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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, ABD 2017 – present
Master of Arts in Sociology
Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies
University of Kentucky, Lexington
Expected Graduation: May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Honors College Graduate, Magna Cum Laude
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Critical Feminist Criminology Gendered Violence
Internet Studies Sexual Labor
Feminist Sociology Social Inequalities

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Davis, Rachel E., and Renzetti, Claire. 2021. "Is Religious Self-Regulation a Risk or Protective Factor for Men's Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration?" *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advance Online Publication. doi:10.1177/0886260520985497.
- Davis, Rachel E. "Nymphet Femme Fatales: *Lolita*, Lana Del Rey, and the Construction of Postfemininities on Tumblr." (R&R)
- Love, Tony P., Jenny L. Davis, **Rachel E. Davis**, William Fisher, and Rachel Barczak. "Assessing Collective Identity (Non)Verification with Social Media Data through Web Scraping, Sentiment Analysis, and Qualitative Coding." (Under Review)
- Noe, Marcia, **Rachel E. Davis**, and Brittain Whiteside-Galloway. 2014. "Performative Fashion in the Short Fiction of Kate Chopin." *Midwestern Miscellany* 42:19-31.

Other Publications

- Davis, Rachel E. 2022. Mayfield Candle Factory Victims Act. Kentucky Revised Code. (Drafted legislation available upon request)

Davis, Rachel E. 2016. "Over-the-Counter Birth Control Access Legislation." Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga Internal Report. (Available upon request)

Davis, Rachel E. 2015. "My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge Report: Chattanooga, Tennessee." Urban League of Greater Chattanooga Report to City Mayor's Office. (Available upon request)

Works in Progress

Davis, Rachel E. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." (In preparation for *New Media & Society*)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

Davis, Rachel. 2021. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." University of Kentucky Sociology Beers Lecture. April 29, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2020. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." University of Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Fall 2020 Colloquium, October 9, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2020. "Feminist Theorizing." Contemporary Sociological Theory Graduate Seminar Panel Discussion, April 28, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2019. "The Fear of God: Intersection of Religiosity with Intimate Partner Violence." Center for Research on Violence Against Women Brown Bag Series, March 27, Lexington, KY.

Davis, Rachel. 2013. "What is Rape Culture? Gender and Sexuality in American Society." University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Brock Scholars Lecture Series, September 3, Chattanooga, TN.

Conference

Davis, Rachel. 2021. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 9, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2020. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." Paper accepted for American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 20, Washington, D.C., canceled due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2020. "Nymphet Femme Fatales: *Lolita*, Lana Del Rey, and the Construction of Postfemininities on Tumblr." Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting, October 16, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel. 2019. "The Fear of God: Religious Motivations and Men's Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 11, Atlanta, GA.

Davis, Rachel. 2018. "Tell Me You Own Me, Gimme Them Coins?: Postfeminist Sugar Culture on Tumblr." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 6, New Orleans, LA.

EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

Graduate Student Affiliate. Remote 2021 – 2022

University of North Carolina Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life

Participate in CITAP events, including biweekly research workshops and professional development talks, and collaborate with other researchers broadly focused on the intersection of technology and media, platforms, misinformation, political institutions, identity, race, culture, and journalism.

Qualitative Data Analyst 2019 – 2020

On Contract. Remote

Performed secondary coding analysis on interview data about female criminal offending in China after the one-child policy.

Interviewer 2019

University of Kentucky Survey Research Center. Lexington, KY

Conducted 70 survey interviews on sensitive topics over the phone and entered survey data for clients including the Centers for Disease Control and the National Cancer Institute.

Research Assistant 2018

University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Lexington, KY

Conducted qualitative analysis on data regarding 864 undergraduate students' ideas of appropriate punishment for hypothetical sexual assault scenarios.

Research Fellow 2016

Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN

Conducted independent research on the costs and benefits of legalizing over-the-counter hormonal birth control pills and promoted the organization's legislative agenda in the Tennessee state Legislature, which resulted in the passage of a bill legalizing the prescription of birth control pills by pharmacists.

Research Fellow 2015

Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN

Independently constructed and conducted interviews with organizations helping Black youth and young adults succeed in school and in the workplace as part of the city's commitment to President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative.

Research Assistant 2013 – 2014

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN

Conducted independent research under two professors on international workplace pregnancy discrimination and the use of fashion in Kate Chopin's short fiction, respectively.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor 2020 – present

University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY

SOC 235 Inequalities in Society. SOC 335 Sociology of Gender. SOC 339 Introduction to Criminology. SOC 350 Crime & Disasters. Independently teach lower-level and upper-level courses of 18 to 72 students from a variety of majors, both online and in person.

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2017 – 2019

University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology: Mass Media and Popular Culture. SOC 304 Classical Sociological Theory. SOC 350 Social Movements. SOC 350 Religious Ecologies. Assisted professors with grading and instruction in both introductory and upper-level courses ranging from 30 to 120 students.

Guest Lecturer 2019

University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY

Lectured on *The Communist Manifesto* in an upper-level Classical Sociological Theory course of 30 students.

Guest Lecturer 2019

University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY

Lectured on gender, sex, and sexualities in an Introduction to Sociology course of 120 students.

