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Positions

2022-Present Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2021-2022 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Governors State University
2020-2021 Visiting Instructor of Sociology, Governors State University
2015-2018 Graduate Instructor of Sociology, Northwestern University

Education

2021 Sociology PhD Program
Northwestern University – Evanston, IL
Teaching Certificate by Northwestern Searle Center (2018)
Critical Theory Interdisciplinary Studies Certificate (2017)
Gender and Sexualities Interdisciplinary Studies Certificate (2020)

2013 BS Sociology – Italian Minor, *magna cum laude*
Brigham Young University – Provo, UT

Academic Areas of Interest

Poverty, Homelessness, and Social Policy; Gender and Sexuality; Inequality and Marginalization; Social Theory

Dissertation Work

“Dependence as Independence, Instability as Immaturity: The Organizational Contradictions of Young Adult Homeless Centers Service LGBTQ+ Clients.”

Committee: Celeste Watkins-Hayes (Chair)
Mary Pattillo
Hector Carrillo

Peer-reviewed Publications

Lovell, Erik, Brent Hutchison, Ke’ala Cabulagan, John McMullin, and Curtis Child. 2015. “Homelessness and the High Performance Cycle: A New Lens for Studying Exit Strategies” *Journal of Social Service Research*. DOI: 10.1080/01488376.2015.1049397.

Applied Research

Lovell, Erik. 2020. “How to Ground Pandemic Policies with Homeless Experiences.” *Scholars Strategy Network: Policy Memos*.

Lovell, Erik, John McMullin, Ke'ala Cabulagan, Brent Hutchison, and Curtis Child. 2015. *Food and Care Coalition Evaluation Report: A Client-based Perspective*. Prepared for the Food and Care Coalition in Provo, UT.

Manuscripts in Progress

Lovell, Erik. "Gay Mormon Pioneers and Mortal Trials: Navigating the Mormon Sexual Field of Struggles." *In Preparation for Social Forces*

Lovell, Erik. "Individual, Collective, and Societal Suffering: Framework for an Ethical Sociology." *In Preparation for Theory and Society*

Lovell, Erik. "On Distance and On Hold: A Spatial-Temporal Analysis of Homeless Centers as Organizationally-Embedded Resource Brokers." *In Preparation for Cityscape*

Teaching

| <i>Instructor</i> | <i>Governors State University Anthro/Soc Department</i> | |
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| Summer 2022 | Qualitative Methods | ANSO 4610 |
| Summer 2022 | Introduction to Sociology | SOC 1100 |
| Summer 2022 | Contemporary Social Issues | SOC 2100 |
| Spring 2022 | Theories of Social Science | ANSO 4400 |
| Spring 2022 | Quantitative Methods | ANSO 3610 |
| Spring 2022 | Introduction to Sociology (2 sections) | SOC 1100 |
| Fall 2021 | Introduction to Sociology | SOC 1100 |
| Fall 2021 | Junior Seminar | ANSO 3099 |
| Fall 2021 | Class Inequalities | ANSO 3200 |
| Spring 2021 | Theories of Social Science | ANSO 3610 |
| Spring 2021 | Quantitative Methods | ANSO 4400 |
| Spring 2021 | Gender and Sexuality | ANSO 2100 |
| Spring 2021 | Contemporary Social Issues | SOC 2100 |
| Fall 2020 | Contemporary Social Issues | SOC 2100 |
| Fall 2020 | Gender and Sexuality | ANSO 2100 |
| <i>Instructor</i> | <i>Northwestern Sociology Department</i> | |
| Spring 2019 | Youth Poverty, Homelessness, and Policy | <i>SOCIOL 392</i> |
| *Spring 2018 | Introduction to College Teaching | <i>SOCIOL 570</i> |
| *Spring 2016 | Statistical Analysis of Social Data (II) – Non-linear methods | <i>SOCIOL 401-2</i> |
| *Fall 2015-Spring 2016 | Department of Sociology Quantitative Mentor | <i>SOCIOL 400; 401-1; 401-2</i> |

