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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2021— Associate Professor and Baca Zinn Professor of Sociology,  
University of New Mexico

2019— 2021 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Affiliate Faculty: Asian American Studies  
Affiliate Faculty: African American Studies

2019—2020 NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow

2013-2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## EDUCATION

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2007-2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Connecticut

2005-2007 M.A, Sociology, Presidency College, India

2002-2005 B.A. (With Honors), Sociology, Presidency College, India

## BOOKS

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Ray, Ranita. In Progress. *Violent Schools: Slow Death in the American Classroom* (Book Deal with St. Martin's Press/Macmillan).

Ray, Ranita. 2018. *The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

- Winner. 2018. C. Wright Mills Award.
- Winner. 2020 Pacific Sociological Association Distinguished Scholarship Award.
- Honorable Mention. 2019. ASA Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award.
- Finalist. 2020. ASA Sociology of Education Bourdieu Best Book Award.
- Selected for Author Meets Critics. American Sociological Association (2019) & The American Society of Criminology (2018).
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Family Theory*

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& Review, *Children's Geographies, Anthropology & Education Quarterly*.

- Featured in *The Atlantic, Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas Sun, ASA Children and Youth Section, KZSC FM Voces Críticas, Innovation, Youth circulations*.

Bandana Purkayastha and (alphabetically listed) Miho Iwata, Shweta Majumdar, Ranita Ray, Trisha Tiamzon. 2012. *As the Leaves Turn Gold: Aging Experiences of Asian Americans*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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Ray, Ranita. 2022. "Race-Conscious Racism: Alibis for Racial Harm in the Classroom." *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac009>

Ray, Ranita. 2022. "School as a Hostile Institution: How Black and Immigrant Girls of Color Experience the Classroom." *Gender & Society* 36(1): 88-111. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/08912432211057916>

Ranita Ray & Georgiann Davis (2021) "Cultural Competence as New Racism: Working as Intended?" *The American Journal of Bioethics* 21(9): 20-22.

Tillman, Korey and Ranita Ray. 2021 "Feminist Criminology and Ethnography." *Oxford Handbook of Ethnographies of Crime and Criminal Justice*, edited by Sandra Bucerius, Kevin Haggerty and Luca Berardi. Oxford University Press.

Ray, Ranita and Korey Tillman. 2019. "Envisioning a Feminist Urban Ethnography: Structure, Culture, and New Directions in Poverty Studies." *Sociology Compass* 13(1): 1-10.

Ray, Ranita. 2018. "'Identity of Distance': How Economically Marginalized Black and Latina Women Navigate Risk Discourse and Employ Feminist Ideals." *Social Problems* 65(4): 456-472.

- 2019 American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section Best Article Award.
- 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Honorable Mention.

Davis, Georgiann and Ranita Ray. 2018. "Pediatric Participation in a Diverse Society: Accounting for Social Inequalities in Medical-Decision Making." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 18(3): 24-26.

Ray, Ranita and Michael Ian Borer. 2018. "Urbanism and Urbanization." Pp 475-488 in *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Problems*, edited by A. Javier Treviño. Cambridge University Press.

Banerjee, Pallavi and Ranita Ray. 2017. "Afterword: Hunger as Performance." Pp 277-285 in *The Aesthetics and Politics of Global Hunger*, edited by Anastasia, Ulanowicz and Manisha Basu. Palgrave Macmillan.

Ray, Ranita and Georgiann Davis. 2016. "Pharmacists Can't Administer Opportunity: The Role of Neuroenhancers in Educational Inequalities." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 16(6):41-43.

