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EDUCATION

- 2024* **Ph.D. Sociology**, University of California, Irvine (**expected*)
Dissertation: The Gendered Digital Divide: Assessing the Implications of Gendered Technology Use for the Transition to Adulthood
Committee: Rachel Goldberg (chair), Judith Treas, Kristin Turney
- 2022 **M.A. Demographic and Social Analysis**, University of California, Irvine (*highest distinction*)
- 2018 **M.S. Sociology**, Portland State University (*highest distinction*)
- 2015 **B.A. Sociology**, Washington State University (*highest distinction*)
- 2013 **A.A.**, Spokane Falls Community College (*honors*)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender	Technology and Digitalization	Stratification/Inequality
Marriage and Family	Work and Education	Applied Quantitative Methods
Life Course Inequalities	Transnational Sociology	Meta-Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

- 2023 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** "Tracing the Gendered Confidence Gap in Computing: A Cross-National Meta-Analysis of Gender Differences in Self-Assessed Tech Ability" *Social Science Research* 111. doi: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102853
- 2020 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** "'Tindersluts' & 'Tinderellas': Examining the Digital Affordances Shaping the (Hetero)Sexual Scripts of Young Womxn on Tinder." *Sociological Perspectives* 64(3): 432-449. doi: 10.1177/0731121420950756
- 2020 McGee, Julius Alexander, Patrick Greiner, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, Christina Ergas, and Mathew Clement. "Gender Inequality, Reproductive Justice, and Decoupling Economic Growth and Emissions: A Panel Analysis of the Moderating Association of Gender Equality on the Relationship between Economic Growth and CO₂ Emissions." *Environmental Sociology* 6(3): 254-267. 10.1080/23251042.2020.1736364
- 2019 Mahmoudi, Dillon, Amy Lubitow, and **MacKenzie A. Christensen**. "Reproducing Spatial Inequality? The Sustainability Fix and Barriers to Urban Mobility in Portland, Oregon." *Urban Geography* 41(6): 801-822. doi: 10.1080/02723638.2019.1698865

- 2019 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “Feminization of Poverty: Causes and Implications.” In: Leal Filho W., Azul A., Brandli L., Özuyar P., Wall T. (eds) Gender Equality. *Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*. Springer, Cham. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-70060-1_6-1
- 2018 Shafer, Emily Fitzgibbons and **MacKenzie A. Christensen.** “Flipping the (Surname) Script: Men’s Nontraditional Surname Choice at Marriage.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39(11): 3055-3074. doi: 10.1177/0192513X18770218
- 2019 Featured in “I understand my wife’s lived experience better’: Meet the men who have taken their wives’ surnames”
www.theguardian.com 20 August 2019
 - 2018 Featured in “Why Don’t More Men Take Their Wives’ Last Name?”
www.theatlantic.com 25 July 2018
 - 2018 Featured in “What Kind of Man Takes His Wife’s Last Name?”
www.jezebel.com 5 May 2018

Manuscripts in Progress

Turney, Kristin, Katelyn Malae, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, and Sarah Halpern-Meehin. “‘Even Though We’re Married, I’m Single’: The Meaning of Incarceration in Romantic Relationships.” *R&R under review at Criminology*

Christensen, MacKenzie A. “The (De)Gendering Effect of the Internet: Cross-National Gender Differences in Students’ ICT Confidence.” *Manuscript in progress*

Non-Refereed Reports & White Papers

- 2022 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “Water Innovation Challenge: Program Evaluation and Future Directions.” *Final report submitted to Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD)*.
- 2021 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “The Middle School Challenge: Outcomes and Future Directions.” *Final report submitted to Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD)*.
- 2018 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** and Amy Lubitow. “The Lents Green Ring: 2017 Community-Based Existing Conditions Assessment.” *Final report submitted to Green Lents*.
- 2017 Lubitow, Amy, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, Quinton Alexander, Sophie Biddle, David Billings, Paul Deppen, Daniel Mackin, Joy Mutare. “Cully Job Training & Employment Needs.” *Final report submitted to Verde*

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-present **Statistical Consultant** for the Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine. Advising sociology graduate students and undergraduate sociology honors students about statistics, data sources, and research design.
- 2021-present **Research Assistant** for the “*Jail & Family Life Study*” with Dr. Kristin Turney at the University of California, Irvine. Coded and identified themes in qualitative data exploring how incarceration affects mothers and romantic partners of incarcerated men and co-authored final manuscripts.

