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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2020- Associate Professor of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2014- 2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2016- Faculty Affiliate, Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, Appalachian State University.

## EDUCATION

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- 2014 New York University, Sociology, Ph.D.
- 2008 New York University, Sociology, M.A.
- 2003 The University of Chicago, International Relations, M.A.
- 2001 University of California, Berkeley, Peace and Conflict Studies, B.A., with honors.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

- 2020 Lamont, Ellen. *The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
- Reviews in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Choice*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Men & Masculinities*

### Journal Articles

- 2018 Lamont, Ellen, Teresa Roach, and Sope Kahn. "Navigating Campus Hookup Culture: LGBTQ Students and College Hookups." *Sociological Forum* 33(4): 1000-1022.
- 2017 Lamont, Ellen. "'We Can Write the Scripts Ourselves': Queer Challenges to Heteronormative Dating and Courtship Practices." *Gender & Society* 31(5): 624-646.

Reprinted 2018 in *Shifting the Center: Understanding the Contemporary Family*, 5th edition, edited by S. J. Ferguson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

2015 Lamont, Ellen. "The Limited Construction of an Egalitarian Masculinity: College-Educated Men's Dating and Relationship Narratives." *Men & Masculinities* 18(3): 271-292 (Lead article).

2014 Lamont, Ellen. "Negotiating Courtship: Reconciling Egalitarian Ideals with Traditional Gender Norms." *Gender & Society* 28(2): 189-211 (Lead article).

Reprinted 2016 in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 5th edition, edited by J. Z. Spade and C. G. Valentine. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

### Book Chapters

Forth. Lamont, Ellen. "The Dos and Don'ts of Dating: Heterosexual and LGBTQ Dating Rituals as Sexual Scripts." *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays*, 4th Edition, edited by Nancy L. Fischer and Laurel Westbrook. London, UK: Routledge.

2020 shuster, stef, and Ellen Lamont. "Sticks and Stones Break Our Bones, and Words Are Damaging: How Language Regulates Non-binary People." *The Emergence of Trans: Essays on Politics, Culture, and Everyday Life*, edited by I. Moon, R. Pearce, K. Gupta, and D.L. Steinberg. London, UK: Routledge. Pp. 103-115.

### Other Publications

2021 Lamont, Ellen. "The Surprising Silver Lining of Dating in the Time of Covid-19." *UC Press Blog*. February 13.

2020 Lamont, Ellen. "Netflix Shows Like 'Too Hot to Handle' and 'Love Is Blind' Offer More Stereotypes Than Insights." *NBCNews.com*. May 8.

2020 Lamont, Ellen. "The Puzzling Persistence of Gendered Dating." *Council on Contemporary Families Blog at The Society Pages*. February 18.

2020 Lamont, Ellen. "If You Want a Marriage of Equals, Then Date as Equals." *The Atlantic*. February 14.

2017 Lamont, Ellen. "What Gender is Motherhood? Changing Yoruba Ideals of Power, Procreation and Identity in the Age of Modernity, by Oyeronke Oyewumi." *Contemporary Sociology* 46(3): 347-349.

2017 Lamont, Ellen. "Beyond Monogamy: Polyamory and the Future of Polyqueer Sexualities, by Mimi Schippers." *Social Forces*: 1-3.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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- 2020 University Research Council Grant, Appalachian State University (\$4900).  
"Remaking Relationships: Appalachian Families in Flux."
- 2020 Helton Faculty Excellence Fund, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$2000).  
"Remaking Relationships: Appalachian Families in Flux."
- 2020 Undergraduate Research Assistantship, Office of Student Research, Appalachian State University (\$1000).  
(with undergraduate research assistant Sarah Murray)
- 2020 Online Course Development Grant, Center for Academic Excellence, Appalachian State University (\$4000).  
(with Martha McCaughey)
- 2020 Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association (\$7600).  
"Remaking Relationships: Appalachian Families in Flux."
- 2019 Assessment Grant, University Academic Assessment Council, Appalachian State University (\$1500).
- 2019 Teacher of the Year, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.
- 2019 Student and Faculty Excellence Fund, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$1100).  
"The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval."
- 2019 Faculty Reassigned Time Grant, Appalachian State University (\$3300).
- 2018 Academy of Outstanding Teachers, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.
- 2018 Summer Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$5000).  
"The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval."
- 2017 Student and Faculty Excellence Fund, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$1100).  
"Hooking Up and Dating Among LGBTQ College Students."  
(with undergraduate research assistant Sope Kahn)
- 2016 Department of Sociology Research Grant, Appalachian State University (\$3,581).  
"Hooking Up and Relationships Among LGBTQ College Students."

