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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2012 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2010 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Sociology and Psychology, Colby College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago
Affiliate Faculty, Women's Studies & Gender Studies Program, Loyola University Chicago

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction; Science, Knowledge, and Technology; Health and Medicine;
Political and Historical Sociology; Global and Transnational Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Asia and Asian
America

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2018 **Balasubramanian, Savina.** "Motivating Men: Social Science and the Regulation of Men's Reproduction in Postwar India." *Gender & Society* 32(1):34-58. [\[Link.\]](#)
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* 2018 Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, American Sociological Association
- 2016 **Balasubramanian, Savina.** "Contextualizing the Closet: Naz, Law, and Sexuality in Postcolonial India." *Political Power and Social Theory* 30:135-158. [\[Link.\]](#)
- 2015 van den Scott, Lisa-Jo K., Clare Forstie, and **Savina Balasubramanian.** "Shining Stars, Blind Sides, and "Real" Realities: Exit Rituals, Eulogy Work and Allegories in Reality Television." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44(4):417-449. [\[Link.\]](#)
* 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Emotions, American Sociological Association
* 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Sport, Leisure and the Body, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "Family." Coauthored with Charles Camic. In *Redrawing the Boundaries of the Social Sciences: How Social Problems Became Personal Problems*, edited by Philippe Fontaine and Jefferson Pooley. Under contract at Cambridge University Press.

Other Writings

2018 **Balasubramanian, Savina.** ["Men and Population Control in Postwar India: The Role of Gendered Knowledge."](#) *Gender & Society* Blog (April 11).

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Informed Intimacies: Mass Communication and the Science of Family Planning in Cold War India (in progress)

WORKING PAPERS

All in the Family: Demography and the Making of a Cold War Discipline (article manuscript)

Surplus Men, Unborn Women: The Technopolitics of Sex and National Security (article manuscript)

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

2018 ["The Legacy of India's Quest to Sterilize Millions of Men,"](#) by Hannah Harris Green for *How We Get to Next* (September 26).

2018 ["How India Got Men to Choose Contraception,"](#) by Allison Nobles for *The Society Pages* Blog (June 20).

2018 ["In 1976, More Than 6 Million Men in India Were Coerced into Sterilization,"](#) by C. Brian Smith for *MEL Magazine* (May 1).

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2018 Hacker-Mullins Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, American Sociological Association

2017 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

2016 Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship & Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies

- 2015-2016 University Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Emotions, American Sociological Association
- 2014-15 University Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Sport, Leisure and the Body, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2012 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2010-11 University Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2010 Albion Woodbury Small Prize in Sociology, Colby College
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa Inductee, Colby College

GRANTS

- 2016 Graduate Student Organized Conference Grant, Buffett Institute for Global Studies (\$30,000)
- 2016 Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archive Center
- 2015 Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2014 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, Equality, Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS), Buffett Institute for Global Studies
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, The Sexualities Project at Northwestern
- 2012 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern Winter Reading Group Stipend

INVITED TALKS

Upcoming Panelist, Invited Panel - Honoring the Work of Dr. Adele Clarke, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland CA (March 28-31, 2019)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “Sociologists, Demographers, and Economists: Recasting Roles in the Family Drama, 1945-1995,” Second Workshop on *Redrawing the Boundaries of the Social Sciences*, Cachan, France (December 14-15, 2018)
- 2018 “Immigration and the New Racialization of Reproductive Politics in the United States, 2000-2018,” Roundtable Panels on Gendered State Transformations, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix AZ (November 10)
- 2017 “Motivating Men: Social Science and the Regulation of Reproductive Masculinity in Cold War India,” Regular Session on Sociology of Reproduction, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal (August 13)
- 2016 “Motivating Men: Communication Science, Masculinity, and the Politics of Population Control in Cold War India, c. 1960-1976,” Paper Session on States, Gender, and the Possibilities for Political Transformation, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 18)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists and the Politics of Population Control and International Development, 1951-1980,” Regular Session on Sociology of Science (Health and Professions), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA (August 20)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists and the Politics of Population Control and International Development, c. 1951-1980,” Graduate Student Conference on *Expertise from Margin to Center: Science, Politics, Democracy*, Columbia University, New York NY (April 14-15)
- 2016 “Communicating Contraception: Communication Scientists, Population Control, and the “Behavioralization” of Reproduction, 1951-1980,” Mini-Conference on Reproduction, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston MA (March 19)
- 2016 “Diffusing Information, Defusing the Population Bomb: Communication Scientists and India’s Population Control and Family Planning Program,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA (March 17)
- 2014 “Opportunities and Constraints in the Global Regulation of Pharmaceuticals,” coauthored with Alka Menon, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN (May 29)

