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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology 2023 – present
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
Department of Women’s and Gender Studies.
Graduate Faculty.

Faculty Affiliate 2023 – present
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Remote
Center for Information, Technology and Public Life.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Critical Feminist Criminology Gendered Violence
Internet Studies Sexual Labor
Feminist Sociology Social Inequalities

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Ph.D. in Sociology 2023
Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women’s Studies 2020
M.A. in Sociology 2019

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
B.A. in Sociology 2017
B.A. in Women’s Studies 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Davis, Rachel E. 2024. "Debt, Sex, and Money: Imperialist Discourses of Transactional Sex Across Three Geographic and Cultural Contexts." *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1177/17488958241231879. (Online first)
- Davis, Rachel E. 2024. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of Tumblr's Sexual Content Ban on Sugar Babies' Posts." *Feminist Media Studies*. doi:10.1080/14680777.2024.2310826. (Online first)
- Love, Tony P., Jenny L. Davis, **Rachel E. Davis**, William Fisher, and Rachel Barczak. 2023. "Assessing Collective Identity (Non)Verification with Social Media Data through Web Scraping, Sentiment Analysis, and Qualitative Coding." Pp. 260–273 in *Handbook of Research Methods for Studying Identity In and Around Organizations: Usual Suspects and Beyond*, edited by R. Cascón-Pereira, I. Winkler, and S. Reissner. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. doi:10.4337/9781802207972.00034.
- Davis, Rachel E., and Renzetti, Claire. 2022. "Is Religious Self-Regulation a Risk or Protective Factor for Men's Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration?" *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 37(11-12):NP9981–NP10006. doi:10.1177/0886260520985497.
- Noe, Marcia, **Rachel E. Davis**, and Brittain Whiteside-Galloway. 2014. "Performative Fashion in the Short Fiction of Kate Chopin." *Midwestern Miscellany* 42:19-31. <https://ssml.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2014-Fall-MISC.pdf>

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Davis, Rachel E. Pretty Privilege: Hypergamy on Tumblr and TikTok. (for submission to *New Media & Society*)
- Davis, Rachel E. *Sugar and Spice: Sex, Money, and Social Media*. Book manuscript.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference

- Davis, Rachel E. 2024. "Financed Femininity: Sugar Babies, Spoiled Girlfriends, and High-Value Women on TikTok." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 6, New Orleans, LA.
- Davis, Rachel E. 2023. "Debt, Sex, and Money: Imperialist Discourses of Transactional Sex Across Three Geographic and Cultural Contexts." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 18, Philadelphia, PA.

Davis, Rachel E. 2022. "Sweet and Sour: The Impact of Tumblr's Adult Content Ban on Sugar Babies." Paper presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 17, Atlanta, GA.

Davis, Rachel E. 2021. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 9, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel E. 2019. "The Fear of God: Religious Motivations and Men's Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 11, Atlanta, GA.

Campus

Davis, Rachel E. 2024. "Human Trafficking: Putting a Name to My Face." Middle Tennessee State University Question & Answer Panel, March 20, Murfreesboro, TN.

Davis, Rachel E. 2021. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." University of Kentucky Sociology Beers Lecture. April 29, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel E. 2020. "Seeking and Surveilled: The Effects of FOSTA on Sugar Babies' Tumblr Activities." University of Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Fall 2020 Colloquium, October 9, online due to COVID-19.

Davis, Rachel E. 2019. "The Fear of God: Intersection of Religiosity with Intimate Partner Violence." Center for Research on Violence Against Women Brown Bag Series, March 27, Lexington, KY.

EXPERIENCE

Research

Qualitative Data Analyst 2019 – 2020
 On Contract. Remote
 Performed secondary coding analysis on interview data about female criminal offending in China after the one-child policy.

Interviewer 2019
 University of Kentucky Survey Research Center. Lexington, KY
 Conducted 70 survey interviews on sensitive topics over the phone and entered survey data for clients including the Centers for Disease Control and the National Cancer Institute.

Research Assistant 2018
 University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Lexington, KY
 Conducted qualitative analysis on data regarding 864 undergraduate students' ideas of appropriate punishment for hypothetical sexual assault scenarios.

Teaching

Assistant Professor 2023 – present
 Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, TN
 SOC 2010 Social Problems. SOC 3210 Drugs in Society (MT Engage Certified). SOC 3250 Social Deviance. SOC 4300 Criminology (MT Engage Certified). 4400 Sex Trafficking. SOC 5300 Criminology (MT Engage Certified). SOC 6545 Topics in Gender: Sex Trafficking. SOC 6560 Sociological Theory. Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses of 8 to 35 students, both online and in person.

Workshop Facilitator 2024
 Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, TN
 Developed and led a workshop on citation management software for the Sociology Graduate Student Professional Development Seminar.

Panelist 2023
 Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, TN
 Served as a panelist in a discussion about conference attendance and participation in Sociology Graduate Student Professional Development Seminar of 10 students.

Graduate Instructor 2020 – 2023
 University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY
 SOC 235 Inequalities in Society. SOC 335 Sociology of Gender. SOC 339 Introduction to Criminology. SOC 350 Crime & Disasters. Independently developed and taught lower-level and upper-level courses of 18 to 72 students from a variety of majors, both online and in person.