Courses as Teaching Assistant

SOCIOL 336 (NU) Environmental Policy and Culture

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| <i>SOCIOLOGICAL 376</i> (NU) | Politics of Scarcity |
| <i>SOCIOLOGICAL 306</i> (NU) | Sociological Theory |
| <i>SOCIOLOGICAL 311</i> (NU) | Food, Politics, and Society |
| <i>SOCIOLOGICAL 110</i> (NU) | Introduction to Sociology |
| <i>SOC 310</i> (BYU) | Foundations of Social Inquiry |
| <i>SOC 311</i> (BYU) | Contemporary Sociological Analysis |
| <i>SOC 307</i> (BYU) | Data Analysis and Presentation |
| <i>REL 345</i> (BYU) | LDS Religious Doctrines |

* Denotes courses taught at a graduate level.

Dedication to Improving Teaching

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| 2021 | Quality Matters workshops: “Improving Your Online Course” “Applying the QM Rubric” “Peer Reviewer” |
| 2020 | ASA Webinar on Specifications Grading |
| 2020 | Participant in Gender and Sexualities Workshop in Queer Pedagogies |
| 2017-2019 | Graduate student member on the Committee for Teaching – Sociology Department at Northwestern |
| 2018 | Attended workshop on “Facilitating Learning with Small Group Work” |
| 2018 | Instructor of SOCIOLOGICAL 570 – “Introduction to College Teaching” |
| 2018 | Panelist at Searle Center’s Graduate Learning and Teaching Symposium Panel Topic: “Teaching for Now, Teaching for Later” |
| 2017-2018 | Participant in the Northwestern Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching “Teaching Certificate Program” for graduate students and post-docs. Completed and received Teaching Certificate in June 2018 |
| 2017 | Attended workshop on “Participation through Preparation: Planning to get the most out of your classroom” |
| 2014 | Student in SOCIOLOGICAL 570 – “Introduction to College Teaching” |

Non-Academic Teaching Experience

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| 2019-2020 | Created and Implemented Curriculum on <i>Community Justice and Skill Development</i> at a young adult homeless shelter in Chicago |
| 2017-2020 | President of the Sunday School for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Includes selecting and training teachers for Sunday School of a congregation of young adults in the Chicago area. |
| 2017-2019 | Sunday School Teacher for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints |

Grants and Awards

- 2020 Dispute Resolution Center at Northwestern Grant
- 2020 Nominated for Weinberg College Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award
- 2019 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Summer Research Grant
- Grant of \$1,900 towards research on LGBTQ+ homeless youth pathways
- 2018 Northwestern's The Graduate School Research Grant
- Grant of \$3,000 towards research on LGBTQ+ homeless youth pathways
- 2018 Finalist – Weinberg College Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award
- 2018 Semi-Finalist – Point Foundation Scholarship
- 2015-2016 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award: Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer
- Awarded by the Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2015- 2016 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award: Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant
- Awarded by the Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2016 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Conference Presentation Funding
- Grant of \$450 towards presenting research on LGBQ/SSA Mormons
- 2015 The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Summer Research Grant
- Grant of \$1,500 towards research on conflicting identities of LGBQ+ Mormons
- 2012-2013 Office of Research and Creative Activities (ORCA) Grant
- Grant of \$1,500 towards research on Motivation Theory and Homelessness

Conference/Workshop Presentations

- 2022 *Dependence as Independence, Instability as Immaturity: Liminality of Young Adults in Social Policy*
Midwest Sociological Society – Online
- 2022 *Religions as Sexual Fields: Gay Mormon Pioneers and Mortal Trials*
Midwest Sociological Society – Online
- 2021 *At a Distance and On Hold: Introducing a Spatial-Temporal into Organizationally-Embedded Resource Networks*
ASA 2021 – Urban Issues Paper Session
- 2021 *Sex Talk from the Shelter: Social Services and their Regulation of Young Adult Sexuality*
Midwest Sociological Society – Online

