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 EDUCATION

- 2023, *expected* **Ph.D.**, Sociology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: “Teaching (Sexual) Citizenship: A Comparative Study of Sexuality Education Policy and Practice in the U.S.”
Committee: Kenneth Andrews (*co-chair*), Karolyn Tyson (*co-chair*), Andrew Perrin, Tania Jenkins, and Rebecca Kreitzer (*policy and political science*) (*ABD April 2021*)
- Comprehensive Exams:** Gender (*with distinction*), Race
- 2019 **M.A.**, Sociology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Thesis: “Pro-Life and Pro-Woman: Complicating the U.S. Anti-Abortion Narrative”
- 2017 **B.A.**, Sociology/Liberal Arts Honors, The University of Texas at Austin (*Phi Beta Kappa*)

 RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexualities, Race/Class/Gender, Social Justice, Social Movements, Political Sociology, Reproduction, Qualitative Methods, Mixed-Methods, Culture, Abortion, Sexuality Education

 PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* indicates equal authorship)

- Newell, Abigail. “[Sexual Citizenship and Sex Education](#).” 2022. *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Sexuality Education*. Edited by Louisa Allen and Mary Lou Rasmussen. Palgrave MacMillan: London. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-95352-2. (*first published online*)
- Kalleberg, Arne and Abigail Newell*. 2022. “[100 Years of Social Forces](#).” *Social Forces*, 100(1): 4-37. doi: [10.1093/sf/soac050](#)
- Ravenelle, Alexandra, Jacob Connelly, and Abigail Newell*. 2022. “Left Behind: Yachts, Dinghies, and Perceptions of Social Inequality in COVID-19.” *The Sociological Quarterly*. doi: 10.1080/00380253.2022.2133755

Ravenelle, Alexandra, **Abigail Newell**, and Ken Kowalski. 2021. "[The Looming, Crazy Stalker Coronavirus: Fear-Mongering, Fake News, and the Diffusion of Distrust.](#)" *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, 7(31): 1-13. doi: 10.1177/23780231211024776.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Newell, Abigail. 2022. "Taking the Sex Out of Sex Ed: De-Moralizing Sex Education in the Culture Wars." Submitted at *Social Problems*.

WORKING PAPERS

Newell, Abigail. 2021. "Unexpected Evolution: How the Pro-Life Movement Began to Empower Women."

Perrin, Andrew, **Newell, Abigail***, and Soumaya Lansari. 2021. "Developing Citizens: Democracy and Leadership Goals in College Mission Statements."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Newell, Abigail. 2022. "Towards a Theory of Gender Power: Explaining the Diffusion of Progressive Sex Ed in the U.S."

Newell, Abigail. 2022. "'Throwing Starfish into the Sea': How State Actors Pursue Systematic Change in Racialized Organizations."

Browne, Alyssa and **Abigail Newell.** 2021. "Copy and Paste Policy: Americans United for Life Model Legislation as State Policy."

MENTORSHIP AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Sex and Gender in Society (*SOCI 124*)

Fall 2020 (*45 students*)

Spring 2021 (*45 students*)

Fall 2021 (*40 students*)

Spring 2022 (*40 students*)

Fall 2022 (*48 students*)

Average score on student evaluation: 4.81/5

Teaching Assistant

Family and Society (*SOCI 130*): Spring 2020 (*48 students*)

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101): Fall 2019, Fall 2018 (*300 students*)
 Intro to Population Health (SOC 172): Spring 2019 (*100 students*)
 Social and Economic Justice (SOC 274): Fall 2018 (*48 students*)
 Health and Society (SOC 469): Fall 2018 (*48 students*)

Graduate Research Consultant in Qualitative Methods

Social Stratification (SOC 412): Spring 2020, Fall 2020 (*48 students*)
 Equality in Educational Opportunity (SOC 64): Fall 2021 (*24 students*)

Graduate Mentor in Research and Data Collection

Spring 2022, Fall 2022 (*4 students*)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022	Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Finalist
2021	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship
2019	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Sociology Pilot & Startup Grant
2017	The University of Texas at Austin Dean's Distinguished Graduate Award in Liberal Arts
2016	The University of Texas at Austin Darrell Royal Endowed Presidential Scholarship - Sociology

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

“Seeking Social Justice in the Classroom? Lessons from a Comparative Study on Sex Education.”

