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EDUCATION

- May 1985 Ph.D. in Sociology. University of California, Berkeley.
- May 1976 M.A. in Sociology. California State University, Chico.
- May 1974 B.A. in Social Science. California State University, Chico.
- May 1972 A.A. Hartnell Community College, Salinas, CA.

FACULTY POSITIONS

- 2023- Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Gender Studies, University of Southern California
- 2002-2023 Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, University of Southern California
- 1994-2002 Associate Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, University of Southern California.
- 1987-1994 Assistant Professor of Sociology and The Study of Women and Men in Society, University of Southern California.
- 1983-1987 Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Social Services, California State University, Hayward.
- 1980-1983 Instructor, Departments of Sociology, Chabot College, Solano College, Canada College.

- 1979-1983 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1976-1978 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Sacramento City College.
- Spring 1976 Instructor, Department of Sociology, California State University, Chico.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2008-2018 USC Dornsife Director of Faculty Development
- 2010-11 USC Gender Studies Program and Center for Feminist Research, Interim Director
- 2001-2007
2015-2016 USC Sociology Department Chair
- 1997-2001 USC Sociology Department, Director of Graduate Studies
- 1993-1999 USC Gender Studies Program, Coordinator of Graduate Certificate Program

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Sex and gender; Masculinities; Gender and sport; Men and feminism; Gender-based violence; Military veterans' peace movements

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Sociology; Social Issues in Gender; GE Seminar in Violence, Anti-violence, and Social Justice; Social Problems; Men and Masculinity; Gender and Sport; Sexuality and Society; Graduate Seminar in Sociological Theory; Graduate Seminar in Sex and Gender.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2026 Honorable Mention, 2026 NASSH Book Award for *The High School*, North American Society for Sport History.

2026 Distinguished Scholar Award, Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research, California State University Fullerton.

2022 Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Recognition Award for *Unconventional combat: Intersectional action in the veterans' peace movement*, University of Southern California.

2020 Provost's Mentoring Award, University of Southern California.

2018 Honorary Scholar, University of Trento Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, Trento, Italy

2017 NASSS Research Fellow Award, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.

2016 Ethel Westfeldt Bunting Summer Writing Fellowship, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM

2016 Distinguished Scholarship Award for *Some Men: Feminist Allies and the Movement to End Violence Against Women*, Pacific Sociological Association

2014 Feminist Mentoring Award, Sociologists for Women in Society

2012 Outstanding Article Award, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, for "Gender Ideologies, Youth Sports, and the Production of Soft Essentialism"

2012 Jessie Bernard Award, American Sociological Association

2012 USC Mellon Mentoring Award for Faculty Mentoring Faculty

2011 Big Splash Award, USC Gender Studies Program and Center for Feminist Research

2011 Abby J. Leibman Pursuit of Justice Award, California Women's Law Center

2008 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for *Out of Play: Critical Essays on Gender and Sport*

2009-11 President-Elect; President; Past President, Pacific Sociological Association

2007 Career of Distinguished Service Award, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport

2007 Named to "Top 100 Most Influential Sports Educators" by the Institute for International Sports

2006 Raubenheimer Outstanding Senior Faculty Award for Research, Teaching and Service, USC Dornsife College

2006 Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California

2006-2007 Distinguished Feminist Lecturer, Sociologists for Women in Society

2004 General Education Teaching Award, USC Dornsife College

2004 Outstanding Book Award from the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport for *Taking the Field: Women, Men, and Sports*

2004 Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, California State University, Chico

1996 Big Splash Award, Program for the Study of Women and Men in Society, University of Southern California

1995-6 President, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport

1993 Outstanding Book Award from the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport for *Power at Play: Sports and the Problem of Masculinity*

Fall 1987 Junior Scholar Award, from International Committee for the Sociology of Sport, Hamburg, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

(* indicates student co-author)

Books

Michael A. Messner (in press) *Acceleration: Sordid stories of septuagenarian decline*. Plain View Press.

Michael A. Messner (2025) [*The high school: Sports, spirit, and citizens, 1903-2024*](#). Rutgers University Press.

Honorable Mention, 2026 NASSH Book Award, North American Society for Sport History.

Michael A. Messner (2021) [*Unconventional combat: Intersectional action in the veterans' peace movement*](#). Oxford University Press.

Winner of 2022 Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Recognition Award, University of Southern California

Michael A. Messner (2019) [*Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace*](#). Rutgers University Press.

Cheryl Cooky & Michael A. Messner (2018) *No slam dunk: Gender, sport, and the unevenness of social change*. Rutgers University Press.

James Messerschmidt, Raewyn Connell, Patricia Yancey Martin & Michael A. Messner, eds. (2018) *Gender reckonings: New social theory and research*. New York University Press.

Michael A. Messner & Michela Musto*, eds. (2016) *Child's play: Sport in kids' worlds*. Rutgers University Press.

Michael A. Messner, ed. (2015) *Sport, gender and sexuality: Critical concepts in sports studies* (Volume I: *Theorizing sport, gender and sexuality*; Volume II: *Playing: Sport as gendered practice*; Volume III: *Watching: The gender and sexuality of mediated sport*; Volume IV: *Bodies: Sport and the production of gender and sexuality*). Routledge.

Michael A. Messner, Max A. Greenberg* & Tal Peretz* (2015) [*Some men: Feminist allies and the movement to end violence against women*](#). Oxford University Press.

Winner of 2016 Distinguished Scholarship Award from the Pacific Sociological Association

Michael A. Messner (2011) *King of the wild suburb: A memoir of fathers, sons and guns*. Plain View Press.

Michael A. Messner (2009) *It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports*. University of California Press

Michael A. Messner (2007) *Out of play: Critical essays on gender and sport*. State University of New York Press.

Awarded the 2008 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association.

Michael A. Messner (2002) *Taking the field: Women, men, and sports*. University of Minnesota Press.

