## LAURA T. HAMILTON

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### **EDUCATION**

2010 Ph.D. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington Minor in Gender
 2003 M.A. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
 2001 B.A. Magna cum Laude in Sociology, DePauw University Minors: Women's Studies and Classical Studies

#### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Co-Founder of the Higher Education, Race and the Economy (HERE) Lab
--Our Lab works to explain racial uneven racial and class distributions of resources and
risk in higher education systems and economies—and to help reverse those inequities.
We provide cutting-edge empirical analyses to our policy partners, including Elizabeth
Warren and her staff, The Student Borrow Protection Center, College Futures, The
Century Foundation, NextGen Policy, among others. My responsibilities include:

- Managing our Postdoctoral Researchers and Graduate Students
- Oversight for our New Policy Director
- Production of Social Scientific Research
- Supporting a Positive Lab Climate
- Fundraising and Grant Writing to Support HERE Lab Activities
- Coordinating with Lab Partners at Other Universities
- Communicating with Policy Partners
- Interfacing with Media on Lab Research

2019- Professor of Sociology University of California-Merced

2019-2024 Chair of Sociology Department, University of California-Merced
--The Department of Sociology at UC-Merced includes 20 tenure-track faculty, two
lecturers, 24 graduate students, and around 300 undergraduate majors. As departmental

chair, some of my initiatives include: producing guidelines for tenure promotion and regular merits in the department to improve transparency and equity, establishing the first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan for the department, creating a faculty-TA contract to reduce conflict in this relationship, establishing a junior faculty mentorship plan, and hiring and supporting six new faculty members. In this position, I am directly responsible for the following:

- Managing and Scheduling Departmental Curriculum
- Supervising Student Enrollment
- Hiring and Supervising Teaching Support
- Managing Departmental Faculty Hiring
- Performing Evaluations of Personnel
- Supporting Faculty Retention
- Managing the Departmental Budget
- Managing Faculty Leaves and Sabbaticals
- Working to Resolve Faculty and Student Complaints or Suggestions
- Supporting Faculty Research
- Maintaining a Supportive and Equitable Environment
- Managing Departmental Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives
- Supervising and Upkeeping Departmental Spaces and Property
- Interfacing with University Administration on Behalf of Sociology

2017	Visiting Researcher
	Technische Universität R

Technische Universität Berlin

2014-2019 Associate Professor of Sociology University of California-Merced

2010-2014 Assistant Professor of Sociology University of California-Merced

### **BOOKS**

2021 Hamilton, Laura, and Kelly Nielsen. *Broke: The Racial Consequences of Underfunding Public Universities.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

#### Awards:

2024 Grawemeyer Education Award

2022 American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book

2022 American Sociological Association Organizations, Occupations, and Work Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship Honorable Mention

2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems C. Wright Mills Award Finalist

2016 Hamilton, Laura. Parenting to a Degree: How Family Matters for College Women's Success. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

#### Award:

2018 American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book

2013 Armstrong, Elizabeth A. and Laura Hamilton (equal authorship). *Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

#### Awards:

2015 American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award

2015 American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book

2014 American Educational Research Association Division J—Postsecondary Education Publication Award

2014 North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Achievement Award

2014 Honorable mention for the American Sociological Association's section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Max Weber Book Award

2014 Runner-up for the American Sociological Association's section on Children and Youth Section's Distinguished Scholarly Contribution Award

#### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- 2025 Hamilton, Laura, Eaton, Charlie, and Simon Cheng. "White Flight in Public Higher Education? Racial Avoidance of Hispanic-Serving Institutions." Forthcoming at Sociology of Education.
- Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura T., Garrison, Spencer A., Giles, Kelly N., Hoffman, Charity M., and Angela K. Perone. "It's Complicated': How Black and White Women Innovate with Situationships at Midlife." https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spae021.
- Hamilton, Laura T., Dawson, Caleb E., Armstrong, Elizabeth A., and Aya Waller-Bey. "Racialized Horizontal Stratification in US Higher Education: Politics, Process, and Consequences." *Annual Review of Sociology*. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-083123-035938.
- 2024 Hamilton, Laura T., Daniels, Heather, Smith, Christian M., and Charlie Eaton. "The For-Profit Side of Public U: University Contracts with Online Program Managers." *Socius*. https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231231214952.



