

**MOLLY MONAHAN LANG**  
**Curriculum Vita**

The Pennsylvania State University  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** North Carolina State University, August 2003, Sociology.  
Dissertation: “Rationality Unveiled: Philosophy and Practices in a Hospice Organization”  
Chair: Barbara J. Risman  
Concentration areas: Family; Social Inequalities  
Minor: Women’s and Gender Studies
- M.S.** North Carolina State University, August 1999, Sociology.  
Thesis: “The ‘Framing’ of Women Through News Media Discourse: How News Magazines Represent Violence Against Women.”  
Chair: Maxine P. Atkinson
- B.A.** Pennsylvania State University, January 1996, Sociology.  
Minor: English.

**ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

August 2023 – present	Associate Teaching Professor, Penn State University Park
August 2018 – May 2023	Assistant Teaching Professor, Penn State Erie
August 2017 – May 2018	Part-time Instructor, Mercyhurst University
August 2015 – May 2018	Lecturer, Penn State Erie
January 2015 – May 2017	Adjunct Instructor, Mercyhurst University
August 2006 – May 2013 (most)	Visiting Assistant Professor, Bloomsburg University
August 2002 – July 2006	Assistant Professor, Baldwin-Wallace University
August 1998 – January 2002	Instructor, North Carolina State University
August 1996 – July 1998	Graduate Teaching Asst, North Carolina State University
January 1995 – December 1995	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Penn State University

**PUBLICATIONS (Book)**

Lang, Brandon, and Molly Monahan Lang, eds. 2018. *Seeing Social Problems: Readings on Contemporary Issues in the United States*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

## PUBLICATIONS (Book Chapters and Articles)

Lang, Molly Monahan. 2018. "'Death Always Seems to Be Around Me': Loss Privilege and Loss in Abundance in Contemporary America." Pp. 37-53 in *Seeing Social Problems: Readings on Contemporary Issues in the United States*, edited by B. Lang and M. M. Lang. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Lang, Molly Monahan. 2018. "Social Class and Diverging Family Structures." Pp. 411-420 in *Seeing Social Problems: Readings on Contemporary Issues in the United States*, edited by B. Lang and M. M. Lang. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Lang, Molly Monahan, and Barbara J. Risman. 2010. "A 'Stalled' Revolution or a Still Unfolding One?" Pp. 408-412 in *Families As They Really Are*, edited by B. J. Risman. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Lang, Molly Monahan. 2009. "Organization of Family Life." Pp. 271-275 in *Sage Encyclopedia on Gender and Society*, edited by J. O'Brien. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Lang, Molly Monahan, and Barbara J. Risman. 2006. "Blending Into Equality: Family Diversity and Gender Convergence." Pp. 289-305 in *Sage Handbook of Gender and Women's Studies*, edited by K. Davis, M. Evans, and J. Lorber. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Atkinson, Maxine P., Greenstein, Theodore P., and Molly Monahan Lang. 2005. "For Women, Breadwinning Can Be Dangerous: Gendered Resource Theory and Wife Abuse." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67 (5): 1137-1148.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Lang, Molly Monahan. 2024. Review of Trapped in a Maze: How Social Control Institutions Drive Family Poverty and Inequality, by Leslie Paik. *Journal of Family Studies*, 30, 2: 324-325.

Lang, Molly Monahan. 2006. Review of Work, Family, Health and Well-Being, edited by Suzanne Bianchi, Lynne Casper and Rosalind Berkowitz King. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 5: 1397-1398.

Monahan, Molly B. 2001. Review of Rape on Prime Time, by Lisa Cuklanz. *Contemporary Sociology* 30: 267-268.

Monahan, Molly B. 1999. Review of News Coverage of Violence Against Women, by Marion Meyers. *Contemporary Sociology* 28: 580-581.

## OTHER REVIEWS

*Social Forces*  
Temple University Press  
Oxford University Press

## PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES

“Assessing Conceptual Understanding Through Podcast Episodes.” Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC, March 2023.

“Beyond the Binaries: Transmen Living in a Pennsylvania Women’s Prison.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

“Motherhood and Food.” Penn State Erie Gender Conference, Erie, PA, March 2021.

“Wellness in Medicine: Pressures and Constraints on Practitioners and Their Families.” Sociologists for Women in Society, San Diego, CA, January 2020.

"Upsetting the Tenure/Non–Tenure Track Hierarchy: An Interactive Conversation." Panelist. Sociologists for Women in Society, Denver, CO, February 2019.

“Medical Marriages: Analyzing the Lives of Physician Spouses Using a Mixed Methods Approach.” Sociologists for Women in Society, Denver, CO, February 2019.

“It Gets Better? Embarrassment Across the Life Course.” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 2018.

“‘Death Always Seems to Be Around Me’: Loss Privilege and Loss in Abundance in Contemporary America.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 2017.

“Inequalities Uncovered at a Hospice Organization.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 2007.

“Mixed Messages: Hospice’s Attempt at Merging Two Health Care Models, and Its Effects on Workers.” North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, IN, March 2006.

"Inclusive Rhetoric and the Maintenance of Exclusivity: A Hospice Organization's 'Team' Approach to Caregiving and the Inequality it Disguises." Association of Black Sociologists, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.

“Emotion at Work: Hospice Employees’ Strategies in Working With the Terminally Ill.” Carework Conference, Irvine, CA, August 2001.

“Faculty Peer Mentoring Across the Racial Divide.” Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, South Bend, IN, March 2001.