- 2021 *Mismatched Structures: How Daily Rounds of Homeless Young Adults Conflict with Social Service Organizations*
Midwest Sociological Society – Online
- 2021 *Expanding Sexual Fields Beyond Desire: Networks of Homeless Services as Sexual Regulators*
Culture Workshop, NU – Evanston, IL
- 2020 *“I Know Y’all Look at Us Like Children”: Negotiating Adulthood and Sexuality in Young Adult Shelters*
Culture Workshop, NU – Evanston, IL
- 2020 *Deservingness in Young Adult Shelters: Citizenship and Adulthood*
Problem-Solving Workshop, NU – Evanston, IL
- 2020 *Deservingness in Young Adult Shelters: Forced A-Sexuality*
Gender and Sexuality Workshop, NU – Evanston, IL
- 2018 Invited panel discussion: “Teaching for Now, Teaching for Later”
Graduate Learning and Teaching Symposium – Northwestern University Searle Center
- 2018 *Political Allies and Contentious Doctrines: Contextualizing the LDS Church’s Doctrinal Movements*
Midwest Sociological Society – Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *An Ethical Sociology: Creating an Analytical Approach Towards Suffering*
Midwest Sociological Society – Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Where do they go? LGBTQ-identified homeless youth and the missing adult counterparts*
Policy Relevance Workshop at Northwestern University – Evanston, IL
- 2017 *Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever: The Nexus of Revelation, Doctrine, Policy, and Change of the LDS Church*
Culture Workshop at Northwestern University – Evanston, IL
- 2016 *Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever”: How LDS Reputational Entrepreneurs Keep Policy Consistent with Doctrine*
Social Science and History Association – Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Boundary Work Strategies: Mormonizing Homosexuality and Queering Mormonism*
American Sociological Association – Sociology of Sexualities Section – Seattle, WA
- 2015 *Homelessness and the High Performance Cycle: A New Lens for Studying Exit Strategies.*
Policy Relevance Workshop at Northwestern University – Evanston, IL

- 2014 *Homelessness and the High Performance Cycle: Towards Understanding Goal-Setting Techniques of the Homeless in Utah*. With Brent Hutchison and Ke'ala Cabulagan. Homelessness Session at Pacific Sociological Association – Portland, OR
- 2014 *Racial and Gender Equity in the Workplace: Disparities in the Physician Assistant Profession* Poster Presentation at Pacific Sociological Association – Portland, OR

Professional Services

- 2022 Session Presider for *Identity and Collective Identity in the Queer and Ally Communities* MSS Conference
- 2022 Creating Master Shell for ANSO 3099: Junior Seminar ANSO at Governors State
- 2021 Created Master Shell for SOC 2100: Contemporary Social Issues ANSO at Governors State
- 2021 Session Presider for *Homelessness and Issues of Housing Insecurity* MSS Conference
- 2021 Panelist for “Making the Sociology Degree Employable” American Sociological Association Undergraduate Student Forum
- 2021 Panelist for “Conducting Research During Times of Covid” Governor State University’s Faculty Professional Development Day
- 2020 Panelist for “Careers and Graduate School” American Sociological Association Honors Students
- 2019-Present Admissions Committee Member – Sociology Department at Northwestern
- 2017-Present Committee for Teaching – Sociology Department at Northwestern
- 2016-2017 Co-President for the Sociology Graduate Student Association
- 2015-2017 Mentor for Graduate Courses on Quantitative Methodology
- 2015-2016 Co-Student Coordinator for the Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop at Northwestern University
- 2015-2016 Sociology Graduate Student Representative to the Northwestern Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council (GLAC)
- 2014-2016 Committee for Space and Relocation – Sociology Department at Northwestern

Professional Memberships

- 2014-Present Member, American Sociological Society; Social Science and History Association;
Midwest Sociological Society
- 2013-2015 Member, Pacific Sociological Society
- 2013-2014 Member, Phi Kappa Phi

Language

Italian Fluent in Writing, Reading, Speaking