2014 Cheng, Simon, Hamilton, Laura, Stacey Missari, and Josef Ma. "Sexual Subjectivity among Adolescent Girls: Social Disadvantage and Young Adult Outcomes." Social Forces 93: 515-544. 2014 Hamilton, Laura. "The Revised MRS: Gender Complementarity at College." Gender & Society 28: 236-264. 2014 Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, Armstrong, Elizabeth M., and Lotus J. Seeley. "Good Girls: Social Class and Sexual Privilege." Social Psychology Quarterly 77: 100-122. 2013 Hamilton, Laura. "More is More or More is Less? Parental Financial Investments during College." American Sociological Review 78: 70-95. 2012 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "The (Mis)Education of Monica and Karen." Contexts: 11: 22-27. 2011 Hamilton, Laura, Geist, Claudia, and Brian Powell. "Marital Name Change as a Window into Gender Attitudes." Gender & Society 25: 145-175. Award: 2013 Distinguished Article Award from the American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Hamilton, Laura, Werum, Regina, Steelman, Lala Carr, and Brian Powell. "Changing 2011 Families, Changing Education." In Frontiers in Sociology of Education. Edited by Maureen Hallinan. New York: Springer. Hamilton, Laura. "Family Names Count." In Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and 2010 Americans' Definitions of Family. By Brian Powell, Catherine Bolzendahl, Claudia Geist, and Lala Carr Steelman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2010 Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, and Paula England. "Is Hooking up Bad for Young Women? Compared to What?" Contexts 9: 22-27.

# Reprinted in:

The Contexts Reader, Second Edition. 2012. Edited by Douglass Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. W.W. Norton & Company.

Feminist Frontiers, Eighth Edition. 2012. Edited by Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila J. Rupp. McGraw Hill.

## Award:

2011 Claude S. Fischer Award for Excellence in Contexts

2009 Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "Gendered Sexuality in Young Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." *Gender & Society* 23:589-616.

# Reprinted in:

Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families, Fourth Edition. 2010. Edited by Susan Fergusson. McGraw Hill.

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Fourth Edition. 2012. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Homophobia." Gender & Society 21: 145-72.

# Reprinted in:

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Fourth Edition. 2012. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

Feminist Frontiers, Eighth Edition. 2009. Edited by Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila J. Rupp. McGraw Hill.

### Awards:

2008 American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award

2008 American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award

- 2007 Hamilton, Laura, Cheng, Simon, and Brian Powell. "Adoptive Parents, Adaptive Parents: Evaluating the Importance of Biological Ties for Parental Investment." *American Sociological Review* 72: 95-116.
- Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Hamilton, Laura, and Brian Sweeney. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape." *Social Problems* 53: 483-99.

## Reprinted in:

The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities, Fourth Edition. 2013. Edited by Joan Z. Spade and Catherine G. Valentine. Sage Publications.

Constructions of Deviance: Social Power, Context, and Interaction, Seventh Edition. 2012. Edited by Peter Adler and Patti Adler. Cengage Learning.

Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Third Edition. 2009. Edited by Mindy Stombler, Dawn M. Baunauch, Elisabeth O. Burgess, Denise Donnelly, Wendy Simmonds, and Elroi J. Windsor. Pearson.

Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Third Edition. 2009. Edited by Margaret L. Andersen, Kim A. Logio, and Howard F. Taylor. Cengage Learning.