Winner of the 2004 Outstanding Book Award from the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport

Excerpted and reprinted: Chapter 1 “Center Snap: Children Creating the Fiction of Gender,” reprinted in *Inequalities: Readings in Diversity and Social Life* (Pearson, 2006); and translated into Japanese and reprinted in *Japan Journal of Gender Studies* 4 (2006). Chapter 2, “The Triad of Violence in Men’s Sports,” in E. Buchwald, P. R. Fletcher & M. Roth, eds. (2005) *Transforming A Rape Culture* (Milkweed Editions); Reprinted in David Karen & Robert E. Washington, eds. 2015. *Sociological Perspectives on Sport: The Games Outside the Games*. (Routledge). Chapter 4, “Center of Attention: The gender of sports media,” reprinted in D. Stanley Eitzen, Ed. (2005) *Sport in Contemporary Society*, 7th Ed. (Paradigm Publishers); and reprinted in G. Columbo, R. Cullen & B. Lisle, eds. (2004) *Rereading America*, 6th Ed. (Bedford St. Martin’s); Reprinted in David Karen, ed. 2010. *The Sport and Society Reader* (Routledge).

Margaret Gatz, Sandra Ball Rokeach & Michael A. Messner, eds. (2002) *Paradoxes of youth and sport*. State University of New York Press.

Jim McKay, Michael A. Messner & Donald F. Sabo, eds. (2000) *Masculinities, gender relations, and sport*. Sage Publications.

Michael A. Messner (1997) *Politics of masculinities: Men in movements*. Alta Mira Press.

Excerpted and reprinted: “Placing Multiracial Feminism at the Center of Political Discourse,” translated into Swedish and reprinted in *Fronesis* 8:110-119 (2001). The same segment was also reprinted in Mark Hussey, Ed. 2002. *Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings* (Prentice-Hall).

Maxine Baca Zinn, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, & Michael A. Messner, eds. (1997) *Through the prism of difference: Readings in sex and gender*. Allyn & Bacon Publishing Co. Second Edition published as *Gender through the prism of difference* (2000); Third Edition (2005), Oxford University Press; Fourth Edition (2011); Fifth Edition (with Amy M. Denissen, ed., 2015); Sixth Edition (with Stephanie Nawyn, ed., 2019).

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Excerpted and reprinted: "Masculinity, Homophobia and Misogyny" pp. 142-147 in P. A. Adler & P. Adler, eds. *Constructions of Deviance: Social Power, Context, and Interaction*. Wadsworth. “Watching Sport, Constructing Masculinities,” pp. 154-158 in Judith Lorber (1998) *Gender Inequality: Feminist Theories and Politics*. Roxbury. Chapter 1 “Sport, Men and Gender,” translated into Japanese and reprinted in *Journal of Sport and Gender Studies* 2 (2003). Fifteen pages excerpted in Mary Becker, Cythia Bowman, Victoria Nourse & Kimberly Yuracko, eds. (2006) *Feminist Jurisprudence: Taking women Seriously; Cases and Materials*. West School Law Publishing.

Michael A. Messner and Donald F. Sabo, eds. (1990) *Sport, men and the gender order: Critical feminist perspectives*. Champaign, IL.: Human Kinetics Publishers. (Paperback Edition, 1992)

Michael S. Kimmel and Michael A. Messner, eds. (1989) *Men's lives*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Co. (Second Edition: 1992; Third Edition: 1995, Allyn & Bacon, Pubs., Fourth Edition, 1998; Fifth Edition, 2001; Sixth Edition, 2004; Seventh Edition, 2007; Eighth Edition, 2010; Ninth Edition, 2013; Tenth Edition, Oxford University Press, 2018)

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Michael A. Messner (2025) “Foreword” for Cheryl Cooky and D. Stanley Eitzen, *Fair and foul: Beyond the myths and paradoxes of sport* (seventh edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

Raewyn Connell & Michael A. Messner (2024) "Introduction" for the Thirtieth Anniversary Edition of Barrie Thorne, *Gender play: Girls and boys in schools*. Rutgers University Press.

Michael A. Messner (2023) "Breaking up the pavement: Barrie Thorne's feminist sproutings," in Freeden Blume Oeur & CJ Pascoe, eds., *Gender replay: Reflections on youth, feminism and schools*. New York University Press.

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Michael A. Messner (2007) "The Masculinity of the Governorator: Muscle and Compassion in American Politics." *Gender & Society* 21: 461-481.

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Michael A. Messner, Margaret Carlisle Duncan & Nicole Willms* (2006) "This Revolution is Not Being Televised." *Contexts: Understanding People in Their Social Worlds* 5: 34-38.

Michael A. Messner & Jeffrey Montez de Oca* (2005) "The Male Consumer as Loser: Beer and Liquor Ads in Mega Sports Media Events." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 30: 1879-1909.

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*Reprinted in Sandra Spickard Prettyman and Brian Lampman, eds. 2008. *Learning Culture through Sports: Exploring the Role of Sport in Society*, second edition. Rowman Education, Pubs.

*Reprinted in Michael S. Kimmel & Michael A. Messner, eds. 2007. *Men's Lives* (Seventh Edition). Allyn & Bacon, Pubs.

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Michael A. Messner (2003) "Men as Superordinates: Challenges for Gender Scholarship," pp. 287-298 in Michael S. Kimmel & Abby L. Ferber, eds. *Privilege*. Westview.

Michael A. Messner, Margaret Carlisle Duncan & Cheryl Cooky* (2003) "Silence, Sports Bras, and Wrestling Porn: The Treatment of Women in Televised Sports News and Highlights," *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* 27: 38-51.

Shari L. Dworkin* & Michael A. Messner (2002) "Gender Relations and Sports," Introduction to guest edited issue of *Sociological Perspectives* 45: 347-352.

Margaret Gatz, Michael A. Messner, & Sandra J. Ball-Rokeach (2002) "Framing Social Issues Through Sport," Introduction to Margaret Gatz, Sandra Ball Rokeach & Michael A. Messner, eds. *Paradoxes of Youth and Sport*. State University of New York Press.

Michael A. Messner & Mark Stevens (2002) "Scoring Without Consent: Confronting Male Athletes' Sexual Violence Against Women," in Margaret Gatz, Sandra Ball Rokeach & Michael A. Messner, Eds. *Paradoxes of Youth and Sport*. State University of New York Press.

Michael A. Messner (2000) "Barbie Girls vs. Sea Monsters: Children Constructing Gender," *Gender & Society* 14: 765-784.

