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EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2013 M.A., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2009 B.A., Religion, Columbia University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

medicine, knowledge, education, race, inequalities, culture and interdisciplinary work

BOOK

Curricular Opportunities and Constraints: The Reproduction of Inequalities in the U.S. Medical Profession under advanced contract with Columbia University Press.

ARTICLES

DePalma, Lindsay J., **Lauren D. Olsen**, and John H. Evans. 2021. "The Regenerative Cure: Cultural Hype and Stem Cell Tourism." *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*. doi/10.1177/13634593211046834

Olsen, Lauren D. and Hana Gebremariam*. 2021. "Disciplining Empathy: Differences in Empathy with U.S. Medical Students by College Major." *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*. doi: 10.1177/1363459320967055
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Jenkins, Tania M., Kelly Underman, Alexandra H. Vinson, **Lauren D. Olsen**, and Laura Hirshfield. 2021. "The Resurgence of Medical Education in Sociology: A Return to Our Roots and an Agenda for the Future." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62(3):255-270.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2021. “‘We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: Translational Medicine and the Transmutation of Cultural Anthropology for Clinical Practice.” *Social Problems* 68(3):761-777.

Olsen, Lauren D., Lindsay J. DePalma, and John H. Evans. 2020. “Self-Interested and Altruistic Motivations in Volunteering for Clinical Trials: A More Complex Relationship.” *Journal for Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics* 15(5): 443-451.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2019. “The Conscripted Curriculum and the Reproduction of Racial Inequalities in Contemporary U.S. Medical Education.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60(1): 55-68.

Martin, Isaac W., Jane L. Lopez, and **Lauren D. Olsen**. 2019. “Policy Design and the Politics of City Revenue: Evidence from California Municipal Ballot Measures.” *Urban Affairs Review* 55(5): 1312-1338.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2016. “It’s on the MCAT for a Reason”: Premedical Students and the Perceived Utility of Sociology.” *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 73-82.

Evans, John H. and **Lauren D. Olsen**. 2016. "Bioethics: The View from Social Science." *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*. John Wiley & Sons.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2014. “Asylum”, “Lobotomy”, and “Malaria Therapy” in *Cultural Sociology of Mental Illness* (ed. Andrew T. Scull). SAGE.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bann, Maralynn, Savannah Larimore, Jessica Wheeler, and **Lauren D. Olsen**. “Implementation of Curriculum Related to the Social Determinants of Health in Undergraduate Medical Education: A Qualitative Analysis of Faculty Experience.” *Revise and Resubmit* at Academic Medicine.

Olsen, Lauren D. “‘If You’ve Seen One Medical School, You’ve Seen One Medical School’: Medical Schools and Heterogeneity in Professional Identity Formation.” *In preparation for submission*.

Gebremariam, Hana* and **Lauren D. Olsen**. “Tolerance for Ambiguity as Racial Stress in U.S. Medical Education.” *In preparation for submission*.

Olsen, Lauren D. and Laura Orrico. “Who Plans to Serve the Underserved? Selection and Training Impacts on Medical Students’ Intentions to Work in Underserved Communities.” *In preparation for submission*.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

“Gender Inequalities in the Medical Profession.” Lewis Katz School of Medicine, National Women Physicians Conference Keynote, 2/3/22: Virtual.

“Disciplining Docility: How Medical Educators Use the Humanities to Maintain the Professional Status Quo.” University of Pennsylvania, 9/10/21: Virtual.

“The Power of Medical Education in Reproducing Racial Inequalities.” New York University, Health Humanities Series, Invited Lecture, 9/1/21: Virtual.

“Tolerance for Ambiguity as Racial Stress in U.S. Medical Education.” American Sociological Association Conference. Section on Medical Sociology, 8/7/21: Virtual (with Hana Gebremariam*).

“The Power of Medical Education in Reproducing Racial Inequalities.” Temple University APSA Invited Talk, 3/1/21: Virtual.

“Power, Resistance, and Inequalities in U.S. Medical Education.” American Sociological Association Conference, Invited Session, 8/9/20: Virtual.