### **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY SINCE 2021**



# **GRANTS**

2024-2025	Lumina Foundation Grant (\$300,000)
2024-2026	College Futures Grant (\$200,000)
2023-2025	Arnold Ventures Grant (\$740,995)
2022-2024	College Futures Grant (\$280,000)
2021-2023	Arnold Ventures Grant (\$671,203)
2017-2020	William T. Grant Mentoring Award (\$60,000)
2016-2021	William T. Grant Scholar Grant (\$350,000)
2014	Spencer Foundation Small Grant (\$49,955)

# HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	Grawemeyer Education Award (\$100,000 cash prize)
2023-2024	American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Chair
2022	Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book in Sociology of Education
2022	American Sociological Association Organizations, Occupations, and Work Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship Honorable Mention
2021	Society for the Study of Social Problems C. Wright Mills Award Finalist
2020-	Member of Sociological Research Association (SRA) honor society
2020	Distinguished Article Award from the American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section
2018	Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book in Sociology of Education
2015	Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book in Sociology of Education
2015	American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Doris Entwisle Early Career Award
2015	American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award
2015`	Pierre Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book in Sociology of Education

2014	American Educational Research Association Division J—Postsecondary Education Publication Award
2014	North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Achievement Award
2014	Honorable mention for the American Sociological Association's section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Max Weber Book Award
2014	Runner-up for the American Sociological Association's section on Children and Youth Section's Distinguished Scholarly Contribution Award
2013	Distinguished Article Award from the American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section
2013	University of California-Merced Senate Award for Early Career Research
2011	National Academy of Education Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Finalist
2011	Claude S. Fischer Award for Excellence in Contexts
2011	Honorable Mention for American Sociological Association Dissertation Award
2010	Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Finalist
2009-2010	American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant
2008	American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award
2008	American Sociological Association Sociology of Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award
2008	Department of Sociology, Indiana University Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship
2007	Department of Sociology, Indiana University Schuessler Graduate Student Paper Award
2007	Kinsey Institute Research Grant
2006-2008	Discipline Based Scholarship in Education Associates Award Spencer Foundation
2006	Midwest Sociological Association Women in Society, First Place Graduate Student Paper Award
2006	North Central Sociological Association, First Place Graduate Student Paper Award

2005-2007	Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Advanced Departmental Fellowship
2003	Society for the Study of Social Problems Family Division, Graduate Student Paper Award
INVITED T	ALKS
2024	University of Copenhagen. "Broke: The Racial Consequences of Underfunding Public Universities."
2024	University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement. "Broke: The Racial Consequences of Underfunding Public Universities."
2024	University of Louisville, Grawemeyer Education Winner Talk. "Broke: The Racial Consequences of Underfunding Public Universities."
2023	Keynote for Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Library Summer Retreat. "Racialized Austerity in Public Higher Ed: Where Do We Go from Here?"
2022	Keynote for Growing Inland Initiative. "Resources and Race in Higher Education: Where Do We Go from Here?"
2022	White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois-Chicago, Panel on "Evidence in Action: Reducing Racial Wealth Gaps through Effective Support for Public Higher Education."
2022	Keynote for Teaching and Learning Section of the American Sociological Association. "Austerity Administration and How to Push Back."
2022	Ministry of Education, Chile. "Student Debt Cancelation in the United States." Panel of invited speakers for "Rethinking the Funding System of Higher Education."
2022	University of Illinois-Chicago Labor Union. "Austerity Administration and How to Push Back."
2022	University of California-San Diego. "Administering Austerity in the New University."
2022	University of Virginia. "Administering Austerity in the New University."
2022	Stanford University. "Administering Austerity in the New University."
2021	Rutgers University. "Race and Resources in Higher Ed: Lessons for Rutgers."
2021	CollegeBoard Higher Ed Colloquium (virtual event). Invited Panelist for "Wealth, Inequality, and Education Funding Models."