- *Training Webinar for Center for Sex Education Annual Conference, December 2022, Atlantic City, NC*

“Power and Pleasure in Sexuality Education.”

- *Invited talk for the Black Student Movement, Committee on Minority Health and Wellness, and Pleasure Activists, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 2022*

“Taking the Sex out of Sex Ed: De-Moralizing Sex Education in the Culture Wars.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022*
- *Culture & Politics Workshop, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2022*

“Left Behind: Yachts, Dinghies, and Perceptions of Social Inequality in COVID-19.” (with Alexandra Ravenelle and Jacob Connelly)

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022*

“Weaponizing Pop-Feminism: Anti-choice Tactical Evolution.”

- *Invited presentation for NARAL Pro-Choice American, Washington D.C., July 2022*

“Reproductive Politics and Justice: The Case of Sex Education.”

- *Invited talk, Sociology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 2022*
- *Guest Lecture, Sex and Gender in Society, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 2021*
- *Guest Lecture, Sex and Gender in Society, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2021*

“Teaching our Teachers: Sexual Education and Sexual Citizenship in the U.S.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Virtual, August 2021*
- *Culture & Politics Workshop, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, January 2021*

“We’re All in This Together? Perceived Polarization during the Pandemic.” (with Alexandra Ravenelle and Ken Kowalski)

- *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, Virtual, February 2021*
- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Virtual, August 2021*

“Developing Citizens? Democracy and Leadership Goals in College and University Missions.” (With Andrew Perrin)

- *Culture & Politics Workshop, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 2020*

“Unexpected Evolution: How the Anti-Abortion Movement Came to ‘Empower’ Women.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Virtual, August 2020*

“Copy and Paste Policy: Americans United for Life Model Legislation as State Policy.” (With Alyssa Browne)

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Virtual, August 2020*

“Pro-Life and Pro-Woman: Complicating the U.S. Anti-Abortion Narrative.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2019*
- *Culture & Politics Workshop, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2018*

“Organizational Evolution and Entrepreneurship: Pro-Womanism in the Pro-life Movement.”

- *Culture & Politics Workshop, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2019*

“Weaponizing Feminism in Anti-Choice Policy and Politics.”

- *Feminisms Here and Now: Contradictions and Continuities, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2018*

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 -

Evaluation Consultant, *Sexual Health Initiative for Teens in North Carolina (SHIFT NC)*

2020 - 2022	Research Assistant , Social Forces @100 Project, Dr. Arne Kalleberg
2020 - 2021	Research Assistant , Precarious Work During COVID-19, Dr. Alexandra Ravenelle, <i>National Science Foundation</i>
2019 - 2021	Research Assistant , Educational Inequality in the Age of Obama, Dr. Karolyn Tyson, <i>Spencer Foundation</i>
2019 - 2021	Research Assistant , Citizenship and Higher Education, Dr. Andrew Perrin

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, PROFESSION, AND COMMUNITY

2022 - 2023	Discussant , Culture & Politics Workshop, <i>The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
2022 - 2022	Table President , Annual Meeting of the <i>American Sociological Association</i> .
2021 - 2022	Data Specialist , <i>Sexual Health Initiative for Teens in North Carolina (SHIFT NC)</i>
2019 - 2023	Assistant Editor , <i>Social Forces</i>
2019 - 2022	Social Media Manager , <i>Social Forces</i>
2019 - 2020	Chair, Social Committee , <i>Graduate Student Association</i>
2017 - 2021	Chair, Feminist Working Group , <i>The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
2017 - 2018	Chair, Colloquium Committee , <i>Graduate Student Association</i>

Ad Hoc Reviewing

Mobilization, Theory and Society, Sexualities

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Sociologists for Women in Society, Sections: *South*

American Sociological Association, Sections: *Race/Class/Gender, Sex and Gender*

Eastern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

Dr. Kenneth Andrews, Phi Delta Theta/Matthew Mason Distinguished Professor & Department Chair

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