
MARY ROBERTSON

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EDUCATION

- Spring 2014 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
Dissertation title: “*Coming Out and Coming Up: LGBT-Identified Youth and the Queering of Adolescence.*”
- Winter 2005 B.A., Women’s Studies Individualized Degree: “*Feminist Scholarship and Women’s Activism in a Global Context*” Minor: Spanish.
Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado.
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Lecturer, Anthropology and Sociology Department
Seattle University
- 2014-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology,
California State University San Marcos
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sex/Gender/Race/Sexualities; Qualitative Methods;
Feminist and Queer Theories; Social Justice

BOOKS

- 2019 Robertson, Mary. *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity*
New York: NYU Press.
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PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2020 Greenstadt, Emily, Margaret L. Walsh-Buhi, Mary Robertson, Brandon Dao, and Eric R. Walsh-Buhi. “‘While you’re down there’: The unexplored role of estheticians in the health of their clients” *The Journal of Sex Research* DOI: 10.1080/00224499.2020.1840498
- 2014 Robertson, Mary Anna. 2014. “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Behavior among Adolescents in an LGBT Youth Center.” *Sexuality and Culture* 18(2): 385-404.
- 2012 Robertson, Mary A. and Arlene Sgoutas. 2012. “Thinking Beyond the Category of Sexual Identity: At the Intersection of Sexuality and Human Trafficking Policy” *Politics & Gender* 8 (3): 421-429
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BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 Robertson, Mary. “Queer Youth and the American Dream” in *The Handbook on the American Dream* Robert Hauhart and Mitja Sardoc, editors. London: Routledge.
- 2019 Sue, Christina A. and Mary Robertson. “Reproducing racism: The power of state-sponsored silences” in *Qualitative Studies of Silence: The Unsaid as Social*
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Action Amy Jo Murray and Kevin Durrheim, editors. London: Cambridge University Press.

OTHER WRITING

- 2019 Robertson, Mary. "Researching Sex and Sexualities edited by Charlotte Morris, Paul Boyce, Andrea Cornwall, Hannah Frith, Laura Harvey, and Yingying Huang." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 8(5): 561-562.
- 2016 Robertson, Mary Anna. "Coming Out: The New Dynamics by Nicholas A. Guittar" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 45(2): 187-188.
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RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2015-2019 Research Member. *Center for Research on Sexuality and Sexual Health (SASH)*. San Diego State University Institute for Behavior and Community Health.
- 2010-2013 Research Member. *LGBTQ Youth Drop-In Center Research Group*. University of Denver School of Social Work, Denver, CO.
Supervisor: Dr. Eugene Walls, Senior Research Director.
- 2009-2011 Graduate Research Assistant. *The Colorado Project*. Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT), Denver, CO.
Supervisor: Dr. Annjanette Alejano-Steele, Senior Research Director.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University, Spring 2020-

Sociological Theory/Feminist Theory
Sociology of Greed
Gender & Sexuality
Departmental Honors: Guided Readings
Sociological Theory
Sex, Love, and Marriage
Race & Ethnicity

California State University San Marcos, Fall 2014-Summer 2019

Gender in Society (face to face and online)
Race & Ethnic Relations
Sex and the Law
Sociology of Sexualities
Transgender Studies
Critical Perspectives in Human Service Delivery (graduate level)

University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2011-Spring 2014

Sex, Gender & Society
U.S. Race & Ethnic Relations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PAPERS

- August 2018 “A New Generation of Sexual Stories: The True Stories Young People Tell about Sex” *Sexualities Section of the American Sociology Association Pre-Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- March 2018 “Exploring Youth Sexualities through True Storytelling” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association* Long Beach, California
- June 2015 “LGBT-Identified Youth Exploring Same-Sex Representations of Sexuality Using Digital Media.” *Biennial Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture, and Society*. Dublin, Ireland
- November 2012 “A New Generation of Queer Activists: the View from an LGBTQ Youth Center.” *Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association*. Oakland, California.
- August 2012 “Becoming Queer: Identity Construction among LGBTQ Youth.” *Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities: Mini-Conference on Sexualities Studies in Sociology*, Dissertation Masters Class. Denver, Colorado.
- March 2012 “Engaging Intersectionalities: Challenges to Doing Ethnographic Research with Vulnerable and Hard-to-Reach Populations.” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*. San Diego, California.
- August 2009 “Negative Implications of U.S. Anti-Trafficking Policy on Transnational Feminist and Women’s Organizing.” *Political Economy of the World-Systems Mini-Conference*. San Francisco, California.

