

# Canton Winer

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## EMPLOYMENT

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| Assistant Professor, Sociology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies<br>Northern Illinois University | 2023-present |
| Stephen O. Murray Visiting Scholar-in-Residence, Michigan State University                              | 2023-2024    |

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of California, Irvine | Sociology 2023

### Dissertation

Title: "Compulsory Categories: How Asexuality Disrupts Normative Assumptions About Sexuality and Gender." (Chair: David John Frank; Committee: Sabrina Strings, Tristan Bridges, Francesca Polletta, Catherine Bolzendahl)

M.A. University of California, Irvine | Sociology 2019

B.A. Fordham University | Sociology and American Studies 2015

**Areas of Specialization:** gender, sexuality, race, culture, masculinity, femininity, inclusion/exclusion, intersectionality

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Tessler, H. and **Winer, C.** Forthcoming. "Sexuality, Romantic Orientation, and Masculinity: Men as Underrepresented in Asexual and Aromantic Communities." *Sociology Compass*.

**Winer, C.** Forthcoming. "Undoing the Absence of Asexuality in the Classroom." *Feminist Pedagogy*.

**Winer, C.** Forthcoming. "'The Queers Hate Me Because I'm Too Butch:' Goldilocks Masculinity Among Non-Heterosexual Men." *Sexualities*

**Winer, C.** Forthcoming. "Inequality and the 'Universal' Gay Male Experience: Developing the Concept of Gay Essentialism." *Journal of Homosexuality*.

**Winer, C.** Carroll, M., Yang, Y., Miles, B. Linder, K. Forthcoming. "'I Didn't Know Ace Was a Thing:' Bisexuality and Pansexuality as Identity Pathways in Asexual Identity Formation." *Sexualities*.

**Winer, C.**, 2022. "Solidarity, Disdain, and the Imagined Center of the Gay Imagined Community." *Sociological Inquiry*: 92, 710-732.

**Winer, C.** 2021. "Sex Roles and the Erasure of Women from Conversations About Gender Oppression: The Case of #BoysDanceToo." *Men and Masculinities*: 24(5), 842–861. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X211034549>.

**Winer, C.** and Bolzendahl, C., 2021. "Conceptualizing homonationalism:(Re-) Formulation, application, and debates of expansion." *Sociology Compass*: e12853.

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY/NEWS MEDIA/TEACHING PUBLICATIONS**

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- Fox, E. & C. Winer. 2022. "[What is friendship? Learning from Asexual and Aromantic Perspectives](#)," *The Society Pages*.
- Winer, C. 2022. "[Counting Your Hens](#)," NPR's The Loh Down on Science.
- Winer, C. 2022. "[Adulthood Is a Mess!](#)" NPR's The Loh Down on Science.
- Winer, C. 2022. "[Solar Peer Pressure](#)," NPR's The Loh Down on Science.
- Winer, C. 2022. "[Trust Me?](#)" NPR's The Loh Down on Science.
- Winer, C., and C. Bolzendahl. 2021. "Teaching and learning guide for: Conceptualizing homonationalism:(Re-) formulation, application, and debates of expansion." *Sociology Compass*, 15(5), e12872.
- Winer, C. 2021. "What About Femininity? Unpacking the Relationship Between Masculinity and Asexuality." *AZE Journal*, 4(4).
- Winer, C. 2021. "The Trouble with 'Intersectional Identities.'" *Academia Letters*.  
<https://doi.org/10.20935/AL819>
- Winer, C. 2017. "[Oppose the NFL Protests? You Probably Also Would've Opposed MLK](#)" *Huffington Post*.
- Winer, C. 2015. "[Silence of the Rams: Fordham's Free Speech Problem](#)," *The Fordham Ram*.
- Winer, C. 2015. "New Atheism: Constructing a New Nonbelieving Identity," *The Stanford Undergraduate Research Journal*.
- Winer, C. 2015. "Atheist Identity: Through the Lens of Goffman, Du Bois, and Collins," *The Fordham Undergraduate Research Journal*.
- Winer, C. 2014. "[This is What It Takes for the World's Largest Retailer to Change](#)," *Groundswell*.
- Winer, C. 2014. "[FSU President Search Sparks Student Outcry](#)," *USA Today*.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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- "[Asexuality Is So Much More Than 'Not Having Sex'](#)." 2023. *Refinery29*.
- "[Gender Detachment](#)." 2023. *Sounds Fake But Okay* (episode 263).
- Blog post translated into Mandarin Chinese for *Queer Margins*. 2023. "[性别是否人人皆有？](#)"
- "[Asexuality \(with Canton Winer & Sarah Costello\)](#)." 2023. *Taboo Science*, Season 3 Episode 2.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

