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## EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Dissertation: Motherhood and Inequality: Centering Trans Women in the Fight for Reproductive Justice (*Committee: Joya Misra (chair), Naomi Gerstel, Carla A. Pfeffer, and Chris Barcelos*)

2019 M.A., Sociology, University of Massachusetts – Amherst  
Graduate Certificate, Advanced Feminist Studies

2014 B.A., Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies, American University, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Certificate in Spanish Translation; Phi Beta Kappa

## EMPLOYMENT

2024— Assistant Professor, Sociology & Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, Gender, and Class; Family; Queer and Trans Studies; Social Movements; Feminist Theory; Qualitative Methods; Medical Sociology; Abortion and Reproduction

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

In Press **Siegel, Derek P.** "Mis/Recognition of Trans Motherhood and the Reproduction of Racial and Class Inequalities in Everyday Interactions." *Social Problems*.

2025 **Siegel, Derek P.** "Trans Women, Uterine Transplants, and 'Biological Difference': Notes from the Field." *UTERUS TALKS*, a special issue of *Medical Anthropology*.

2024 **Siegel, Derek P.** "Teaching Dobbs to Disrupt U.S. Hegemony & Build Feminist Solidarities." *Teaching Reproductive Justice*, a special issue of *Radical Teacher* 129:51-59.

- 2024 **Siegel, Derek P.** “Policing Motherhood, Controlling Families: Race, Reproductive Governance, and Trans Women’s Parenting Rights.” *Gender & Society* 38(1):60-88. Honorable Mention, Grad Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (Family Section), 2024.
- 2023 **Siegel, Derek P.** “How Many Trans People Get Abortions? An Introduction to Critical Data Studies.” *Reproductive Politics in the Classroom*, a special issue of *Feminist Pedagogy* 3(2). Online Access.
- 2023 Pulice-Farrow, L., **Derek P. Siegel**, & M. P. Galupo. “It Depends on the Day”: Trans and Nonbinary Individuals’ Descriptions of Change in Gender Dysphoria.” *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health* 4(2):135-148.
- 2021 **Siegel, Derek P.** “Wanting a “Feminist Abortion Experience”: Emotion Work, Collective Identity, and Pro-Choice Discourse.” *Sociological Forum* 36(2):471-490.
- 2021 Billings, Katie R., David A. Cort, Tannuja D. Rozario, & **Derek P. Siegel**. “HIV Stigma Beliefs in Context: Country and Regional Variation in the Effects of Instrumental Stigma Beliefs on Protective Sexual Behaviors in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Southern Africa.” *Social Science & Medicine* 269. Online Access.
- 2020 **Siegel, Derek P.** “Medicalization and Naturalization: Understanding Abortion as a Naturecultural Phenomenon.” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory & Technoscience* 6(2):1-25. Honorable Mention, Grad Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (Health Division), 2019.
- 2019 **Siegel, Derek P.** “Transgender Experiences and Transphobia in Higher Education.” *Sociology Compass*. 13(10). Online Access.

#### Book Chapters & Encyclopedia Entries

- In Press **Siegel, Derek P.** “Family & Kinship: The Role of Families in LGBTQ Liberation.” In C.J. Catalano, A.N. Baldwin, & C.A. Barcelos’ (Eds) *Learning from Queer & Trans Studies: Imperfectly Queer, Impossibly Trans*. Routledge.
- 2020 **Siegel, Derek P.**, & Stump, Madeline. C. *Feminism*. In A. Goldberg & G. Beemyn’s (Eds.) SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies.
- 2020 **Siegel, Derek P.**, & Galupo, M. P. *Agender*. In A. Goldberg & G. Beemyn’s (Eds.) SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies.
- 2014 Galupo, M. P., **Siegel, Derek P.**, and Forrest-Stuart, Jo. Transgender, Transsexual, and Gender Variant Individuals. In J.D. Wright’s (Ed.) *The International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Second Edition.