*Reprinted in David Karen & Robert E. Washington, eds. 2015. *Sociological Perspectives on Sport: The Games Outside the Games*. Routledge.

*Reprinted in Michael S. Kimmel & Amy Aronson, Eds. 2013 *The Gendered Society Reader (5th Ed.)*. Oxford University Press.

*Reprinted in Karen Sternheimer, ed. 2009. *Childhood in American Society: A Reader*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

*Reprinted in David Karen, ed. 2010. *The Sport and Society Reader*. Routledge.

*Excerpted and reprinted in Jay Coakley 2009. *Sports and Society: Issues and Controversies*, Tenth Edition. McGraw Hill.

*Translated into Ukrainian, and reprinted in Victoria Gaidenko, Ed. 2006. *Gender Pedagogy: A Reader*. The Ukraine: SUMY University Books.

*Reprinted in Judith Lorber & Lisa Jean Moore, Eds. 2007. *Gendered Bodies: Feminist Perspectives*. Roxbury.

*Reprinted in Michael S. Kimmel & Michael A. Messner, Eds. 2003. *Men's Lives* (Sixth Edition) Allyn & Bacon.

Michael A. Messner, Michele Dunbar* & Darnell Hunt 2000. "The Televised Sports Manhood Formula," *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* 24: 380-394.

*Reprinted in Mary Celeste Kearney, ed. (2011) *The Gender and Media Reader*. Routledge.

*Reprinted in D. Stanley Eitzen, Ed. (2005) *Sport in Contemporary Society*, 7th Ed. Paradigm Publishers. Reprinted in 8th Ed. (2009); Reprinted in 9th Ed. (2010).

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“The ascent of the sports-spirit complex in an American high school,” department of sociology colloquium, University of New Mexico, March 27, 2026.

Book discussion, *The High School*, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport annual meetings, Seattle, WA, November 6, 2025.

“Book chat about *The High School*,” USC Levan Center for the Humanities, September 18, 2025.

“The ascent of the sports-spirit complex in an American high school,” department of sociology colloquium, University of Texas Austin, September 11, 2025.

“The ascent of the sports-spirit complex in an American high school,” Ohio State University Sports and Society Initiative webinar, April 17, 2025.

“John Steinbeck and *The High School*,” National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, CA., April 12, 2025

“*The High School*,” Salinas High School student assembly, April 11, 2025.

“*The High School*,” Salinas Public Library, April 10, 2025.

Invited speaker, “Intersectional action in the veterans’ peace movement,” department of sociology colloquium, University of Texas, Austin, October 7, 2021.

Invited author, discussion of *Unconventional Combat*, Veterans for Peace Book Club, August 22, 2021.

Invited moderator, “Intersectional action in the veterans’ peace movement: Rising to the moment.” Opening Plenary, Veterans for Peace annual convention, August 12, 2021.

Invited presentation, “Men’s roles in the #MeToo Movement,” Stanford University Women in Law (via Zoom), April 16, 2021.

Invited presentation, “Veterans For Peace,” School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM “Virtual Coffee Hour,” March 8, 2021.

Invited author-meets-critics session for *Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace*, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 29, 2020.

Invited Panelist, “The continuing legacy of Jessie Bernard,” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 2020.

Invited Presentation, “Discussion of *Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace*,” ethnography lab, department of sociology, University of Texas, Austin, February 6, 2020.

Invited Panelist, “Navigating the Tenure Track,” North American Society for the Sociology of Sport annual meetings, Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 7, 2019.

Invited Colloquium, “Changing Men: Contradictions and possibilities in men’s work against gender-based violence and war,” Department of sociology colloquium, , September 27, 2019.

Invited Keynote address: “Changing men: Strains, contradictions and possibilities,” Centre en Etudes Genre, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, May 23, 2019.

Invited presenter, “#MeToo and the Men,” University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, April 11, 2019.

Invited author-meets-critics session for *Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace*, Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Oakland, CA March 30, 2019.

Invited book talk, “Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace,” Culver City Peace Center, February 9, 2019.

Invited Address, “Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace,” University of Colorado Colorado Springs, November 14, 2018.

Invited Colloquium, “Guys like me: Five wars, five veterans for peace,” Form/Huber Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, March 23, 2018.

Invited Address, "Presentation of the book: *Some Men*," Center for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Trento, Italy, May 24, 2017.

Invited Address, "Guys like me: Six wars, six veterans for peace," annual lecture for Women's and Gender Studies, Saddleback College, California, April 16, 2017.

Invited Panelist, "Gender in sports media: Uneven social change," Harvard University Radcliffe Center "Game changers: Sports, gender and society" conference, April 7, 2017.

Invited Address, "More men: From violence to anti-violence," Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Lecture, Elon University, April 4, 2017.

Invited Address, "Six wars, six veterans for peace," Pat Tillman Veterans Center, Arizona State University, November 17, 2016.

Invited Presenter, "Gender, sports media, and the unevenness of social change," U. S, National Committee for United Nations Women, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA October 12, 2016.

Invited Address, "Guys like me: Six men, six veterans for peace," School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM, June 30, 2016

Invited Address, "From *Some Men* to more men: Gender transformative anti-violence work with men," Department of Child and Youth Studies," University of Stockholm, Sweden, June 7, 2016.

Invited Address, "Children and sports: Creating a research agenda that matters," Department of Child and Youth Studies," University of Stockholm, Sweden, June 7, 2016.

Invited for Author-Meets-Critics session for Juliet A. Williams, *The separation solution: Single-sex education and the new politics of gender equality*. UCLA School of Law, May 6, 2016.

Invited lecture, "Women in Sports: Time for a Victory Lap?" Central Washington University, April 19, 2016.

Invited lecture, "Male allies and the politics of feminist accountability," The Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University, March 1, 2016.

Invited lecture, *Some men: Feminist allies and the movement to end violence against women*, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, September 17, 2015.

Invited for Author-meets-critics session for *Some men: Feminist allies and the movement to end violence against women*. University of Texas-Austin Department of Sociology and Voices Against Violence program, September 3, 2015.

Invited Address, "More men: From violence to anti-violence," Take Back the Night Week, California State University, Chico, April 21, 2015.

Invited for Author-Meets-Critics session for *Some men: Feminist allies and the movement to end violence against women*. Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Long Beach, CA, April 2, 2015.

