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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, *In Progress*

Major Fields: Political Economy, Feminist Economics, Labor Economics

M.A. in Economics, University of Toronto, 2016

Major Fields: Development, International Trade

B.A. (Hon.) in Economics, Trent University, 2015

Major Field: Economics; Minor Fields: Philosophy

Primary Fields

- Political Economy
- Feminist Economics
- Labor Economics

Dissertation

Title: Three Essays on the Economics of Genders and Sexualities

Committee: Lee Badgett (Chairperson), Katherine Moos, Joya Misra

- Heteronormative gender and sexual norms are institutions that produces and reproduces inequalities.
- Heteronormativity plays a critical role in the social reproduction of capital and capitalist subjects. Under neoliberalism, progress for some queer subjects is achieved by assimilating into heteronormative institutions, while those who are unwilling or unable to conform continue to be excluded and marginalized.
- Care work and care workers are strongly linked to characteristics of the white, bourgeois ideology of femininity that started in the 18th century and has continued to dominate our contemporary cultural imaginary. Using data from AddHealth, I show evidence of continuing but heterogenous association between femininity and working in care occupation. To provide universal care for all, we need to overcome the racism,

individualism, and gender essentialism embedded in the ideology of care. I suggest a trans-inspired vision of care as the starting point for this intersectional effort.

- Using data from the Federal Reserve Board, I show that compared to LGBT workers, cisgender heterosexual workers has higher rate of home ownership, higher total assets, better access to emergency cash and better financial preparedness. Discrimination is found to be a key mechanism in generating difference, along side gender, races/ethnicity, and immigration status.

Publications

- “The political economy of heteronormativity.” Review of Radical Political Economics, July 2021. doi:10.1177/04866134211011269
- “Access to Gender-Affirming Care and Transgender Mental Health: Evidence from Medicaid Coverage.” Under Review (co-authored with Samuel Mann and Travis Campbell).
- “Hormone Therapy, Suicidal Risk, and Transgender Youth in the U.S.” Under Review (co-authored with Samuel Mann, Travis Campbell, and Yana van der Muelen Rodgers).
- Book Review of “Critical Perspectives in Happiness Research: The Birth of Modern Happiness”. International Journal of Happiness and Development, 2015, Vol. 2, No. 4, p 383-387.

Conference and Seminars Presentation

- AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, 2023
- 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences, 2022
- International Association For Feminist Economics, Annual Conference, 2022
- European Cooperation in Science and Technologies (COST) Summer School and Conference on LGBTQI+ Methodologies, 2022
- Eastern Economics Association, Annual Conference, 2020
- New School of Social Research, UMass – New School Graduate workshop, 2019

Other Papers

- “Workplace discrimination: long-term and heterogenous impact on Canadian workers.” Working paper
- “Discrimination and economic wellbeing of LGBT people in the US.” Report for Center for Employment Equity, University of Massachusetts Amherst, August 2020.
- “Does it get better?” A critical response to Carpenter and Eppink (2017). Working paper

Research Experience

Co-investigator, University of Toronto School of Public Health and the Office of Skills for Success, Employment and Social Development Canada, 2021-2022

- Co-investigator in a research team, conducting secondary data analysis to identify and address knowledge gaps about skills of LGBTQ2+ people in Canada

Intern, Center for Employment Equity, University of Massachusetts Amherst, June 2020

- Investigate the effect of discrimination on financial preparedness and resiliency of LGBT people in the US.

Research Interests

- Political economy of Big Data: Impact of artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and surveillance capitalism on social reproduction, gender norms, and labor market.
- Care economy: Impact of Covid 19 on care labor and the gender division in care
- Gender expression: The roles of femininity, masculinity, and binary gender norms in labor market institutions

Teaching Experience

- Instructor in the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2020 - Present
Courses: Economics in the Age of Big Data (Winter 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021)
- Teaching Assistant in the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2019 - Present
Courses: Graduate Applied Econometrics (Fall 2020), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Spring 2019, Fall 2020), Introductory Macroeconomic Theory (Spring 2021), Political Economy of the Environment (Fall 2021)

Teaching Interests

Political Economy of Races and Genders

- Racial and gender inequalities as social and economic institutions
- Income distribution, poverty, stratification, and the role of the State
- Theory of labor market discrimination and occupational segregation

Political Economy of Big Data

- Competition and monopoly of technology platforms
- Impacts of Big Data on labor, bodies, cultures, and the environment
- Surveillance and the commodification of knowledge and behaviors

Introductory/ Intermediate Microeconomics

- Foundational concepts of demand, supply, production, price, and equilibrium
- Introduction to social coordination problems and social preferences
- Competition, externalities, and market failures

Grants, Scholarships & Awards

Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERI Dissertation Fellowships 	
Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERI Barnard Family Fellowships 	
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2021- 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral Fellowship 	
University of Massachusetts – Department of Economics	2019 - 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBS Summer dissertation fellowship 	
University of Massachusetts Graduate Fellowship	August 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition waiver and award stipend for graduate studies 	
Paul Delaney Award for Outstanding Young Philanthropist	November 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize recent alumnus or alumna whose work sowing seeds of friendship and a spirit of philanthropy 	
University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship	September 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition and award funding for graduate studies 	
Governor General’s Silver Medal	May 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded to the student who graduates with the highest academic standing in the Honours Bachelor Degree program in the University. For more than 140 years, the Governor General’s Academic Medals have recognized the scholastic achievements of students in Canada. 	

Work History

Consulting Associate (Anti-trust & Competition) at Charles River Associates , 2016 - 2018

- Performed empirical and qualitative analyses to support case theories
- Developed research summaries, expert reports, and the presentation of findings
- Reviewed analysis and mentoring junior consultants towards ensuring the integrity and accuracy of analyses

References

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