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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon

EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Irvine

Dissertation: The Gendered Digital Divide: Technology Use in the Transition to Adulthood
Committee: Rachel Goldberg (chair), Kristin Turney, Judith Treas

2022 M.A. Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California, Irvine

2018 M.S. Sociology, Portland State University

2015 B.A. Sociology, Washington State University

2013 A.A., Spokane Falls Community College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital sociology, gender, marriage and family, life course, stratification/inequality, transnational sociology, health and well-being, quantitative and qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

2024 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.**, Kristin Turney, Suyeon Jang. “The Carceral Contradictions of Motherhood.” *Forthcoming at the American Sociological Review*.

2023 Turney, Kristin, Katelyn Malae, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, and Sarah Halpern-Meekin. “‘Even Though We’re Married, I’m Single’: The Meaning of Incarceration in Romantic Relationships.” *Criminology* 61(4): 795-822. doi: [10.1111/1745-9125.12349](https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12349)

- Findings featured in *The Society Pages*

2023 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “Tracing the Gendered Confidence Gap in Computing: A Cross-National Meta-Analysis of Gender Differences in Self-Assessed Tech Ability.” *Social Science Research* 111. doi: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102853](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102853)

- Received the *Charles A. Lave Paper Prize Award* from the School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine.

- Received the *Robin M. Williams Paper Award for Best Empirical Graduate Paper* from the Department of Sociology at UC Irvine.
- 2020 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “‘Tindersluts’ & ‘Tinderellas’: Examining the Digital Affordances Shaping the (Hetero)Sexual Scripts of Young Womxn on Tinder.” *Sociological Perspectives* 64(3): 432-449. doi: [10.1177/0731121420950756](https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121420950756)
- 2020 McGee, Julius Alexander, Patrick Greiner, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, Christina Ergas, and Mathew Clement. “Gender Inequality, Reproductive Justice, and Decoupling Economic Growth and Emissions: A Panel Analysis of the Moderating Association of Gender Equality on the Relationship between Economic Growth and CO₂ Emissions.” *Environmental Sociology* 6(3): 254-267. doi: [10.1080/23251042.2020.1736364](https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2020.1736364)
- 2019 Mahmoudi, Dillon, Amy Lubitow, and **MacKenzie A. Christensen**. “Reproducing Spatial Inequality? The Sustainability Fix and Barriers to Urban Mobility in Portland, Oregon.” *Urban Geography* 41(6): 801-822. doi: [10.1080/02723638.2019.1698865](https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2019.1698865)
- 2019 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** “Feminization of Poverty: Causes and Implications.” In: Leal Filho W., Azul A., Brandli L., Özuyar P., Wall T. (eds) Gender Equality. *Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*. Springer, Cham. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-70060-1_6-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-70060-1_6-1)
- 2018 Shafer, Emily Fitzgibbons and **MacKenzie A. Christensen**. “Flipping the (Surname) Script: Men’s Nontraditional Surname Choice at Marriage.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39(11): 3055-3074. doi: [10.1177/0192513X18770218](https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X18770218)
- Findings featured in *The Guardian*, *The Atlantic*, and *Jezebel*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Turney, Kristin, Rachel Bauman, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, and Rebecca Goodsell.

“Intergenerational Stress Proliferation: Linking Son’s Incarceration and Mothers’ Health.”
Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Health and Social Behavior.

Christensen, MacKenzie A. and Judith Treas “Digital Boundary Work and Work-to-Family Spillover in Europe: Examining the Role of Digital Skills” *Revise and Resubmit at Community, Work & Family.*

Christensen, MacKenzie A. “The Digital Dating Divide: How Gendered Technology Use Shapes Sex and Singlehood in the Transition to Adulthood.” *Manuscript in progress.*

- Received the *A. Kimball Romney Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper* from the School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine.

- Received the *Judith Treas Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award* from the Department of Sociology at UC Irvine.

Christensen, MacKenzie A. “Digital Divides in the Transition to Adulthood: A Latent Class Analysis.”
Manuscript in progress.

