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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2015-2017 Provost’s Post-Doctoral Fellow in Sociology, University of South Florida

2014-2015 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**EDUCATION**

2014 Florida International University, Ph.D. Global Sociocultural Studies

(Sociology) with a Certificate in Women’s Studies

2006 San Diego State University, M.A. Political Science

2004 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, B.A. Political Science

(Summa Cum Laude)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# Manuscripts at Peer Reviewed Journals

Meszaros, Julia. (Forthcoming Spring 2017). “American Men and Romance Tourism: Searching for Traditional Trophy Wives as Status Symbols of Class Privilege” *Women’s Studies Quarterly* [accepted 10/2016]

Meszaros, Julia and Christina Bazzaroni. 2014. “From Taboo to Tourist Industry: The Construction of Interracial Intimacies between Black Men and White Women in Colonial and Contemporary Times.” *Sociology Compass* 8(11):1256-1268.

# Book Chapters

Meszaros, Julia. (Forthcoming 2017). “Romance Tours and Marriage Migration in the Philippines", in *Gender, Migration, and Citizenship: revisiting Southeast Asian international marriages*, edited by Ascuncion Fresnoza-Flot and Gwenola Ricordeau. Routledge: New York.

Meszaros, Julia. 2014. “Romance Tourism: the Ultimate Emotions Industry”. Pp.25-42 in *The* *Emotions Industry,* edited by Mira Moshe. Nova Science Publications: Hauppage, NY.

Book Reviews

Meszaros, Julia. 2014. *Leisure and Tourism: Cultural Paradigms* edited by John Dodd and Veena Sharma in *International Sociology* March (29): 154-156.

# Manuscripts Under Review

“The International Introduction Industry: An Alternative Route for Economic Development.” [submitted 10/2016 to Socio Economic Review]

“Deconstructing Narratives of the ‘Scamming Mail Order Bride” [submitted 10/2016 to Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies]

# Manuscripts In Progress (Abstracts and Drafts Available Upon Request)

“Complicating Orientalized Desires: Ukrainian women and Muslim men in the international introduction industry ”

“Virgins, Vixens and Supermodels: Race, Beauty, and Desire in the International Introduction Industry”

“Making Friends on Romance Tours: Homosociality and the International Introduction Industry”

“International Dating as Sexual Labor”

**FELLOWSHIPS**

2013. Dissertation Year Fellowship. Florida International University. $16,666

2013. Perry Graduate Scholarship. FIU. $2500

2013. SIPA Broad Fellowship. FIU. $500

2012. Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship. FIU. $8,333

2012. Dissertation Funding, Graduate and Professional Student Committee, $1000

2008. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor’s Award. $5000

**AWARDS**

2012. Graduate Student Scholarly Forum Winner for Best Presentation

(Literature and Cultural Studies)

2011. Graduate Student Scholarly Forum Winner for Best Presentation

(Politics and Administration).

2004. Best Undergraduate Paper for the College of Letters and Sciences (UWW)

2004. Best Undergraduate Student for the College of Letters and Sciences (UWW)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2012. “Emotions, Race and Desire in Romance Tourism.” Corvinus University: Budapest, Hungary. September 18th.

# **CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

2016. “Rethinking sexual labor in the international introduction and dating industry.” Presented at the ASA annual meeting in Seattle, WA; USA.

2016. “Ethics of Feminist Ethnography.” Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the winter meeting in Nashville, TN; USA.

2015. “Romance Tourism: An Escape from the Pure Relationship.” American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Chicago, IL; USA.

2015. “The Emotional Labor of Prioritization.” Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Washington, D.C.; USA.

2014. “Embodied Desires: Race, Sexuality and the Romance Tour Industry.” National Women’s Studies Association. Presented at the annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2014. “Defining desirability in the romance tour industry: Why are Muslim men considered undesirable?” American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in San Francisco, CA; USA.

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2014. “Remittances and the Persistent Political Economy of Corruption in the Philippines.” International Studies Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Toronto, Canada.

2014. “Why are Muslim men undesirable in the commercial romance tour industry?” Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Nashville, TN; USA.

2013. “Affective Racializations: Race, Desire and Romance Tourism in Colombia” American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New York, NY; USA.