“Disciplining Empathy? Differences in Medical Student Empathy by College Major.” Eastern Sociological Society Mini Conference on Health Professions Education, 2/28/20: Philadelphia, PA

“‘If You’ve Seen One Medical School, You’ve Seen One Medical School’: Medical Schools and Heterogeneity in Professional Identity Formation.” American Sociological Association Conference, Section on Medical Sociology, 8/12/19: New York, NY

“Humanizing Medicine or Medicalizing the Humanities.” Eastern Sociological Society Mini Conference on Health Professions Education, 3/13/19: Boston, MA

“The Conscripted Curriculum and the Reproduction of Social Inequalities in U.S. Medical Education.” American Sociological Association Conference, Section on Medical Sociology, 8/13/18: Philadelphia, PA

“Learning About Health Inequities, Learning About Professional Roles: How Institutional Structures Pattern Future Physicians’ Attitudes Toward Health Equity.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, Critical Dialogue, Health Equity Today, 8/11/18: Philadelphia, PA

“‘If They Would Do Something, Then I Could Just Pay Attention’: The Opportunities and Costs of Racial Instruction in US Medical Schools”, Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, Educational Problems Section, 8/12/17: Montreal, CA

“The Humanities and Social Sciences in Medical Education.” Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Symposium, 10/18/16: San Diego, CA

“We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: The Economization of Social Scientific Knowledge in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research”, American Sociological Association Conference, Sociology of Knowledge and Technology Section, 8/21/16: Seattle, WA

“Transforming Future Doctors into Critical Thinkers: The Merits of UCSD’s Inaugural Pre-Med Undergraduate Sociology Course”, Teaching and Learning Section, 8/22/15: Chicago, IL

“We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: The Economization of Social Scientific Knowledge in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research”, Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Medical Sociology Section, 4/1/15: Long Beach, CA

“Transforming Future Doctors Into Critical Thinkers: The Merits of UCSD’s Inaugural Pre-Med Undergraduate Sociology Course”, Teaching Diversity and Inclusion Conference, 1/15/15 San Diego

“Culture in Applied Professions: Understandings of Culture in Contemporary American Psychiatry”, Evidence-based Medicine, Society for the Social Study of Science, 10/14/13: San Diego, CA

“Culture in Applied Professions: Understandings of Culture in Contemporary American Psychiatry”, DSM-5 Session, American Sociological Association Conference, 8/16/13: New York, NY

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020-2021	Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award, Temple University - \$1,500
2020-2021	College of Liberal Arts Research Award, Temple University - \$3,500
2020	Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology
2020	Chancellor’s Dissertation Medal, University of California San Diego
2020	Summer Research Award, Temple University - \$7,000
2019-2020	College of Liberal Arts Research Award, Temple University - \$3,500
2018-2019	UC President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship - \$22,000 + tuition

2018	Louise Johnson Scholar Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology - \$500
2018	Sage Teaching Scholars Award, ASA Section on Teaching and Learning - \$600
2017-2018	Institute of the Humanities Dissertation Workshop, UCSD - \$1,500
2017-2018	Senior TA, UCSD
2017	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant #1702988 - \$3,024
2016-2017	Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Award, UCSD - \$25,000
2015	Department of Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award, UCSD
2013	Sociology Department Summer Research Grant, UCSD - \$5,000

TEACHING

2019-2021	Medical Sociology (graduate); Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate); Introduction to Sociology for Health Professions (undergraduate); Urban Health (graduate)
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SERVICE

Discipline

2021-2022	SSSP, Awards Committee, Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award, Chair-Elect
2020-2021	ASA Section on Medical Sociology, Awards Committee, Member
2019-2020	ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, Membership Committee, Member
2018-2019	ASA Section on Medical Sociology, Nominations Committee, Graduate Student Member

2018-2019 Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Teaching Sociology, Social Science and Medicine*

Department

2021-2022 Executive Committee

2020-2021 Undergraduate Program Committee, Chair Search Committee

2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2011-present American Sociological Association (Medicine, Education, Religion, OOW, SKAT, SOTL sections), Society for Social Studies of Science, Pacific Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, International Sociology Association, Eastern Sociological Society