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| 2023 | Winer, Canton. "A Very Queer Hetero: Exploring the Sexual Borderlands of Asexuality." American Sociological Association.  |
| 2023 | Winer, Canton. Panelist, "More than a Line on Your CV: Engaging in Public Sociology as Students." American Sociological Association.  |
| 2022 | Winer, Canton and Megan Carroll. "'I Didn't Know Ace Was a Thing': Bisexuality and Pansexuality as Identity Pathways in Asexual Identity Formation." American Sociological Association. |
| 2021 | Winer, Canton. "Embrace, Rejection, and Gender Detachment: Framings of Femininity in Online Asexual Spaces." American Sociological Association.   |

- 2021 Winer, Canton. "Research on Gender, Race, and Asexuality." International Asexuality Conference.
- 2021 Winer, Canton. "Erasure, Camouflage, Exceptionalism, and Cultural Criticism: Asexuality and Masculinity Threat." Sociologists for Women in Society (winter meeting).
- 2019 Winer, Canton. "Gender as Boundary: Goldilocks Masculinity in the Gay Community." Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

#### **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Asexuality and Aromanticism: An Introduction." Uppsala University (Sweden).
- 2023 Invited Presentation. "Gender and Asexuality." Utah Asexual Social Club.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot: Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals." University of Virginia.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot: Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals." University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot: Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals." Appalachian State University.
- 2022 Invited Lecture. "My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot: Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals." University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2022 Invited Presentation. "Exploring the Connections Between Asexuality and Bisexuality." University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2022 Invited Panelist. "Research Methods in Sociology." University of California, Irvine.
- 2022 Invited Panelist. "Sexual Health and Sexual Diversity." University of California, Irvine.
- 2021 Invited Speaker. "The Intersection of Asexuality with Gender and Race." Slice of Ace (YouTube).
- 2020 Invited Lecture. "Is Bureaucracy a 'Social Problem?'" University of California, Irvine.
- 2020 Invited Panelist. "Being LGBTQIA+ in Graduate School." University of California, Irvine LGBT Resource Center.
- 2020 Invited Lecture. "Masculinities in Marginalized Spaces." University of California, Irvine.

#### **TEACHING**

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Northern Illinois University

2023 – Present Instructor of Record

Margins of Queerness (Fall 2023)  
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2023)

Fullerton College

2020 – 2021 Instructor of Record  
Sociology of Gender (Fall 2020)  
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2021)

University of California, Irvine

2021 – 2022 Instructor of Record  
Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2021)  
Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2022)

2020 Instructor and Co-Creator  
Teaching Assistant Diversity Training (School of Social Sciences)

2019 Lab Instructor  
Computer-Based Research in the Social Sciences

2017 – 2023 Teaching Assistant, School of Social Sciences  
Social Problems (3 quarters)  
Sociology of Sexuality (1 quarter)  
Introduction to Sociology (1 quarter)  
Prison Gangs (2 quarters)  
Race and Ethnic Relations (1 quarter)  
Research Computing in the Social Sciences (1 quarter)  
Medical Sociology (1 quarter)

**HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

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2023 ASA Sex and Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award  
*"My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot': Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals"*

2023 Kathy Alberti Prize for Promise as a Future Professor, UCI School of Social Sciences

2023 Winner, Sociologists for Women in Society-South's Graduate Student Paper Award  
*"My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot': Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals"*

2022 Honorable Mention, ASA Sexualities Section's Best Graduate Student Paper Award  
*"My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot': Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals"*

2022 Inclusive Excellence Fellowship, UC Irvine (\$5,000)

2022 Summer Teaching Apprentice Fellowship, UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation (\$5,000)

2022 Justice and Equity Research Paper Award, UC Irvine School of Social Sciences (\$1,000).  
*"This Isn't My Place to Talk About It:' Interwovenality and the Invisible Power of Whiteness Among Asexual Individuals"*

- 2022 James Harvey Scholar Award, UC Irvine Graduate Division (\$7,000)
- 2022 Fellow, Institute for Research on Male Supremacism
- 2021 Winner, Robin M. Williams, Jr., Student Paper Competition, UC Irvine Dept. of Sociology (\$500). "*Embrace, Rejection, and Gender Detachment: Framings of Femininity in Online Asexual Spaces.*"
- 2021 Social Science Communication Fellowship in Public Writing, UCI School of Social Sciences (\$7,000)
- 2021 LGBTQ+ Studies Fellowship, UC Irvine Graduate Division (\$5,000)
- 2020 Associate Dean Fellowship, UCI School of Social Sciences (\$7,000)
- 2020 Diversity & Equitable Inclusion Graduate Student Award, UCI School of Social Sciences
- 2020 Outstanding Service Award, UC Irvine School of Social Sciences
- 2020 Inclusive Excellence Ambassador Fellowship, UC Irvine (\$5,000)
- 2020 Semi-Finalist, Point Foundation Scholarship
- 2019 Lee Student Support Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$282)
- 2019 Bruce Wade Memorial Scholarship, UC Irvine LGBT Resource Center (\$3,000)
- 2019 Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2018-21 Summer Research Fellowship, UC Irvine (\$3,600)
- 2017 UC Irvine Recruitment Fellowship (\$10,000)
- 2015 Undergraduate Research Grant, Fordham University (\$3,800)
- 2015 Rev. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, SJ, Memorial Award for best paper in sociology by a senior