“How Journalists Represent Violence Against Women.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 2000.

“The ‘Framing’ of Women Through News Media Discourse: How News Magazines Represent Violence Against Women.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association, Raleigh, NC, March 1999.

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

“Climate Justice for Marginalized People in the United States,” Talk given as part of the Climate Justice Panel of the World-Wide Climate Teach-In at Penn State Erie, March 2022.

“Structural Racism: What it is and What it isn’t,” Panel organized by the Penn State Erie Public Policy Fund, Erie, PA, April 2021.

“Threats to Democracy in America: How Does History Compare to the Age of Trump and Why Should We Care?” Talk given as part of the American Fascism panel at The Jefferson Educational Society, Erie, PA, April 2018.

Quoted in “Signs of Détente in the Battle Between Venus and Mars,” *The New York Times*, May 31, 2007.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Independent Courses (continued on next page):**

Introductory Sociology (*Penn State University Park, Penn State Erie, Mercyhurst University, Bloomsburg University, Baldwin-Wallace University, and North Carolina State University*)

Social Psychology (*Penn State University Park and Bloomsburg University*)

Juvenile Delinquency (*Penn State University Park and Penn State Erie*)

Sociology of Deviance (*Penn State University Park and Penn State Erie*)

Sociology of the Family (*Penn State Erie, Bloomsburg University, B-W University, and NCSU*)

Social Problems (*Penn State Erie, Mercyhurst University and B-W University*)

Health and Society (*Penn State Erie and Bloomsburg University*)

Criminology (*Penn State Erie*)

Sociological Theory (*Mercyhurst University*)

Research Methods (*Mercyhurst University and Bloomsburg University*)

Diversity in Society (*Mercyhurst University*)

Sociology of Gender (*Bloomsburg University and NCSU*)

Social Stratification (*Bloomsburg University and B-W University*)

SPSS: Data Analysis (*B-W University*)

Caregiving in Society (*B-W University*)

### **Teaching Mentorships:**

Research Methods and SPSS; Mentors: *Ronald Wimberley, Randall Thomson, Maria Febbo*

Qualitative Methods Graduate Seminar; Mentor: *Barbara Risman*

## **HONOR SOCIETIES**

Gamma Sigma Delta, Inducted 1999.

Alpha Kappa Delta, Inducted 1997.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Excellence in Advising, School of Humanities & Social Sciences.** Penn State Erie. April 2021.

**Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring,** specifically concerning intercultural issues. Baldwin-Wallace College “Celebrate B-W” Awards Ceremony. November 2005.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.** North Carolina State University. April 2001 (with monetary award).

**Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, University Graduate Student Association.** North Carolina State University. April 2001 (with monetary award).

**Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, University Graduate Student Association.** North Carolina State University. April 2000.

**Hewlett Foundation Fellow.** Program to improve general education through the use of inquiry-based instruction. North Carolina State University. January 2000 – May 2001.

**Preparing Future Faculty Fellow.** American Sociological Association program intended to better prepare future faculty for the diversity of academic positions. Mentor: Dr. Angela Lewellyn-Jones, Elon University in Elon, North Carolina. Fall 2000 – Spring 2001.

## DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

### **Penn State University Park:**

Member of Teaching Faculty Promotion Committee, Fall 2023 – Spring 2024.

### **Penn State Erie:**

University Faculty Senator, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.

Member of Faculty Council Committee on Curricular Affairs, Fall 2021 – Spring 2023.

Chair of School of Humanities and Social Sciences Nominations & Elections Committee,  
Fall 2020 – Spring 2023; Member, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

Coordinator of *Crime, Law, and Psychology* Minor; *Sociology* Minor; and *Crime, Psychology,  
and Public Policy* Certificate, Fall 2018 – present.

Member of Political Science faculty search committee, Spring 2022.

Chair of Faculty Council Committee for Student Life, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022.

Member of Faculty Council Committee for Athletics, Spring 2020 – Spring 2021.

Member of Biobehavioral Health & Human Development Task Force, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

### **Baldwin-Wallace University:**

Secretary of the Faculty, 2003 – 2006.

Faculty Race and Diversity Committee, 2003 – 2005 (Interim Chair, Fall 2003).

Human Subjects Review Board for the Social Sciences, 2003 – 2006.

### **North Carolina State University:**

Sociology Department Race Issues Committee, 2000 – 2002.

Community Service Committee of the Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1999 – 2002.

President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2000 – 2001.

Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2000 – 2001.

Mentoring Program of the Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1999 – 2001.

Vice President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1999 – 2000.

Secretary, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 1997 – 1999.

## **MEMBERSHIP ON GRADUATE COMMITTEES (all Psychology Master's)**

Tyson Dryer, “The Lived Experiences of Transgender African American Men,” Fall 2021.

Alaina Kress, “The Relationship Between Sexual Victimization and Body Esteem: The Mediating Role of Peritraumatic Dissociation,” Fall 2021.

Alexandra Willmes, “Can You See The World Through My Eyes”: Investigating the Use of Sustained Dialogue as an Internet-Based Bystander Intervention for Sexual Assault,” Fall 2021.

Antigoni Kotsiou, “Therapists’ Perceptions of Self-Disclosure as a Function of their Clinical Experience and Contextual Factors: A Mixed Design,” Fall 2020.

## REFERENCES

Robert Speel  
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## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Sociological Society  
Sociologists for Women in Society