

# Alexandra Brewer

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University, 2020–

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Chicago, 2020

Committee: Anna Mueller (co-chair), Kristen Schilt (co-chair), and Robert Vargas  
Dissertation Title: *The Deserving Pain: How Hospitals Structure Medical Decision-Making Around Pain Management*

\*Honorable Mention, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

**M.A.** Sociology, University of Chicago, 2014

**B.A.** Sociology (with honors), Barnard College, 2011, *cum laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Medical sociology; work, organizations, and occupations; race, gender, and class; ethnography

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Brewer, Alexandra, Melissa Osborne, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O’Conner, and Vineet Arora. 2020. “Who Gets the Benefit of the Doubt? Performance Evaluations, Medical Errors, and the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medicine Resident Education.” *American Sociological Review* 85(2): 247-70.

\*Honorable Mention, Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology

\*Finalist, Organization and Management Theory Best Published Paper Award, Academy of Management

Brewer, Alexandra. 2018. “‘We Were on Our Own’: Mothers’ Experiences Navigating the Fragmented System of Professional Care for Autism.” *Social Science & Medicine* 215: 61-8.

## Under Review

Brewer, Alexandra. “Convenient Disasters: Exogenous Shocks and Ambivalence Toward Professional Standards for the Management of Severe Pain with Opioids” (Revised and Resubmitted to *American Sociological Review*)

\*Winner, Louise Johnson Scholar Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology

\*Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Nelson, Laura, Alexandra Brewer, Anna S. Mueller, Daniel O’Conner, Arjun Dayal, and Vineet Arora. “Taking the Time: The Gendered Burden and Consequences of the Workplace Assessment Economy” (Revised and Resubmitted to *American Sociological Review*)

Brewer, Alexandra, Laura Nelson, Rebecca Ewert, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O’Connor, and Vineet Arora. “Gender and Inconsistent Evaluations: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Feedback for Emergency Medicine Residents”

## Manuscripts in Progress

Brewer, Alexandra. *Painful Solutions: Opioids and The Contradictions of Contemporary Hospital Work*. Book Manuscript.

Brewer, Alexandra. “Painful Feelings: Opioids as Tools for Avoiding Emotional Labor in Hospital Work”

Brewer, Alexandra. “No Place Like Home? Navigating Hospital Discharge for Highly Disadvantaged Patients”

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2022	Summer Research Fund, Wake Forest University (\$6,000)
2022	Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University (\$3,000)
2021	Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University (\$3,000)
2021	Academic and Community Engagement (ACE) Fellowship, Wake Forest University (\$2,000)
2021	URECA Fund for Facilitating Faculty-Student Scholarship (\$4,000)
2021	CRADLE VIII Initiative Fellowship, Wake Forest University (\$5,000)
2021	Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University (\$3,000)
2021	Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society Grant, Wake Forest University (\$6,000)
2021	Classroom Speaker Grant, Humanities Institute, Wake Forest University (\$500)
2020	Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University (\$3,000)
2019	University of Chicago Social Science Division Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,000)
2019	ASA Student Forum Travel Grant (\$250)
2018	Charles R. Henderson Fund Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago (\$3,000)
2018	Research Travel Grant from the Orin Williams Fund, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago (\$3,000)
2018	Lee Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$75)

- 2018 Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics Graduate Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$1,500)
- 2018 Society for Social Research Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2018 Travel Grant, Impairment in the Social World, Columbia University (\$150)
- 2017 American Journal of Sociology Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

## HONORS

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- 2022 Honorable Mention, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2021 Finalist, Organization and Management Theory Best Published Paper Award, Academy of Management
- 2021 Honorable Mention, Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
- 2019 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
- 2019 Chicago Ethnography Incubator Graduate Student Fellow, University of Chicago
- 2018-9 Robert Park Lectureship, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2011 Graduation with Distinction (cum laude), Barnard College
- 2011 Honors in Sociology, Barnard College, 2011

## PRESENTATIONS

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“Painful Feelings: Opioids as Tools for Emotional Labor in Hospital Work”

- Sociological Research Jamboree, August 2, 2022
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 8, 2022

“From Resource Shortages to Austerity Policies: Opioids, Race, and Medical-Decision Making”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 9, 2021

“Gender and Inconsistent Evaluations: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Feedback for Emergency Medicine Residents”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 7, 2021
- Society for Social Studies of Science, Toronto, October 8, 2021

“Moralizing the Opioid Shortage: Race, Pain, and Resource Scarcity in an Urban Hospital”

- Inequality Working Group, University of Chicago, February 28, 2019
- Midwest Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 18, 2019
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, August 9, 2019
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 12, 2019

“Errors, Blame, and the Benefit of the Doubt: Examining the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medical Education”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018

“Dangerously Underconfident: Gender and the Cultivation of Professional Role Confidence  
Emergency Medical Education”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018
- Gender and Sexualities Working Group, University of Chicago. May 8, 2018
- Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago. April 30, 2018

“The Deserving Pain? : Determining Legitimacy of Opioid Use in Sickle Cell Patients”

- Impairment and the Social World Conference, Columbia University. March 22, 2018
- Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago. March 17, 2018
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 11, 2018
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 12, 2018

“Decentralization of Medical Knowledge and the Cost of Coordinating Care”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

Principles of Sociology (2022)

Opioids in American Society (2021, 2022)

Sociological Theory (2020, 2021)

Money, Markets, and Medicine (2020, 2021)

Sociology of Medicine (2019)

Sociology BA Thesis Seminar (research methods for thesis work) (2016-19)

Self, Culture, Society I (undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2015, 2016)

### Teaching Assistant

Self, Culture, Society I, II, & III (undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2014-15)

English Teaching Assistant through the French Ministry of Education, Argenteuil, France (2011-12)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2019-20 Graduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Anna Mueller**, *Professional Experiences of Women and Minorities in Emergency Medicine*. Responsibilities include designing study, managing IRB, study recruitment, collecting ethnographic and interview data, developing coding nodes, analyzing data, and writing manuscripts.

2018-20 Graduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Anna Mueller**, *Gender Bias in Emergency Medical Education*. Responsibilities include managing data analysis of multiple researchers, analyzing data, and writing manuscripts.

2010-11 Undergraduate Research Assistant, **Dr. Peter Bearman**, *Understanding Autism*. Responsibilities included grant writing, study recruitment, and analyzing data.

## PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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2023-5	Editorial Board Member, Journal of Health and Social Behavior
2022	Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award Committee Member, American Sociological Association
2021-	Speaker Series Committee, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University
2021-2022	Brown Bag Series Committee, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University
2021	Humanities Institute, Faculty Book Proposal Workshop, Wake Forest University
2021-	Race, Inequality, and Policy Initiative, Faculty Affiliate
2020-	Faculty Advisory Board, <i>Ethnographic Marginalia</i>
2019-21	Student Representative, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2018-19	Student editor, Medical Sociology Newsletter, American Sociological Association
2018	Co-Organizer, Engendering Change Conference, University of Chicago
2017-18	Undergraduate Events Coordinator (PRISM preceptor), University of Chicago
2017-18	Graduate Student Supervisor, <i>Chicago Journal of Sociology</i> , University of Chicago
2015-16	Associate Editor, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2014-16	Manuscript Assignment Board, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2013-14	Vice President, University of Chicago Society for Social Research
2014	Co-organizer, University of Chicago Spring Institute Conference

Ad hoc reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Problems*, and *Sociological Imagination*

## LANGUAGES

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English (native), French (advanced proficiency)