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Curriculum Vitae

Hamilton College  
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**APPOINTMENTS**

2022- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY  
2023- External Affiliate at Population Research Institute, Penn State University,  
University Park, PA  
2019-2022 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY  
2018-2019 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

**EDUCATION**

2018 PhD, Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
2015 M.A., Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
2015 Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, Women, Gender,  
& Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
2009 B.A., Sociology (Summa Cum Laude), University of Maine, Orono, ME

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Gender, Race, and Class; Gendered and Racialized Organizations; Families, Reproduction & Reproductive Justice; Education & School Choice; Feminist and Qualitative Methodologies

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

2023 Stewart, Mahala Dyer. *The Color of Homeschooling: How Inequality Shapes School Choice*. (New York University Press)  
\* **2023 finalist for the C. Wright Mills Book Award**  
\*Reviewed in *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*:  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492241228772>  
\*Reviewed in *Social Forces*:  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soae040>  
2019 Brown, Marni and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**, editors. *Frameworks of Inequality: An Intersectional Reader*. Cognella Academic Publishing.  
2017 Misra, Joya, **Mahala Dyer Stewart** and Marni Brown, editors. *Gendered Lives, Sexual Beings: A Feminist Anthology*. SAGE Publishing.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

\*Denotes student advisees

2021 **Stewart, Mahala Dyer**, Ashley García,\* and Hannah Petersen.\* “Schools as Racialized Organizations in Policy and Practice.” *Sociology Compass* 15(12): 1-13.  
2020 Stewart, Mahala Dyer. “Pushed or Pulled Out? The Racialization of School Choice in Black and White Mothers’ (Home)Schooling Decisions for their Children.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 6(2): 254-268.  
2019 Vetter, Matthew, Zachary McDowell, and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. “From Opportunities to Outcomes: The Wikipedia-based Writing Assignment.” *Computers and Composition*. 52: 53-64.  
2016 Blackstone, Amy and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. “There’s More Thinking to Decide”: How the Childfree Decide Not to Parent.” *The Family Journal* 24(3):296-303.

- 2012 Blackstone, Amy and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. “Choosing to Be Childfree: Research on the Decision not to Parent.” *Sociology Compass* 6:718-727.

### Book Chapter and Other Publications

- 2021 **Stewart, Mahala Dyer**. Review of *Voluntarily Childfree: Identity and Kinship in the United States* by Shelly Volsche. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2020 **Stewart, Mahala Dyer**. “Educational Policy and Race.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, edited by Lynette Spillman.
- 2020 Brown, Marni and **Mahala Dyer Stewart**. “Intersections of Gender, Sexuality, and Family Diversity.” Invited chapter in *Social Studies of Gender: A Next Wave Reader* edited by Christine Wood, Cognella Academic Publishing.
- 2016 **Stewart, Mahala Dyer** and Naomi Gerstel. “Family Care Policies.” In *The Encyclopedia of Adulthood and Aging*, edited by Susan Krauss Whitbourne.

### Works In Progress

\*Denotes student advisees

- Kuo, Shania,\* Rongchen Wang,\* and **Stewart, Mahala Dyer**. “I Make Life Work For Us’: How Employment Type Shapes Mothers’ Cognitive Labor.” (Article in Preparation for Review).
- Stewart, Mahala Dyer** and Grace, Matthew. “Coming Home: The Effect of Employment Status on Parents’ Mental Health During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” (Article in Preparation for Review)
- Stewart, Mahala Dyer**. “‘Sometimes It’s Okay to Be Bored’: How Gender and Employment Status Shapes Parents’ Approach to Non-School Time in Lockdown.” (Article in Preparation for Review)

### RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024- Principal Investigator, “Racial Disparities in C-Section Births,” R15/AREA NICHD, National Institutes of Health (in preparation with consultants Dr. Maureen Burke and Dr. Nicholas Mark)
- 2020-21 Principal Investigator, “Schooling In COVID-Times: How Parents Navigate School Choice through a Global Pandemic,” Hamilton College Levitt Center Research Group Grant
- 2017 Data Science Intern, *Wiki Education Foundation* (Zach McDowell) University of Massachusetts)
- 2013-15 Managing Editor, *Gender & Society* (Joya Misra, Editor, University of Massachusetts)

### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2024 Finalist for 2024 C. Wright Mills Book Award, The Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2023 Dean of Faculty Notable Year Achievement Award, Hamilton College, \$1,000
- 2021 Dean of Faculty Pedagogical Development Award, Hamilton College, \$1,500
- 2021 Summer Research Group Grant, Levitt Center at Hamilton College, \$20,000
- 2021 Winter Research Group Grant, Levitt Center at Hamilton College, \$12,000
- 2020 Summer Research Group Grant, Levitt Center at Hamilton College, \$16,500
- 2018 Conference Paper Award, University of Massachusetts
- 2017 NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program, National Academy of Education, Semi-Finalist
- 2016 Dissertation Fellowship Award, Center for Research on Families, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$10,000
- 2016 Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$3,000
- 2016 Graduate School Dissertation Grant, University of Massachusetts, \$1,000
- 2015 Grant and Prospectus Writing Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$4,000
- 2012 Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts, \$300
- 2012 Summer Fellowship for First Comprehensive Exam, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$2,500

## **MEDIA AND PRESS COVERAGE**

- 2023 [The Color of Homeschooling](#), *Faculti* interview
- 2023 [“Stewart Publishes The Color of Homeschooling.”](#) *Hamilton News*
- 2021 [“Homeschooling Exploded Among Black, Asian and Latino Students. But It wasn’t Just the Pandemic.”](#) *The Washington Post*
- 2020 [“Black Americans Homeschool for Different Reasons Than Whites,”](#) *The Conversation*  
[“Stewart Publishes on Differences in Homeschooling by Race,”](#) *News Break*  
[“Stewart Publishes on differences in Homeschooling by Race,”](#) *Hamilton News*  
[“Black Americans Homeschool For Different Reasons than Whites,”](#) *Yahoo Entertainment*  
[“Black Americans Homeschool Homeschool for Different Reasons than Whites,”](#) *Qoshe.com*  
[“Black Americans Homeschool for Different Reasons Than Whites,”](#) *eHomeschool.org*  
[“Black Americans Homeschool for Different Reasons than Whites,”](#) *Flipboard*
- 2017 [“Misra and Dyer Stewart Publish New Book,”](#) *UMass Sociology News*
- 2017 [“The Year 2000 and Now, The Reason Why People Choose to Be Childfree,”](#) *The Huffington Post*
- 2016 [“The Decisions Behind Remaining Childfree,”](#) *CNN*
- 2016 [“How Childfree People Decide Not to Have Kids,”](#) *New York Magazine*
- 2016 [“How the Childfree Decide,”](#) *Sociological Images*

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

### *Hamilton College*

Prison Nation: Race, Gender and Abolition politics (Spring 2024)  
Gender, Sexuality & Society (Fall 2019, 2020, 2022, Spring 2024)  
Research Methods (Fall 2023)  
American Society (Fall 2020, 2021, 2023)  
The Family (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023)  
Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022)  
Gender & Embodiment (Spring 2021)  
Inequalities in Schooling (Spring 2020)

### *University of Massachusetts*

Gender, Race, and Family, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies (2019)  
Social Problems, Sociology Department (2015, 2019)  
Sociology of the Family, Sociology Department (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)  
Data Collection and Analysis, Sociology Department (2018)  
Writing in Sociology, Sociology Department (2017, 2018)  
Race, Gender, Class, & Ethnicity, Sociology Department (2012, 2017, 2018)

### ***Independent Study Advisor (Hamilton)***

1. Diego Inzunza (Spring 2024)
2. Hannah Petersen (Fall 2021)
3. Eleanna Sorensen (Fall 2021)
4. Ashley García (Spring 2021)
5. Hannah Petersen (Spring 2021)
6. Hope Medina (Fall 2020)
7. Jahmali Matthews (Fall 2020)
8. Jade Thomas (Spring 2020)
9. Jonelle Menner (Spring 2020)

### ***Undergraduate Research Advisor***

- Niamh McDade Clay, Mia Horvath, Julia Smith, Rongchen Wang (Fall 2024, Hamilton)

- Amaris Martins, and Julia Smith (Summer 2024, Hamilton)
- Niamh McDade Clay, Mia Horvath, Natalia Reboredo, Julia Smith, Rongchen Wang (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
- Niamh McDade Clay, Mia Horvath, Julia Smith, Rongchen Wang (Fall 2023, Hamilton)
- Maia Chakin, Diego Inzunza, Valerie Laurianti, Amaris Martins (Summer 2023, Hamilton)
- Niamh McDade Clay, Melissa Corporan, Julia Smith, Katherine Withers (Spring 2023, Hamilton)
- Steven Campos, Kaela Dunne, Caroline Freundel, Shania Kuo (Summer 2021, Hamilton)
- Ashley García, Jahmali Matthews, Hope Medina, Hannah Petersen (Winter 2021, Hamilton)
- Kaja Bielecka, Jahmali Matthews, Hope Medina (Summer 2020, Hamilton)
- Isabella Epshtein (Spring 2019, UMass Amherst)
- Isabel Levin (Spring 2019, UMass Amherst)