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Reviewer

*Gender & Society*  
*American Journal of Sociology*  
*Feminist Theory*  
*Psychology & Sexuality*  
*Sexualities*  
*Men and Masculinities*

### Book Prospectus Reviewer

Routledge

### *Feminist Pedagogy*

2021 – Present Co-Chair, Asexuality Studies Interest Group, National Women's Studies Association

### **COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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2023 – Present Steering Committee Member, NIU Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

2023 – Present Development Committee Member, NIU Department of Sociology

2021 – 2023 Vice President of Financial Affairs, UCI Associate Graduate Student Government

2020 – 2023 Chair, Gender Reading Group, UC Irvine Dept. of Sociology

2020 – 2023 Social Sciences Representative, UCI Associate Graduate Student Government

2019 – 2023 Member, Dean's Fellowship Advisory Committee, UC Irvine School of Social Sciences

2018 – 2023 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, UC Irvine  
2 undergraduate, 3 graduate students for 3+ years each

2018 – 2023 President, Queer Graduate Caucus, UC Irvine

2020 – 2022 Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UC Irvine

2020 – 2021 Vice President of Social Affairs, UCI Associate Graduate Student Government

2018 – 2020 LGBTQ Mentor, UC Irvine Counseling Center

2020 – 2020 Competitive Edge Peer Mentor, UC Irvine

2018 – 2021 Graduate Representative, Committee on Graduate Student Diversity, Inclusion, and Development, UC Irvine School of Social Sciences

2019 – 2020 LGBTQ Engagement Chair, UC Irvine Associated Graduate Students

2019 – 2020 Faculty Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UC Irvine

2019 – 2020 Graduate Interconnect Peer Mentor, UC Irvine Graduate Division

### **TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES**

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2021 Certificate in Teaching Excellence (UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation)

2021 Conflict De-escalation Training (Hollaback! And Asian Americans Advancing Justice)

- 2021 Effective Responses to Student Writing (UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation)
- 2021 Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment (Hollaback! And Asian Americans Advancing Justice)
- 2020 Certificate, Diversity Education (UCI Office of Faculty Development & Diversity)
- 2020 Zot Ability Ally Training (UCI Disability Services Center)
- 2020 Certificate, Inclusive Excellence (UCI Office of Inclusive Excellence)
- 2020 Anti-Racist Grading and Assessment (Fullerton College)
- 2019 Certificate, Course Design (UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation)
- 2019 Certificate, Breaking the Bias Habit: Creating Inclusion and Reducing Bias
- 2019 Certificate, UCI Mentoring Excellence Program

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Member, American Sociological Association
- Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
- Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Founding Member, Ace/Aro Scholars Support Network

#### **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2021 – 2022 NPR's The Loh Down on Science, Writer
- 2016 – 2017 The Huffington Post, Contributing Writer
- 2014 – 2015 Fordham Undergraduate Research Journal, Editorial Board Member
- 2014 – 2015 USA Today, Collegiate Correspondent
- 2014 – 2015 Groundswell Magazine, Contributing Writer
- 2014 – 2015 The Fordham Ram, Columnist
- 2013 – 2014 The Fordham Ram, Managing Editor
- 2012 – 2013 The Fordham Ram, Assistant Opinions Editor

#### **REFERENCES**

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- Dr. David John Frank, Professor of Sociology and Chair, UC Irvine ([frankd@uci.edu](mailto:frankd@uci.edu))

- Dr. Tristan Bridges, Associate Professor of Sociology and Feminist Studies, UC Santa Barbara ([tbridges@soc.ucsb.edu](mailto:tbridges@soc.ucsb.edu))
- Dr. Catherine Bolzendahl, Director of the School of Public Policy and Professor of Sociology, Oregon State University ([catherine.bolzendahl@oregonstate.edu](mailto:catherine.bolzendahl@oregonstate.edu))
- Dr. Francesca Polletta, Chancellor's Professor of Sociology, UC Irvine ([polletta@uci.edu](mailto:polletta@uci.edu))