

S. Katherine Cooper, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Associate Teaching Professor of Sociology, **University of Tampa**.

EDUCATION

- 2018 **University of South Florida**
Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation: "Breaking the Crass Ceiling? Analyzing Narratives, Performances, and Audience Reception of Women's Stand-up Comedy"
- 2014 **University of South Florida**
Graduate Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies
- 2011 **University of North Carolina at Wilmington**
M.A., Public Sociology
Thesis: "Stop Titan Action Network: A Case Study of Grassroots Organized Opposition"
- 2008 **University of Georgia**
B.A., Sociology
B.S., Psychology
Minor, Religion

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Culture, Mass Media, Gender, Race & Ethnicity, Stratification, Social Movements, Humor, Public & Applied Sociology, Cultural Studies, Sociological Theories

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociological Theories
Sociology of Gender
Sociology of Popular Culture

Sociology of the Media
 Families in Global Perspective
 Social Science Statistics
 Introduction to Sociology
 Practice Experience
 Contemporary Issues & Social Solutions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-present. Associate Teaching Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa.
 2018-2023. Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa.
 2012-2018. Graduate Instructor, University of South Florida.
 2015-2017. Graduate Teaching Assistant (Online), University of South Florida.
 2009-2011. Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles:

Cooper, S. Katherine. 2019. "What's So Funny? Audiences of Women's Stand-up Comedy and Layered Referential Viewing: Exploring Identity and Power." *The Communication Review* 22(2):91-116. doi:10.1080/10714421.2019.1599666.

Cooper, S. Katherine. 2019. "Breaking the Crass Ceiling? Performing Irony and White Femininity in Amy Schumer's *Mostly Sex Stuff* Stand-Up." *Sociological Focus* 52(3):201-215. doi:10.1080/00380237.2019.1625649.

Book Chapters:

Cooper, S. Katherine, Brittany M. Harder, and Corinne E. Fanta. 2020. "Real Curves in the Revolution: Body Politics, Unruly Bodies, and Comedy as Resistance." Pp. 121-131 in *Resist and Persist: Essays on Social Revolution in 21st Century Narratives*, edited by Amanda Firestone and Leisa A. Clark. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co., Inc.

Book Reviews:

Cooper, S. Katherine. 2021. Review of *Uproarious: How Feminists and Other Subversive Comics Speak Truth* by Cynthia Willet and Julie Willet. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 47(1):250-252.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Maziarz, Tiffany A. and **S. Katherine Cooper**. "You Play Ball Like a Girl! Analyzing Sports Viewership and Audience Reactions to Female Athletes." In preparation for submission, draft available.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2023. Excellence in Teaching Award. College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education, University of Tampa.

2016. Distinguished Teaching Award. Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

2023-2024. University of Tampa Undergraduate Research & Inquiry Grant (\$9200)

- Title: "Dating, Hooking Up, and 'Situationships': An Examination of Dating Trends and Perceptions of Hookup Culture Among College Students"
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator/Faculty Supervisor
- Other Recipients: Luisa De Dea Januario, Maryn Horavth, and Eliana Palmer (undergraduate Co-Investigators)

2020-2021. University of Tampa Undergraduate Research & Inquiry Grant (\$4000)

- Title: "You Throw Like a Girl: A Sociological Analysis of Media Representation and Viewership of Women's Sports"
- Role: Co-Investigator/Faculty Supervisor
- Other Recipients: Tiffany Maziarz (PI, undergraduate student)

2015. USF Department of Sociology PhD Research Support Grant (\$500).

2015. USF Student Government Conference Presentation Grant (\$500).

2014. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Conference Travel Grant (\$200).

2014. USF Department of Sociology Travel Grant (\$250).

2012. USF Department of Sociology Travel Grant (\$500).

2009-2010. UNCW Graduate School Scholarship.

2004-2008. HOPE Scholarship, University of Georgia (full tuition).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Cooper, Katie. 2022. "Integrating Popular Culture to Engage Students in the Classroom." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY.
- Cooper, Katie and David Zeller. 2021. "Zombie Tourism: Media Productions and Urban Development, Georgia Style." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC (Hybrid).
- Cooper, Katie and David Zeller. 2020. "Urban Reanimation? Examining the Influence of *The Walking Dead* on a Small Southern City." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN (Virtual Conference).
- Cooper, Katie and David Zeller. 2020. "Sociology in (Lights, Camera) Action: Examining the Influence of *The Walking Dead* on a Small Southern City." Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting. Jacksonville, FL. *Conference Cancelled Due to COVID-19*
- Cooper, Katie. 2019. "Women Are So Hysterical: Examining Women's Rage Through Comedy." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Jackson, MS.
- Cooper, Katie. 2019. "Analyzing Audience Reactions to Women's Stand-Up Comedy." University of Tampa Department of Sociology Brown Bag Lecture Series. Tampa, FL.
- Cooper, Katie. 2018. "Nasty Women Telling Jokes: Analyzing Audiences of Feminist Standup Comedy." Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Cooper, Katie. 2017. "The Comical is Political: Reflections on Comedy as Cultural Pedagogy." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Chattanooga, TN.
- Cooper, Katie. 2016. "Decoding Culture through Comedy: Analyzing Audience Interpretations of Women's Stand-up Performances." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. North Charleston, SC.
- Cooper, Katie. 2016. "Ironic Performativity and Interpretations of Culture through Stand-up Comedy." Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Cooper, Katherine. 2015. "Funny Feminism: Audience Interpretations of Stand-up Comedy." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Lafayette, LA.