### ***Thesis Advisor***

1. Anusha Karki (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
2. Stephen Kelly (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
3. Lilian MacVeagh (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
4. Aisling Mockler (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
5. Melissa Morelli (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
6. Raymond Ni (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
7. Natalia Reboredo (Spring 2024, Hamilton)
8. Isabel Alves De Lima (2018-2019, UMass Amherst)
9. Margaret Hislop (Committee member, 2016, UMass Amherst)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

\*Denotes student advisees

- 2024 “Talking about The Color of Homeschooling” at Hamilton College.
- 2023 “Protective Mothering: Black and White Women’s Approach to Childrearing through (Home)Schooling,” at Pennsylvania State University.
- 2023 “Parents’ Mental Health in the Balance: Remote School, Remote Work, and Depressive Symptoms,” with Matthew Grace, Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2023 “‘This Year Has Been a Black Pit’: White Mothers’ Accounts of Pandemic Induced Work-Family Tensions,” with Shania Kuo,\* Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2021 “‘Sometimes It’s Okay to Be Bored:’ Social Class in Mothers’ Oversight of Children During COVID-10,” with Hope Medina\* and Jahmali Matthews,\* Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2021 “Mothers, Pandemic, and Homeschooling,” Miliann Kang’s Global Mommy Wars course, University of Massachusetts.
- 2020 Moderator for Book Salon on *White Kids: Growing Up With Privilege in A Racially Divided America*. Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2020 “The Racialized Insecurity Shift: Black and White Mothers’ Care Work in School Choice.” Annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological society.
- 2019 “‘I Don’t Talk to Anyone About Homeschooling’: Familial Supports Among White and Black Mothers.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2019 “‘You’re Really Targeting My Kid’: Racial Difference in Black and White Mothers’ Schooling Logics.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2018 “School is Supposed to be a Place of Learning: Black Mothers’ Schooling Logics.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2017 “Racialized Logics in White Parents’ Schooling Choices.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2017 “School Choice as Mothers’ Work in Homeschooling Families.” Annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

- 2017 “‘It Can Be Scary. . . The External Impressions and Judgements’: Managing Homeschooling as Mothers’ Work.” Global Carework Summit, Center for Women & Work, UMass Lowell.
- 2017 “‘Everybody Just Wants What’s Best for their Kid’: Selective Individualism and White Parents’ School Choice.” Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2015 “‘Mothering In An Era of Choice: The Logic Of Mothering Through Schooling.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2015 “‘Everybody Just Wants What’s Best for Their Kid’: The Burden and Privilege of Choice in Mothering Logics of Schooling.” *Exploring Narratives of Gender, Race, and Class* panelist for Certificate Symposium for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts.
- 2012 “‘Childrearing Ideologies: A Comparison Between Homeschool and Conventional Parenting Magazines.” Annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE**

- 2024- Co-organizer with Meika Loe of CNY Feminist Writing Collective, Hamilton College & Colgate University.
- 2023-24 Anti-Racism Pedagogy Group member, Hamilton College.
- 2023-24 Institutional Review Board committee member, Hamilton College.
- 2023-24 Search Committee member for Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology Department.
- 2022-23 Faculty Advisor for the Undergraduate Sociology Social Committee, Hamilton College.
- 2022-23 Ungrading Faculty Group member, Hamilton College.
- 2020-21 Organizer for the Sociology Speaker Series, Hamilton College.
- 2020-21 HEAR Diversity and Inclusion Group Member, Hamilton College
- 2019-20 First Year Faculty Program member, Hamilton College

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2024 Open Roundtables session organizer for the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2024 Sally Hacker Award committee member for the American Sociological Association Sex and Gender section.
- 2023 Chow-Green Dissertation Award committee member for Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2023 Family Section Roundtables session organizer for the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2023 Sociologists 4 Transgender Justice, Best Practices Committee member.
- 2021-22 Academic Justice Group Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2016- Reviewer for National Science Foundation, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, and journal reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, *Sociological Compass*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Socius*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Sociological Association
- Carework Network
- Eastern Sociological Society
- National Council on Family Relations
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Sociology of Education Association
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Work + Family Researchers Network