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**Education**

**Ph.D.** 2004, Indiana University  
Major: Sociology  
Minor: Human Sexuality  
Dissertation: "Women's Infertility and the Self"

**M.A.** 1999, Indiana University  
Major: Sociology  
Master's Thesis: "Changing Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998: Real or Artifactual?"

**B.A. Summa Cum Laude** 1996, University of Minnesota  
Major: Sociology  
Minor: Norwegian  
Honor's Thesis: "Footprints in the Snow: An Analysis of the Relationship between Language and Ethnic Identity Among the Norwegian Sami"

**Academic Positions**

- 2004-present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Purdue University
- 1998-2004 Associate Instructor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 1999-2001 Research Assistant, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Indiana University, 1999–Present. Project Title: "Evaluation of the Summer Freshmen Institute." Principal Investigator: Bernice A. Pescosolido under auspices of the Preparing Future Faculty program.
- 1999-2004 Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University. Project Title: "Sexual Well-Being of Women in Heterosexual Relationships." Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from Eli Lilly.
- 1998-1999 Research Assistant, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Indiana University. Project Title: "Sexuality Research Information Service." Principal Investigator: John Bancroft. Grant from the Ford Foundation

- 1997-1999 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Project Title: “Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality.” Principal Investigator: James Wood.
- 1997 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Project Title: “The Ethnography of a Survey Research Center.” Principal Investigator: Douglas Maynard.

### **Honors, Fellowships, and Grants**

#### **Honors**

- Purdue University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Daryl P. Evans teaching award, 2007
- Midwest Sociological Society’s Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2000.
- North Central Sociological Association’s Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2000.
- National Opinion Research Center’s General Social Survey Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2001
- North Central Sociological Association’s Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2001 (with Paul R. Namaste).
- Karl F. Schuessler Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2002

#### **Fellowships**

- College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Indiana University. 1996- 2000, 2001-2003
- Department of Sociology Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University, 2000-2001
- Alfred Lindesmith-Elizabeth Ione Mullins Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2003.

#### **Grants**

- Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant, 2009
- Graduate and Professional Student Organization Research Award, Indiana University, 2002
- Doctoral Student Grant-in-Aid of Research Award, Indiana University, 2002
- Department of Sociology Travel Grant, Indiana University, 2000
- College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Indiana University, 1999

### **Publications**

- Loftus, Jeni. Forthcoming “‘Oh No, I’m Not Infertile’: Culture, Support Groups and the Infertile Identity.” *Sociological Focus*.

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Jeni Loftus, Stacy Scherr, Laura Fingerson, Kathryn Gold Hadley, Paul R. Namaste, and Jenny Stuber. 2004. "The Three Faces of SOTL: The Contribution of the Summer Freshman Institute Project to Service, Teaching and Research." In William Becker and Moya Andrews (Eds.) *The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: The Contribution of the Research University*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. 2003. "Distress About Sex: A National Survey of Women in Heterosexual Relationships." *The Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol 32, No 3.

Bancroft, John, Jeni Loftus and J. Scott Long. 2003. "Reply to Rosen and Laumann (2003)." *The Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol 32, No 3.

Loftus, Jeni "America's Liberalization in Attitudes toward Homosexuality: 1973-1998" 2001. *American Sociological Review*, Vol 66, No 5.

### **Papers in Progress**

Loftus, Jeni and Brian C. Kelly, "Predictors of Entry into Age-Discordant Relationships."

Loftus, Jeni, Brian C. Kelly, and Sarah Mustillo "Health Trajectories of Girls in Age Discordant Relationships: A Life Course Perspective."

Loftus, Jeni, "'Some Have Gotten Better, and Some Have Stopped': Women's Infertility, Relationships and Social Support."

Loftus, Jeni and Angie Andriot, "'That's What Makes a Woman': Women's Infertility and a Failed Life Course Transition."

McCabe, Janice, Jeni Loftus, John Bancroft, and J. Scott Long, "Culture and Black and White Women's Sexual Well-being"

McCabe, Janice, Jeni Loftus, John Bancroft, and J. Scott Long, "Sexual Well-Being: Comparing the Self-Assessments of Black and White Women in Heterosexual Relationships"

Loftus, Jeni and Paul R. Namaste, "Expectant Mothers: Explaining Women's Infertility using Identity Theory."