Christensen, MacKenzie A. “The Digital Determinants of Education: Adolescent Technology Use and College Enrollment in Young Adulthood” *Manuscript in progress.*

Turney, Kristin, Katelyn Malae, and **MacKenzie A. Christensen.** “Co-parenting After Incarceration.” *Manuscript in progress.*

Christensen, MacKenzie A. and Katelyn Malae. “Beauty and Dating Inequality” *Invited submission to the Handbook on Beauty and Inequality, in the Springer Handbooks of Social Sciences series.*

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Awards

- 2024 Judith Treas Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine
- 2024 Charles A. Lave Paper Prize Award. School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine
- 2024 A. Kimball Romney Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper. School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine
- 2023 Most Promising Future Faculty Award. Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE), Graduate Division, and Division of Teaching Excellence & Innovation (DTEI), UC Irvine
- 2023 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine
- 2023 Robin M. Williams Paper Award for Best Empirical Graduate Paper. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine
- 2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine
- 2020 Outstanding Research Award. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine
- 2018 Outstanding Master's Student Award. Department of Sociology, Portland State University
- 2015 Outstanding Women's Studies Minor Award. Department of Sociology, WSU Vancouver

Fellowships and Grants

- 2023 – 2024 UC President's Dissertation Year Fellowship. UC Irvine. \$52,500.
- 2023 – 2024 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Fellowship. Declined. \$25,000.
- 2023 Associate Dean's Fellowship. School of Social Science, UC Irvine. \$7,000.
- 2020 – 2023 Summer Research Grants. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine. \$200-\$1,100.
- 2019 – 2022 Water UCI Fellowship. School of Social Ecology UC Irvine. \$5,000.
- 2018 – 2021 Ph.D. Provost Fellowship. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine. \$20,000.
- 2018 – 2019 Diversity Recruitment Fellowship. Department of Sociology, UC Irvine. \$5,000.

2018 Competitive Edge Summer Research Fellowship. UC Irvine. \$5,000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 – **Courses Taught (University of Oregon)**

Sociology of Gender (undergraduate)

2020 – 2023 **Courses Taught (UC Irvine)**

Probability and Statistics II (undergraduate)

Statistics and Probability Refresher Course (graduate, in-person and online)

2018 – 2023 **Teaching Assistant (UC Irvine)**

Graduate Statistics I, II, III (graduate, in-person and online)

Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate, online)

Sociology of Sexuality (undergraduate, online)

Births, Deaths, and Migrations (undergraduate)

Family & Intimate Relations (undergraduate)

Global & Transnational Sociology (undergraduate)

Social Research Design (undergraduate)

Organizations (undergraduate)

2016 – 2018 **Teaching Assistant (Portland State University)**

Marriage and Intimacy (undergraduate)

Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)

Social Research Project (undergraduate)

Social Research Methods (undergraduate)

Social Statistics (undergraduate, online)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

2023 DTEI Scholars Program. UC Irvine

2023 Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program (STAP). DTEI, UC Irvine

2022 Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Data User Workshop. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan

2021 Certificate in Cascading Writing Mentorship. DTEI, UC Irvine

2020 Excellence in Course Design Certificate. DTEI, UC Irvine

2020 Diversity Training Workshop. DTEI, UC Irvine

2018 Graduate Teaching Certificate. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Portland State University

2018 Lead Graduate Teaching Fellow. CLAS Graduate Teaching Advisory Board. Portland State University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – 2024 **Statistical Consultant**, *Department of Sociology, UC Irvine*
Advising demographic and social analysis (DASA) master's and sociology Ph.D. students about statistics, data sources, and research design.
- 2022 – 2024 **Research Assistant**, *Jail and Family Life Study, UC Irvine*
(PI: Kristin Turney): Coded and identified themes in qualitative data of family members of incarcerated men and developed an intensive longitudinal survey to measure the consequences of jail incarceration for family health.
- 2020 – 2022 **Program Coordinator**, *Middle School Challenge, Water UCI*
Developed and implemented an online curriculum teaching middle school students about STEM research, recruited and trained undergraduate mentors, and coordinated with mentors, teachers, and stakeholders.
- 2018 – 2019 **Research Coordinator**, *Research Opportunities for Teachers, Water UCI*
Co-instructed a community-based summer research project introducing community college instructors and high school teachers to interdisciplinary approaches to social science research.
- 2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, *Men's Non-traditional Surname Choices, PSU*
(PI: Emily Fitzgibbons Shafer): Assisted in data analysis and co-authored the final manuscript.
- 2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, *Gender Inequality and the Environment, PSU*
(PI: Julius Alexander McGee): Cleaned and compiled cross-national data from the World Bank and UNDP, conducted preliminary analyses, and co-authored the final manuscript.
- 2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, *Cully Job Training & Employment Needs, PSU*
(PI: Amy Lubitow): Oversaw participant recruitment, constructed survey questionnaires, managed collection and analysis of survey data, and led focus groups.

