Society, 2013-2014

Executive Board, PASSHE Women's Consortium, 2013-2014

Committee Member, Search for Director of Women's Center, 2013-2014

Faculty Associate for LBGTQA Services, West Chester University, 2011-2014

Chair, In-reach Committee, WGST Program, West Chester University, 2011-2014

Library Committee, Anthropology and Sociology Department, West Chester University, 2008 - 2014

Curriculum Committee, Anthropology and Sociology Department, West Chester University, 2011-2014

Mentored a WGST student in the first annual SURI Institute, WCU, 2014

Candace Rogers Student Paper Award Committee, Eastern Sociological Society, 2014

Chair, CAS Interim Associate Dean Search Committee, WCU, 2014

WCU Women Speak, Collaborated with Women's Center and Student Activities Council, 2014

Acting Chair, Evaluation Committee for Dr. Susan Johnston, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, West Chester University, 2014

Search Committee for Sociologist Line, Anthropology and Sociology, West Chester University, 2011-2013

Chair, Trans Policy Committee, West Chester University, 2011-2013

Chair, Sexuality Studies Committee, West Chester University, 2011-2013

Chair, Outreach/Recruitment Committee, WGST Program, West Chester University, 2007 - 2011

Excel Speaker, YWCA Tri-County, PA, 2011

WCU Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship Selection Committee, 2011, 2012

Outstanding Article Committee, Race, Class, and Gender Section, ASA, 2010 -2011

Director Search Committee, WGST Program, West Chester University, 2010 - 2011

Evaluation and Observation Committee, Anthropology and Sociology Department,
West Chester University, 2010 - 2011

Search committee member for Director of Women's Center, West Chester University, 2008

Chair, Women's Studies 40th Anniversary Event Committee, West Chester University, 2008

Chair, Fundraising Committee, Women's Studies Program, West Chester University, 2008

Committee to develop a LGBTQ minor program, West Chester University, 2007 - 2008

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Women's Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh 2006 - 2007

Development Fund Curriculum Committee, Women's Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh,
2006 - 2007

Steering Committee Member, Women's Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh, 2004 - 2005

P R O F E S S I O N A L D E V E L O P M E N T

National Women's Studies Association Curriculum Institute (competitive application),
Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2014.

Academic Chair Conference, PASSHE, May 2014

Building Courses Workshop, West Chester University, April 2014

Feminist Pedagogy Discussion Series, Women's and Gender Studies, West Chester University,
2013

Distance Education and Women's and Gender Studies Workshop, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania, 2011

Web training on "Protecting Human Research Participants", National Institute of Health Office
of Extramural Research, 2011

"One size does not fit all: Fashioning Pedagogy to fit today's diverse classroom. Pedagogy for
Engagement Summer Pedagogy Series, 2011

Contribute and D2L, 2010

Participated in a shared discussion for faculty members who teach WOS 225, 2010

Mentored Tara Musser while she taught WOS 225 for the first time, 2009-2010

Participated in the university faculty mentorship project, 2009-2010

Initiated and participated in a writing workshop for faculty members who teach W courses, but are not trained in composition and rhetoric, 2009

PASSHE Annual Diversity Summit on Curricular Change, 2009

WCU Curriculum Integration Seminar, 2008

P R O F E S S I O N A L A F F I L I A T I O N S

American Sociological Association – Sex and Gender Section, Race, Gender, and Class Section (ASA)

Eastern Sociological Society

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

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