Editing Experience

Social Media Editor 2018 – present

SAGE Publications. Lexington, KY

Manage the interdisciplinary journal on *Violence Against Women's* Twitter and Facebook accounts @VAWJournal. Increased Twitter followers by 430%, and increased Facebook likes by 30% in three years.

Assistant Editor 2014

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN

Assistant edited the book *Pregnancy Discrimination and the American Worker* by Michelle D. Deardorff and James G. Dahl, published in 2015 by Palgrave Macmillan.

Copy Editor 2013 – 2014

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN

Copy edited the journals *Midwestern Miscellany* and *MidAmerica*.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants and Fellowships

Applied, Awaiting Decision

- Just Tech Fellowship 2022 – 2024
Social Science Research Network
Competitive two-year fellowship (\$200,000) mobilizing researchers and practitioners, broadly defined, to imagine and create more just, equitable, and representative technological futures by identifying and challenging injustices emerging from new technologies, and identifying solutions that advance social, political, and economic rights.
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2022 – 2023
American Council of Learned Societies
Competitive fellowship (\$35,000) supporting a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and interpretive social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing.
- WW Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies 2022 – 2023
Institute for Citizens & Scholars
Competitive fellowship (\$20,000) supporting the final year of dissertation writing for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose work addresses topics of women and gender in interdisciplinary and original ways.
- American Dissertation Fellowship 2022 – 2023
American Association of University Women
Competitive fellowship (\$20,000) supporting a scholar with an active commitment to helping women and girls through service while she completes her dissertation.
- ASA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2022 – 2023
American Sociological Association
Competitive grant (up to \$16,000) supporting theoretically grounded empirical investigations to advance understanding of fundamental social processes.
- RSF Dissertation Research Grant 2022 – 2023
Russell Sage Foundation
Competitive grant (\$10,000) supporting innovative and high-quality dissertation research projects that address questions relevant to RSF's priority areas.
- Horowitz Grant 2022 – 2023
Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
Competitive grant (\$7,500) supporting projects with a social policy application on either a global or local level.

Applied, Not Received

- Presidential Graduate Fellowship 2021 – 2022
 University of Kentucky Graduate School
 Competitive fellowship (\$20,000) supporting one graduate student who demonstrates outstanding academic merit and research capabilities in their field of study.
- Association of Emeriti Faculty Endowed Fellowship 2021
 University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty
 Competitive fellowship (\$2,500) expressing the commitment of emeriti faculty to the preparation of outstanding future college and university teachers.

Awards

- P.E.O. Scholar Award (Kentucky Nominee, International Competition Pending) 2022
 P.E.O. International
 One-time, competitive, merit-based monetary award (\$20,000) intended to recognize and encourage academic excellence and achievement by women in doctoral-level programs.
- Outstanding TA Award 2021
 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences
 Competitive monetary award (\$500) given to graduate students in recognition of excellence in undergraduate instruction.
- Howard Beers Award 2020
 University of Kentucky Department of Sociology
 Competitive monetary award (\$2,000) given to fund a summer research collaboration between a graduate student and faculty member. Recipient(s) present research findings at a department-wide event the following spring.
- Conference Travel Award 2018, 2019, 2020
 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress
 Competitive monetary award (\$300) given to select graduate students for conference travel.

Scholarships

- Graduate Academic Excellence Scholarship 2021
 University of Kentucky Student Government Association
 Competitive scholarship (\$1,000) given to one graduate student each year in recognition of academic excellence and contributions to the university.
- Bob Ladner Scholarship 2020
 University of Kentucky Department of Sociology
 Merit-based scholarship (\$2,000) given to graduate students in recognition of outstanding work and service in the sociology department.

SERVICE

Departmental

Social Media Committee Member 2021 – 2022
University of Kentucky Department of Sociology

Graduate Student Congress Representative 2020 – 2022
University of Kentucky Sociology Graduate Student Organization

Liaison and Lecture Moderator for Dr. Dina Bader 2020
University of Kentucky Department of Sociology

President 2019 – 2020
University of Kentucky Sociology Graduate Student Organization

Undergraduate Committee Representative 2018 – 2019
University of Kentucky Sociology Graduate Student Organization

University

Treasurer 2021 – 2022
University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress

Graduate Steward and Social Media Coordinator 2020 – present
United Campus Workers of Kentucky

Graduate Mentor 2020 – 2022
University of Kentucky Start to Finish Mentoring Program

Manager of Monthly Letters and Press Releases 2020 – 2021
University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress Communications and Documents Committee

Graduate Mentor 2018 – 2019
University of Kentucky Graduate-Undergraduate Women's Mentorship Program

Disciplinary

Panelist
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Sociology Alumni Career Panel 2021

Paper Session Facilitator 2020
North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting *canceled due to COVID-19

Volunteer 2018, 2019
University of Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association 2019 – present

American Society of Criminology	2021 – present
Southern Sociological Society	2015 – present
National Women’s Studies Association	2016 – present
Sociologists for Women in Society	2018 – present
Sociologists for Women in Society – South	2016 – present
Mid-South Sociological Association	2017 – present
Alpha Kappa Delta	2016 – present
Alpha Society, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	2017 – present