

April Plemons, PhD, ABD

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology
Texas A&M University
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Education

Ph.D., Sociology (ABD); Anticipated 2019; Texas A&M University

Dissertation: Nonprofit Organizations: Animal Rescues, Legitimation and Status Negotiation

Areas of Specialization: Deviance, Sexuality, and Culture

Chair: Drs. Sarah Gatson

Committee members: Drs. Jane Sell, Nadia Flores, and William Alex McIntosh

Ph.D. Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies; 2012; Texas A&M University

M.S., Sociology; 2008; Texas A&M University

Thesis: Commodifying Fido: Pets as Status Symbols

Co-chairs: Drs. William Alex McIntosh and Jane Sell

B.S., Sociology; 2006; Texas A&M University-Commerce

Teaching and Research Interests

Deviance/Crime

Sex/Sexualities

Gender and Women's Studies

Media, Science, and Technology Culture

Social Problems

Medical Sociology and Culture

Publications

Publications

Flores, Nadia, Vidales, Guadalupe, and April Plemons. 2011. "Latino Cyber-Moral Panic in the United States." *Information, Communication & Society*. 14(4): 568-589.

Teaching Experience

Online teaching platform proficiencies: Blackboard, eCollege, WebCT/Vista, BrightSpace and eLearning

Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology (2012-present)

SOCI 2319: Intro to Ethnic Studies; enrollment 40-100 each

SOCI 1301: Principles of Sociology; enrollment 40-100 each

Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology (2008-2012)

SOCI 205: Introduction to Sociology; enrollment 90 each

SOCI 207: Gender and Society; enrollment 45

SOCI 211: Sociology of Deviance; enrollment 100 each

SOCI 312: Populations and Society; enrollment 107 each

SOCI 314: Social Problems; enrollment 40

SOCI 315: Marriage and Family Institutions; Writing Intensive, enrollment 35

SOCI 337: International Migration; enrollment 80 each

SOCI 430: Sociology of Mexican Americans; enrollment 55

Texas A&M University, Women's and Gender Studies Program (2008-2012)

WGST 200: Intro to Women's & Gender Studies; enrollment: 35 each

Strayer University Online (2010-present)

SOC 100: Intro to Sociology; enrollment 25 each

SOC 300: Sociology of Developing Countries 5 sections); enrollment 35 each

SOC 304: Sociology of the Law

South New Hampshire University (2012-present)

SOC 112: Intro to Sociology; enrollment 25 each

SOC 330: Minority Relations; enrollment 25 each

Carrington College (2010-2012)

HUM 200: Ethics in Contemporary Society, enrollment 15

PSY 155: Human Development Across the Lifespan, enrollment 15

PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology, enrollment 15

HIS 150: US Government, enrollment 15

Presentations and Conference Participation

2013

Panel chair, Gender and Non-normativity. *Southwestern Social Science Association*. New Orleans. March 2013.

2011

“Barebackers and the Safer-Sex Paradigm”, Regular session presenter for *Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality: HIV/AIDS Prevention*, November 4; Houston

“Just Who are ‘Barebackers’? Anal Sex, Condom Use and Safer-Sex Programs”, Paper session presenter for *American Sociological Association: Sociology of Sexualities*, August 23; Las Vegas

“Commodifying Fido: Pets as a Means to Accrue Social Status”, Refereed roundtable presenter for *American Sociological Association: Sociology of Culture*, August 21; Las Vegas

Panel Chair. Sociology of Sexualities Regular Session. *Southwestern Sociological Association*, March 19; Las Vegas

“Informal Social Networks as Tools to Avoid, Reduce, and/or Eliminate Family Violence in Their Lives: Mexican Immigrant Women in the US”, Session presenter for *Southwestern Social Science Association: Immigration, Latinos, and Crime*, March 19; Las Vegas