Invited address, "Some men: From violence to anti-violence," Pacific Sociological Association inaugural "Stars of Sociology" speaker, Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Long Beach, CA, April 1, 2015.

Invited Presidential Plenary, "Male allies and the politics of feminist accountability," Southern Sociological Society annual meetings, New Orleans, LA, March 28, 2015.

Invited colloquium, "Males allies and the politics of feminist accountability," department of sociology, University of Oregon, February 23, 2015.

Invited Lecture, "Some men: From violence to anti-violence," campus-wide lecture, Pierce College, California, October 29, 2014.

Invited Keynote Address: "Males allies and the politics of feminist accountability," Hypatia Society "Perspectives on Gender" conference, University of California, Irvine, October 24, 2014.

Invited Lecture, "Some men: From violence to anti-violence," annual lecture for Women's and Gender Studies, Saddleback College, California, October 21, 2014.

Invited Lecture, "Males allies and the politics of feminist accountability," Summer Ph.D. Workshop, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, June 25, 2014.

Invited Presenter: "Forks in the road of men's gender politics: Men's rights vs. feminist allies?" International Workshop, "Men's Groups: Challenges to Feminism," University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. May 26-27, 2014.

Invited Lecture: "Male Allies and the Politics of Feminist Accountability," USC Center for Feminist Research "Feminist Conversations, March 12, 2014.

Invited Address: "Allies: Men's Work to Prevent Gender-Based Violence." Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Prevention Council, Long Beach, CA. September 11, 2013.

Invited Colloquium: "Allies: Men Preventing Gender-based Violence." Boston College Department of Sociology. March 12, 2013.

Invited Address: "Four Decades After Title IX: Gender, Families and Youth Sports." Boston College "Athletics and the Academy: Toward 20/20" annual address. March 11, 2013.

Invited lecture: "Forty years of Title IX: Where are the boys in youth sports?" Gender and Sport Conference, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, California, March 6, 2013.

Invited Keynote Address: “Forty years of Title IX: Where are the boys in youth sports?” Hawaii Sociological Association. Honolulu, Hawaii, February 15, 2013.

Invited Panelist: “Men, masculinities and African American families,” Morehouse College annual Families Institute Conference. Atlanta, GA. October 15, 2012.

Invited Keynote Address: “Men as political allies in feminist and gender equality anti-violence work,” at “Masculinities in Motion: Men, Gender Equality and Quality of Life,” Nordic Association for Research on Men and Masculinities, Oslo, Norway, May 31, 2012.

Invited presentation, “Gender Relations and Sport: Local, National, Transnational,” at “Play, Games and Sport: Bodies of Practice, Communities of Desire,” Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, April 19-21, 2012.

Invited Keynote Address, “Allies: Men’s work against gender-based violence,” Take Back the Night event, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA., April 13, 2012.

Invited Address, “Forty Years of Title IX,” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA., April 11, 2012.

Invited Address, “The Cultural Impact of Title IX,” University of Michigan SHARP Center’s Title IX 40th Anniversary Series, Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 2, 2011.

Invited Keynote Address, “The suppression of boys’ empathy in sport,” University of Western Ontario international symposium: “Speaking the Unspoken: Masculinities, Bodies and Body Image in Health Education,” Ottawa, Ontario, June 6, 2011.

Invited Address, “Stopping Gender Violence: Two Generations of Male Activists,” California State University San Bernardino “Conversations on Diversity” Lecture Series, May 19, 2011.

Invited Address, “Interviewing Activists Against Gender Violence,” Cal Poly Pomona “Research, Application and Pedagogy Conference,” May 5, 2011.

Invited Address, “From boys to men: The shifting culture of men’s sports,” University of Vermont, Buruck Distinguished Presidential Lecture, April 12, 2011.

Invited Keynote Address, “The past, present and future of men’s anti-violence work,” Lewis & Clark College 30th Annual Gender Studies Symposium, Portland, OR, March 9, 2011.

Invited Address, “From boys to men: The shifting culture of men’s sports,” Pacific University, Portland, OR, March 8, 2011.

Invited Seminar Presentation on *It’s all for the kids*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Austin. February 9, 2011.

Invited Keynote Address, “Men’s work against gender violence,” California State University Northridge, Anti-Sexual Assault Week, November 18, 2010.

Invited for Author-Meets-Critics session for *It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports*, American Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, August 16, 2010.

Invited Address, "Stopping gender violence: Two generations of male activists," Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, Annual Distinguished Lecture at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, August 14, 2010.

Invited Address, "Gender, families and youth sports," St. Mary's College, Department of Kinesiology speaker series, May 12, 2010.

Presidential Address, "A pedagogy of superordinates: How invisible is the knapsack of privilege?" Pacific Sociological Association, April 9, 2010.

Invited Address, "Men and Violence," Santa Clara University Office of Student Affairs Campus Lecture Series. January 21, 2010.

Invited Colloquium, "It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports," University of California, San Diego Department of Sociology, May 21, 2009.

Invited Keynote Address, "It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports," Annual Human Kinetics Socio-Cultural Workshop, Department of Kinesiology, University of British Columbia, May 7, 2009.

Invited Address, "It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports," Alpha Kappa Delta 2009 Distinguished Speaker, Department of sociology, University of Akron, April 24, 2009.

Invited Address, "You gotta' be tough: Challenges and strategies of women coaches in youth sports," University of Minnesota Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport, 2009 Distinguished Lecture. April 22, 2009.

Invited Address, "It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports," Department of sociology, University of Oklahoma, March 5, 2009.

Invited Colloquium, "It's all for the kids: Gender, families and youth sports," California State University, Northridge Department of Sociology Colloquium, November 20, 2008.

Invited Workshop, "Boys and Sports," Team-Up for Youth "Lunch and Learn" series. Oakland, CA, October 16, 2007.

Invited Colloquium, "Separating the Men from the Moms: Sex Segregation among Youth Sport Coaches," University of California at Santa Barbara Sociology Department Colloquium, May 2, 2007.

Invited Address, "Separating the Men from the Moms: Sex Segregation among Youth Sport Coaches," San Diego State University annual Sociology Graduate Students Address, San Diego State University, April 26, 2007.

