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POSITIONS HELD

2004-present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Purdue University

1998-2004 Associate Instructor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

EDUCATION

2004 PhD in Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Minor in Sexualities
Certification: Preparing Future Faculty Higher Education and Pedagogy Program

1999 MA in Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

1996 BA *Summa Cum Laude* in Sociology, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Minor in Norwegian

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexualities	Gender	Family
Health and Medicine	Children and Youth	Social Psychology
Life Course	Body	

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sexualities	Gender	Family
Health and Medicine	Children and Youth	Social Psychology
Research Methods	Life Course	Body

PUBLICATIONS

Loftus, Jeni and Brian C. Kelly. Forthcoming. "Short-Term Sexual Health Effects of Relationships with Significantly Older Females on Adolescent Boys." *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Loftus, Jeni, Brian C. Kelly, and Sarah A. Mustillo. 2011. "Depressive Symptoms among Adolescent Girls in Relationships with Older Partners: Causes and Lasting Effects?" *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 40: 800-813.

Loftus, Jeni and Paul R. Namaste. 2011. "Expectant Mothers: Explaining Women's Infertility using Identity Theory." *Qualitative Sociology Review* 7:36-54.

Loftus, Jeni. 2009. "Oh No, I'm Not Infertile': Culture, Support Groups and the Infertile Identity." *Sociological Focus* 42: 394-416.

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." Pp. 143-160 in *The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: The Contribution of the Research University*, edited by W. Becker and M. Andrews. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. 2003. "Distress About Sex: A National Survey of Women in Heterosexual Relationships." *The Archives of Sexual Behavior* 32:193-208.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. 2003. "Reply to Rosen and Laumann (2003)." *The Archives of Sexual Behavior* 32: 213-216.

Loftus, Jeni. 2001. "America's Liberalization in Attitudes toward Homosexuality: 1973-1998" *American Sociological Review* 66:762-782.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Loftus, Jeni and Angie Andriot, "That's What Makes a Woman': Women's Infertility and a Failed Life Course Transition." *Under review (received a revise and resubmit, has been revised and is under review again)*

Loftus, Jeni and Brian C. Kelly, "The Effects of Relationships with Older Females on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health of Adolescent Boys" *Under review (received a revise and resubmit has been revised and is under review again)*

Loftus, Jeni, Brian C. Kelly, and Sarah A. Mustillo "Predictors of Entry into Age-Discordant Relationships." *Under review*

Loftus, Jeni and Brian C. Kelly, "The Short-Term Effects on Adolescents of Involvement in Age Discordant Relationships as the Older Partner"

Loftus, Jeni, Brian C. Kelly, and Sarah A. Mustillo "Health Trajectories of Girls in Age Discordant Relationships: A Life Course Perspective."

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

"Predictors of Entry into Age-Discordant Relationships." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2010. (with Brian C. Kelly)

"Age Discordant Relationships in Adolescent Girls and Depression: Causes and Lasting Effects?" American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2009. (with Brian C. Kelly)

"The Effects of Social Class on Depression and Anxiety for Women with Infertility." International Reproductive Challenges Conference, Gran, Norway, 2008. (with Elizabeth A. Sternke)

"Culture, Infertile Identities and a Fundamentalist Christian Support Group." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York, New York, 2007.

"Reconstructing Relationships: How Infertile Women Cope with Negative Social Support." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, 2006.

"We Can't Afford It': Women's Infertility and Social Class." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

"Oh No, I'm Not Infertile': Women's Infertility, Local Cultures and the Infertile Identity." Reproductive Disruptions Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, 2005.

"Why the 'Light Bulb' Didn't Turn On: Stakeholder and Institutional Influences on a Failed Pilot Program for the Freshman Year Experience." International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Inaugural Conference, Bloomington, IN, 2004 (with Bernice A. Pescosolido, Stacy Scherr, Paul R. Namaste, and Jenny Stuber).

"That's What Makes a Woman': Women's Infertility and the Gendered Self," American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2004.

"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).