PANELS

- March 2020 Panel member, “Intersectionality & Generation: Advancing the Narrative on Youth, Gender, & Sexuality.” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*, Eugene, Oregon.
- March 2019 Panel member, *Author Meets Critic* “Trans Generation: How Trans Kids (and their Parents) are Creating a Gender Revolution” by Ann Travers. *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*, Oakland, California.
- March 2019 Panel member, *Author Meets Critic* “Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity” by Mary Robertson. *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*, Oakland, California.
- March 2019 Panel Presider and Member “Seeing Straight: Reflections on the Hetero-Romantic Plots of Doctor Who”: *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association*, Oakland, California.
- March 2018 “‘I’m not supposed to be here.’ Mentoring First Generation Undergraduate and Graduate Students in the Cal State University System” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association* Long Beach, California

- February 2017 “A Conversation about Reproductive Justice” *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavior and Social Sciences*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California
- March 2015 “Coco Before Chanel”, *Tournées French Film Festival*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California.
- February 2015 “Cultural Appropriation and Stereotypes”, *Office of Diversity, Educational Equity, and Inclusion*, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, California.
- April 2013 “Emerging Issues in Queer & LGBTQ Studies”, *Higher Education Diversity Summit*, Metropolitan State University, Denver, Colorado.
- March 2013 Robertson, Mary. Panel member, *Author Meets Critic* “Odd Couples: Friendships at the Intersection of Gender and Sexual Orientation” by Anna Muraco. Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociology Association, Reno, Nevada.

ROUNDTABLES

- August 2018 “Using True Storytelling in the Classroom As A Tool for ‘Exploring Racialized Emotions.’” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Symposium*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- August 2015 “‘With some people my girl comes out with other people my boy comes out.’: Negotiating Gender Ambiguity.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Chicago, Illinois.
- August 2013 “Dealing with Societal ‘Elephants’: Strategies for Conducting Qualitative Research on Socially Silenced Topics” with Christina A. Sue. *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. New York City, New York.
- August 2013 “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Desire among LGBT Youth.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. New York City, New York.
- August 2011 “Heteronormative Discourses in the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association*. Las Vegas, Nevada.

INVITED LECTURES

- February 2020 “Designing Identity: The Power of Classification Systems.” Keynote lecture at the Seattle *World Information Architecture Day*.
- August 2015 “Using Storytelling in the Classroom.” Guest lecture for the California State University San Marcos Faculty Center *Summer Teaching Institute*.
- April 2015 “‘Everything I knew about sex I learned from lesbian fan fiction.’: Exploring same-sex representations of sexuality using digital media.” Guest lecture for San Diego State University’s *Institute for Behavior and Community Health Lunchtime Series*.

- April 2013 “‘How do I know I am gay?’ Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity and Behavior among Sexual Minority Youth.” Guest lecture for Dr. Amy Wilkins, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology.
- September 2011 “Vulnerable Youth Identity Construction.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Eugene Walls, University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work.
- September 2010 “The Relationship between Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Edward P. Cannon, University of Colorado at Denver, Department of Psychology.
- October 2010 “Introduction to Human Trafficking,” Guest Lecture for Dr. Jana Everett, University of Colorado at Denver, Department of Political Science.
- October 2009 “Missed Connections: Commercial Sex Demand Reduction Programs And the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.” Guest Lecture for Dr. AJ Alejano-Steele, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Institute for Women’s Studies and Services.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 Co-Book Review Editor, *Sexualities*
- 2020 Member, Sexualities Distinguished Article Award Committee, *Sexualities* section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2019- Member, Committee on Rights, Liberties, and Social Justice. *Pacific Sociology Association*.
- 2012-13 Graduate Student Representative, *Sex and Gender* section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2011-2014 Facebook Page Co-Moderator. *Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality* caucus of the American Sociology Association.
- 2009-2010 Graduate Student Representative, *Political Economy of the World Systems* section of the American Sociological Association

