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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2018-present. Professor of Instruction I, Department 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"

Committee: Laurel Graham (Chair), Shawn Bingham, Robert Benford, and Kim Golombisky

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology of the Media
Sociology of Popular Culture

Sociological Theories
Introduction to Sociology

Families in Global Perspective
Social Science Statistics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-present. Professor of Instruction I, Sociology, University of Tampa.
 2012-2018. Graduate Instructor of Record, 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.

Manuscripts Under Review:

Cooper, S. Katherine, Brittany M. Harder, and Corinne E. Fanta. "Reel Curves in the Revolution: Body Politics, Unruly Bodies, and Comedy as Resistance." Forthcoming book chapter in *Persistent Resistance: Essays on Resistance Narratives in Media*, edited by Leisa A. Clark and Amanda Firestone. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co., Inc. (Conditionally accepted, latest revision under review)

Manuscripts in Progress:

Cooper, S. Katherine. "Women Are So Hysterical: Audience Reception and Taking Women's Comedy 'Seriously.'" In preparation for submission. (Draft Available)

Cooper, S. Katherine. "The Comical is Political: Incorporating Contemporary Feminist Theories with Classical Humor Theories." In preparation.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2016. USF Department of Sociology Distinguished Teaching Award.

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. *Upcoming 2019*. "Women Are So Hysterical: Examining Women's Rage Through Comedy": presented at the annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting. Jackson, MS.

Cooper, Katie. 2019. "Analyzing Audience Reactions to Women's Stand-Up Comedy": presented at University of Tampa's Department of Sociology Brown Bag Lecture Series. Tampa, FL.

Cooper, Katie. 2018. "Nasty Women Telling Jokes: Analyzing Audiences of Feminist Stand-Up Comedy": presented at the annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Cooper, Katie. 2017. "The Comical is Political: Reflections on Comedy as Cultural Pedagogy": presented at the annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting. Chattanooga, TN.

Cooper, Katie. 2016. "Decoding Culture through Comedy: Analyzing Audience Interpretations of Women's Stand-up Performances": presented at the annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting. North Charleston, SC.

Cooper, Katie. 2016. "Ironic Performativity and Interpretations of Culture through Stand-up Comedy": presented at the annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Cooper, Katherine. 2015. "Funny Feminism: Audience Interpretations of Stand-up Comedy": presented at the annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting. Lafayette, LA.

Cooper, Katie. 2015. "'Guy Jokes, Girl Jokes...': Using Focus Groups to Examine Audience Interpretations of Comedic Narratives": presented at the annual winter meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Couch-Stone Symposium. St. Petersburg, FL.

- Cooper, Katie. 2014. "(Re)producing Resistance: Women and Meaning-Making through Comedy": presented at the annual Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Cooper, Katie. 2014. "Was it Something She Said? A Discussion of Methods for Analyzing Audience Reception of Comedy": presented at the 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": presented at the annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Cooper, Katie. 2012. "Social Movement Media Production and Consumption: The Role of Gatekeepers, Public Discourse, and Extensive Visibility": presented at the annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting. New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

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.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of North Carolina Wilmington:

- Fall 2010. Research Assistant: Quantitative Research on North Carolina residents' gun ownership pertaining to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) with Dr. Mike Maume.

2009-2010. Research Assistant: Secondary Data Collection and Data Coding for Dr. Stephen McNamee for social stratification project "British and American Economic Elites: A Comparison of the Forbes List of 400 Richest Americans and the London Times British Rich List."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019-2020. Faculty Advisor for UT Sociology Club. University of Tampa.

2019-2020. Committee Member. UT Advising Committee. University of Tampa.

2018-2019. Faculty Co-Adviser for UT Sociology Club. University of Tampa.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

2014. Panel Member: Senior Seminar, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (ISS), University of South Florida. Spring 2014.

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.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

*Section Affiliations: Culture; Collective Behavior and Social Movements;
Consumer Culture; Sex and Gender; Communication, Information Technologies,
& Media Sociology

Sociologists for Women in Society

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Mid-South Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

Alpha Kappa Delta