(with Teresa Roach)

- 2015 University Research Council Grant, Appalachian State University (\$4,830).  
"The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval."
- 2015 Department of Sociology Research Grant, Appalachian State University (\$1,508).  
"The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval."
- 2012 Student Travel Grant, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2012 Dean's Student Travel Grant, New York University.
- 2011 Dean's Student Travel Grant, New York University.
- 2005 Henry MacCracken Fellowship (Five-Year Award), New York University.

## **TEACHING**

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### **Courses Taught**

- 2014- Appalachian State University  
Constructions of Gender  
Sociology of Families  
Women, Crime, and the Justice System  
Sociology of Intimate Relationships  
The Sociological Perspective - Honors  
Queering Families/Queering Intimacy  
Advanced General Sociology (graduate level)  
Sociology of Families (graduate level)
- 2013-2014 Sonoma State University  
Methods Seminar: Women and Social Policy  
Sociology of the Family
- 2008-2009 New York University  
Sex and Gender  
Sociology of the Family
- 2008 Hunter College  
Sociology of the Family

### **Honors Thesis Committees**

- 2021 Erin Henesy. "Do Stereotypes Simplify Cognitive Processing? Examining the Cognitive Toolbox Through a Replication and Extension of Macrae et al. (1994)."  
(Second reader)

- 2020 Carter Blue. "Hurting Without Hitting: Understanding Subtleties of Intimate Partner Violence Among College Students." (Chair)  
Supported by a Student and Faculty Excellence Grant and an Office of Student Research Grant
- 2020 Chloe Starr. "Barriers to Reproductive Justice in Appalachia." (Chair)  
Supported by an Office of Student Research Grant
- 2018 Rachel Tapia. "Kill the Messenger: Fiction on Opportunity and Privilege."  
(Second reader)
- 2017 Madison Armstrong. "Challenging Normative Representations of Women's Sexual Agency in American Television." (Chair)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 "Queer on Campus: How College Shapes the Sexual Identities and Experiences of Sexual Minority Youth in the Bible Belt" (with Teresa Roach). American Sociological Association annual meeting, Virtual Conference.
- 2021 "The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date." Author-Meets-Curious-Reader, Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Virtual Conference.
- 2020 "The Gender Labor of Men: The Work of Validating Partners' Gender" (with stef shuster). American Sociological Association annual meeting, Virtual Conference.
- 2019 "The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date." Research and Creative Activities at Appalachian, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2019 "The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date." Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Lecture Series, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2019 "Perpetuating Difference: How Relationship Inequality Trumps Egalitarian Goals." American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, New York.
- 2019 "Faculty Last Lecture." University Housing, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2019 Critic, "Where the Millennials Will Take Us" by Barbara Risman. Author-Meets-Critic Session, Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

- 2018 "Navigating Campus Hookup Culture: LGBTQ Students and College Hookups" (with Teresa Roach and Sope Kahn). American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018 "Gender Inequality in LGBTQ Hookups on Campus" (with Teresa Roach and Sope Kahn). Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2017 "The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval." Invited lecture at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- 2017 "Building Relationships from the Ground Up: How Queer Actors Remake Courtship." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2017 "The Mating Game: Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval." Sociology and Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies panel, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2017 "How Language Erases the Existence of Non-binary People in Social Interactions" (with stef shuster). Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2017 "Coming Out Queer in the Bible Belt: How LGBTQ College Students Navigate Sexual Identities on Campus" (with Teresa Roach). Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2016 "'We Can Write the Scripts Ourselves': LGBTQ Dating and Courtship Practices." Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2015 "Gendered Courtship and the Perpetuation of Gender Difference in Romantic Relationships." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 "I'm Not Like Other Men...": Egalitarian Narratives as Identity Work Among College-Educated Men." American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2014 "The Limited Construction of an Egalitarian Masculinity: Middle-Class Men's Dating and Relationship Narratives." Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2013 "The Limits of the Egalitarian Narrative: Reproducing Gender Inequality in the Home." Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

- 2012 “Negotiating Courtship Scripts: Women’s Strategic Approaches.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2012 “Symbolic Gendering and the Changing Context of Courtship.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, San Diego, California.
- 2012 “Men’s and Women’s Courtship Narratives: Reconciling Egalitarian Ideals with Traditional Gender Norms.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, New York, New York.
- 2011 “Her Way or the Highway?: Power in Heterosexual Romantic Relationships.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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### **To the Discipline**

- 2021-2024 Council Member, Section on Family, American Sociological Association.
- 2021-2022 Linda Burton Travel Award Committee, Section on Family, American Sociological Association.
- 2021 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association.
- 2019-2021 Article of the Year Award Committee, Section on Family, American Sociological Association.
- 2020 Distinguished Book Award Committee, Section on Sex and Gender, American Sociological Association.
- 2018-2020 Member, Editorial Board, *Gender & Society*.
- 2019 Candace Rogers Student Paper Award Committee, Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2018 William J. Goode Book Award Committee, Section on Family, American Sociological Association.
- 2018 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Sex and Gender, American Sociological Association.
- 2018 Presider, Family Section roundtable, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017 Session Organizer, Negotiating Gender Norms, American Sociological Society annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec.