2020	Duke University (virtually). "Parents, Partners, and Professions: Reproduction and Mobility in a Cohort of College Women."
2020	University of Michigan (virtually). "Parents, Partners, and Professions: Reproduction and Mobility in a Cohort of College Women."
2019	Franklin & Marshall College, University-Wide Common Hour Speaker: "Providing a 'Leg Up': Parental Involvement and Opportunity Hoarding in College."
2019	Pomona College, "Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality."
2018	University of California-Berkeley, "Running Political Cover: Institutional Diversity Work in the UC."
2018	University of British Columbia, "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2018	Center for Ethics and Education, Annual Meeting. Keynote panel on College Completion.
2017	UC-Berkeley. Panelist for the "Future of Higher Education: Creating Opportunity, Assessing Value."
2017	Vanderbilt University. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2017	UC-Davis. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2017	UCLA. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2016	Stanford University. "College in Context: A Multi-Institutional Theory of Higher Education and Inequality."
2016	UC-Berkeley, Center for Studies in Higher Education. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2016	Indiana University. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2016	Emory University. "College Outsourced? The Family-University Partnership and Its Costs."
2015	University of California System Academic Advisors Conference: Keynote Speaker, UCLA.
2015	UC-Berkeley. "Paying for the Party."

2015	Denison University. "Peer Cultures on Campus: Drinking, Hooking up, and Sexual Assault."
2015	Cornell University. "Paying for the Party."
2015	University of California, Los Angeles. "Meeting the Needs of Less Privileged Students: The Role of Academic Advisors." Keynote at the UC system-wide Academic Advisors' Conference.
2015	University of California, Berkeley. "How Peer Cultures and Status Anxiety Influence Drinking, Sexual Assault, and Mental Health in College."
2013	Stanford University. "Education's Digital Future: The View from Midwest U."
2013	University of California, San Diego. "Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality."
2013	DePauw University. "Good Girls:' Social Class and Sexual Privilege."

# **MEDIA**

Appeared in the documentary *The Ivory Tower* and has made several appearances on National Public Radio. Work has been discussed in: *The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Atlantic, The Guardian, NBC News, TIME, Forbes Magazine, Slate Magazine, Inside Higher Education, Chronicle of Higher Education, Aljazeera, Desert News—among other outlets.* 

# PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2023	Hamilton, Laura. Panelist for "The Politics of Racial Diversity Initiatives in U.S. Higher Education." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
2022	Hamilton, Laura, Eaton, Charlie, and Simon Cheng. "White Flight in Higher Education? Racial Avoidance of Hispanic-Serving Institutions." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
2017	Hamilton, Laura. Author Meets Critics for Parenting to a Degree: How Family Matters for College Women's Success. American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
2016	Hamilton, Laura. "College Outsourced: The New Family-University Partnership." The Right to a Quality Public College Education Conference, held by the Center for Ethics & Education, Chicago, IL.
2015	Hamilton, Laura. Invited Panelist on "Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in College." American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.
2014	Hamilton, Laura, and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. Author Meets Critics for <i>Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality</i> . American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

2014	Hamilton, Laura. "Class Dynamics of Affordability." Invited Panelist on "Conflicting Visions of Affordable Postsecondary Education." American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
2011	Hamilton, Laura. "Gender Strategies and College Major: Understanding Horizontal Segregation." American Sociological Association Meetings, Las Vegas, NV.
2009	Hamilton, Laura, Claudia Geist, and Brian Powell. "Mapping Gender Attitudes with Views toward Marital Name Change." American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
2009	Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "Gendered Sexuality in Emerging Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, San Diego, CA.
2008	Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. "Gendered Sexuality in Emerging Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." American Sociological Association Meetings, Boston, MA.
2007	Hamilton, Laura. "Exploring Sexual Meaning-Making in a Longitudinal Ethnographic and Interview Project." American Sociological Association Meetings, New York, NY.
2006	Hamilton, Laura. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, Montreal, Quebec.
2006	Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." American Sociological Association Meetings, Montreal, Quebec.
2006	Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, Omaha, NE.
2006	Hamilton, Laura. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Anti-Lesbian Discrimination." North Central Sociological Association Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
2005	Hamilton, Laura. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Gender Structure Explanation of Party Rape." American Sociological Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
2004	Hamilton, Laura. "Family Structure and the Division of Household Labor: Taking the Case of Adoptive Families." North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH.
2004	Hamilton, Laura. "Family Structure and the Division of Household Labor: Taking the Case of Adoptive Families." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

