

Curriculum Vitae  
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University of Utah LEAP Program  
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## **EDUCATION**

- 2019 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Utah  
*A New Approach to the Study of Sexual Violence: The Development and Psychometric Properties of a Preliminary Multi-Item Research Instrument Measuring Rape-Resistant Attitudes.*
- 2015 M.S. in Sociology, University of Utah
- 2013 BA in Sociology, University of Utah

## **CERTIFICATES AND DESIGNATIONS**

- 2019 Higher Education Teaching Specialist Graduate Designation, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah
- 2018 Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies, University of Utah

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

- 2019 Best Paper, Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters
- 2017 Faculty Recognition Award, Career Services, University of Utah
- 2017 University Teaching Assistantship, Capstone Curriculum Development for Health, Society, and Policy, University of Utah
- 2014 Teaching Grant, Innovations in Promoting Student Access and Engagement in an Online General Education Diversity Course, University Teaching Committee, University of Utah, co-recipient with Dr. Kim Korinek and Dr. Kyl Myers
- 2013 George M. Coray Award for Academic Excellence and Service to the Sociology Department, University of Utah
- 2011 Transfer Scholarship for Honors at Entrance, University of Utah

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING**

- 2021 Utah Campus Community Engaged Network, Engaged Faculty Retreat
- 2020 Faculty Boot Camp for Hybrid Pedagogy, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah
- 2015 - 2016  
Internship Program Development, University of Utah, College of Social and Behavioral Science
- 2014 Faculty Boot Camp in Online Pedagogy, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah
- 2013 Peer Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2022 LEAP Pedagogy and Experiential Learning Committee
- 2019 - 2022  
LEAP Assessment Committee

## **STUDENT MENTORING**

- 2020 - present  
Doctoral committee member, Kolby Leonardi, Utah State University
- 2019 - present  
Ongoing mentoring of LEAP Peer Advisors, Community Engaged Learning Assistants, and student researchers
- 2019 Co-author with University of Utah student Mackenzie Hughes, original research project and subsequent peer-reviewed scholarly article

## **COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT**

- LEAP 1200 and 1205, Community Engaged Learning LEAP (Fall 2019-present)
- LEAP 1210 and 1215, Social and Behavioral Sciences LEAP (Fall 2019-present)
- LEAP 1220 and 1225, Sustainable and Equitable Food Systems LEAP (Fall 2020-present)
- LEAP 1510, Humanities for STEM LEAP (Summer 2020-present)
- LEAP 1100 and 1105, Bridge LEAP (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)
- GNDR 3635, The Price of Gender (Spring 2020-present)
- HSP 5000, Capstone Course (Spring 2018, 2020-present)
- SOC 4892, Diversity Internship (Spring 2014 – Fall 2018)
- SOC 3393, Sociology Internship (Spring 2014 – Fall 2018)
- SOC 3993, Diversity Internship (Spring 2014 – Fall 2018)
- SOC/GNDR 3337, Sociology of Gender and Sexuality (Summer 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- SOC 2370, Gender in U.S. Society (Salt Lake Community College, Spring 2016, Summer 2016)

## **PEER-REVIEWED WORK**

Hughes, Mackenzie, CoCo James, and Spencer Blake. "Survey of First Experience of Sexual Intercourse: Revisited." *The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters*, 96 (2019): 309-332.

James, CoCo, Chad Morrow, and Spencer Blake. "Anti-Gay Behaviors Among Young Adults: Prevalence, Patterns, and Motivators in a Noncriminal Population (Replicated)." *The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters*, 88 (2011): 546-560.

James, CoCo, Andrea Santurro, and Spencer Blake. "'Rare, though it shouldn't be': A Virgin's Perspective on Sexual Activity." *The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters*, 87 (2010): 275-281.

James, CoCo, Richard Cunningham, and Spencer Blake. "Survey of First Experience of Sexual Intercourse, a Replication." *The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters*, 86 (2009): 287-305.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

James, CoCo. 2011. "Queer Representation in Rock and Roll Lyrics." *Social Dialogue*

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

"Honeywell DiversiTEA Time: Supporting Our Queer Coworkers." Invited lecture,

Kansas City National Security Campus, Kansas City, Missouri, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“Peek Pride: Supporting Our Queer Coworkers.” Invited lecture, Peek Creative Studios, Salt Lake City, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

“Classroom to Coalition: Sending Social Problems Students into the World with Concrete Ideas for Enacting Change.” Invited panelist, From Slums to Sex Workers: Engaging Students in Social Problems sponsored by the Committee on Teaching, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, April 9th, 2017.

“The Ins and Outs of Allyship.” Invited lectures given in Queer Studies classes, Salt Lake Community College, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

“Rape-Supportive Attitudes in Mormon Modesty Rhetoric.” Presentation of research findings, Interdisciplinary Gender Seminar, University of Utah, Spring 2015.

“Embodied Construction of Gender in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints through Modesty Rhetoric, Practices, and Policing.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, March 27, 2015.

“The Sociology of The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.” Invited lecture given in Concurrent Enrollment English 1010 classes at Murray High School, Murray, UT, October 15, 2014.

“Slut Shaming and Rape Culture.” Invited lecture given in Adult Roles classes at Murray High School, Murray, UT, October 17, 2014.

“Acquaintance Rape and Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson.” Invited lecture given in Honors English classes at Murray High School, Murray, UT, March 21, 2014.

“Gendered Crime and Rape Culture.” Invited lecture given in Government and Law classes at Hillcrest Junior High School, Murray, UT, October 8, 2013.

“Antigay Behaviors in a Noncriminal Population.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, April 8, 2011.

“A Virgin’s Perspective of Sexual Intercourse.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, April 9, 2010.

“Survey of First Experience of Sexual Intercourse.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, April 10, 2009.

### **SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Executive Board Chair, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (2018-2020)  
LGBTQ+ Inclusivity Training Facilitator, Salt Lake Community College (2018-2020)  
Founding board member, Yellow for Life Foundation (2017-current)  
Board member, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (2017-2018)

Founding member, Utah Students Against Sexual Assault (2015)  
Founding board member, Frank and Marlene Kikel (FMK) Foundation (2014-2017)  
Vice President, Friends of the Murray Library (2011-2014)  
Maturation Committee, Murray City School District (2012)  
Co-Chair, Sociology Student Advisory Committee, University of Utah (2012-2013)  
Secretary and Newsletter/Membership Chair, Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters (2010-2012)  
Conference Coordinator, Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters (2010-2011)  
Committee member, Utah Pride Festival (2010)  
Volunteer, Equality Utah (2015)  
Volunteer, Utah Pride Festival (2013-2014)  
Volunteer, Utah Parent-Teacher Association (1997-2016)