

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Doctoral Candidate in Sociology**

Population Research Center Trainee and Ethnography Lab Graduate Fellow

Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice Graduate Student Affiliate

Graduate portfolios and certificates in Women and Gender Studies and Asian American Studies

Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Glass (Chair), Christine Williams, Sharmila Rudrappa, David Takeuchi, Madeline Hsu

**MA Program in the Social Sciences**, The University of Chicago Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012

Thesis: *Follow the leader: The reproduction and persistence of gender roles in salsa schools.*

Chair: Kristen Schilt

**BA in Sociology and English**, Tufts University Sep. 2007 - May 2011

Cum Laude with High Thesis Honors

Honos Civicus Society, Dean's List: Fall 2007 and Spring 2009-2011

Thesis: *The Value of Friendship: Social Validation and Support for the Individual.*

Chair: Sarah Sobieraj

## **INTERESTS**

Gender, Family, Race and Ethnicity, Work and Occupations, Asian America, Social Welfare Policy

## **AWARDS**

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2017 Doug Forbes Fund Research Stipend (\$1,500)

2017 Population Research Center Fellowship (\$22,376)

2017 Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award (\$500)

2017 Population Research Center Travel Allowance for 2017 PAA Conference (\$500)

2016 External grant for Time Use Surveys training workshop University of Maryland (\$800)

2015 Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award (\$400)

2014 Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award (\$400)

2013 College of Liberal Arts Recruitment Summer Fellowship (\$5,000)

2011 University of Chicago Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences  
Merit-based scholarship (\$14,856)

2011 Voices Literary Magazine April Writing Contest: First Place (\$75)

2009 Tufts-in-Talloires, Summer Study in France, MacJannet Scholarship (\$1,000)

2009 Research grant from Tufts Institute of Global Leadership and Tufts Undergraduate Research Fund to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Research Symposium on Cities and Climate Change hosted by The World Bank in Marseille, France and to conduct research in Bogotá D.C., Colombia on their urban mass transit system. (\$1,500)

2007 Hawaii Community Foundation Cayetano Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000)

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Takasaki, Kara. "[Friends and Family in Relationship Communities: The Importance of Friendship During the Transition to Adulthood.](#)" *Michigan Family Review* Vol 21.

Eisen, Daniel B., **Takasaki, Kara**, and Arlie P. Tagayuna. 2015. "[Am I Really Filipino?: The Unintended Consequences of Filipino Language and Culture Courses in Hawai'i.](#)" *Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity* 1(2): 25-53.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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Takasaki, Kara. "Gender Roles and Gender Inequality in Salsa Schools." For submission to *Signs*.

Glass, Jennifer, Sassler, Sharon, **Takasaki, Kara** and Emily Parker "Race, Gender, and the Job Search Process among STEM Graduates." For submission to *Work and Occupations*.

Glass, Jennifer, **Kara Takasaki**, and Paige Gabriel. "Gender Ideologies and Desired Job Amenities among STEM Graduates." For submission to *Gender, Work and Organizations*.

Riegle-Crumb, Catherine, **Takasaki, Kara**, Tatiane Russo-Tait, and Katherine Doerr-Morosky. "Transitions of Women into STEM Careers." For submission to *Gender & Society*.

Takasaki, Kara. "Men's Time in Care Work: Race Moderating the Impact of Class on the Quality and Quantity of Care with Children and Elders." For submission to *Social Forces*.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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*Downed by Friendly Fire: Black Girls, White Girls, and Suburban Schooling*. By Signithia Fordham. Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources. Forthcoming in Winter 2019 Issue.

*Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness*. By Amy Speier. Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources. Vol. 38 3(4): 7-9 published Summer/Fall 2017. [Fertility Tourism: Moral and Political Economies of Hope in the Global Healthcare Market](#).

*Saving Face: The Emotional Costs of the Asian Immigrant Family Myth*. By Angie Y. Chung. In *E3W Review of Books*, Vol. 17 published Spring 2017.