Guest Lecturer 2022
 University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY
 Presented a guest lecture on my dissertation research in upper-level Sociology of the Body course of 20 students.

Guest Discussion Facilitator 2020
 University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY
 Facilitated a discussion on feminist theorizing in a graduate-level Contemporary Sociological Theory course of 5 students.

Guest Lecturer 2019
 University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY
 Presented a guest lecture on *The Communist Manifesto* in an upper-level Classical Sociological Theory course of 30 students.

Guest Lecturer 2019
 University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY
 Presented a guest lecture on gender, sex, and sexualities in an Introduction to Sociology course of 120 students.

Master's Theses

Jennifer Messer, Committee Member 2024 – present
 Casey Fowler, Committee Member 2023 – present

Undergraduate Research

Melissa Guinn, Research Mentor 2024 – present

Editing

Social Media Editor 2018 – 2023
 SAGE Publications. Lexington, KY
 Managed the interdisciplinary journal on *Violence Against Women's* Twitter and Facebook accounts @VAWJournal. Increased Twitter followers by 695%, and increased Facebook followers by 145% in five years.

Assistant Editor 2014
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN
 Assistant edited the book *Pregnancy Discrimination and the American Worker* by Michelle D. Deardorff and James G. Dahl, published in 2015 by Palgrave Macmillan.

Copy Editor 2013 – 2014
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, TN
 Copy edited the journals *Midwestern Miscellany* and *MidAmerica*.

Professional Development

Grant-Writing Enhancement Program 2023 – present
 Middle Tennessee State University Office Research and Sponsored Programs
 Three-year faculty support program focused on grant writing.

Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program 2024
 American Society of Criminology Division on Feminist Criminology
 Program intended to facilitate long-term mentoring relationships between DFC members.

Pedagogicon 2024
 Eastern Kentucky University and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
 One-day pedagogical conference.

MT Engage Summer Institute	2024
MT Engage Two-day workshop on facilitating reflection and integrative learning in the classroom.	
Online Faculty Mentoring Community	2023 – 2024
MTSU Online Year-long mentorship program focused on D2L.	
Faculty Reading Group	2023 – 2024
Middle Tennessee State University Learning, Teaching, and Innovative Technologies Center Participated in two semester-long faculty reading groups, discussing <i>Grading for Growth: A Guide to Alternative Grading Practices that Promote Authentic Learning and Student Engagement in Higher Education</i> in the fall and <i>The Norton Guide to Equity-Minded Teaching</i> in the spring.	

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Received

Undergraduate Research Experience and Creative Activity (URECA) Grant \$4,000	2024
MTSU Undergraduate Research Center Grant funding Melissa Guinn's summer research project entitled "Law Enforcement Perceptions on Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking."	

Under Review

Small Research Grant on Education \$50,000	2024 – 2025
Spencer Foundation	

Applied, Not Received

Just Tech Fellowship \$200,000	2022 – 2024
Social Science Research Network	
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship \$35,000	2022 – 2023
American Council of Learned Societies	
Ford Foundation Fellowship \$28,000	2022 – 2023
National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine	
WW Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies (Finalist) \$20,000	2022 – 2023
Institute for Citizens & Scholars	
American Dissertation Fellowship \$20,000	2022 – 2023
American Association of University Women	

Presidential Graduate Fellowship \$20,000 University of Kentucky Graduate School	2022 – 2023
ASA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant \$16,000 American Sociological Association	2022 – 2023
RSF Dissertation Research Grant \$10,000 Russell Sage Foundation	2022 – 2023
Horowitz Grant \$7,500 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy	2022 – 2023
Graduate Student Research Grant \$5,000 University of Kentucky Center for Equality and Social Justice	2022

SERVICE

Disciplinary

Peer Reviewer	
<i>Feminist Criminology</i>	2024 – present
<i>Feminist Media Studies</i>	2023 – present
<i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i>	2023 – present
<i>Violence Against Women</i>	2023 – present
Paper Session Presider Undergraduate Social Science Symposium	2024

University

Poster Session Judge Middle Tennessee State University Scholars Week Research and Creative Activity Exposition	2024
Sociology Representative Middle Tennessee State University True Blue Preview	2023 – 2024

Departmental

Chair Search Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023 – 2024
Graduate Admissions Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023 – 2024

Women's and Gender Studies Council Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Women's and Gender Studies	2023 – 2024
Undergraduate Social Science Symposium Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023 – 2024
Biennial WGST Conference Planning Committee Middle Tennessee State University Department of Women's and Gender Studies	2023 – 2024
Sociology Graduate Program Curriculum Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023 – 2024
Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023 – 2024
Gender and Women's Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Gender and Women's Studies	2023 – 2024
Lecturer Search Committee Member Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2023

CERTIFICATIONS

LGBT+ Safe Zone Middle Tennessee State University Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs	2024 – 2027
Adult Mental Health First Aid National Council for Mental Wellbeing	2023 – 2026

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology Division on Feminist Criminology Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice	2021 – present
American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Section on Race, Gender, and Class Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender	2019 – present
Southern Sociological Society	2015 – present
Mid-South Sociological Association	2017 – present