- 2020-2022 **Program Coordinator** for the “*Middle School Challenge*” at the University of California, Irvine. Oversaw the development and implementation of online curriculum teaching Middle School students about STEM research, recruited and trained undergraduate mentors, and coordinated with mentors, teachers, and stakeholders.
- Summer 2021 **Research Assistant** for “*Race/Ethnicity and the Question of Postcolonial Citizenship: A Comparative Study of East Africa and the Anglophone Caribbean*” with Dr. Monique D. A. Kelly at Michigan State University. Compiled and analyzed data from the Latin America Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) and Barbados Census and wrote final summary reports.
- Summer 2019 **Research Coordinator** for “*Research Opportunities for Community College Teachers*” (ROCCT) at the University of California, Irvine. Oversaw community college instructors’ development of formal research projects using Stata and R.
- 2017-18 **Research Assistant** for Dr. Emily Fitzgibbons Shafer at the Department of Sociology, Portland State University. Completed IRB application, assisted in both data analysis and writing the final manuscripts.
- 2017-18 **Research Assistant** for Dr. Julius Alexander McGee at the Department of Sociology, Portland State University. Cleaned and compiled master database, analyzed data, and co-authored final manuscript.
- 2017-18 **Research Assistant** for “*The Lents Green Ring: 2017 Community-Based Existing Conditions Assessment*” with Dr. Amy Lubitow at the Department of Sociology, Portland State University. Managed participant recruitment, conducted interviews, coded qualitative data, and co-authored final manuscript.
- Fall 2017 **Field Research Analyst** for *Cully Job Training & Employment Needs* with Dr. Amy Lubitow at the Department of Sociology, Portland State University. Oversaw participant recruitment, constructed survey questionnaires, managed collection and analysis of survey data, and led focus groups.

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE (*indicates online course)

Instructor

- 2021-22 *University of California, Irvine- School of Social Sciences*
- Probability and Statistics (Summer 2022)
 - Graduate Statistics and Probability Refresher Course (Summer 2021*-22)

Teaching Assistant

- 2018-present *University of California, Irvine- School of Social Sciences*
- Graduate Statistics I, II, III (Fall 2020*-Winter 2023)
 - Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2021*)
 - Sociology of Sexuality (Spring 2020*)
 - Births, Deaths, and Migrations (Winter 2020)

- Family & Intimate Relations (Fall 2019)
- Global & Transnational Sociology (Spring 2019)
- Social Research Design (Winter 2019; Summer 2020)
- Organizations (Fall 2018)

2016-18

Portland State University- Department of Sociology

- Marriage and Intimacy (Winter 2018; Spring 2018)
- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2018)
- Social Research Project (Spring 2017)
- Social Research Methods (Winter 2017)
- Social Statistics (Fall 2016*)

Pedagogical Training

- 2022 Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program (STAP). Division of Teaching Excellence & Innovation (DTEI), University of California, Irvine
- 2021 Certificate in Cascading Writing Mentorship. DTEI, University of California, Irvine
- 2020 Excellence in Course Design Certificate. DTEI, University of California, Irvine
- 2020 Diversity Training Workshop. DTEI, University of California, Irvine
- 2018 Graduate Teaching Certificate. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Portland State University
- 2018 Lead Graduate Teaching Fellow. CLAS Graduate Teaching Advisory Board. Portland State University