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

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Takasaki, Kara. "Racialized Masculinities: How Work Shapes the Lives of Asian American Men." Presented at the 2018 meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society mini-conference "Race, Organizations, and the Organizing Process."

Glass, Jennifer, **Kara Takasaki** and Paige Gabriel. "Race, Gender, and the Job Search Process among STEM Graduates." Presented at the 2017 Population Association of America Annual meeting: Chicago, IL.

Takasaki, Kara. "Working Lives of Asian American Men." Presented at the 2017 Association for Asian American Studies meeting: Portland, OR.

Takasaki, Kara. "Scripted stability: the raced and classed reproduction of gender roles in salsa schools." Presented at the 2014 meeting of the American Sociological Association: San Francisco, CA.

Takasaki, Kara. "The Value of Friendship: Social Validation and Support for the Individual." Presented at the 2014 meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society: Omaha, NE.

Takasaki, Kara. "Follow the leader: Socialization of salsa in Chicago dance schools." Presented at the 2012 meeting of the Social Science History Association: Vancouver, BC.

Eisen, Daniel, Arlie Tagayuna and **Kara Takasaki**. "I'm Filipino!: The Role of Education in the Adoption of a Filipino Ethnic Identity." Co-presented at the Section on Asia and Asian America at the 2012 meeting of the American Sociological Association: Denver, CO.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Female Students' Occupational Plans in STEM**, Research Assistant under PI: Associate Prof. Catherine Riegle-Crumb June 2017-present

- Organizes qualitative coding and inter-coder reliability training for two researchers
- Analyzes qualitative transcripts for mixed-methods research publication

**Child & Family Research Partnership: Fatherhood Programs**, Research Assistant under PI: Associate

Prof. Cynthia Osborne June 2016 – May 2017

- Analyzed qualitative data (including Spanish content) for deliverable reports to clients: Fatherhood EFFECT Final Report
- Wrote policy briefs: [Military and Veteran Families](#) and [Fatherhood Programs in Texas](#)
- Wrote literature reviews for national and Texas fatherhood programs and evaluation studies
- Tested and constructed surveys and observation logs to evaluate fatherhood programs
- Tested, implemented, and trained staff on Remark survey software
- Cleaned raw data and preparing codebooks from surveys for data analysis
- Prepared research and program evaluation posters for conference presentations

**Early Transitions into STEM Employment: Processes Shaping Retention and Satisfaction**, Research Assistant under PIs: Prof. Jennifer Glass and Prof. Sharon Sassler Dec. 2013 – present

- Reviewed literature for NSF STEM grant application
- Conducts qualitative in-depth interviews and codes interview transcripts
- Analyzes survey data for research conference presentation papers
- Creates codebook and survey for final year of longitudinal data collection

**Massachusetts Health & Relationships Project**, Research Assistant under PIs:

Prof. Debra Umberson and Assistant Prof. Corinne Reczek Dec. 2013 – July 2014

- Researched measures and developed survey for couple marital quality, health, and caregiving

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Center for Healthcare Studies**, Research Study Coordinator, July-Dec. 2012

- Collaborated with co-investigators, research facilities and medical professionals on multi-year and multi-site grants to improve the quality of informed medical consent in kidney transplants
- Coordinated data collection from cognitive interviews, surveys, and focus groups and analyzed data for qualitative and quantitative biomedical and social-behavioral research
- Reviewed academic literature, managed research databases, and wrote research reports

**University of Chicago Consortium on School Research at the Urban Education Institute**, Research Assistant, Digital Youth Media Learning Study Oct. 2011-Mar. 2012

- Developed field research protocols with education research professionals and collected data through interviews and field observations
- Analyzed qualitative data and prepared findings for reports and presentations

**Research Paper: Filipino Identity in Hawaii**, Research Assistant under Assistant Professor Daniel Eisen June 2011

- Reviewed literature and analyzed Filipino ethnic identity processes in Hawaii
- Qualitative coding of 105 essays on Filipino identity in *Katipunan Magazin* from 1992-2009

## **OPINION EDITORIALS**

Takasaki, Kara. April 18, 2017. ["What Disney's Andi Mack Reveals about Asian Americans."](#) *Racism Review*.