- Cooper, Katie. 2015. "Guy Jokes, Girl Jokes...': Using Focus Groups to Examine Audience Interpretations of Comedic Narratives." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Annual Couch-Stone Symposium. St. Petersburg, FL.
- Cooper, Katie. 2014. "(Re)producing Resistance: Women and Meaning-Making through Comedy." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Cooper, Katie. 2014. "Was it Something She Said? A Discussion of Methods for Analyzing Audience Reception of Comedy." Annual USF Women's and Gender Studies Feminist Research Colloquium. Tampa, FL.
- Cooper, Katie. 2013. "Not Just a Boys' Club Anymore: Exploring the Roles and Significance of Women in Comedy." Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Cooper, Katie. 2012. "Social Movement Media Production and Consumption: The Role of Gatekeepers, Public Discourse, and Extensive Visibility." Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

2022. Invited Panelist: American Sociological Association (ASA) Webinar on Internships for Sociology Students.
2022. Invited Panelist: UT Sociology Club Mental Health Panel. University of Tampa. Tampa, FL.
2021. Invited Guest Speaker Panelist: Global Girls Initiative "Women-Led Confidence Conference." Tampa, FL.
2017. TEDXUGA: Alumni Presenter Nominee for 2018 TEDXUGA. University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
2017. Invited Guest Lecture: "Hysterical Women: Breaking the Crass Ceiling?" University of Tampa. Sociology of Gender, instructed by Dr. Brittany Harder. Tampa, FL.
2017. Invited Guest Lecture: "Audience Reception Research for the Sociological Study of Culture." University of South Florida. Graduate level Sociology of Culture seminar, instructed by Dr. Shawn Bingham. Tampa, FL.
2016. Invited Panel Member: "Reflections in the Double Mirror: The Relationship Between Media and Culture" Panel at the Annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting. Atlanta, GA.

2014. Invited Guest Lecture: "Women in Comedy, Culture, and Meaning-Making."
University of South Florida. Sociology of Culture, instructed by Maggie Cobb.
Tampa, FL.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2023-2024. Co-Chair: UT Internships Committee. University of Tampa.

2022-**present**. Committee Member: UT Internships Committee. University of Tampa.

2021-**present**. Applied Sociology Internship Coordinator. Department of Sociology,
University of Tampa.

2022. Faculty Judge: UT College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education
Undergraduate Research Conference. April 2022. Tampa, FL.

2021-2022. Committee Member: Sustainability Committee. University of Tampa.

2019-2021. Committee Member: Academic Advising Committee. University of Tampa.

2019-2021. Faculty Advisor: UT Sociology Club. Department of Sociology, University of
Tampa.

2018-2019. Faculty Co-Adviser: UT Sociology Club. Department of Sociology, University of
Tampa.

2017-2018. Committee Member: Community Engagement Committee. USF Department
of Sociology.

2016. Panel Member: "Applying to Graduate School: CV Workshop" sponsored by the USF
undergraduate Sociology Club. Tampa, FL.

2014-2015. Committee Member: Post-Doc Selection Committee. USF Department of
Sociology.

2014. Facilitator: University of South Florida Undergraduate Research and Arts
Colloquium.

2013. Panel Member: Teaching Sociology Graduate Seminar, University of South Florida.
Fall 2013.

2012. Panel Member: Senior Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
Fall 2012.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2023. Panel Co-Organizer and Co-Chair: "Florida Non-Profits and Activism." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology annual meeting in Tampa, FL.
2023. Panel Co-Organizer and Co-Chair: "Florida Faculty Panel: Precarity and Resilience." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology annual meeting in Tampa, FL.
2023. Committee Member: Local Arrangements Committee. Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, Annual Conference in Tampa, FL.
- 2022- Reviewer. *Frontiers in Communication*.
2021. Committee Member: The Kathy Charmaz Early-in-Career Award Committee. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.
- 2020- Reviewer. *Teaching Sociology*.
- 2019- Reviewer. *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*.
2017. Session Organizer, Chair: "Popular Culture, Sport, and Media Studies." Annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting in Chattanooga, TN.
2016. Session Organizer, Chair: "Media and Society." Annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting in North Charleston, SC.
2016. Session Presider: "Culture, Continuity, and Change." Annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting in Atlanta, GA.
2014. Table Presider: ASA Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender Roundtables. "Gender and Media Discourse." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). San Francisco, CA.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

**Section Affiliations:* Sociology of Culture; Communication, Information

Technologies, & Media Sociology; Theory; Sociological Practice & Public Sociology

Sociologists for Women in Society

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Mid-South Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

Alpha Kappa Delta