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## EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine 2013 – present

**Ph.D., Sociology**, expected Spring 2019

Committee: Catherine Bolzendahl (chair), Rachel Goldberg, Charles Ragin,  
Belinda Robnett

Comprehensive exams: Gender, Populations

Dissertation: Reproduction in the Welfare State: Medicaid Policy and Spend-  
ing for Family Planning and Abortion Services

**M.A., Sociology**, 2015

Mount Holyoke College 2007 – 11

**B.A., Mathematics** (cum laude, Chemistry minor), 2011

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Gender

Social Policy

Statistics and Probability

Quantitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

Smith, Mikaela and Catherine Bolzendahl. “Agree to Disagree? Ideological  
Cleavages in Paid Leave and Abortion Rights Support” (*under review*)

## BOOK REVIEWS

Smith, Mikaela. 2017. “Review of *When Solidarity Works: Labor-Civic Networks  
and Welfare States in the Market Reform Era*, by Cheol-Sung Lee.”  
*Mobilization* 22(3): 389-390.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Smith, Mikaela. “Pathways to State-Funded Abortions in the United States”

Smith, Mikaela. “Abortion Opinion in the Context of State Policy”

Smith, Mikaela. “Medicaid in the Welfare State: Variation in State Medicaid  
Spending, 2006-2016”

Smith, Mikaela. “Who Feels Statistics Anxiety? A Survey of Undergraduate  
Social Science Students”

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Werner Fellowship for Graduate Research, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (\$7,000)	2018
Associated Graduate Students Travel Grant, UC Irvine (\$400)	2018
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$2,005)	2018
Kathy Alberti Prize for Teaching, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (\$500)	2018
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$100)	2018
Department Service Award, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$100)	2018
ANSIRH Abortion Incubator Participant, UC San Francisco	2018
Associate Dean Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (\$6,600)	2018
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$1,300)	2017
Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, UC Irvine	2017
Certificate of Completion of CIRTL Training (Associate Level), UC Irvine Graduate Division	2017
Pedagogical Fellowship, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, UC Irvine (\$2,000)	2016
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$600)	2016
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$1,100)	2015
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine (\$1,400)	2014
Merrill Prize for Freshman English, Dept. of English, Mount Holyoke College	2008
Chemical Rubber Company Scientific Achievement Award, Dept. of Chemistry, Mount Holyoke College	2008

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Not All Needs Are Created Equal: Differential Spending for Reproductive Services in the U.S.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.	2018
“Examining Medicaid Spending through a Welfare State Development Lens,” with Catherine Bolzendahl. Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.	2018
“Spending and Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services.” Presented at the Institutions in Context: Gender Equality and Policy Workshop, Tampere, Finland.	2018
“Reproducing Gender through Reproductive Policy.” Presented at the UCI Associated Graduate Students Graduate Research Symposium, Irvine, CA.	2018
“Reproduction in the Welfare State: An analysis of U.S. public spending for family planning and abortion services.” Presented at the to the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.	2018
“Public Goods for Whom? The Impact of Policy Legacies on Variation in U.S. Public Spending for Reproductive Healthcare Services.” Presented at the Council on Contemporary Families Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.	2018

- “Women’s health, women’s choices: Political climate and differential access to family planning services in the U.S.” Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. 2017
- “Are Family Values Gendered? An Analysis of Public Opinion on a Woman’s Right to Choose,” with Catherine Bolzendahl. Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA. 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Instructor of Record**

University of California, Irvine

Probability and Statistics Summer 2018

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Sociology Research Methods Spring 2017

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

University of California, Irvine

Graduate Statistics, Dept. of Sociology 2017 – present (4 quarters)

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

University of California, Irvine

Probability and Statistics, School of Social Sciences 2014 – 16 (5 quarters)  
 Social Problems, Dept. of Sociology 2016 (1 quarter)  
 American Presidency, Dept. of Political Science 2015 (1 quarter)  
 Psychology in Film, Dept. of Cognitive Sciences 2015 (1 quarter)  
 Probability and Statistics, Dept. of Sociology 2014 (1 quarter)  
 Biological Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology 2013 (1 quarter)

Mount Holyoke College

General Chemistry 2008 – 09 (2 semesters)

### **Statistics Consultant**

Dept. of Sociology, University of California, Irvine

2016 – 18

- Help students develop quantitative research projects
- Assist in student access and use of statistical software
- Tutor undergraduate and graduate students in statistics

### **Workshop Instructor**

Statistics Refresher Course	2015, 16, 17
Introduction to Quantitative Research, Methods Reading Group	2015, 16
Pedagogical Fellow, Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation	2016

### **Tutor**

Huntington Learning Center, Needham, MA	2012 – 13
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### **Programs Intern**

MIT Museum, Cambridge, MA	2009
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### **RESEARCH TRAINING**

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Irvine

Edwin Amenta	2018
Catherine Bolzendahl	2017
Jacob Avery	2016

### **UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Department of Sociology

Statistics Consultant	2016 – 18
Honors Thesis Mentor	2015 – 16

Sociology Graduate Student Association

Co-Chair	2017 – present
Faculty Representative	2016 – 17
Cohort Representative	2013 – 16

School of Social Sciences

Co-founder and Co-leader, Gender Reading Group	2017 – present
Co-leader, Methods Reading Group	2014 – present

Associated Graduate Students

Program Coordinator, UC Women's Caucus Leadership Conference	2017
Chief of Staff	2016 – 17
Social Sciences Representative	2015 – 17
Academic Senate Representative, Council on Undergraduate Education Policy	2015 – 17
Member, Finance and Social Committees	2015 – 17

Campus Communications Director 2015 – 16

Palo Verde Resident’s Council  
Internal Liaison 2015 – 16

Manuscript Reviewer  
*Social Problems*  
*Social Science Research*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Scholars Strategy Network 2018 – present  
Society for the Study of Social Problems 2018 – present  
American Sociological Association 2014 – present  
Pacific Sociological Association 2014 – present  
Eastern Sociological Society 2014

## SUBSTANTIVE TRAINING

### **Methods**

Graduate Statistics  
Research Design  
Qualitative Comparative Analysis  
Demographic Analysis  
Ethnographic & Qualitative Methods  
Interview Methods

### **Theory**

Classical Social Theory  
Contemporary Social Theory

### **Teaching**

Advanced Pedagogy  
CIRTL Training

### **Gender, Family, and Social Policy**

Sociology of Gender  
Life Course Sociology  
Transition to Adulthood  
Political Sociology  
Inequality  
Poverty and Social Inequality  
Educational Inequality

### **Workshops and Reading Groups**

Race Research Workshop  
Gender Reading Group  
Methods Reading Group  
QCA Workshop  
ANSIRH Research Incubator

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Software: STATA; SPSS; R; Python; Java; Microsoft Office; Adobe suite; WordPress;  
Dreamweaver  
Languages: French (basic); Spanish (basic)