## Book Reviews

- 2023 **Siegel, Derek P.** Review: *Cistem Failure: Essays on Blackness and Cisgender*, by Marquis Bey. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- 2022 **Siegel, Derek P.** Review: *Unlivable Lives: Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism*, by Laurel Westbrook. *Trans Studies Quarterly* 9(2).

## Manuscripts In Preparation

**Siegel, Derek P.** “Solidarity, Care Work, and How Trans Women ‘Do Family’.” [*Preparing to Submit*].

## Public Writing

- 2023 **Siegel, Derek P.** & Josie Pinto. “[What it means for trans mutual aid groups and abortion funds to work together.](#)” *Rewire News Group*. Online.
- Siegel, Derek P.** “[Trans joy and family bonds are big parts of the transgender experience lost in media coverage and anti-trans legislation.](#)” *The Conversation*. Online.
- Siegel, Derek P.** “[We Are Not ‘Groomers’: How Anti-LGBTQ Stereotypes Inhibit Reproductive Justice.](#)” *Rewire News Group*. Online.
- 2022 **Siegel, Derek P.** “[How Overturning ‘Roe’ Impacts Trans and Nonbinary Individuals.](#)” *Rewire News Group*. Online.
- 2021 **Siegel, Derek P.** “[Fighting for More than Access: Why the Quality of Your Abortion Matters.](#)” *Rewire News Group*. Online.
- Siegel, Derek P.** “[Trans moms discuss their unique parenting challenges during the pandemic- and what they worry about when things go back to ‘normal’.](#)” *The Conversation*. Online.  
Featured interview on the radio show “[Let’s Go There](#)” with Shira Lazar
- 2020 **Siegel, Derek P.** “[Microclimates: Contesting a One-Size-Fits-All Approach to Trans Equality.](#)” *Inside Higher Education*. Online Publication.
- Siegel, Derek P.** “Trans People and Reproductive Justice.” *Reproductive Justice Briefing Book Volume 2: A Primer on Reproductive Justice & Radical Social Change*. Edited by SisterSong & CLPP (Civil Liberties & Public Policy).

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2026 Aaron and Sylvia Wechter Family Excellence Fund, University of Texas – El Paso

- for research on supporting the greater El Paso Jewish Community (\$3250)
- 2022 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UMass – Amherst, Dept. of Sociology
- 2022 Course Enhancement Grant, Reproductive Health and Justice Certificate Program
- 2022 Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2021 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UMass – Amherst, Dept. of Sociology
- 2021 Dissertation Award, UMass – Amherst, Center for Research on Families
- 2020 Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Sociological Association (\$16000)
- 2020 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UMass – Amherst, Dept. of Sociology
- 2019 Best Graduate Student Empirical Comps Paper, UMass – Amherst, Dept. of Sociology
- 2019 Pre-Dissertation Grant, UMass – Amherst Graduate School (\$1000)
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Conference Paper, UMass – Amherst, Dept. of Sociology

### **SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2025 Gender-Talk: Trans Women, Parenting, and Gender Socialization. **Eastern Sociological Society.** Boston, MA.
- 2024 Invited Panelist for Session on *Genderfucking Reproduction.* **American Sociological Association.** Montreal, Quebec.
- 2024 Invited Panelist for Session on *Pleasure Activism: Can Social Justice Work be Joyful, Caring, and Imaginative?* **American Sociological Association.** Montreal, Quebec.
- 2022 Policing Motherhood, Controlling Families: Race, Class, Gender, and Trans Women’s Parenting Rights. **American Sociological Association.** Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Trans Kinship Networks: Parenthood as a Family and Community Practice. **Eastern Sociological Society.** Boston, MA.
- 2020 “Policing Motherhood: Producing Gender and Racial Difference.” **Sociologists for Women in Society.** Digital Conference.
- 2020 “The Next of Gender and Reproduction: Trans Women Speak Back to Stereotypes.” **Eastern Sociological Society.** Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Wanting a ‘Feminist Abortion Experience’: Emotion Work, Collective Identity, and Pro-Choice Discourse.” **American Sociological Association.** New York, NY.
- 2019 “Medicalization & Naturalization: Understanding Abortion as a Biosocial Achievement.” **Society for the Study of Social Problems.** New York, NY.