“The Problem with ‘Unsafe Sex’ in the Safer-Sex Paradigm”, Session presenter for *Southwestern Social Science Association: New Directions in Sexuality Studies*, March 17; Las Vegas

2010

Flores, Nadia, Vidales, Guadalupe, and April Plemons. “Describing the Mexican Cyber Moral Panic Process”; Session presenters for *American Sociological Association: Race and New Media*, August 15; Atlanta

Vidales, Guadalupe and April Plemons. “Latino Countermovements in Cyberspace, Against Anti-Immigrant/ Anti-Latino Rhetoric”, *Midwestern Sociological Association: Social Movements: Internal Schisms, Countermovements, and Right-Wing Mobilizations*, April 3; Chicago

Flores, Nadia; Vidales, Guadalupe, and April Plemons. “Cyber Moral Panic against Latinos, Particularly Mexican Immigrants in the 21st Century”; Session presenters for *Southwestern Social Science Association: Mexican Americans*, April 2; Houston

“MSM and Barebacking: Definitional Incongruence, Academic Impacts, and HIV Prevention Programs”; Session presenter for *Southwestern Social Science Association: Sociology of Sexuality*, April 1; Houston

2009

Flores, Nadia; Vidales, Guadalupe, and April Plemons. “Cyber Moral Panic against Latinos, Particularly Mexican Immigrants in the 21st Century”; Session presenters for *Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) Third Biennial Siglo XXI Conference: The State of Latino Studies*, September 2009; Chicago

Flores, Nadia; Vidales, Guadalupe, and April Plemons. “Cyber Moral Panic against Latinos, Particularly Mexican Immigrants in the 21st Century”; Panel presenters for *First Summer Seminar of Mexico-United States Relations: Borders, Security, Migration, and Development*, August; Tijuana

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

2012

- “The Three Waves of Feminism and Their Effects on Men.” Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Jenny Le’s Intro to Gender course; September 3
- “Excusing Sexual Violence in Media, Advertising, and Entertainment,” Keynote speaker, *To Write Poetry on Her Arms: Benefitting Pheobe’s Home*, MicCheck; May 6
- “Excusing Sexual Violence in Media, Advertising, and Entertainment,” Keynote speaker, *Take Back the Night*, Texas A&M University; April 24
- “Researching Non-normative Sexualities: The Case for Anal Sex”, Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Jenny Davis’s Sociology of Deviance course; March 1

2011

- “Hysteria, Gender Assumptions, and the Vibrator”, Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Rachel Romero’s Gender & Society course; October 27
- “Sowing the Seeds of Equality: A Discussion of the Campus Climate for LGBT Aggies”, Panel discussant, *Human Rights Campaign* and *GLBT Student Association*, Texas A&M University; September 12
- “Great Conversations: Building Leadership Skills through a Liberal Arts Education”, Faculty Leader and Discussant, *College of Liberal Arts*, Texas A&M University; April 15
- “Sex! Sex! Sex!: Our Pornified Culture”, Keynote speaker, *Alpha Kappa Delta* and *The Sociology Club*, Texas A&M University; April 5

2010

- “Moral Panic, Images, and Mexican Immigration”; Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’ Population and Society course; November 15
- “Women’s Socially Constructed Language, Gender, and Sexuality”; Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Chad Scott’s Introduction to Sociology course; November 12
- “Our Political Bodies: Body Types, Eating Disorders, and Shame”; Keynote speaker, *Spence, Briggs, and Keist All-Female Residence Hall Association*, Texas A&M University; October 21
- “Shades of Difference: Debunking Stereotypes”; Keynote speaker, *Excellence Uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL)*, Texas A&M University; August 26
- “Fueling the Fire: The Use of Images Online to Spread a Moral Panic”; Session leader and presenter, *Alpha Kappa Delta* and *The Sociology Club*, Texas A&M University; April 20