Invited Address, "Separating the Men from the Moms: Sex Segregation among Youth Sport Coaches," Michigan State University Women's Studies Program, March 22, 2007.

Invited Colloquium, "Separating the Men from the Moms: Sex Segregation among Youth Sport Coaches," Florida State University Department of Sociology colloquium. February 28, 2007.

Invited SWS Distinguished Lecture, "The Masculinity of the Governor: Muscle and Compassion in American Electoral Politics," New College of Florida. February 26, 2007.

Invited SWS Distinguished Lecture, "Acting the Part: The Masculinity of the Governor," University of Maine, Orono. October 11, 2006.

Invited Keynote Address, "Gender at the Helm: Coaches in Youth Sports," annual meetings of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology, September 29, 2006, Miami, Florida.

SWS Annual Distinguished Feminist Lecture: "Acting the Part: The Masculinity of the Governor," Annual meetings of the Sociologists for Women in Society, August 13, 2006, Montreal, Canada.

Invited Address, "Sports, Men and Masculinity: A Super Bowl of Violence," for Pomona College Department of Sociology and Physical Education Department, February 1, 2005.

Invited Keynote Address, "Masculinities, Femininities...and the Governor," Annual meetings of the California Sociological Association, Riverside, CA., October 16, 2004.

Invited Address, "Sports, Men, and Violence: From Bystanders to Allies," George Mason University, September 30, 2004.

Invited Keynote Address: "Patriarchs and Losers: Rethinking Men's Interests," at the "Rethinking Gender" Conference, Berkeley Journal of Sociology and Department of Sociology, U.C. Berkeley, March 12, 2004.

Invited Address: "Women, Men, and Sports Media," Riverside Community College, Norco Campus. October 7, 2003.

Invited Address: "Athletes and Violence: Causes and Solutions," National Football League/National Football League Players Association Treating Clinicians Conference, Houston, Texas, Sept. 20, 2003.

Invited Address, "Booze, Babes and Balls: The Marketing Sexuality and Alcohol in Sports Media," California State University San Bernardino, Department of Kinesiology and Multicultural Center, co-sponsors. May 30, 2003.

Invited Address, "Booze, Babes and Balls: The Marketing Sexuality and Alcohol in Sports Media," California State University Chico, Departments of Sociology, Multicultural and

Gender Studies, Physical Education, and Campus Alcohol and Drug Education Center.
April 23, 2003.

Invited Lecture: "Gender and Sexuality in Beer and Liquor Advertisements," UCLA Dept. of Sociology Gender Group Speaker Series. February 28, 2003.

Invited Lecture, "Images of Women and Men in Sports Media," Pitzer College, Department of Sociology annual speaker event. February 8, 2003.

Invited lecture, "Gender Equity in Sports," USC Gender and Sexuality Week Series, February 4, 2003.

Invited Address, "Booze, Babes and Balls: Marketing Masculinity in Sports Media," University of California, Irvine, Center for Women and Men speakers series, October 14, 2002.

Invited Panelist: "Eyeing Title IX: Why the Hostility?" California Women's Law Center Policy Forum, September 26, 2002.

Invited Address: "Booze, Babes and Balls: Marketing Masculinity in Sports Media," Loyola Marymount University's Forum on Media Ethics and Social Responsibility, September 27, 2002.

Invited Address, "The Culture of Violence in Sports," Children's Hospital of Orange County, "Kids and Sports Day," May 1, 2002.

Invited lecture, "Booze, Babes and Balls: Marketing Masculinity in Sports Media," Long Beach City College Men's Students Association, April 16, 2002.

Invited lecture, "Booze, Babes and Balls: Marketing Masculinity in Sports Media," U.S.C. Center for Feminist Research Faculty Research Series, April 4, 2002.

Invited Panelist, "Issues, Silences and Directions in Masculinities Studies," U.C. Davis Humanities Institute "Masculinities: A Workshop," May 18, 2001.

Invited Address, "Gender and Sports Media in the United States," Norwegian University of Sport, Oslo, Norway, May 14, 2001.

Invited Panelist, "Media Coverage of Women's Sports," University of Texas, Austin, "Olympia's Daughters: Gender, Sport and the New Millennium," November 3-4, 2000.

Invited Address, "Violence and Sports," California State University, Chico, "Building Bridges" Speakers Series, October 2000.

Invited Keynote Address, "The Social Psychology of Men and Sport," American Psychological Association, Division 51, Washington D.C., August 5, 2000.

Invited Keynote Address, "Children, Sport and Culture," European Women and Sport meetings, Helsinki, Finland, June 10, 2000.

Invited Address, "Changing Meanings in Men's Sports," Spring Lecture Series, The Fisher Center For the Study of Women and Men, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York, April 20, 2000.

Invited Address, "Children, Gender and Culture," Women's Studies Program Speakers Series, State University of New York, Binghamton, March 27, 2000.

Invited Keynote Address, "Boys, Gender and Culture," Annual Meetings of the American Men's Studies Association, Buffalo, NY, March 25, 2000.

Invited Address, "Politics of Masculinities," Women's Studies Program Speaker Series, University of California Riverside, December 1, 1999.

Invited Address, "The Triad of Violence in Men's Sports," Featured Spring Speaker, Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport, University of Minnesota, May 3, 1999.

Invited Lecture, "The Triad of Violence in Men's Sports," Dept. of Sociology, California State University Bakersfield "Club Soc Annual Spring Speaker Event," April 21, 1999.

Invited Lecture, "Politics of Masculinities," Dept. of Sociology and Women's Studies Program, University of Akron, April 7, 1999.

Invited Keynote Address: "Men, Violence, and Sports," Annual AKD Installation, Dept. of Sociology, University of Louisville, April 5, 1999.

Invited Lecture: "Politics of Masculinities: Men in Movements," UCLA Center For the Study of Women Colloquium Series, March, 1999.

Invited Lecture: "Male Athletes and Violence," Sociology Workshop sponsored by CAHPERD Student Organization, California State University Dominguez Hills, October 27, 1998.

Invited Keynote Address: "The Triad of Men's Violence: Sports as Pedagogy," annual meetings of the Leisure Studies Association, Leeds, England, July, 1998.

