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Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Cornell University

Research and Teaching Interests:

Research: Social Network Theory, Social Network Methods, Communication and Diffusion, Social Psychology, Inequality, Gender.

Teaching: Statistics & Quantitative Methods, Social Research Methods, Social Network Theory, Social Network Methods, Political Sociology, Social Psychology, Gender.

Education:

Ph.D. Sociology	University of Arizona, 2008
M.A. Sociology	University of Arizona, 2003
B.A. Sociology	Emory University, 2000
B.A. Psychology	Emory University, 2000

Publications:

Brashears, Matthew E. 2008. "Sex, Society, and Association: A Cross-National Examination of Status Construction Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 71(1): 72-85.

Brashears, Matthew E. 2008. "Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space." *Social Science Research*. 37(2): 400-415.

McPherson, J. Miller, Lynn Smith-Lovin, and Matthew E. Brashears. 2006. "Social Isolation in America: Changes in Core Discussion Networks over Two Decades." *American Sociological Review*. 71(3): 353-375.

McPherson, J. Miller, Lynn Smith-Lovin and Matthew Brashears. "The ties that bind are fraying." *Contexts*, 7(3): 32-36.

In Progress:

Smith-Lovin, Lynn, Matthew E. Brashears, and J. Miller McPherson. "Social Distance in America: Sex, Age, Education and Religion Homophily Among Confidants, 1985-2004" *Conditional Acceptance- Social Forces*.

Brashears, Matthew E. "Keep close to God, and He'll get you through it: Religion, Evolution Denial, and the Role of Higher Education." *In Revision*.

Brashears, Matthew E. and Laura Auf der Heide. "Through a Flawed Lens: Explaining Tie Formation Through Affective Meanings." *In Progress*.

Auf der Heide, Laura and Matthew E. Brashears. "Attitudes and Achievements: An Examination of Male and Female Satisfaction with Job Rewards." *In Progress*.

Grants, Honors, and Awards:

Graduate Student Representative to the Mathematical Sociology Section Council. 2007-2008.

"Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Research Grant." University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Fall 2005.

"Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Summer Grant Development Program Grant." University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Spring 2005.

"William K. Bunis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction." University of Arizona Department of Sociology. Spring 2005.

"Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award." Pacific Sociological Association. 2004, for "Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space."

“Graduate Student Paper Award.” Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2004, for “Gender and Homophily: Differences in Male and Female Association in Blau Space.”

“Runner-up, Raymond T. Bowers Graduate Student Paper Award.” Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, Spring 2002, for “Sex, Society, and Association: A Cross-National Validation of Status Characteristics Theory.”

“Travel and Housing Grant.” Princeton Conference on the New Economic Sociology. Fall 2001.

“Graduate College Fellowship.” University of Arizona. Fall 2001.

Paper Presentations at Professional Meetings:

“Evolution, Institutions, and Innovation: What creationism can teach us about organizational interaction.” Presented at the DiMaggio-Powell-Clemens “Iron Cage Revisited” Conference at the University of Arizona. March 1st, 2008.

“Credit and Classification: Defining Industry Boundaries in 19th Century America.” By: Martin Ruef and Kelly Patterson. Presented at the Yale School of Management Organizational Behavior Summer Camp. June 20th, 2007. (Presenter for Ruef and Patterson’s work at this invited conference).

“‘Keep close to God, and He’ll get you through it:’ Religion, Evolution Denial, and the Role of Higher Education.” Section Session “From Scopes to Dover: Methodology and Politics in the Study of Disputes about ‘Science’ in Public Life.” Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology. American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Montreal. August 12, 2006.

“Through a Flawed Lens: Explaining Tie Formation Through Affective Meanings.” (With Laura Auf der Heide). Regular Session. Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Vancouver. April 29, 2006.

“Mapping Blauspace: The Use of Log-Multiplicative Models to Measure the Strength of Homophily.” Regular Session “Social Networks II” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 25, 2005.

“Sex, Society, And Association Revisited: A Report On New Research Into Cross-National Variation In Sex Homophily.” Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Redondo Beach, California. February 16-February 20, 2005.

“Sex, Society, and Association: A Cross-National Study of the Strength of Homophily by Sex.” Annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Portoroz, Slovenia. May 12-May 16, 2004.

Pedagogy:

Winner of the William K. Bunis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction, University of Arizona Department of Sociology
Syllabus accepted for inclusion in, *Syllabi Set for Teaching Social Statistics*. (2006). Edited by Rhoda Macdonald.

Courses Taught at the University of Arizona:
Social Statistics, Social Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology.

Current Instructor For:
Soc 301- Evaluating Statistical Evidence
Soc 218- American Community and Society

Reviewer:

The American Sociological Review
American Journal of Sociology
Social Networks
Social Science Research
The Sociological Quarterly
The Sociological Forum

Professional Service:

Graduate Student Representative to the Mathematical Sociology Section Council.
2007-2008.

Organizer for Panel on Quantitative Sociology. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Portland, Oregon. April 7-April 10, 2005

Professional Associations:

Student Member, American Sociological Association. 2001-Present.

Student Member, International Network for Social Network Analysts. 2002-Present.

Student Member, Pacific Sociological Association. 2004-2006

Member, Political Economy of the World System Section of the American Sociological Association. 2001-Present.

Member, Mathematical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2002-Present.

Member, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association. 2004-Present.

References:

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