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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Connecticut

exp 2016 Master of Arts, Sociology

Simmons College

2014 Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies (*Magna Cum Laude* and Honors)
Minor, Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, Inequality.

PUBLICATIONS

Lesser, Emma, and Matthew W. Hughey. Review. "Getting Away with Murder: The Twentieth-Century Struggle for Civil Rights in the U.S. Senate /Vanessa A. Holloway" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Under Review)

Lesser, Emma. Review, "Barbara J. Miner. 2013. Lessons From the Heartland: A Turbulent Half-Century of Public Education in an Iconic American City" *Humanity and Society* (Forthcoming, November 2015.)

Bianca González-Sobrinó, Emma Lesser and Matthew W. Hughey. "On Demand Diversity? The Meanings of Racial Diversity in Netflix Productions" *Underneath the Thin Veneer: Critical Diversity, Multiculturalism and Inclusion*, edited by David G. Embrick and Sharon Collins (Under Review)

Lesser, Emma and Matthew W. Hughey. "Review of *Black Masculinity in the Obama Era: Outliers of Society* by William T. Hoston" *Social Science Journal* (Under Review)

Lesser, Emma and Matthew W. Hughey. "Antiracism and Civil Rights Movements," *Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality* (Under Review).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Lesser, Emma. "Authenticating Jewishness: The Racialized Construction of a Jewish Ideal" (Masters Thesis)

Hughey, Matthew W., Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrinó, and Emma Lesser. "Race and Ethnicity" *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Theory*.

Hughey, Matthew W., Devon Goss, Michael Rosino, and Emma Lesser. "Microaggressions" *Sociological Forum*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2013-2014 Hazel Dick Leonard Fellowship (\$2,000), Simmons College

2014 Departmental Honors and Honors Thesis, Simmons College

2014 The Charlotte Perkins Gilman Award, Simmons College

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

University of Connecticut

Department of Sociology

Graduate Research Assistantships

Fall 2014 Dr. Bandana Purkayastha
Teaching Assistantships
Fall 2014 Dr. Matthew W. Hughey, "Ethnicity and Race"
Spring 2015 Dr. Ruth Braunstein, "Introduction to Sociology"
Fall 2015 Dr. Phoebe Godfrey, "Social Theory"

Invited Lectures

Fall 2014 "Racialization" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Fall 2014 "Institutionalized Racism" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Fall 2014 "Race and Religion" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Fall 2014 "Race and the Media" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Fall 2014 "Reproducing Racism Through Non-Racial Interests" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Spring 2015 "Political Ideologies and Race" for "Ethnicity and Race"
Spring 2015 "Citizenship and Belonging" for "Ethnicity and Race"

Simmons College

Department of Sociology

Teaching Assistantships

Fall 2013 Dr. Becky Thompson, "Working for Social Justice"

Research Assistantships

January 2013-May 2014

Invited Lectures

Fall 2013 "Racism and Resistance in the Prison System" for "Working for Social Justice"

CONFERENCES

- 2015 Panelist, "Post-Racial or Diverse Streaming? Racial Diversity in *House of Cards*, *Orange is the New Black*, and *Hemlock Grove*," Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting
2013 Panelist, "Read It to Me!": Sexual Awakening in *The Reader*," Brandeis University's Sex and Sexualities Conference.
2013 Panelist, "Read It to Me!": Sexual Awakening in *The Reader*," Simmons College Undergraduate Research Conference.

SERVICE

2012-2013 Lead facilitator, "Campus Conversations on Race" (antiracism workshop), Simmons College

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014-present American Sociological Association
2014-present ASA section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
2015-present Eastern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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