Invited Keynote Address: "Boys' and Men's Violence: Sports as Pedagogy," California Department of Education, Project TIDE, "Gender Equity Curricula for Males and Females in the 21st Century," San Diego, CA May 13, 1998.

March 7, 1998 Invited Address, "Sex, Violence and Power in Sports: Confronting the Rape Culture," California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Conference, San Diego, CA.

February 9, 1998 Invited Lecture, "The Politics of Masculinities," Signs Seminar, University of Washington, Seattle Washington.

October 31, 1997 Invited Keynote Address: "The Culture of Athletics and Sexual Violence Against Women," Association of Instructional Administrators of the California Community Colleges Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, CA.

October 19, 1997 Invited Keynote Address: "Masculinity and the Triad of Men's Violence: Football as Pedagogy," National Football League Players Association/National Football League Program for Substances of Abuse Annual Meetings, Burlington, VT.

October 17, 1997 Invited Address: "Sport, Masculinities, and the Triad of Men's Violence," for the "Revealing Gender" conference, School of Justice Studies, Arizona State University.

September 14, 1997 Invited Keynote Address: "A Next Step in Athletic Sex Equity: Addressing the Culture of Boys' and Men's Sports," Montana State School Boards Association, "Commemorating 25 Years: Achieving Equity in Activities and Athletics," Helena, Montana.

August, 1996 Invited Speaker and Workshop facilitator, "A Male Perspective on Equity: Sports and Violence," Workforce Training and Development Conference, Arizona State Department of Education, Tucson, AZ.

August, 1996 Invited Keynote Address, "The Fall of Patriarchy in the Winter of Our Discontent: Steinbeck's Men," Steinbeck Festival XVII, Salinas, CA.

April, 1996 "Mapping the Terrain of the Politics of Masculinities" invited lecture to University of Kansas Dept. of Sociology Colloquium.

November, 1995 "The Politics of Masculinities," invited lecture to University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Sociology Colloquium.

November, 1995 "Studying Up On Sex," Presidential Address, delivered to the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Sacramento, CA

June, 1995 Keynote Address, "Sex, Violence, and Power in Sports," delivered to the National Council on Sex Equity in Education, Boise, Idaho.

May, 1995 Invited Lecture, "Feminism and the Men's Movement," Sonoma State University "Gender and Feminist Thought Lecture Series."

February, 1995 Invited Lecture, "Sports and the Construction of Masculinity," Notre Dame University, University Speaker Series.

October, 1993 Invited Lecture, "Power at Play: Learning About Gender Through the Study of Sport," for University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University Speaker Series.

September 1993 Invited Lecture, "Bringing Race in to the Sociology of Masculinities," for Pacific Lutheran University Faculty Colloquium, Tacoma, Washington.

August 1993 Invited Keynote Speaker, "Men and Intimacy," for Eastern Michigan University's second annual "Focus on Men" Conference, Ypsilanti, MI.

May, 1993 Invited Lecture, "The 'New Man': Critical Insights from a Sociology of Masculinities," University of California, Irvine Social Relations Colloquium.

May, 1993 Invited Keynote Address, "The Male Athlete and Sexual Assault," California Community College Athletic Directors Association Annual Convention, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

November 1992 Invited Keynote Address, "White Men Misbehaving: Feminism, Afrocentrism, and the Promise of a Critical Standpoint," at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Meetings, Toledo, OH.

August 1992 Invited Keynote Speaker, "Men and Masculinity Today," for Eastern Michigan University "Focus on Men" Conference, Ypsilanti, MI.

August 1992 Invited participant, ASA "Problems of the Discipline" conference: "Gender as a Social Concept," Pittsburgh, PA

February 1991 Invited Discussant, "Unraveling Masculinities," University of California, Davis Center for Comparative Research and Women's Studies Program.

March 1990 "Women, Men and Sport," Invited lecture in the San Diego State University Women's Studies Department "New Views of Women" lecture series.

PAPERS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

October 10, 2025. Michael A. Messner, "Pushing back against the racial/gender order: Pre-Title IX girl athletes in a California high school," Urban History Association, Los Angeles, CA.

January 27, 2024 Michael A. Messner, "Pearly White Athletes': The contested meanings of high school cheerleaders," paper presented at the Sociologists For Women in Society meetings, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

August 21, 2023. Michael A. Messner, "Comments on *Gender Replay*," panelist at the Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

November 10, 2022. Cheryl Cooky & Michael A. Messner, "The limits and impact of the 'Gender in televised sports report, 1989-present,'" Annual meetings of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Las Vegas, NV.

August 2019. Michael A. Messner, "PTSD, Moral Injury, and Social Change." Presentation at the Veterans For Peace annual convention, Spokane, WA.

February, 2017 Michael A. Messner, "Studying veterans for peace: When and how does masculinity matter?" Winter meetings of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Albuquerque, NM.

March, 2015 Michael A. Messner, "Gender in sports media: Trends and opportunities," Southern Sociological Society annual meetings, New Orleans, LA.

November, 2014 Cheryl Cooky & Michael A. Messner, "The promises and limitations of the *Gender and televised sports report* as advocacy for change. Annual meetings of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Portland, OR.

August, 2014, critic in "author meets critics" session for *Doing the best I can: Fatherhood in the inner city*, by Kathryn Edin & Timothy J. Nelson, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

April, 2014 Michael A. Messner, Max Greenberg & Tal Peretz, "Allies: The contradictions of men's anti-violence work," annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.

April, 2014 Michael A. Messner comments on Adia Harvey Wingfield's *No more invisible man*, author meets critics session, annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.

March, 2011 Michael A. Messner, "Strategies on how to get published," panel presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Seattle, WA.

November, 2007 Michael A. Messner, "The Construction of Soft Essentialism in Youth Sports," annual meetings of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Pittsburgh, PA.

August 2003 Michael A. Messner, "Sport, Gender, and Social Justice," American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

August 2003 Michael A. Messner, "Social Justice and Men's Interests: The Case of Title IX" Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

November 2002. Michael A. Messner & Jeffrey Montez de Oca, "Marketing Masculinity: Beer and Liquor Ads in Sports that Boys and Men Watch," North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Meetings, Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 2000 Michael A. Messner, "Men as Superordinates: Challenges for Gender Studies Scholars," American Sociological Association Meetings, Washington D.C.