RESEARCH REPORTS AND WHITE PAPERS

- 2022 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** "Water Innovation Challenge: Program Evaluation and Future Directions." *Final report submitted to Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD).*
- 2021 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** "The Middle School Challenge: Outcomes and Future Directions." *Final report submitted to Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD).*
- 2018 **Christensen, MacKenzie A.** and Amy Lubitow. "The Lents Green Ring: 2017 Community-

Based Existing Conditions Assessment.” *Final report submitted to Green Lents.*

- 2017 Lubitow, Amy, **MacKenzie A. Christensen**, Quinton Alexander, Sophie Biddle, David Billings, Paul Deppen, Daniel Mackin, Joy Mutare. “Cully Job Training & Employment Needs.” *Final report submitted to Verde.*

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “‘Even Though We’re Married, I’m Single’: The Meaning of Incarceration in the Life Course of Romantic Relationships.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA. With Kristin Turney, Katelyn Malae, and Sarah Halpern-Meekin.
- 2022 “The (De)Gendering Effect of the Internet: Cross-National Gender Differences in ICT Confidence in the Digital Age.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 “Tracing the Gendered Confidence Gap in Computing: A Cross-National Meta-Analysis of Gender Differences in Self-Assessed Tech Ability.” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual Meeting. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Virtual Boundaries: College Student’s Negotiations of Sexual Consent and Harassment within a Digital Hookup Culture.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. San Francisco, CA. With Katelyn Malae. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Contemporary Sexual Relationships and New Technologies” *Guest Lecture for Sociology of Sexuality*, Department of Sociology, UC Irvine.
- 2019 “Gender and Technology Related Self-Efficacy: A Meta-Analysis” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 “Love Online: Race, Gender, and Online Dating” *Guest Lecture for Introduction to Sociology*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University.
- 2018 “Romantic Relationship Formation and the Evolution of Gendered Sexual Scripts.” *Guest Lecture for Marriage and Intimacy*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University.
- 2018 “Tindersluts & Tinderellas: Examining Young Women’s Construction and Negotiation of Modern Sexual Scripts within a Hybrid Hookup Culture” *Brown Bag Presentation*, Department of Sociology, Portland State University.
- 2018 “Flipping the (Surname) Script: Men’s Non-Traditional Surname Choice at Marriage.” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Long Beach, CA.
- 2017 “Digital Intimacy in an Era of Tinder.” *Sociology Graduate Student Research Symposium*, Portland State University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 – 2024 Manuscript Referee, *Gender & Society*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Social Science Research*
- 2023 Panelist, Student Panel. UCI Teach Day. DTEI. UC Irvine
- 2021 – 2023 Lead Cascading Writing Mentor, Sociology Writing Workshop for First-Generation Graduate Students. School of Social Sciences. UC Irvine
- 2021 – 2022 Member, Department of Sociology Hiring Committee. UC Irvine
- 2022 Panelist, Summer Funding Discussion. Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE). UC Irvine
- 2020 – 2022 Undergraduate Field Studies Student Advisor, Middle School Challenge. School of Social Ecology. UC Irvine
- 2020 – 2021 Faculty Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA). UC Irvine
- 2020 Organizer, Virtual Informal Grad Chats. SGSA. UC Irvine
- 2020 Organizer, Handbook for Remote Qualitative Research. UC Irvine
- 2020 – 2021 Panelist, Community Roots Academy Water Challenge. Laguna Niguel, CA
- 2019 – 2023 Graduate Mentor, Peer Mentor Program. Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA). UC Irvine
- 2019 – 2021 Graduate Student Fellow, Water UCI. UC Irvine
- 2017 Panelist, Lead Teaching Assistant Panel. CLAS. Portland State University
- 2017 Panelist, Professional Development Workshop. Portland State University
- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Sociology Graduate Student Organization (SGSO). Portland State University
- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Student Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Portland State University
- 2016 – 2018 Executive Member, Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Portland State University
- 2016 – 2018 Committee Member, Graduate Employee Union. Portland State University
- 2016 – 2017 Reviewer, Undergraduate Scholarship Review Committee. CLAS. Portland State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA): *Sociology of Sex and Gender*; *Sociology of the Family*; *Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology*; *Aging and the Life Course*

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Population Association of America (PAA)