2009

- “Understanding the World around You”; Keynote speaker, *Maximizing Educational Development through Academic and Leadership Skills (MEDALS)*, Texas A&M University; November 13
- “A Diverse World: Gender, Diversity, and Empowerment”; Keynote speaker, *RHOses: Lambda Lambda Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority*, Texas A&M University; September 17
- “Understanding Diversity and Moving beyond Stereotypes”; Keynote speaker, *Excellence Uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL)*, Texas A&M University; August 28

2008

- “Presidential Candidates, Immigration, and Citizenship Tests”; Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s International Migration course; May
- “Effect of Images in News and Media on Immigration”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s International Migration course; May
- “A Sociological Analysis of the Welfare State”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Garrick Harden’s Social Problems course; April
- “Commodified Culture and Pets as Status Symbols”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Populations and Society course; April
- “Census Data Construction and History”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Populations and Society course; April
- “Population Pyramids”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Populations and Society course; March
- “How to Write a Sociological Research Paper”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Populations and Society course; February

2007

- “Mediating Effect of Media Images on Culture”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Sociology of Mexican Americans course; November
- “Population Pyramids”; Guest Lecturer; Texas A&M University, in Nadia Flores’s Populations and Society course; October
- “Getting Acclimated: Q&A Session with First Year Graduate Students”; Panel discussant for the Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University; September

2006

- “Drugs, Addiction, Shame and Recovery”; Invited Lecturer; Texas A&M University-Commerce, in the Drugs & Society course; Spring

Awards and Funding

Awards-Texas A&M University

- Student Initiated Teaching Award for Excellence, Texas A&M University System; Spring 2011
- Brown-Kruse Graduate Scholar Finalist Award, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research; \$1500; 2011
- Graduate Student Council Travel Award, *American Sociological Association* conference; \$500;
- Women’s & Gender Studies Graduate Travel Award, *Southwest Social Science Association*; \$300; 2011
- Travel Award, *American Sociological Association* conference, Department of Sociology; \$300; 2011
- Travel Award, *Southwest Social Science Association* conference, Department of Sociology; \$100; 2011
- Graduate Student Research Enhancement Supplement, Department of Sociology; \$450; 2010
- Graduate Student Research Grant, Department of Sociology; \$300; 2010
- Travel Award, *American Sociological Association* conference, Department of Sociology; \$750; 2010
- Travel Award, *Southwest Social Science Association* conference, Department of Sociology; \$100; 2010
- Graduate Student Council Travel Award, Honorable Mention; 2010
- President’s Scholar; Texas A&M University-Commerce; Fall 2005/Spring 2006

Dean's List; College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University-Commerce; Fall 2004/Spring 2005

Assistance and Fellowships

Graduate teaching; Women's & Gender Studies Program; 2010-2011
Summer teaching assistantship; Department of Sociology; 2011
Summer teaching fellowship, Women's & Gender Studies Program; 2010
Graduate teaching; Department of Sociology; 2011-2012
Teaching assistant; Department of Sociology; 2007-2010
Pathways to Doctorate Fellowship; Department of Sociology; 2006-2007

Professional Memberships and Service

Faculty Advisor, Young Evangelicals; Sam Houston State University; 2016 to present
Founder and Director, Long Way Home Adoptables; 2015 to present
Vice President, Long Way Home Animal Sanctuary; 2012 to 2014
Education Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, Long Way Home Animal Sanctuary; 2011-2013
Faculty Advisor; Order of Aggie Illusionists; Texas A&M University; 2011-2012
Graduate Teaching Mentor; Department of Sociology; Texas A&M University; 2011-12
Graduate Faculty Meeting Representative; Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University; 2006-07; 2009-12
Sociology Graduate Student Committee Elections Coordinator, Texas A&M University, 2008-2012
Colloquium Series Committee; Department of Sociology; Texas A&M University; 2009-2011
President, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity; Texas A&M University-Commerce; 2004-2006
American Sociological Association member
Southwestern Social Science Association member

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