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

“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).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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

“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.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Research Methods

Sociology of Gender

American Society

Introduction to Sociology

Sexual Diversity

Individual Research in Society (topic: adolescent sexuality)

Individual Research in Society – Graduate level (topic: Sociology of Gender)

MASTERS THESES ADVISED

- 2010 Abby Howard, "Equity of Instrumental and Emotional Support Exchanges and Parent-Adult Child Closeness: The Effects of Perceptions or Reality?" (committee member)
- 2010 Minle Xu, "The Presence of Preschool Children on their Parents' Marital Conflicts: Does Age Really Matter?" (committee member)
- 2008 Gwen Parks, "The Effect of Breast Cancer on Mother-Daughter Relationships" (committee member)
- 2007 Emma Clothier, "A Content Analysis of the Madrid Fashion Week BMI Ban" (committee member)
- 2007 Hubert Izienicki, "Missing: The Case of Polish Immigrant Men Who Have Sex with Other Men" (committee chair)
- 2007 Kristen Budd, "The Changing Facets of Marriage and the Family: A Comparative Analysis within the United States" (committee member)
- 2006 Mary Burbrink, "Changes in Representation of the Normative Family Form in Children’s Picture Books from 1950 through 2000" (committee member)
- 2006 Mychii Null, "Admirers of Large Women: Can Cass’ Theory Be Applied Elsewhere?" (committee member)
- 2005 Elizabeth A. Sternke, "Infertility and Perceptions of the Body" (committee co-chair)

DOCTORAL THESES ADVISED

Current	Michael Steinhour, "The Role of Traditionalism in Patterns of Support from Adult Children to Fathers in the Later Years" (committee member)
Current	Julie Newcamp, "Lactation Support and the Law: A Study of Organizational Legal Compliance" (committee member)
2011	Dan Weiss, "Parental Communication: Determinants of Sexual Activity in Later Life" (committee member)
2010	Mari Plikhun, "The Enduring Effects of Mothers' Socialization on Educational and Career Decisions: A Panel Study of Nontraditional Women Students" (committee member)
2010	Elizabeth A. Sternke, "Unruly Bodies: Infertility as a Disability" (committee member)
2008	Simon Bauer-Leffler, "The Real World Social Capital of Online Group Members" (committee member)
2005	Heather Rodriguez, "Social, Cognitive, and Attitudinal Influences on Birth Control Use Among Adolescents" (committee member)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2006-2011	Principal Investigator. Project Title: "Predictors and Outcomes of Age Discordant Relationships Among Adolescents."
2001-2011	Principal Investigator. Project Title: "Women's Infertility and the Self."
1999-2004	Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University. Project Title: "Sexual Well-Being of Women in Heterosexual Relationships." Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from Eli Lilly.
1999-2001	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.
1998-1999	Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University. Project Title: "Sexuality Research Information Service." Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from the Ford Foundation
1997-1999	Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Project Title: "Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality." Principal Investigator: James Wood.
1997	Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Project Title: "The Ethnography of a Survey Research Center." Principal Investigator: Douglas Maynard.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant (competitive grant awarded to junior faculty - \$8000)
- 2007 Purdue University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Daryl P. Evans Teaching Award (award given to one faculty member each year for outstanding teaching)
- 2003 Alfred Lindesmith-Elizabeth Ione Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (competitive fellowship given for excellent research)
- 2002 Doctoral Student Grant-in-Aid of Research Award, Indiana University (competitive grant for doctoral research - \$1500)
- 2002 Karl F. Schuessler Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (competitive award for outstanding research paper)
- 2001 National Opinion Research Center's General Social Survey Graduate Student Paper Competition Award (competitive award for outstanding research paper using General Social Survey data)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service: Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Committee 2011-2012
Colloquium Committee 2010-2011
Teaching Committee 2009-2010
Colloquium Committee 2008-2009
Sociology Hiring Committee 2007-2008
Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Advisor 2005-2007
Undergraduate Committee 2004-2007

University Service: College of Liberal Arts

College of Liberal Arts Grievance Committee 2006-2007

Activities within the Discipline:

Organizer, Family Section Roundtable Sessions, 2006 American Sociological Association Annual Meetings

Organizer, Session on The Sociology of Reproduction, 2006 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings

Presider and Discussant, Session on The Sociology of Sexualities, 2006 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings

Reviewer:

Occasional Reviews for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Social Science Research*, *Fertility and Sterility*, *Social Problems*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
Section on Medical Sociology
Section on Social Psychology
Section on the Family
Section on the Sociology of Sexualities
Section on Sex and Gender
Sociologists for Women in Society
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