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JENI LOFTUS

Education

- Ph.D.** Expected May 2004, Indiana University
Major: Sociology
Minor: Human Sexuality
Qualifying Exam: Sociology of Sexuality
Certification: Preparing Future Faculty Higher Education and Pedagogy Program
Dissertation: "Women's Infertility, Their Social Worlds and a Changing Self"
Committee: Martin S. Weinberg (chair), Jane McLeod, Bernice A. Pescosolido, Brian Powell
- M.A.** 1999, Indiana University
Major: Sociology
Master's Thesis: "Changing Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998: Real or Artifactual?"
Committee: Martin S. Weinberg and Brian Powell (co-chairs)
- B.A. Summa Cum Laude** 1996, University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology
Minor: Norwegian
Honor's Thesis: "Footprints in the Snow: An Analysis of the Relationship between Language and Ethnic Identity Among the Norwegian Sami"

Areas of Interest

Sociology of Sexuality	Sociology of Gender
Medical Sociology	Social Psychology
Sociology of the Family	Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

Honors

Midwest Sociological Society's Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2000.
North Central Sociological Association's Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2000.
National Opinion Research Center's General Social Survey Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2001
North Central Sociological Association's Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2001 (with Paul R. Namaste).
Karl F. Schuessler Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2002

Fellowships

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Indiana University. 1996- 2000, 2001- 2003
Department of Sociology Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University, 2000-2001

Alfred Lindesmith-Elizabeth Ione Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2003.

Grants

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Indiana University, 1999

Department of Sociology Travel Grant, Indiana University, 2000

Doctoral Student Grant-in-Aid of Research Award, Indiana University, 2002

Graduate and Professional Student Organization Research Award, Indiana University, 2002

Publications

Loftus, Jeni “America’s Liberalization in Attitudes toward Homosexuality: 1973-1998” *American Sociological Review*, Vol 66, No 5, 2001.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. “Distress About Sex: A National Survey of Women in Heterosexual Relationships.” *The Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol 32, No 3, 2003.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. “Reply to Rosen and Laumann (2003).” *The Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol 32, No 3, 2003.

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Jeni Loftus, Stacy Scherr, Laura Fingerson, Kathryn Gold Hadley, Paul R. Namaste, and Jenny Stuber. 2004. "The Three Faces of SOTL: The Contribution of the Summer Freshman Institute Project to Service, Teaching and Research." In William Becker and Moya Andrews (Eds.) *The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: The Contribution of the Research University*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Papers in Progress

Loftus, Jeni, John Bancroft, and J. Scott Long “Sexual Well-Being: A Study of Women in Heterosexual Relationships.”

Namaste, Paul R. and Jeni Loftus, “Expectant Mothers: Explaining Women's Infertility using Identity Theory.”

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Jeni Loftus, Stacy Scherr, Paul R. Namaste, and Jenny Stuber. “Why the ‘Light Bulb’ Didn’t Turn On: Stakeholder and Institutional Influences on a Failed Pilot Program for the Freshman Year Experience.”

Presentations at Professional Meetings

“Footprints in the Snow: An Analysis of the Relationship between Language and Ethnic Identity Among the Norwegian Sami,” Sociological Research Institute, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1995.

“The Pinkening of America? An Exploration of Changing Attitudes on Homosexuality,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Kansas City, MO, 1998.

“Let’s Talk About Sex Baby: Discourses in Adolescent Sexuality,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 1999.

“A Liberalization in Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998,” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, 2000.

“Changing Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998: Real or Artifactual?,” Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2000.

“‘Don’t Tell Me to Just Relax’: Women’s Experiences with Infertility,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., 2000 (with Paul R. Namaste).

“The Sexual Well-Being of Women,” International Academy of Sex Research Meetings, Bloomington, IN, 2003 (with John Bancroft and J. Scott Long).

“Sexual Well-Being: A Study of Women in Heterosexual Relationships,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2003 (with John Bancroft and J. Scott Long).

Invited Presentations

“National Survey of Determinants of Sexual Well-being in Women: An Overview” Social Science Research Council’s Sexuality Research Fellowship Program’s Annual Fellows Conference, The Kinsey Institute, 2001.

“Sexual Well-Being: A Study of Women in Heterosexual Relationships” Female Sexualities Conference, The Kinsey Institute, 2003.

Research Positions

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 1997. Project Title: “The Ethnography of a Survey Research Center,” Principal Investigator: Douglas Maynard.

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 1997, 1998-1999. Project Title: “Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality,” Principal Investigator: James Wood.

Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University, 1998-1999. Project Title: “Sexuality Research Information Service,” Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from the Ford Foundation

Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University, 1999-Present. Project Title: “Sexual Well-Being of Women in Heterosexual Relationships,” Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from Eli Lilly.

Research Collaborator, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Indiana University, 1999–Present. Project Title: “Evaluation of the Summer Freshmen Institute,” Principal Investigator: Bernice A. Pescosolido under auspices of the Preparing Future Faculty program.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Full responsibility for all aspects of course design, preparation, and implementation.

Sexual Diversity 1998, 2000

Introduction to Sociology 2001-2003

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Sexual Diversity, 1996-1997

Sociology of Religion, 1997

Sociology of the Family, 1998

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota

Sociology of the Family, 1995

Introduction to Sociology, 1996

High School Teacher, Concordia Language Villages

Intermediate Norwegian, 1999

Professional Service

Discipline

Member, American Sociological Association

Section on the Sociology of Sexualities

Section on Medical Sociology

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society

Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*

Reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly*

Department

Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association Social Committee, Indiana University; 1997-1998

Member, Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Indiana University,
1999-2000

Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Indiana University; 1999-2000