



**Curriculum Vita**  
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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy: Global Sociocultural Studies  
Florida International University, 2014

Master of Arts, Political Science  
San Diego State University, 2006

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2004

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2019- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M Commerce

2017-2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lebanon Valley College

2015-2017 Provost's Post-Doctoral Fellow in Sociology, University of South Florida

2014-2015 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**PUBLICATIONS**

Manuscripts at Peer Reviewed Journals

Meszaros, Julia. 2018. "Race, Space and Agency in the International Introduction Industry: how American men perceive women's agency across space in Colombia, Ukraine and the Philippines" *Gender, Place and Culture* 25(2): 268-287.

Meszaros, Julia. 2017. "American Men and Romance Tourism: Searching for Traditional Trophy Wives as Status Symbols of Class Privilege" *Women's Studies Quarterly* 45 (1 & 2): 225-242.

Meszaros, Julia and Christina Bazzaroni. 2014. "From Taboo to Tourist Industry: The Construction of Interracial Intimacies between Black Men and White Women in Colonial and Contemporary Times." *Sociology Compass* 8(11):1256-1268.

### Book Chapters

Meszaros, Julia. 2020. "Commodification of Intimacy and Sexuality". In *Companion to Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Naples. Pp. 158-178. Wiley Blackwell Publications: Hoboken, NJ.

Meszaros, Julia. 2017. "Marriage Migration as a pathway to Citizenship: Filipina brides, economic security and ideas of global hypergamy". In *International Marriages and Marital Citizenship: Southeast Asian Women on the Move*, edited by Ascuncion Fresnoza-Flot and Gwenola Ricordeau. Pp. 25-40. Routledge: New York.

Meszaros, Julia. 2014. "Romance Tourism: the Ultimate Emotions Industry". Pp.25-42 in *The Emotions Industry*, edited by Mira Moshe. Nova Science Publications: Hauppauge, NY.

### Book Reviews

Meszaros, Julia. 2014. *Leisure and Tourism: Cultural Paradigms* edited by John Dodd and Veena Sharma in *International Sociology* March (29): 154-156.

### Encyclopedia Entries

Meszaros, Julia. 2019. "Gender Oppression" in *Wiley Blackwell Sociology Encyclopedia*, edited by George Ritzer.

### Manuscripts Under Review

"Selling the Hyper Heteronormative Imaginary" submitted to *Sociology* (5/20)

### Manuscripts In Progress (Abstracts and Drafts Available Upon Request)

"Seeking Western: Divergent Aspirations of Female Marriage Migrants from China, Colombia, Ukraine and the Philippines" (Co-Authored with Monica Liu)

"Cultivating Love: Translators in the Mail Order Bride Industry, Intimate Connections, and Caring for Clients" (Co-Authored with Monica Liu)

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Grant. TAMUC \$4500
- 2020. Global Fellows Travel Grant. TAMUC \$750
- 2019. Faculty Travel Grant. TAMUC \$2500
- 2018. Faculty Research Grant. LVC. \$3500
- 2013. Dissertation Year Fellowship. Florida International University. \$16,666
- 2013. Perry Graduate Scholarship. FIU. \$2500
- 2013. SIPA Broad Fellowship. FIU \$500
- 2012. Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship. FIU. \$8,333
- 2012. Dissertation Funding, Graduate and Professional Student Committee, FIU. \$1000
- 2008. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor's Award. \$5000

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020. "It's all about the Bezness: Race, Gender and Perceived Authenticity of Relationships in 90 Day Fiancé." With Zachary Palmer (TAMUC). Accepted for presentation at the annual ASA meeting in San Francisco, CA. (COVID 19 ONLINE)
- 2019. "Selling the Good Guy: Global Dating Agencies and Masculinities" American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New York, NY
- 2019. "Embodied Pedagogies and Teaching Sexuality in the Classroom" Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the annual meeting in Denver, CO.
- 2018. "Race, Space and Agency in the Romance Tourism Industry." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018. "Navigating Risqué Ethnography as a Junior Scholar." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Annual Winter in Atlanta, GA.
- 2017: "The International Introduction Industry: an Alternative Route to Economic Development." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Montreal, Canada.
- 2017. "Deconstructing Narratives of the 'Scamming' Mail Order Bride." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Albuquerque, NM; USA.
- 2016. "Rethinking sexual labor in the international introduction and dating industry." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Seattle, WA; USA.
- 2016. "Ethics of Feminist Ethnography." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the winter meeting in Nashville, TN; USA.