- 2018 “Ideology, Meaning-Making, and Abortion: The Pressure to Have a Feminist Abortion Experience.” **Society for the Study of Social Problems**. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Re-thinking the State: Abortion in Postwar America.” **Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference**. Amherst, MA.
- 2017 “Anti-Abortion Advocacy and the Conjuring of Black Unborn Lives.” **Eastern Sociological Society**. Philadelphia, PA.

### INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “What’s Going on with the Abortion Pill? Dueling Federal Court Decisions from Texas and Washington State.” Hosted by the Five College Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice Certificate Program. Invited Panelist.
- 2021 Convening on Trans & Intersex People’s Sexual and Reproductive Health. Hosted by Ibis Reproductive Health. Digital convening of 20 stakeholders, community leaders, and activists across the country to discuss the state of research.
- 2020 “Policing Parenthood: Marginalization, Oppression, and Parental Rights.” Hosted by Reproaction, Missouri HIV Justice Coalition, and the Well Project. Panel Discussion.
- 2019 Abortion Research Incubator. Hosted by ANSIRH (Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health) and Scholars Strategy Network in San Francisco (June) and Boston (September).

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Instructor of Record

Old Dominion University, Sociology & Criminal Justice  
 Introduction to Sociology  
 Health, Illness, and Society

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
 Gender, Sexuality, and Culture  
 History of Race & Sexuality in the U.S.  
 Politics of Reproduction

#### Teaching Assistantship

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Gender, Sexuality, and Culture  
History of Race & Sexuality in the U.S.

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Sociology  
Sociology of the Family

### **DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

**Peer Reviewer:** *Social Problems; Sociology Compass; Journal of Homosexuality; Social Science & Medicine: Qualitative Research in Health; Culture, Sexuality, and Health*

- 2022 Discussant & Presider of “Critical Transnational Perspectives on the Struggle for Reproductive Justice” session. American Sociological Association.
- 2022 Mini-Conference on Reproduction, Co-Organizer. Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2020-2022 Syllabus & Teaching Subcommittee, Co-chair. Sociologists for Trans Justice. Co-created open-source [Trans Justice Syllabus](#) at the intersection of trans studies and racial justice, highlighting work of trans scholars of color
- 2020 Mini-Conference on Reproduction, Co-Organizer. Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2019 Mini-Conference on Reproduction, Co-Organizer. Eastern Sociological Society.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2021-2022 Graduate Committee, Student Representative  
Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, UMass – Amherst
- 2018-2020 Sociology Grad Student Association, Co-chair  
Department of Sociology, UMass – Amherst
- 2016-2017 Committee on Equity & Social Justice, Grad Student Representative  
Department of Sociology, UMass – Amherst

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

- 2021-2024 Board of Directors, Member (Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts). Participate in monthly board meetings, co-creating strategic plan, developing and working on program infrastructure goals that align with our mission and values.

- 2020-2024 Intake Team, Co-Coordinator (Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts). Manage distribution of \$150,000 per year, training and supervising team of 20 volunteers, developing custom database and managing the team's digital transition, and maintaining relationships with clinics and other abortion funds.
- 2016-2020 Intake Team, Member (Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts). Pledge donations to callers in Massachusetts and other New England states who cannot afford abortion costs, providing counseling and case management resources.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Scholars Strategy Network  
American Sociological Association  
Member of Family Section; Sex & Gender Section  
Eastern Sociological Society

### **REFERENCES**

Joya Misra, Distinguished Professor  
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