SUMMARY RESEARCH STATEMENT

My research is fundamentally concerned with the interpersonal processes that stem from, and contribute to, social inequality. My research draws broadly on the sociological subfields of social psychology, gender, sexualities, inequality, and sociology of the family to develop novel insights into stereotyping, bias, prejudice, and discrimination within social interactions. Specifically, my research has focused on the consequences for violating gender stereotypes and the gendered processes that generate biases toward sexual minorities, stay-at-home dads, and women and men in gender atypical occupations.

EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Sociology, Stanford University
- Foci: Social Psychology, Gender, Sexualities, Inequality/Stratification
- Dissertation: "The Interpersonal Consequences of Gender and Status Violations"
  Committee: Shelley Correll (chair), Cecilia Ridgeway, Karen Cook
  A theoretical model and series of multi-field experiments that examine how status and gender stereotypes bias perceptions and treatment of individuals in gender atypical occupations

2007 B.A., The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- Majors: Political Science and Sociology; Minor: German
- Summa Cum Laude with Highest Honors and Center for Undergraduate Research Scholar distinction
- Honors Thesis: "Sexual Orientation as a Diffuse Status Characteristic: An Investigation into the Effects of Sexual Orientation on Expectations in Interaction"
  A series of empirically-based computer simulations to test arguments about how sexual orientation affects deference and influence behavior in interpersonal task groups

AWARDS AND HONORS

2013 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation: "The Consequences of Status Inconsistency (Dissertation)"; $12,000.
2013 Graduate Dissertation Fellow, The Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University
2012 Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University: "The Consequences of Status Inconsistency (Dissertation)"; $4,500
2009 Sociology Research Opportunity Grant, Department of Sociology, Stanford University: "Status, Morality, and Sexual Orientation"; $3,500
2007 Sanford M. Dornbusch Award for Social Psychology, Department of Sociology, Stanford University
2007 Phyllis Jenkins Barrow Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
2004-2007 HOPE Scholarship Recipient
2006 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society
2006 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
2006 Blue Key National Honor Society
2006 H. Edel Benson Circle of Excellence Award, Rotary Club of Athens, GA

PUBLICATIONS


WORKS IN PROGRESS


Watts, Alexander. "The Interpersonal Consequences of Gender and Status Violations." (Data collection is currently in progress)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


Watts, Alexander and Dawn T. Robinson. 2007. "Sexual Orientation as a Diffuse Status Characteristic: The Effects of Sexual Orientation on Expectations in Interaction." Paper presented at the University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Symposium, April, Athens, GA.


RESEARCH POSITIONS

2011-2014 Research Associate, "Redesigning/Redefining Work," Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University. Assisting with pushing forward research on flexible work arrangements by organizing a conference that will bring together academics and business leaders to develop a research agenda on flexibility.

2012-2013 Researcher, Laboratory for the Study of American Values, with Professors Paul Sniderman & Mike Tomz, Stanford University. Member of an interdisciplinary work group of graduate students who developed and fielded two nationally representative surveys.


Summer 2008, 2009 Visiting Scholar, Laboratory for the Study of Social Interaction (LaSSI), the University of Georgia. Conducted experiments for "The Morality of Status."

Fall 2006 – Spring 2007 Undergraduate Lab Manager, Laboratory for the Study of Social Interaction (LaSSI), the University of Georgia. "Collaborative Research Examining the Relationship Between Identity, Justice, and Emotion" with Dawn T. Robinson, Jody Clay-Warner (the University of Georgia) and Lynn Smith-Lovin (Duke University).

TEACHING AND LECTURES

Winter 2015 Teaching Assistant, “Food and Society” (Senior capstone) – Kyoko Sato

Winter 2015 Guest Lecture at Sigma Nu Fraternity, “Masculinity 101”

Fall 2014 Teaching Fellow, "Self & Society" – self-taught course

Fall 2013 Teaching Fellow, "Introduction to Feminist Studies"–Estelle Freedman

August 2011 Teaching Assistant, "Redesigning Workplaces for 21st Century Women and Men" – Shelley Correll and Sarah Soule

Spring 2011 Teaching Assistant, "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy in the United States" – Szonja Szelényi

Fall 2010, 2009 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Sociology" – Szonja Szelényi

June 2009 Invited Lecturer, "Stratification & Status," Undergraduate social psychology class – Tiffani Everett, Department of Sociology, the University of Georgia

2009-2012 Quarterly guest lecture, "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus? Popular and Sociological Explanations of Gender Inequality"—Research Experience Program, Foothill College

Fall 2008 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Sociology" – Rebecca Sandefur

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2010-Present Ad-Hoc Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology; Work & Occupations; Proposals for Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

2014 Presider, "Emotions and Theory Construction" Roundtable of the Section on Social Psychology/Section on Sociology of Emotions at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association

2013-2014 Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Social Psychology section of the American Sociological Association

2011-2013 Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Social Psychology section of the American Sociological Association

2012 Planning Committee Member, Symposium for the Bay Area Chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

2010-2011 Nominations Committee, Social Psychology section of the American Sociological Association

2010 Presider, "Theoretical Perspectives on Sexuality" Roundtable of the Section on Sexualities at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association

2010-2011 Financial Officer, GradQ: The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex (LGBTQQI) Graduate and Professional Students, Stanford University

2009-2010 Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Social Psychology section of the American Sociological Association

2009-2010 Space Committee, Association of Sociology Graduate Students, Department of Sociology, Stanford University
2008-2010  Board Member, GradQ: The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex (LGBTQQI) Graduate and Professional Students, Stanford University

2008-2009  Activities/Finance Committee Co-Officer, Association of Sociology Graduate Students, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

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