2013. “A Desire for Whiteness in the Philippines’ Romance Tour Industry.” Intimate Migrations. Presented at inaugural meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.

2012. “Romance Tours in Colombia: Imaginings of Race in the Political Economy of Desire.” Southern Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New Orleans, LA; USA.

2012. “Racialized Desires and Romance: Exploring Romance Tourism in Colombia.” Eastern Sociological Society. Presented at the annual meeting in New York, NY; USA.

2011. “The International Marriage Broker Regulation Act: Surprising Immigration Legislation.” American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV; USA.

2010. “Migrant Brides, Moral Panics and the IMBRA Act.” Moral Panics in the Contemporary World. Presented at the meeting in London, United Kingdom.

2010. “International Matchmaking Agencies: Fairy Godmothers for Profit.” American Anthropological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in New Orleans, LA; USA.

2010. “Neoliberal Cinderellas: Marriage as a Migration Strategy.” American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Atlanta, GA; USA.

2010. “An Investigation into Romance Tourism.” International Colloquium on Tourism. Presented at the annual meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

2010. “How the Consumption of Love Translates into Migration.” Society for Applied Anthropology. Presented at the annual meeting in Merida, Mexico.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Department of Sociology, University of South Florida

Inequality in a Global Society Fall 2015

Intersectionality (Graduate Course) Spring 2016

Sociology of the Family Summer 2016, Fall 2016

Social Science Statistics Spring 2017

Student Committees, University of South Florida

Faculty Member, Master of Arts Thesis Committee, Toria Kwan 2016-Present

Faculty Member, Master of Arts Thesis Committee, Olivia Johnson 2016-Present

Faculty Member, Doctoral Committee, Ericka Rowland 2016-Present

Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Introduction to Sociology Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Social Research Methods Fall 2014

Social Stratification Fall 2014

Sex, Race & Power in a Globalized World Spring 2015

Sociology of the Family (online) Summer 2015

Department of Global Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University

Basic Ideas of Sociology Summer 2012, Fall 2013

Introduction to Sociology Spring 2012

Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Academic Advancement for Teaching at FIU

**SSERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY**

2016. Search Committee Member for Provost’s Post Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

2016. Faculty Judge for the 8th Annual Graduate Research Symposium at the University of South Florida: March 28th.

2016. Co-organizing the Symposium & Presenting Opening Remarks, “The Great Divergence: The Methodologies of Space, Place, and Movement.” University of South Florida: March, 25th.

2015. Search Committee Member for Provost’s Post Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

2015. “Romance Tourism: An escape from the pure relationship.” Presented for the Sociology Department’s Colloquium Series. University of South Florida: October 14th.

2015. “Romance Tourism and Race.” Presented for the Women’s and Gender Studies Department’s Brown Bag Lunch Series. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: April 29th.

2014. “Millennial Students: Demographic Characteristics or Overgeneralization?” Presented for the Provost’s Teaching and Learning Summit with Dr. Paul Van Auken and Dr. Juyeon Son. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: October 29th.

2014. “An Introduction to Romance Tourism.” Presented for the Sociology Department’s Brown Bag Lunch. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: September 17th.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Discussant for Conference Panels

2016. “Sexual Commerce and Intimate Markets.” American Sociological Association in Seattle, WA.

2014. “Power, Pleasure, and Sexuality in Embodied Nations.” American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA.

Membership in Awards Committees

2014. Race, Gender, Class Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association.

Panel Organizer

2016. “What is Global Feminist Ethnography?” Sociologists for Women in Society in Memphis, TN.

2014. “Embodied Transgressions in a Transnational Framework.” National Women’s Studies Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2012. “Decolonizing Knowledge through a Transnational Feminist Framework.” National Women’s Studies Association in Oakland, CA.

Manuscript Referee

*Gender, Place and Culture Sexualities Gender and Society*

*Men and Masculinities Socio-Economic Review*

Academic/Popular News Blogging

*Huffington Post* blogger

*Masculinities* *101* blogger

*ASA Section on Body and Embodiment* blogger

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships: Race, Gender, Class; Sexualities; Sex and Gender; Body and Embodiment

Sociologists for Women in Society

Eastern Sociological Society

Southern Sociological Society

National Women’s Studies Association

**REFERENCES**

Available upon Request