Spring 2016 Contributor to *Inside Higher Ed* Conditionally Accepted career advice column. [Externalities and External Validation](#).

## **INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES**

"Social Activism and Asian Americans: Gender Inequality, Violence, and Sexual Harassment."

UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service Learning undergraduate course. February 2018.

- “Asian American Masculinities.” Introduction to Feminist Philosophy at Southwestern University. November 2017.
- “City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life Initiative.” UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service Learning undergraduate course. March 2017.
- “Women Veterans, Trauma, and Access to Health Care.” Training at Ohia Domestic Violence Shelter for Women and Children. June 2014.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**The University of Texas at Austin** *Assistant Instructor SS II* July-August 2018. Introduction to The Study of Society.

**The University of Texas at Austin** *Teaching Assistant* August 2013- May 2016

Issues in Policing, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Institute: Race, Ethnicity, and the Demography of Crime and Punishment, Introduction to Social Research, Introduction to the Study of Society.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Elected Student Council Member for the American Sociological Association Family Section (2018-2019)

SAFE Alliance and AFSSA (Asian Family Support Services of Austin) Legal Advocate and Direct Services Volunteer

City of Austin Paid Leave and Sick Days Facilitator November 15, 2017 Town Lake Center

Invited to UT Austin Asian Desi Pacific Islander American Collective (ADPAC) Multi-cultural Engagement Center Meet and Greet with Asian and Asian American Faculty and Graduate Students. December 7, 2017.

Invited to Sociologists for Women in Society Program Committee (2017-2018)

American Sociological Association Section on Sex & Gender Graduate Student Concerns Committee (2017-2018)

Presider for American Sociological Association Section on Race, Class, and Gender Stigma Round Table

Co-chair American Sociological Association Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Membership Committee (2016-2017)

Appointed Graduate Student Representative to UT Austin Faculty Council on Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Graduate Students Standing Committee (2016-2017)

Elected Student Council Member for the American Sociological Asia and Asian America Section (2016-2017)

Community Appointed Commissioner City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Board: Chair of Community Assessment Workgroup (2015-2016)

Workgroup member: Business, Community Engagement, Health

Membership Committee Member ASA Section on Sex and Gender (2014-2016)

Selected Steering Committee Graduate Portfolio Representative, Center for Women and Gender Studies (2013-2014)

Finance Committee and Sociology Alternate Rep, Graduate Student Assembly (2013-2014)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association Sections: Race, Class and Gender, Asia/Asian America, Sex and Gender, Family, Organizations, Occupations and Work, Economic Sociology, Race and Ethnic Minorities Society for the Study of Social Problems

Sociologists for Women in Society

Population Association of America

Association for Asian American Studies Caucus: Asian American Feminisms, Social Scientists  
Council on Contemporary Families  
National Council on Family Relations  
Work and Family Researchers Network  
National Women's Studies Association Caucus: North American Asian Feminist  
American Men's Studies Association

### **SOFTWARE & LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Quantitative Data Analysis Software: STATA, Microsoft Excel, Mplus  
Qualitative Data Analysis Software: MAXQDA, ATLAS.ti,  
Survey Software: Qualtrics, Remark Office OMR  
Language: Intermediate proficiency in written and spoken Spanish

### **REFERENCES**

Jennifer Glass, Centennial Commission Professor in Liberal Arts at UT Austin.  
jennifer-glass@utexas.edu. 512-471-8355.  
Relationship: Dissertation Chair and Work and Family Issues Seminar Professor.

Catherine-Riegle Crumb, Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction at UT Austin  
riegle@austin.utexas.edu. 512-475-8642 or 512-232-2388.  
Relationship: Leading a qualitative research paper with her on a shared NSF grant with advisor.

Madeline Hsu, History Professor at UT Austin.  
myhsu@austin.utexas.edu. 512-475-9303.  
Relationship: Dissertation Committee and Race and Migration Course Professor.