Ray, Ranita. 2016. "Exchange and Intimacy in the Inner City: Rethinking Kinship Ties of the Urban Poor," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 45(3): 343-364.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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### *External*

- 2020 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Pacific Sociological Association
- Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Honorable Mention, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Sociology of Education Bourdieu Best Book Award, Finalist. American Sociological Association
- 2019 NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Best Article Award, American Sociological Association, Race, Gender, and Class Section
- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Award Race, Gender, and Class Section
- 2018 C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- National Science Foundation. "Interdependent Water Infrastructure in a Potable Reuse System." Role: Co-PI for Social Science Component on Homelessness. Awarded \$747,026
- Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Research Fellow - Rutgers University
- 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

### *Internal*

- 2020 William Morris Award for Excellence in Research. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2016 William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award. Department of Sociology. University of Connecticut
- Dean Ross MacKinnon Award for Excellence in Research. University of Connecticut
- 2012 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award. Graduate School. University of Connecticut
- 2011 Hira Jain Scholarship. Institute of Asian American Studies. University of Connecticut (Awarded annually to academically outstanding incoming or continuing undergraduate or graduate students)
- 2009 Human Rights Research Grant Competition Award. Human Rights Institute University of Connecticut. (Awarded annually to graduate students from any discipline based on overall excellence of the proposed research project on human rights issues)

## INVITED TALKS

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### “Making of a Teenage Service Class”

- University of Southern California, Department of Sociology Colloquium, March 2021
- Kent State University, March 2021
- Harvard University, Contemporary Ethnography and Inequality Workshop, February 2021
- Central New Mexico Community College, February 2021
- California State University, Long Beach, April 2019
- University of California, Santa Cruz, February 2019
- Mississippi State University. April 2018
- Hastings College. October 2018
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Psychology. February 2018
- UCLA. February 2016
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, African American Studies. October 2016

### Racialized Gender Violence in Schools

- Wittenberg University, April 2022
- Baruch College, CUNY, December 2021

### “Public Education and Racial Dominance”

- Northwestern University, October 2019
- University of Texas, Austin, February 2020
- University of New Mexico, April 2021

“Ethnography: The Ethnographer’s Circle: ‘How to Do Research: An Open Discussion,’” Pacific Sociological Association Annual meeting, 2021.

“The Art of Listening” with Adrian Nicole LeBlanc.” Black Mountain Institute, Las Vegas. February 2019.

“Transcending the Academy: How, Why, and When to Practice Public Sociology.” Invited Session. Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019.

“Introducing the Program on Race, Gender & Policing.” UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law. 2019.

“Disproportionate impact of reproductive health care restrictions on marginalized youth.” CSN Women's Alliance. March 2019.

“What Counts as Violence: Rethinking Risk Narratives and the Reproduction of Class.” Invited Special Session on Violence, Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019.

“Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Publishing.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting 2019.

“Intersectionality and Economic Justice” Nevada NOW. 2019.

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“Disciplining Subjects: A Longitudinal study of policing and educational OUTCOMES among economically marginalized black and brown students.” Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Research Institute. Rutgers University. 2018.

“How to Create an Elevator Speech for your Research.” Sexualities Pre-conference. American Sociological Association. 2018.

“What is Intersectionality.” NEW Leadership Nevada. 2018.

“Education and Inequality.” Nevada KIDS COUNT Conference. 2014.

“Inequalities in Healthcare.” National Coalition of 100 Black Women. 2014.

## **OTHER WRITINGS**

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Ray, Ranita. 2022. It Never Seems to Be a Good Time to Talk About Teachers’ Racism Educators are under siege for teaching “CRT.” But curriculum isn’t everything. *Slate*. March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ray, Ranita. 2020. Review of Reclaiming Community: Race and the Uncertain Future of Youth Work by Bianca J. Baldrige. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Ray, Ranita. 2020. Review of Manufactured Insecurity Mobile Home Parks and Americans’ Tenuous Right to Place by Esther Sullivan. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Ray, Ranita. 2019. Review of The Cost of Being a Girl: Working Teens and the Origins of the Gender Wage Gap by Yasemin Besen-Cassino. *Contemporary Sociology*.