2015. "Romance Tourism: An Escape from the Pure Relationship." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Chicago, IL; USA.
2015. "The Emotional Labor of Prioritization." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Washington, D.C.; USA.
2014. "Embodied Desires: Race, Sexuality and the Romance Tour Industry." National Women's Studies Association. Presented at the annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
2014. "Defining desirability in the romance tour industry: Why are Muslim men considered undesirable?" American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in San Francisco, CA; USA.
2014. "Remittances and the Persistent Political Economy of Corruption in the Philippines." International Studies Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Toronto, Canada.
2014. "Why are Muslim men undesirable in the commercial romance tour industry?" Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Nashville, TN; USA.
2013. "Affective Racializations: Race, Desire and Romance Tourism in Colombia" American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New York, NY; USA.
2013. "A Desire for Whiteness in the Philippines' Romance Tour Industry." Intimate Migrations. Presented at inaugural meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.
2012. "Romance Tours in Colombia: Imaginings of Race in the Political Economy of Desire." Southern Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New Orleans, LA; USA.
2012. "Racialized Desires and Romance: Exploring Romance Tourism in Colombia." Eastern Sociological Society. Presented at the annual meeting in New York, NY; USA.
2011. "The International Marriage Broker Regulation Act: Surprising Immigration Legislation." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV; USA.
2010. "Migrant Brides, Moral Panics and the IMBRA Act." Moral Panics in the Contemporary World. Presented at the meeting in London, United Kingdom.
2010. "International Matchmaking Agencies: Fairy Godmothers for Profit." American Anthropological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New Orleans, LA; USA.

2010. "Neoliberal Cinderellas: Marriage as a Migration Strategy." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Atlanta, GA; USA.

2010. "An Investigation into Romance Tourism." International Colloquium on Tourism. Presented at the annual meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

2010. "How the Consumption of Love Translates into Migration." Society for Applied Anthropology. Presented at the annual meeting in Merida, Mexico.

<b>SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY</b>
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Department

2020-Present. Serving on Department Institutional Effectiveness Committee

2020-Present. Serving as Graduate Coordinator for the M.S. Sociology program

2020. Evaluating MS comprehensive exams (Spring Session)

2019. Evaluating MS comprehensive exams (Fall Session)

2019. Escorting Arlie Hochschild, department guest (9/17).

2019- Serving as Faculty advisor for TAMUC chapter of AKD Honors Society

2019. Evaluating MS comprehensive exams at TAMUC (Spring session)

2018. Working at Sociology Table at the LVC Majors Fair for Undeclared Majors (10/23/18)

2018. Presenting Department Awards at LVC Award Ceremony for Seniors. (4/2018)

2018. Participating in Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony for Sociology majors, LVC.

2017-2018. Search Committee Member for two faculty positions, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, LVC.

2017-2018 Advising Undergraduate Students (20). LVC.

