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Curriculum Vitae

Hamilton College
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EDUCATION

- 2018 **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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- **Hamilton College**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- 2018-2019 **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
Lecturer, Department of Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Stewart, Mahala Dyer. “Educational Policy and Race.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, edited by Lynette Spillman.
- Forthcoming 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.

- 2019 Brown, Marni and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**, editors. *Frameworks of Inequality: An Intersectional Reader*. Cognella Academic Publishing.
- 2019 Vetter, Matthew, Zachary McDowell, and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. "From Opportunities to Outcomes: The Wikipedia-based Writing Assignment." *Computers and Composition*.
- 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 Dyer** 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 In Progress

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. *Strategic Schooling: How Race and Gender Shape Families' Schooling Decisions*. (Book manuscript in preparation for review)

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. "You're Really Targeting My Kid For No Reason': Racial Difference in Black and White Mothers' Schooling Logics." (Article under review at *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*)

Stewart, Mahala Dyer. "Mothering as Cultural Transmission: A Content Analysis of Parenting Magazines." (Article in preparation for review)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 **Conference Paper Award**, University of Massachusetts
- 2017 **NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program**, National Academy of Education, Semi-Finalist
- 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 ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Hamilton College

Visiting Assistant Professor

- Gender, Sexuality & Society (Fall 2019)
- The Family (Fall 2019)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Lecturer

- Gender, Race, and Family, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies (2019, online)
- Honors Social Problems, Sociology Department (2019)
- Sociology of the Family, Sociology Department (2018, 2019)
- Data Collection and Analysis, Sociology Department (2018)

Teaching Associate

- Writing in Sociology, Sociology Department (2017, 2018, online)
- Race, Gender, Class, & Ethnicity, Sociology Department (2012, 2017, 2018)
- Sociology of the Family, Sociology Department (2015, 2016, online)
- Social Problems, Sociology Department (2015)

Teaching Assistant

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

Advising

- Honors thesis advisor to Isabel Alves De Lima, Sociology Department (2018-2019)
- Faculty sponsor BA with Individual Concentration to Michael Nderitu (2018-2019)
- Honors thesis committee member to Margaret Hislop, Sociology Department (2014)

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 **Data Science Intern, Wiki Education Foundation** (Zach McDowell)
University of Massachusetts)

- 2013-2015 **Managing Editor, *Gender & Society*** (Joya Misra, Editor, University of Massachusetts)
- 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

- 2018 “School is Supposed to be a Place of Learning: Black Mothers’ Schooling Logics.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 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

- 2018 “Homeschool Mothers’ Familial Supports” lecture in Misun Lim’s Sociology of Education seminar, Amherst, MA
- 2016 “Family Policies” lecture in Naomi Gerstel’s The Family seminar, 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
 National Council on Family Relations
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

Joya Misra, Professor & Graduate Program Director
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Jennifer Lundquist, Professor of Sociology
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 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003
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 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003
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