[https://www.montclair.edu/profilepages/view\\_profile.php?username=beseny](https://www.montclair.edu/profilepages/view_profile.php?username=beseny)

Jenkins, Nicole and Ranita Ray. 2019. “Racial and Class Inequalities Among Youth in the U.S.” Entry in Encyclopedia in *Teen-lives around the world* by ABC-CLIO.

Ray, Ranita. 2019. “Rethinking the ‘At-Risk’ Narrative and Reimagining a New Future Alongside Black and Brown Youth.” Youth Circulations Blog.

<http://www.youthcirculations.com/blog>

Ray, Ranita. 2018. “The Scholar-Activist Paradox,” University of California Press Blog.

<https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/37832/the-scholar-activist-paradox/>

Ray, Ranita. 2017. “The Rules of Social Mobility,” University of California Press Blog.

<https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/29313/the-rules-of-social-mobility/>

Purkayastha, Bandana and Ranita Ray. 2009. “South Asian Americans: Contemporary Issues.” Entry in *Greenwood Encyclopedia on Contemporary Asian American*.

## **SELECT REFERRED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Sociologists for Women in Society. 2022. Panelist. “Dissertation to Book: Tips and Tricks for Navigating the Undertakings of Transforming Your Dissertation to Your Book.”

American Sociological Association. 2018. Discussant. Ethnography Panel.

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American Sociological Association. 2017. "The Making of A Teenage Service Class: Race, Class, Gender, and College For All." Panel on Higher Education.

Sociologists for Women in Society. 2017. "The Pedagogy of the 'Newcomers': Navigating The First Few Years as Faculty at the Intersection of Oppressions." Invited Panel.

National Women Studies Association. 2016. "Identity of Distance: Construction of Risk and Employment of Feminist Ideals Among Marginalized Black and Latina Women." Panel Discussion.

Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Conference. 2016. "How Poor Black and Latina Girls Defy Odds: Race, Class and Gender in Determining Educational Outcomes."

Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2015. *Human Rights, Human Dignity: Conversations on Claiming Human Rights*. "In Search of Success: Education, Work Prospects, and Urban Youth in the US."

American Sociological Association. 2014. *Culture and Inequality Regular Panel*. "Meaning Of Work and Money In The Ghetto."

American Sociological Association. 2012. *Ethnography Regular Panel*. "All Things Called Love: Romance Among Low-Income Urban Youth."

Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2012. *Family Formation: Co-Parenting and Contemporary Family Forms Regular Panel*. "Low-Income Youth and Romantic Relations."

Eastern Sociological Society. 2012. "Against The Odds."

Urban Affairs Associations Annual Conference. 2012. "Against The Odds: Urban Youth, Poverty and Success."

Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2011. "Urban Poverty and Access to Food."

American Sociological Association. 2011. (with Purkayastha Bandana.) "Challenges In Localizing Global Human Rights."

Society For the Study of Symbolic Interactions. 2011. "Organizational Responses to Urban Food Insecurity."

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

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### **TEACHING**

#### **University of New Mexico Teaching**

*Social Inequality* (Graduate Seminar) | Fall 2021. Instructor.

*Inequality and power* | Spring 2022. Instructor.

*Social Theory* | Spring 2022. Instructor.

#### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas Teaching**

*Contemporary Theory* | Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018. Instructor.

*Social Stratification* (Graduate Seminar) | Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019 Instructor.

*Social Inequality* | Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017,

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Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019. Instructor.  
*Sociology of Poverty* | Fall 2014, Fall 2015. Instructor.  
*Contemporary Social Issues* | Spring 2014, Fall 2013. Instructor.  
*Honors Seminar* | Fall 2018. Instructor.

### **University of Connecticut, Storrs Teaching**

*Introduction to Sociology* | Summer 2009, Summer 2010. Instructor.  
*Criminology* | Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring, 2009, Fall 2009. Instructor.  
*Deviant Behavior* | Summer, 2009. Instructor.  
*Social Problems* | Spring, 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2012, Fall 2012. Instructor.  
*Sociological Perspectives on Poverty* | Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013. Instructor.  
*Research Methods* | Spring 2008. TA.