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Awards and Honors

- 2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine.
- 2020 Outstanding Research Award. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2018 Outstanding Master's Student Award. Department of Sociology, Portland State University
- 2015 Outstanding Women's Studies Minor Award. Department of Sociology, Washington State University, Vancouver

Fellowships and Grants

- 2020-22 Summer Research Grant. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2019-22 Water UCI Fellowship. School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
- 2018-21 PhD Provost Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2018-19 Diversity Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2018 Competitive Edge Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Irvine
- 2018 Student Research Travel Grant. Alpha Kappa Delta
- 2018 Graduate Student Travel Grant. Department of Sociology, Portland State University

2017 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant. Department of Sociology, Portland State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “‘Even Though We’re Married, I’m Single’: The Meaning of Incarceration in the Life Course of Romantic Relationships.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA. With Kristin Turney, Katelyn Malae, and Sarah Halpern-Meekin
- 2022 “The (De)Gendering Effect of the Internet: Cross-National Gender Differences in ICT Confidence in the Digital Age.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 “‘Tracing the Gendered Confidence Gap in Computing: A Cross-National Meta-Analysis of Gender Differences in Self-Assessed Tech Ability.’” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual Meeting. *Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 “Virtual Boundaries: College Student’s Negotiations of Sexual Consent and Harassment within a Digital Hookup Culture.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. San Francisco, CA. With Katelyn Malae. *Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 “Contemporary Sexual Relationships and New Technologies” *Guest Lecture for Sociology of Sexuality*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2019 “Gender and Technology Related Self-Efficacy: A Meta-Analysis” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 “Love Online: Race, Gender, and Online Dating” *Guest Lecture for Introduction to Sociology*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University
- 2018 “Romantic Relationship Formation and the Evolution of Gendered Sexual Scripts.” *Guest Lecture for Marriage and Intimacy*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University
- 2018 “Tindersluts & Tinderellas: Examining Young Women’s Construction and Negotiation of Modern Sexual Scripts within a Hybrid Hookup Culture” *Brown Bag Presentation*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University
- 2018 “Flipping the (Surname) Script: Men’s Non-Traditional Surname Choice at Marriage.” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Long Beach, CA.
- 2017 “Digital Intimacy in an Era of Tinder.” *Sociology Graduate Student Research Symposium*, Portland State University

SERVICE

Mentoring

- 2021-23 Lead Cascading Writing Mentor: Sociology Writing Workshop for First-Generation Graduate Students. School of Social Sciences. University of California, Irvine
- 2019-23 Graduate Mentor: Peer Mentor Program. Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA). University of California, Irvine

- 2020-22 Undergraduate Field Studies Student Advisor. Middle School Challenge. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine
- 2016-18 Graduate Student Mentor: Sociology Graduate Student Organization (SGSO). Portland State University

University and Professional Service

- 2021-22 Manuscript Referee Service: *Gender & Society, Sociological Perspectives*
- 2021-22 Member: Department of Sociology Hiring Committee. University of California, Irvine
- 2022 Panelist: Summer Funding Discussion. Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE). University of California, Irvine
- 2020-21 Faculty Representative: Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA). University of California, Irvine
- 2020 Organizer: Virtual Informal Grad Chats. SGSA. University of California, Irvine
- 2020 Organizer: Handbook for Remote Qualitative Research. University of California, Irvine
- 2020-21 Panelist: Community Roots Academy Water Challenge. Laguna Niguel, CA
- 2019-21 Graduate Student Fellow: Water UCI. University of California, Irvine
- 2017 Panelist: Lead Teaching Assistant Panel. CLAS. Portland State University
- 2017 Panelist: Professional Development Workshop. Portland State University
- 2016-18 Graduate Student Fellow: Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Portland State University
- 2016-18 Executive Member: Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Portland State University
- 2016-18 Committee Member: Graduate Employee Union. Portland State University
- 2016-17 Reviewer: Undergraduate Scholarship Review Committee. CLAS. Portland State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA) *Sections: Sociology of Sex and Gender; Sociology of the Family; Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology*

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Population Association of America (PAA)