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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2018, Expected **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
PhD, Department of Sociology
Dissertation Title: "Mothering in an Era of Choice: Race and Gender in Schooling Decisions of Homeschool and Public School Families."
Dissertation Committee: Joya Misra (chair), Naomi Gerstel, Jennifer Lundquist, Miliann Kang (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies)
- 2015 M.A., Department of Sociology
- 2015 Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- 2009 **University of Maine, Orono**
B.A. Department of Sociology (Summa Cum Laude), University of Maine

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Race, and Class Inequalities, Family, Education, Feminist Theory, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Misra, Joya, **Mahala Dyer Stewart** and Marni Brown, editors. *Gendered Lives, Sexual Beings: A Feminist Anthology*. SAGE Publishing.
- 2016 Blackstone, Amy and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. "There's More Thinking to Decide": How the Childfree Decide Not to Parent." *The Family Journal* 24(3):296-303.
- 2016 **Stewart, Mahala** and Naomi Gerstel. "Family Care Policies." In *The Encyclopedia of Adulthood and Aging*, edited by Susan Krauss Whitbourne.
- 2012 Blackstone, Amy and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. "Choosing to Be Childfree: Research on the Decision not to Parent." *Sociology Compass* 6:718-727.

Work Under Review

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. "I Don't Talk To Anyone About Homeschooling Because....There's No One To Talk To': Familial Support Among White and Black Homeschooling Mothers." (*Journal of Marriage and Family*.)

Vetter, Matthew, Zachary McDowell, and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. "From Opportunities to Outcomes: The Wikipedia-based Writing Assignment." (*Computers and Composition*.)

Work In Progress

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. "Everybody Just Wants What's Best for Their Kid': Racialized Logics in Parents' Schooling Choices." (*Sociology of Education*.)

Brown, Marni and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. "Intersections of Gender, Sexuality, and Family Diversity." (Invited chapter in *Social Studies of Gender: A Next Wave Reader* edited by Christine Wood, Cognella Academic Publishing.)

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. "Mothering as Cultural Transmission: A Content Analysis of Parenting Magazines." (*Media, Culture & Society*.)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2017	Semi-Finalist NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program , National Academy of Education
2016	Dissertation Fellowship Award , Center for Research on Families, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$10,000
2016	Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship , Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$3,000
2016	Graduate School Dissertation Grant , University of Massachusetts, \$1,000
2015	Grant and Prospectus Writing Fellowship , Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$4,000
2012	Graduate School Travel Grant , University of Massachusetts, \$300
2012	Summer Fellowship for First Comprehensive Exam , Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$2,500

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2017 Race, Gender, Class, & Ethnicity, Department of Sociology
 2017 Writing in Sociology, Department of Sociology (online)
 2016 Sociology of the Family, Department of Sociology (online)
 2015 Social Problems, Department of Sociology
 2015 Sociology of the Family, Department of Sociology (online)
 2012 Race, Gender, Class, Ethnicity & Sexuality, Department of Sociology

Courses Assisted

2017 Gender and Difference, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
 2016 Gender and Asian America, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
 2016 Sociology of the Family, Department of Sociology
 2012 Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology
 2011 Social Class Inequality, Department of Sociology
 2011 Race, Gender, Class & Ethnicity, Department of Sociology
 2010 Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology

Mentoring

2014 Methodological advisor and committee member, Senior Honors Student Thesis, Department of Sociology

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2017 **Data Science Intern, *Wiki Education Foundation*** (Zach McDowell, University of Massachusetts)
 2013-2015 **Managing Editor, *Gender e3 Society*** (Joya Misra, Editor, University of Massachusetts)
 2014 **Organizing and Analyzing Qualitative Data with NVivo 9 Workshop** University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Institute for Social Science Research
 2008-2009 **Research Assistant, Sociology Department** (Amy Blackstone, University of Maine) Childfree as Gender Transgression Project, Workplace Harassment Project
 2008 **Research Assistant, Sociology Department** (Kim Huisman, University of Maine) Somali Narrative Project

PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

- 2017 “Racialized Logics in White Parents’ Schooling Choices.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC.
- 2017 “School Choice as Mothers’ Work in Homeschooling Families.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, QC.
- 2017 “It Can Be Scary. . . The External Impressions and Judgements’: Managing Homeschooling as Mothers’ Work.” Global Carework Summit, Center for Women & Work, UMass Lowell, MA.
- 2017 “Everybody Just Wants What’s Best for their Kid’: Selective Individualism and White Parents’ School Choice.” Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 “Mothering In An Era of Choice: The Logic Of Mothering Through Schooling.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago IL.
- 2015 “Everybody Just Wants What’s Best for Their Kid’: The Burden and Privilege of Choice in Mothering Logics of Schooling.” *Exploring Narratives of Gender, Race, and Class* panelist for Certificate Symposium for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA.
- 2012 “Childrearing Ideologies: A Comparison Between Homeschool and Conventional Parenting Magazines.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver CO.

Invited Lectures

- 2016 “Family Policies” lecture in Naomi Gerstel’s Seminar The Family, Amherst, MA

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Association, social committee organizer, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology
- 2013 Graduate Student Research Panel, organizing committee member, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology
- 2012-2013 Undergraduate Policy Committee, graduate student representative, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Sociology
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Senate, Department of Sociology representative, University of Massachusetts Amherst

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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