2016. Search Committee Member for Provost's Post Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

2015. Search Committee Member for Provost's Post Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

2015. "Romance Tourism: An escape from the pure relationship." Presented for the Sociology Department's Colloquium Series. University of South Florida: October 14<sup>th</sup>

2014. "An Introduction to Romance Tourism." Presented for the Sociology Department's Brown Bag Lunch. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### College

2020-Present. Serving on Institutional Effectiveness Committee for College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts at TAMUC

2019. College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Representative at Make Your Connection Event at TAMUC (8/26)

2019. Serving as a Judge on a College Academic Dishonesty Panel (2 panels) for CHSSA at TAMUC. (6/13).

2019. Freshman Handoff Advising Event for CHSSA at TAMUC (2/28)

#### University

2020- Present: Study Abroad Scholarship Awards Committee

2019-Present: Serving on Latin American and U.S. Latino Studies Advisory Board

2020. Faculty Awards Committee (Spring 2020)

2019. Discussant and showed film, *Pan's Labyrinth*, for Latin American and Latino Studies Minor TAMUC (11/13)

2019. Serving as Faculty Judge for Annual Research Symposium (ARS) for two oral presentations at TAMUC (4/9)

2019. Volunteer for "Birds of a Feather" Lunch and Learn program at the TAMUC Annual Research Symposium (4/9)

2019. Discussant and showed film, *Under the Same Moon*, for Latin American and Latino Studies Minor TAMUC (3/6)

2018. Presenting on Panel regarding Transgender Issues, Lebanon Valley College (11/28)

2018. Pizza Get Together for Dutchmen First (First Generation Student Program) (11/19)

2018. Attending Forward Look Discussions with the LVC President: Gen Z (10/25)

2018. Working at Sociology Booth for Majors Fair. Lebanon Valley College (10/13)

2018- 2019. Advisor to Freedom Rings Student Club (LBTQIA ally club), Lebanon Valley College

2017-2018. Recruitment Events. "Day at the Valley" for Spring and Fall semester. LVC.

2016. Faculty Judge for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium at the University of South Florida (3/28)

2016. Co-organizing the Symposium & Presenting Opening Remarks, "The Great Divergence: The Methodologies of Space, Place, and Movement." University of South Florida (3/25)

2015. "Romance Tourism and Race." Presented for the Women's and Gender Studies Department's Brown Bag Lunch Series. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (4/29)

2014. "Millennial Students: Demographic Characteristics or Overgeneralization?" Presented for the Provost's Teaching and Learning Summit with Dr. Paul Van Auken and Dr. Juyeon Son. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (10/29).

#### Community

2018. Serving Refugees as Practice Citizenship Interviewer, Refugee Resettlement Services of Catholic Charities Harrisburg (11/17)

2016. Panel Presenter for "Sex and Power", Humanities and Hops Lecture Series, USF.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS**

#### Committee Participation

2018-2019. Member of Sociology of Sexualities Program Committee. American Sociological Association.

2017. Sexualities Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association

2014. Race, Gender, Class Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association.

2017-2020. Member of Membership Committee. Sociologists for Women in Society.

#### Discussant for Conference Panels

2016. "Sexual Commerce and Intimate Markets." American Sociological Association in Seattle, WA.

2014. "Power, Pleasure, and Sexuality in Embodied Nations." American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA.

### Panel Organizer

2019. "Let's Talk About Sex" American Sociological Association in New York City, NY.

2016. "What is Global Feminist Ethnography?" Sociologists for Women in Society in Memphis, TN

2014. "Embodied Transgressions in a Transnational Framework." National Women's Studies Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2012. "Decolonizing Knowledge through a Transnational Feminist Framework." National Women's Studies Association in Oakland, CA.

### Manuscript Referee

*Gender, Place and Culture*

*Sexualities*

*Gender and Society.*

*Feminist Formations*

*Men and Masculinities*

*Socio-Economic Review*

*Sociology Compass*

*International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*

### Book Proposal/Book Referee

*Bristol University Press* (book proposal)

### Academic/Popular News Blogging

*Huffington Post* blogger

*Masculinities 101* blogger

*ASA Section on Body and Embodiment* blogger

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships: Race, Gender, Class; Sexualities; Sex and Gender; Body and Embodiment, Global and Transnational

Sociologists for Women in Society

Eastern Sociological Society

Southern Sociological Society

National Women's Studies Association