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

#### Masters-Dissertation Chair:

1. Nicole Jenkins (Ph.D. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. 2020 *completed*) Current Position: Assistant Professor, Howard University
2. Jonathan Jimenez (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.A. 2018 *completed*)
3. Korey Tillman (University of New Mexico, Ph.D. Candidate)
4. Nancy Flores (University of New Mexico)
5. Susana Echeverri Herrera (University of New Mexico)

#### Masters-Dissertation Committee Member:

##### *University of New Mexico:*

1. Celine Ayala (Ph.D. candidate).
2. Lacey Hites.
3. Florence Emily Castillo.
4. Machienvée Lammey

##### *University of Nevada, Las Vegas:*

1. Chris Connor (Ph.D. completed).
2. Jennifer Reed (Ph.D. Completed).
3. Andrea Dassopoulos (Ph.D. Candidate).
4. Maddie Evans (Masters completed).
5. Josiah Kidwell (Masters Completed).
6. Jessica Fasano (Masters completed).
7. Christina Parreira (Ph.D. Completed).
8. Karen Villa.
9. Jeannette Hernandez.
10. Camisha Fagan

#### Other Mentorship:

*Area Exam Committee Member:* 1. Daniel Krystosek. 2. Jan Ballestros.

*Dean's Summer Research Award UNLV:* Lauren Galloway (2015). 2. Josiah Kidwell (2016, 2017, 2018). 3. Korey Tillman (2018). 4. Jeannette Hernandez (2019)

*Mentor for California Sally Casanova Program Summer 2017:* Michelle Parra (now Ph.D. student at UC Santa Cruz).

*Undergraduate Research Mentorship:* Germaine Koziarski. 2. Esmeralda Cruz Lopez. 3. Vera Anderson 4. Andrea Hicks 5. Nawodya Guruwala Manamperige. 6. Katerina Fuller

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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#### ***Elected Positions***

Chair, American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section (2022-2025)

Council Member, American Sociological Association Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section (2021-2024)

Council Member, American Sociological Association Children & Youth Section (2020-2023)  
Member, Pacific Sociological Association Publications Committee (2022)  
Co-Chair, Sister to Sister Committee, Sociologists for Women in society (2017-2019)  
Section Chair: Society for the Study of Social Problems, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division (2017-2019)

**Reviewer**

Journals: *American Sociological Review*, *Gender and Society*, *Social Problems*, *Criminology*, *Youth & Society*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Societies Without Borders*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Sociological Forum*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*

Book presses: *University of Chicago Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *University of California Press*, *New York University Press*, *Routledge*

Grants: *Ontario Research Fund*

**Editorial**

Editorial Board, *Critical Perspectives on Series*, New York University Press  
Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education* (2021-2024)  
Editorial Board, *Qualitative Sociology* (2019-)

**Committees**

*Chair*, ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Devah Pager Article Award Committee (2022)  
*Member*, ASA, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award (2022)  
*Chair Elect*, SSSP Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee (2022)  
*Member*, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award (2022)  
*Member*, C. Wright Mills Award Committee (2021)  
*Chair*, American Sociological Association, Children and Youth Section Nominations Committee (2021)  
*Member*, Sociologists for Women in Society, Nominations committee (2021-2022)  
*Member*, American Sociological Association Children and Youth Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2020)  
*Member*, AERA Maureen Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2020)  
*Member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems Elections Committee (2020-2021)  
*Member*, Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Program Committee, (2012 & 2020)  
*Member*, American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting, Program Committee, (2019)  
*Member*, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minority Founder's Award, (2019)  
*Member*, American Sociological Association, Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award (2018 & 2020)  
*Member*, American Sociological Association, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Junior Faculty Status Committee (2018, 2019, 2020)