Loftus, Jeni and Brian C. Kelly, "Age Discordant Relationships in Adolescent Girls and Depression: Causes and Lasting Effects?"

Loftus, Jeni and Elizabeth A. Sternke, "The Effects of Social Class on Depression and Anxiety for Women with Infertility."

### **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

“Age Discordant Relationships in Adolescent Girls and Depression: Causes and Lasting Effects?” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2009. (with Brian C. Kelly)

“The Effects of Social Class on Depression and Anxiety for Women with Infertility.” International Reproductive Challenges Conference, Gran, Norway, 2008. (with Elizabeth A. Sternke)

“Culture, Infertile Identities and a Fundamentalist Christian Support Group.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York, New York, 2007.

“Reconstructing Relationships: How Infertile Women Cope with Negative Social Support.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, 2006.

“‘We Can’t Afford It’: Women’s Infertility and Social Class.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

“‘Oh No, I’m Not Infertile’: Women’s Infertility, Local Cultures and the Infertile Identity.” Reproductive Disruptions Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, 2005.

“Some Have Gotten Better, and Some Have Stopped’: Women’s Infertility and Relationships with Significant People.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Minneapolis, MN, 2005.

“Why the ‘Light Bulb’ Didn’t Turn On: Stakeholder and Institutional Influences on a Failed Pilot Program for the Freshman Year Experience.” International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Inaugural Conference, Bloomington, IN, 2004 (with Bernice A. Pescosolido, Stacy Scherr, Paul R. Namaste, and Jenny Stuber).

“‘That’s What Makes a Woman’: Women’s Infertility and the Gendered Self,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2004.

“Sexual Well-Being: A Study of Women in Heterosexual Relationships,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2003 (with John Bancroft and J. Scott Long).

“The Sexual Well-Being of Women,” International Academy of Sex Research Meetings, Bloomington, IN, 2003 (with John Bancroft and J. Scott Long).

“‘Don’t Tell Me to Just Relax’: Women’s Experiences with Infertility,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., 2000 (with Paul R. Namaste).

“Changing Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998: Real or Artifactual?,” Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2000.

“A Liberalization in Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States, 1973-1998,” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, 2000.

“Let’s Talk About Sex Baby: Discourses in Adolescent Sexuality,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 1999.

“The Pinking of America? An Exploration of Changing Attitudes on Homosexuality,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Kansas City, MO, 1998.

“Footprints in the Snow: An Analysis of the Relationship between Language and Ethnic Identity Among the Norwegian Sami,” Sociological Research Institute, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1995.

### **Invited Presentations**

“National Survey of Determinants of Sexual Well-being in Women: An Overview” Social Science Research Council’s Sexuality Research Fellowship Program’s Annual Fellows Conference, The Kinsey Institute, 2001.

“Sexual Well-Being: A Study of Women in Heterosexual Relationships” Female Sexualities Conference, The Kinsey Institute, 2003.

### **Professional Service**

#### **University Service: Department of Sociology & Anthropology:**

Colloquium Committee 2008-2009  
Sociology Hiring Committee 2007-2008  
Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Advisor 2005-2007  
Undergraduate Committee 2006-2007  
Undergraduate Committee 2005-2006  
Undergraduate Committee 2004-2005

#### **University Service: College of Liberal Arts**

College of Liberal Arts Grievance Committee 2006-2007

#### **Activities Within the Discipline:**

Organizer, Family Section Roundtable Sessions, 2006 American Sociological Association Annual Meetings  
Organizer, Session on The Sociology of Reproduction, 2006 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings  
Presider and Discussant, Session on The Sociology of Sexualities, 2006 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings

**Reviewer:**

Occasional Reviews for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Social Science Research*, *Fertility and Sterility*

**Professional Membership**

American Sociological Association  
Section on the Family  
Section on the Sociology of Sexualities  
Section on Medical Sociology  
Section on Sex and Gender  
Section on Social Psychology  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Midwest Sociological Society

**Courses Taught**

Methods of Social Research II  
Gender Roles in Modern Society  
Independent Study: Gender Roles, graduate level  
Independent Study: Sociological Perspectives in Adolescent Sexuality, undergraduate level  
Introduction to Sociology  
American Society  
Sexual Diversity