November, 1999 Michael A. Messner "Barbie Girls vs. Sea Monsters: A Contextual Construction of Gender," North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Meetings, Cleveland, OH.

April, 1997 Connie Anderson & Michael A. Messner, "The Political is Personal: Masculinity Therapy and Patriarchal Bargains Among the Promise Keepers," Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

April, 1996 Michael A. Messner, "White Guy Habitus in the Classroom," Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA.

August, 1995 Michael A. Messner, Margaret Carlisle Duncan and Faye Linda Wachs, "The Gender of Audience-Building: Televised Coverage of Women's and Men's NCAA Basketball," American Sociological Association Meetings, Washington, DC.

November, 1994 Margaret Carlisle Duncan, Alan Aycock & Michael A. Messner, "Engendering the Language of Sport: NCAA Basketball, Foucault and Formulas of Exclusion," North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Meetings, Savannah, Georgia.

August, 1994 "Sport and the Construction of Hegemonic Masculinity," American Sociological Association Meetings, Los Angeles, CA.

April, 1994, "Racing Men: Confronting Hegemonic Masculinity in the Classroom," Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, San Diego, CA.

October, 1993 Invited Lecture, "When Bodies are Weapons: Violence in Sport," for University of Southern California Dept. of Sociology Colloquium.

July, 1993 "Teaching About Men and Masculinity," Annual Men's Studies Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

August 1992 Michael A. Messner & William S. Solomon "Outside the Frame: Newspaper Coverage of the Sugar Ray Leonard Wife Abuse Story," at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Meetings, Montreal, Canada.

August 1992 "New Fathers, Wild Men, and Weeping Generals: 'Changing Men' and Feminist Politics," at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA.

November 1991 "Egalitarian Opinions and Gendered Dreams: Fathers, Children, and Athletic Participation," at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Meetings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

November 1990 "Separating the Men from the Girls: The Gendered Language of Televised Sports" at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Meetings, Denver, Colorado.

August 1990 "Gendered Bodies: Power at Play" at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Washington D.C.

November 1989 "Gendered Bodies: Insights From the Feminist Study of Sport," at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport meetings, Washington, D.C.

November, 1989 Invited Panelist, "Future Directions in Sport Sociology," at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport meetings, Washington, D.C.

June 1989 "Men Studying Masculinity: Some Epistemological Issues in Sport Sociology," at the National Women's Studies Association Meetings, Towson, Maryland.

November 1988 Organizer and Moderator of session: "Feminist Perspectives on Sports Violence," including my paper: "When Bodies Are Weapons: Masculinity and Violence in Sport" at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport Meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio.

November 1988 invited panel participant, session entitled "Critical Issues in Critical Sport Sociology," at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport Meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio.

April 1988 "Feminism and the New Men's Studies" at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada.

November 1987 "Black Male Athletes and White Male Athletes: Toward a Conceptualization of Gender and Ethnicity" at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport Meetings, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

August 1987 "Masculinity, Ethnicity, and the Athletic Career: A Comparative Analysis of the Motivations and Experiences of White Men and Men of Color" at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois.

April 1987 Organizer and Moderator of Multidisciplinary session on "The New Men's Studies," including my paper, "The New Men's Studies: The Promise and the Challenges," at the Western Social Science Association Meetings, El Paso, Texas.

November 1986 Panel participant, "Women's Movement into Sport: Liberation or Cooptation?" at the North American Society for Sociology of Sport Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada.

November 1986 "Female Athletes and the Ideology of Male Domination: The Limits of 'Equal Opportunity'" at North American Society for Sociology of Sport Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada.

April 1986 "Male Identity and Organized Sports: A Lifecourse Perspective" at Western Social Science Association Meetings, Reno, Nevada.

April 1986 "Workplace Structure, State Policy, and Family Roles: A Comparison of Men's Roles in the U.S. and Sweden" for C.S.U. Hayward Center for Family and Community Studies Colloquium Series.

March 1985 Organizer and Moderator, Panel on "Sports in the '80's and Beyond," C.S.U. Hayward Center for Family and Community Studies.

July 1984 "Sports and Changing Men" at Ninth National Conference on Men and Masculinity, Washington, D.C.

August 1983 "Men, Masculinity, and Sports" at Eighth National Conference on Men and Masculinity, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Gender and Power*, 2013-
Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*, 2006-2009
Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Perspectives*, 2000-2004
Editorial Board Member, *Sex Roles*, 1997-2002
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, 1994-2000
Editorial Board Member, *Men and Masculinities*, 1993-
Editorial Board Member, *Gender & Society*, 1992-1997; 2009-12
Editorial Advisory Board, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 1993-6
Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Inquiry*, 1993-1996
Editorial Board Member, *Play & Culture*, 1991-1992.
Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 1989-1994.
Contributing Editor, *Changing Men: Issues in Gender, Sex, and Politics*, 1983-1995
Editorial Board Member, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 1979-1981.

BOOK SERIES EDITOR

Series Co-Editor (with Douglas Hartmann and Jeffrey Montez de Oca), Rutgers University Press, "[Critical Issues in Sport and Society](#)," 2010-present. (15 Titles in print)

Series Co-Editor (with CL Cole), State University of New York Press, "Sport, Culture and Social Relations," 1989-2009. (27 Titles in print)

OTHER EDITORIAL WORK

Chair of Editor Search Committee, *Men and Masculinities* (2018-19)
Regional Editor, *Men and Masculinities* (2013-2019)
Consultant Editor, Routledge International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities. (2003-4)
Guest Co-editor (with Shari Dworkin), "Gender and Sport," a special issue of *Sociological Perspectives* 45, (2003).
Guest Co-editor (with Jim McKay and Donald F. Sabo) of "Masculinities and Sport," a special issue of *Men and Masculinities* (1999).
Editor, "Working Papers on Women and Men," Institute for the Study of Women and Men, University of Southern California, 1990-1993.
Associate Editor, "Research on Men and Masculinity," book series, Sage Publications, 1989-2000.
Guest Editor, *Arena Review* Special Issue on Men, Masculinity, and Sports," 1986.
Outside reviewer for book manuscripts:

Human Kinetics Press; State University of New York Press; Westview Press; Macmillan, Oxford University Press, University of Minnesota Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, New York University Press, Sage Publications, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press.