- 2017            Session Organizer, Gendered Sexuality, American Sociological Society annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2017            Session Organizer and Discussant, Gender and States in Flux, American Sociological Society annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2013            Presider, "For the Family? How Class and Gender Shape Women's Work" by Sarah Damaske. Author-Meets-Critics Session, Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

**To the University**

- 2020-2024      Faculty Grievance Hearing Committee, Appalachian State University.
- 2020-2023      Alternate, Faculty Due Process Committee, Appalachian State University.
- 2020-2023      Teacher of the Year and Academy of Outstanding Teachers Award Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.
- 2019-2020      University Planning and Priorities Council, Appalachian State University.
- 2019-2020      Writing in the Disciplines Consultant, Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Appalachian State University.
- 2019            Facilitator, Building a Just World: A Humanities Council Book Discussion, Humanities Council, Appalachian State University.
- 2018-            Honors Council, Appalachian State University.
- 2018-2019      Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Taskforce, Appalachian State University.
- 2017-2020      Common Reading Committee, Appalachian State University.
- 2017-            Faculty Advisor, Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Appalachian State University.
- 2015-2016      Thesis Award Committee, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.

**To the Department**

- 2021-            Post-Tenure Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.



- 2020- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2020-2021 Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2019-2020 Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2018- Honors Director, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2018- Policy and Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2018-2019 Department Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2018 Chair, Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2017-2018 Chair, Faculty Development Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2015-2017 Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2015-2017 Policy Development Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2014-2016 Department Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2014-2015 Student Activities Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2007-2009 Coordinator, Workshop on Gender and Inequality, New York University.
- 2008 Spring Conference Committee, Department of Sociology, New York University

### **Occasional Reviewer**

*American Sociological Review, Frontiers, Gender & Society, Journal of Marriage and Family, Men & Masculinities, National Science Foundation, Qualitative Sociology, Sage Open, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology Compass, The Sociological Quarterly, University of California Press*

## Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Southern Sociological Society  
Council on Contemporary Families

## Media Coverage and Expert Commentary

- 2021 Kitchener, Caroline. "A Year Without Dating." *The Lily*. February 12.
- 2020 Martin, Allison. "How Much to Really Spend on an Engagement Ring." *CreditDonkey*. December 8.
- 2020 Weiss, Suzannah. "Forget the Fancy Proposal. Let's Just Get Married." *The New York Times*. November 18.
- 2020 Newsday. BBC World Service Radio. February 19.
- 2020 Harris, Elizabeth. "How 'Portrait of a Lady on Fire' Sees Power in Two Women in Love." *The New York Times*. February 16.
- 2020 AirTalk with Larry Mantle. KPCC NPR Los Angeles. January 14.
- 2019 Fetters, Ashley. "'He Said Yes!' Despite changing norms, it's still exceedingly rare for women to propose in heterosexual couples." *The Atlantic*. July 20.
- 2019 Stauffer, Rainesford. "Why More Couples Are Getting Married by a Friend." *The Atlantic*. April 10.
- 2019 Mitchell, Thomas. "Why the Traditional Marriage Proposal Refuses to Go Away." *The Sydney Morning Herald*. April 1.
- 2019 Shain, Susan. "Our obsession with romcom-worthy wedding proposals isn't good for healthy marriages." *The Los Angeles Times*. January 6.
- 2018 Kitchener, Caroline. "The Enduring Appeal of the Fairy-Tale Wedding." *The Atlantic*. May 18.
- 2018 Kitchener, Caroline. "Marriage Proposals are Stupid." *The Atlantic*. March 23.
- 2017 Edwards, Ashley. "The Real Reason You Won't See Women Proposing to Men." *Refinery29*. December 27.
- 2017 Dahl, Melissa. "Why You Still Want a Surprise Proposal Even If You Know You're Getting Married." *New York Magazine*. July 20.

- 2016 Johnson, Emily. "Why You Need to Have the (Mini) Talk." *Cosmopolitan*. June.
- 2015 Goldhill, Olivia. "Why do so many couples get engaged between Thanksgiving and New Year's? A theory." *Quartz*. December 25.
- 2015 Anderson, Leigh. "Finally: This Is Why the Woman is the Boss of the Household." *Scary Mommy*. n.d.
- 2015 Anderson, Leigh. "The Rules, 20 years later." *Vox*. April 8.
- 2014 Nica, Andreea. "Benevolent Sexism." *Ms. Magazine*. September 26.
- 2014 Pardes, Arielle. "You're a Feminist... So Why Don't You Date Like One?" *Women's Health*. April 4.