2004 Hamilton, Laura. "The Division of Household Labor in Adoptive Families:

More Traditional or More Egalitarian?" American Sociological Association Meetings,

San Francisco, CA.

2002 Hamilton, Laura. "Over 100 Years of Childbirth: Doctors Deliver Babies." American

Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Level: Qualitative Research Methods, Sociology of Education, Writing and Publishing Undergraduate Level: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Family

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-	Co-founder of the HERE Lab
2016-2017	Co-director/Co-investigator Postsecondary Institutional Contexts Study (PICS) UC-Merced and UC-Riverside, with Kelly Nielsen
2015-2017	Creator of the Postsecondary Institutional Features database
2004-2009	Co-director/Co-investigator College Social Life Longitudinal Ethnographic and Interview Study Indiana University, with Elizabeth A. Armstrong
2005-2006	Project Manager/Co-investigator/Interview Supervisor National Telephone Survey: <i>Constructing the Family in the 21st Century II</i> Indiana University; Brian Powell, Project Director

2002-2003 Research Assistant

National Telephone Survey: Constructing the Family in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century I

Indiana University; Brian Powell, Project Director

#### **STUDENTS**

Dissertation or Masters Chair

Hala Alnagar, Jarrod Brown, Natasha Hagaman-Cummins, Camellia Haghverdian, Ashley Metzger, Houa Vang, Jai Vaca, Amy Vasconcellos

Dissertation or Masters Committee

Heather Daniels, Maria Duenas, Maria Escobar, Gabriela Flores, Kimberly Garcia-Galvez, Jay Colond, Veronica Lerma, Amy Moffat, Melissa Quesada, Jovana Ramos, Carmen Salazar, Jullanar Williams

Postdoctoral Fellow Supervisor

Caleb Dawson, Kelly Nielsen, Christian Smith, Amber Villalobos

# UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-2024	Sociology of Education ASA Section Chair
2022-2024	American Sociological Review Deputy Editor
2023-	Aydelotte Foundation Advisory Board Member
2022-	Social Problems Editorial Board Member
2019-	Department of Sociology Chair
2019-2022	American Sociological Association Council Member
2018-2019	Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom Senate Chair
2016-2018	American Sociological Review Deputy Editor
2016-2018	Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom Committee Member
2016-2018	Sociology of Education Council Member
2015-2017	Undergraduate Chair for Sociology and Faculty Assessment Organizer
2015-2016	Executive Steering Committee Member for Inequality, Power, and Social Justice Pillar
2015-2016	Sociology of Education Journal Editorial Board Member
2014-2015	Sociology of Education Section Session Organizer
2014-2015	Social of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Curriculum Committee Member
2013-2015	Sociology Department Newsletter Coordinator
2011-2014	Planning Committee Member for the Qualitative/Historical Archives Laboratory
2012-2013	School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Executive Committee Member
2011-2012	Sociology Job Search Committee Member
2011-2012	WASC Program Assessment Committee Member
Reviewer	American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Contexts, Social Forces, Sociology of Education, Social Problems, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Sociological Perspectives, Gender & Society, Sociological Theory
Reviewer	University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford Press

2004-2005	Sociology Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Organization, Indiana University
2004-2005	Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2002-	American Sociological Association Sections: Sociology of Education, Sex and Gender, Family, Sexualities, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
2004-	Midwest Sociological Society
2004-	North Central Sociological Association
2004-	Society for the Study of Social Problems