Manuscript Referee for Professional Journals:

Sociology of Sport Journal, Journal of Sport and Social Issues, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Gender & Society, Quest, Play & Culture, Qualitative Sociology, Sociological Inquiry, Theory & Society, American Sociological Review, Sex Roles, Masculinities and Society, Men & Masculinities, Social Problems, Symbolic Interaction, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, Sociological Perspectives; Communication and Sport;

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association, Society for Study of Social Problems, North American Society for Sociology of Sport, Sociologists for Women in Society, Pacific Sociological Association.

SERVICE FOR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association

2017-18 W.E.B. Dubois Award Committee
2012-13 Sex and Gender section Feminist Activism Award Committee
2008-9-10 Chair-elect; Chair; Past-Chair, Sex and Gender Section
2003-4 Sex and Gender Section Article Award Committee
2000 Organizer for open session in sex and gender section
1996-1999 Jessie Bernard Award Committee
1994 Organizer and Presider, "Author Meets Critics" session at Annual Meetings
1988 Open Session Organizer for Sexuality Section of Annual ASA Meetings

Sociologists for Women in Society

2016-18 SWS Feminist Mentor Award Committee; co-chair, 2017
2014-15 *Gender & Society* Editor search committee member
2003-4 SWS Mentor
2003-4 SWS Feminist Lectureship Committee

Pacific Sociological Association

2008-11 PSA President-Elect, President, Past President
2005-06 Organizer and Presider, Presidential Panel
2000-02 member, elected PSA Council
1999 Program Organizing Committee for Annual PSA Meetings
1994 Session Organizer

1993 Program Organizing Committee for Annual PSA Meetings

North American Society For Sociology of Sport

1993-1996 President-Elect, President, Past President

1991-1993 Member, Executive Board

1989-1990 Chair of Student Paper Competition Committee

1989-1990 Program Organizing Committee for Annual Meetings

1988-1989 Member, Nominations Committee

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITIES AS OUTSIDE PROGRAM REVIEWER

Chair of Outside Review Committee, Women's Studies Program, University of Nevada-Reno, December 7-8, 2007

SERVICE AND CONSULTING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Resource Center for Change, Boston, MA.

2006-2023 National Advisory Board Member

Women's Sports Foundation

1998-2008 Research Advisory Board

California Women's Law Center

Spring, 1999 Expert Witness in suit against City of Los Angeles Park and Recreation Dept. to provide equal recreation facilities for girls.

May, 2007 referee for summer research fellowship applicants.

Rio Hondo Community College, Cerritos College

1997-98 Consultation with Athletic Directors, workshops with coaches and athletic teams on gender equity and violence issues.

Children Now

1995 Advisory Board Member, organizing annual conference on "Boys and Mass Media."

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND AUTHORED BOOKS OF FORMER Ph.D. ADVISEES

Jane Bock (1994) Instructor of Sociology, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

Tom Matta (1996) Northcentral University, Department of Marriage and Family Sciences.

Author, *The Voices of Men: The Shaping of Masculinities in Three Subcultural Contexts*, Learning Solutions Pubs., 2001

Paul Sargent (1998) Associate Professor of Sociology, San Diego State University (Deceased in 2012)

Author, *Real Men or Real Teachers? Contradictions in the Lives of Men Elementary School Teachers*. Men's Studies Press, 2001.

[Karen Sternheimer](#) (1998) Professor (Teaching) of Sociology, University of Southern California

Author, *It's Not the Media: The Truth About Pop Culture's Influence on Children*. Westview Press, 2003.

Kids These Days: Facts and Fictions About Today's Youth. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006;

Celebrity Culture and the American Dream: Stardom and Social Mobility. Routledge, 2011.

Pop Culture Panics: How Moral Crusaders Construct Meanings of Deviance and Delinquency, Routledge, 2015.

The social scientist's soapbox, Routledge, 2018.

[Faye Linda Wachs](#) (1999) Professor of Sociology, California Polytechnic University, Pomona

Author, *Body Panic: Gender, Health and the Selling of Fitness*. New York University Press, 2008.

Matamorphosis: Who we become after facial paralysis. Rutgers University Press, 2023.

[Sohaila Shakib](#) (1999) Professor of Sociology, California State University, Dominguez Hills

[Shari Dworkin](#) (2000) Professor, University of Washington Bothell School of Nursing and Health Studies

Author, *Built to Win: The Female Athlete as Cultural Icon*. University of Minnesota Press, 2003;

Body Panic: Gender, Health and the Selling of Fitness. New York University Press, 2008;

Men at Risk: Masculinity, Heterosexuality, and HIV Prevention. New York University Press, 2015.

[Connie Anderson](#) (2000) Associate Professor, Department of Interprofessional Health Studies, Towson University

[Wendy DeBoer](#) (2005) Director of Academic Programs, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States

[Jeffrey Montez de Oca](#) (2006) Professor of Sociology, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Author, *Discipline and Indulgence: College Football, The Media, and The American Way of Life during the Cold War*. Rutgers University Press, 2013;

Doping in Elite Sports: Voices of French Sportspeople and Their Doctors, 1950-2010. Routledge, 2018.

[Cheryl Cooky](#) (2006) Professor of American Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Purdue University.

Author (with Michael A. Messner), *No slam dunk: Gender, sport, and the unevenness of social change*. Rutgers University Press, 2017.

Serving equality: Feminism, media, and women's sports. Peter Lang, Inc., 2022.

Fair and foul: Beyond the myths and paradoxes of sport (with D. Stanley Eitzen). Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

[Melanie Heath](#) (2006) Associate Professor of Sociology, McMaster University
Author, *One Marriage Under God: The Campaign to Promote Marriage in America*. New York University Press, 2012;
How to do qualitative research: Strategies for executing high-quality projects (with Janice Aurini and Stephanie Howells), Sage Publications, 2016.
Forbidden intimacies: Polygamies at the limits of Western tolerance. Stanford University Press, 2023.

[Zoe Corwin](#) (2007) Research Associate Professor, Pualis Center for Higher Education, University of Southern California.

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