- 2014 “Babbling about Globalization: Conceptual Incoherence and its Consequences,” coauthored with Carol A. Heimer, Alka Menon and Ari Tolman, Law and Globalization (IO/IL) Regional Colloquium, American Bar Foundation, Chicago IL (May 16)
- 2013 “Privacy and Propriety: Feminist Politics Meets Queer in Anti-Sodomy Law Activism in India,” Panelist, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 20)
- 2013 “Framing Rights to Privacy: The Role of Hybrid Activism in Anti-Sodomy Law Mobilization in India,” Regular Session on Sociology of Law, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York NY (August 13)
- 2013 “Punctuated Globalization: Legal Developments and Globalization in Medicine and Healthcare,” coauthored with Carol Heimer and Jaimie Morse, Law and Globalization Regional Colloquium (IO/IL), Madison WI
- 2013 “Reproductive Politics Meets Queer: Changing Meanings of “Privacy” in Anti-Sodomy Law Activism in India,” at *Thinking Gender*, Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, Center for the Study of Women UCLA, Los Angeles CA (February 1)
- 2012 “Funeral Ritual in Reality TV” with Lisa-Jo K. van den Scott and Clare Forstie at the Annual Couch/Stone Symposium, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI), Evanston IL (April 21)
- 2012 “Rights to Privacy, Sexuality, and the Postcolonial Moment,” at *Gendered Borders*, Annual Gender Matters Conference, Governor’s State University, University Park IL (April 13)

COURSES TAUGHT

Loyola University Chicago

Sociology of Gender (graduate)
 Sociology of Sex and Gender (undergraduate)
 Science, Technology, and Society (undergraduate)

Northwestern University

Special Fields Paper Writing Seminar (graduate)
 Gender and Society (undergraduate)
 Race and Society - A Global Perspective (undergraduate)

ADVISING

Thesis Committee Member

Yasmeen Khayr, M.A. Program in Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

Research Mentor

Keyla Navarrete (Research Assistant), Ph.D. Program in Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

Gender & Society

International Journal of Comparative Sociology

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Law & Social Inquiry

Social Politics

Professional Meetings

- 2019 Workshop Co-Organizer (with Ann Orloff, Kristen Schilt, and Kimberly Hoang) for *Gender/Power/Theory* Workshop, Chicago IL (May 3-4)
- 2017 Conference Co-Organizer for *Science, Technology, and the Politics of Knowledge in Global Affairs*, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Evanston IL (March 30-31)
- 2016 Discussant, Panel on States, Gender, and Possibilities for Transformation, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 19)
- 2014 Discussant, *Desiring Categories*, Annual Conference of The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN), Evanston IL (April 25)
- 2013 Discussant, Panel on States, Social Movements, and Perverse Politics, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (November 20)
- 2013 Discussant, *Sexual Reputations* Conference, Evanston IL (November)
- 2012 Discussant, Panel on New Intimacies, Global Economies, and the Nation-State, *Libidinal Investments: Emerging Research on Sexualities and the Social*, Annual Conference of the Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN), Evanston IL (March)

Departmental and University Service

- 2018-present Women's Studies & Gender Studies Steering Committee, Loyola University Chicago
- 2018-present Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Law and Society Association
Midwest Sociological Society
Phi Beta Kappa (Colby College Chapter)
Psi Chi (Colby College Chapter)
Social Science History Association
Society for Social Studies of Science

ANALYTICAL SKILLS

Qualitative analysis software: ATLAS.ti (proficient)

LANGUAGES

Languages: English (native), Hindi (fluent), French (basic conversational)