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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2019- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M Commerce
- 2017-2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lebanon Valley College
- 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)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Globalization, Gender, Ethnography, Sexuality, Migration, Intimacy, Intersectionality,  
Transnational Feminism

**PUBLICATIONS**

Manuscripts at Peer Reviewed Journals

Meszaros, Julia. 2018. "Race, Space and Agency in the International Introduction Industry: how American men perceive women's agency across space in Colombia, Ukraine and the Philippines" *Gender, Place and Culture* 25(2): 268-287.

Meszaros, Julia. 2017. "American Men and Romance Tourism: Searching for Traditional Trophy Wives as Status Symbols of Class Privilege" *Women's Studies Quarterly* 45 (1 & 2): 225-242.

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 2019). "Commodification of Intimacy and Sexuality". In *Companion to Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Naples. Wiley Blackwell Publications: Hoboken, NJ.

Meszaros, Julia. 2017. "Marriage Migration as a pathway to Citizenship: Filipina brides, economic security and ideas of global hypergamy". In *International Marriages and Marital Citizenship: Southeast Asian Women on the Move*, edited by Ascuncion Fresnoza-Flot and Gwenola Ricordeau. Pp. 25-40. 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: Hauppauge, 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.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

Meszaros, Julia. (Forthcoming). "Gender Oppression" in *Wiley Blackwell Sociology Encyclopedia*, edited by George Ritzer.

#### Manuscripts Under Review

"The 'Good Guy' Narrative in the International Introduction Industry: constructing desirable masculinities"

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

"Seeking Western: Divergent Aspirations of Female Marriage Migrants from China, Colombia, Ukraine and the Philippines" (Co-Authored with Monica Liu)

"Cultivating Love: Translators in the Mail Order Bride Industry, Intimate Connections, and Caring for Clients" (Co-Authored with Monica Liu)

"International Dating as Sexual Labor"

"The International Introduction Industry: An Alternative Route for Economic Development."

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

2018. Faculty Research Grant. LVC. \$3500

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**

2018. "What we know about the PID Market" Presented at the annual IDATE Matchmaking Conference: Odessa, Ukraine May 25th.

2018. "Challenging Perceptions of International Dating: What Empirical Data tells us." Presented at the annual IDate Online Dating Conference: Delray Beach, FL. January 26<sup>th</sup>.

2017. "An Academic Look at International Dating: how research challenges our views." Keynote Address. Presented at the annual IDate Matchmaking Conference: Minsk, Belarus. July 19<sup>th</sup>.

2017. "Intersectionality in the Work Place and Beyond." Presented at Nielsen Diverse Intelligence Series: Tampa, FL. June 6<sup>th</sup>.

2012. "Emotions, Race and Desire in Romance Tourism." Presented at Corvinus University: Budapest, Hungary. September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

2018. "Race, Space and Agency in the Romance Tourism Industry." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

2018. "Navigating Risqué Ethnography as a Junior Scholar." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Annual Winter in Atlanta, GA.

2017: "The International Introduction Industry: an Alternative Route to Economic Development." American Sociological Association. Presented at the annual meeting in Montreal, Canada.

2017. "Deconstructing Narratives of the 'Scamming' Mail Order Bride." Sociologists for Women in Society. Presented at the Winter meeting in Albuquerque, NM; USA.

2016. "Rethinking sexual labor in the international introduction and dating industry." American Sociological Association. Presented at the 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.
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 & Criminal Justice, Texas A&M Commerce

Social Statistics	Spring 2019
Anthropology of World Cultures	Spring 2019
Literature Review & Research Techniques (Graduate)	Spring 2019

### Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Lebanon Valley College

Social Problems	Fall 2017, 2018
Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2017, 2018, Spring 2018
Sociology of the Family (online summer)	Fall 2017, 2018 Summer 2018
Sociology of Health & Well-Being	Spring 2018, 2019
Intercultural Communications	Spring 2018, 2019
Diverse and Global Families	Spring 2018
Courtship and Mating	Fall 2018

### Department of Sociology, University of South Florida

Inequality in a Global Society	Fall 2015
Intersectionality (Graduate Course)	Spring 2016
Sociology of the Family (online)	Summer 2016, Fall 2016
Social Science Statistics	Spring 2017

### Student Committees, University of South Florida

Faculty Member, Master of Arts Thesis Committee, Toria Kwan	2016-2017
Faculty Member, Master of Arts Thesis Committee, Olivia Johnson	2016-2017

### 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

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY**

### Department

- 2018. Working at Sociology Table at the LVC Majors Fair for Undeclared Majors (10/23/18)
- 2018. Presenting Department Awards at LVC Award Ceremony for Seniors. (4/2018)
- 2018. Participating in Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony for Sociology majors, LVC.
- 2017-2018. Search Committee Member for two faculty positions, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, LVC.
- 2017-. Advising Undergraduate Students (20). LVC.

2016. Search Committee Member for Provost's Post Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.  
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 14<sup>th</sup>  
2014. "An Introduction to Romance Tourism." Presented for the Sociology Department's Brown Bag Lunch. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: September 17<sup>th</sup>

### University

2018. Presenting on Panel regarding Transgender Issues, Lebanon Valley College (11/28)  
2018. Pizza Get Together for Dutchmen First (First Generation Student Program) (11/19)  
2018. Attending Forward Look Discussions with the President: Gen Z (10/25)  
2018. Working at Sociology Booth for Majors Fair. Lebanon Valley College (10/13)  
2018- Advisor to Freedom Rings Student Club (LBTQIA ally club), Lebanon Valley College  
2017-2018. Recruitment Events. "Day at the Valley" for Spring and Fall semester. LVC.  
2016. Faculty Judge for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium at the University of South Florida (3/28)  
2016. Co-organizing the Symposium & Presenting Opening Remarks, "The Great Divergence: The Methodologies of Space, Place, and Movement." University of South Florida (3/25)  
2015. "Romance Tourism and Race." Presented for the Women's and Gender Studies Department's Brown Bag Lunch Series. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (4/29)  
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 (10/29).

### Community

2018. Serving Refugees as Practice Citizenship Interviewer, Refugee Resettlement Services of Catholic Charities Harrisburg (11/17/18)  
2016. Panel Presenter for "Sex and Power", Humanities and Hops Lecture Series, USF.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS**

### Committee Participation

2018-2019. Member of Sociology of Sexualities Program Committee. American Sociological Association.  
2017-2019. Member of Membership Committee. Sociologists for Women in Society.

### 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

2017. Sexualities Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association  
2014. Race, Gender, Class Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association.

### Panel Organizer

2019. "Let's Talk About Sex" American Sociological Association in New York City, NY.

2016. "What is Global Feminist Ethnography?" Sociologists for Women in Society in Memphis,

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*   *Sociology Compass*

### 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

### **LANGUAGES**

Hungarian: Fluent

Spanish: Intermediate

### **REFERENCES**

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