*Member*, American Sociological Association, Race, Gender, and Class Section Newsletter, Digital, and Social Media committee

*Member*, American Sociological Association, Children and Youth Section Nominations Committee (2018)

*Member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems Poverty, Class, and Inequality Student Paper Competition (2016)

*Member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems Youth, Aging, and Life Course Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2016)

*Member*, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Program Committee (2016, 2017, 2018)

***Panel Organizer***

Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Special Session, “Feminist Urban Ethnography: Imagining A Queer of Color Sociology”

Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Special Session, “Intersectionality”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session Organizer for Children/Youth/Adolescents, (2020)

Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Panel, “Scholar activism”

Pacific Sociological annual meetings, Sessions on Inequality, Poverty, and Stratification 2016, 2017, 2018

Society for the Study of Social Problems 2017. Communities and Neighborhoods in Poverty” session.

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**DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**University of New Mexico**

*Member*, Executive Committee (2021)

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

*Chair*, Sociology Brown Bag Committee, Department of Sociology (2016-2019).

*Member*, Personnel Committee (2018-).

*Member*, Sociology Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology (2014-2018).

*Member*, Three ad hoc Faculty Search Committees, Department of Sociology.

*Member*, Bylaws Committee.

*Member*, Financial Aid Committee. College of Liberal Arts.

*Member*, William Morris for Excellence in Teaching Award Committee.

*Member*, The Mentoring Circle (2015-). University of Nevada, Las Vegas

*Faculty Fellow*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Housing and Residential Life (2016-).

**University of Connecticut:**

*Member*, Orientation committee for graduate students.

*Member*, Affirmative Action committee

*Member*, Recruitment and retention committee

*Member*, Undergraduate Planning Committee

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**COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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**Co-Founder and Board Member**, Hearing Youth Voices.

- Featured in ASA Sociology in Action. <http://www.asanet.org/sociology-action-ranita-ray>

**Speaker at TEDx UNLV** (2018).

[https://www.ted.com/talks/ranita\\_ray\\_let\\_s\\_change\\_how\\_we\\_think\\_about\\_poverty](https://www.ted.com/talks/ranita_ray_let_s_change_how_we_think_about_poverty)

**Work Featured in:**

- *KZSC FM Voces Críticas* (2018). <https://player.fm/series/kzsc-fm-on-demand/voces-criticas-ranita-ray-dec-27-2018>.
- *The Atlantic*. (2018). <https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2018/06/marshmallow-test/561779/>
- *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. (2018) <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/education/festival-of-ideas-at-tedxunlv-explores-living-in-the-extreme/>
- *Las Vegas Sun*. (2018). <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2018/jun/11/tedx-event-at-unlv-aims-at-opening-eyes-minds/>
- *UNLV News Center*. (2018). <https://www.unlv.edu/news/article/changing-script-poverty>
- American Sociological Association. *Sociology in Action*. (2017). <http://www.asanet.org/sociology-action-ranita-ray>
- *Las Vegas Weekly*. (2014). <https://lasvegasweekly.com/as-we-see-it/weekly-qa/2014/jan/29/weekly-q-unlvs-ranita-ray-says-socio-economic-ladd/>
- *UNLV News Center*. (2013). <https://www.unlv.edu/news/article/new-faces-ranita-ray>
- *American Sociological Association Children and Youth Section Blog*. (2018). <https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/>
- *American Sociological Association Sociology Action Network*. <https://www.asanet.org/sociology-action-ranita-ray>
- *Innovation*, UNLV's research magazine.

Designed and coordinated Participatory Action Research “Hearing Youth Voices” in New London, Connecticut.

Researcher for University of Connecticut People Empowering People program (2012).

Participatory Action Research Training. The Public Science Research Project Summer Institute (2012).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association  
Pacific Sociological Association  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
National Women Studies Association

## REFERENCES

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Available Upon Request.