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2018-2019 Member. *CHABSS Diversity Working Group*, College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University San Marcos.
- 2018-2019 *Academic Senate Member* representing the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University San Marcos.
- 2018-2019 Storytelling workshop facilitator. *A Common Story: Finding Joy in the Face of Adversity*, Kellogg Library, California State University San Marcos.
- 2017-2018 Member-At-Large, *General Education Curriculum (GEC) Diversity Work Group*, California State University San Marcos.

- 2016-2018 Member. *Faculty Development Committee*, College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University San Marcos.
- 2015-2019 Member. *Graduate Program Committee*, Department of Sociology, California State University San Marcos
- 2015-2016 Member. *Curriculum Committee*, Department of Sociology, California State University San Marcos
- 2009-2011 Graduate student member, *Diversity Committee*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2020- Member, Board of Directors, *Literacy Source* Seattle, Washington
- 2019-2020 Volunteer Teaching Assistant, *Literacy Source* Seattle, Washington
- 2019 Summer Volunteer, *Rain City Rock Camp* Seattle, Washington
- 2015-2018 Co-Producer, *The Narrators*, a live storytelling show and podcast based in Denver, Colorado and San Diego, California dedicated to promoting the art of true storytelling and providing community access to storytelling events.
- 2010-2013 Adult Volunteer, *LGBT Youth Drop-In Center*, Colorado
- 2003-2008 Area Program Committee member, *American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)*, Denver, Colorado office

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant*, \$800, California State University San Marcos
- 2018 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant*, \$1314, California State University San Marcos.
- 2018 *Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Grant*, \$1,500, California State University San Marcos.
- 2017 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant*, \$750, California State University San Marcos
- 2017 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant*, \$1000, California State University San Marcos
- 2017 *Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Grant*, \$3,554, California State University San Marcos.
- 2016 *Director's Fund Grant*, \$1000, New York University Press.
- 2016 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant*, \$330, California State University San Marcos

- 2016 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$350, California State University San Marcos*
- 2016 *University Professional Development Grant, \$1,890, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, \$300, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$450, California State University San Marcos*
- 2015 *University Professional Development Grant, \$5,331, California State University San Marcos*
- 2014 *Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, \$600, California State University San Marcos*
- 2014 *College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, \$1200, California State University San Marcos*
- 2013 *Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant, \$1000, Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder*
- 2012 *Equity and Excellence Graduate Student Award, University of Colorado at Boulder, Office of Diversity, Equity & Community*
- 2011 *Elizabeth "Betsy" Moen Mathiot "Walk the Talk" Feminist Scholars in Sociology Award, \$500, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology*
- 2011 *Dissertation Expense Award, \$600, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology*
- 2005 *Ally of the Year Award. Auraria Campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center, Denver, Colorado*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2015 *California State University San Marcos Third Annual Teaching Expo. San Marcos, California (April 17, 2015)*
- 2015 *Learner-Centered Teaching Conference. Palomar Community College, San Marcos, California (February 21, 2015).*
- 2015 *North County Higher Education Alliance Teaching Conference. California State University San Marcos, California (January 30, 2015).*
- 2013 *The Knapsack Institute: Transforming Teaching & Learning. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion, Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 9-11, 2013).*

2013

Metro Area Engaged Faculty Institute: Service Learning 101. Colorado Campus Compact, Auraria Campus, Denver, Colorado (February 28 – March 1, 2013).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA).

Section memberships: Sociology of Sex and Gender; Sociology of Sexualities.

Pacific Sociology Association (PSA)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

Iota Iota Iota (Triota) National Women and Gender Studies Honor Society

National Women's Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Moderate fluency in Spanish.