

# HELANA DARWIN

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

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- PhD Sociology, Stony Brook University (Expected 2019)
- ❖ Dissertation Title: *Redoing Gender: How Non-Binary Individuals Navigate the Gender Binary System*
  - ❖ Dissertation Committee: Michael Kimmel (chair); Tiffany Joseph; Catherine Marrone; Mimi Schippers
- MA Sociology, Stony Brook University (2016)
- ❖ Advanced Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies, Stony Brook University (2016)
- MA Jewish Studies, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (2012)
- ❖ Concentration: Jewish Women and Gender Studies
- BA Psychology, Lewis and Clark College (2008)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender, Femininities, Masculinities, Transgender Studies, Sexualities, Sociology of the Body, Sociology of Religion, Cultural Sociology, Digital Sociology, Queer Sociology, Social Movements, Qualitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Proposal

Under Review "Redoing Gender: Non-binary people in the gender binary system"

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming Darwin, H. "The Gendered Politics of Religious Visibility: hijabs, kippot, and dastars." *Social Compass*
- 2018 Darwin, H. "Redoing Gender, Redoing Religion." *Gender & Society* 32(3): 348-370.
- 2018 Darwin, H. "Omnivorous Masculinity: gender capital and cultural legitimacy in craft beer culture." *Social Currents* 5(3): 301-316.
- 2017 Darwin, H. "Doing Gender Beyond the Binary: a virtual ethnography." *Symbolic Interaction* 40(3): 317-334.
- 2017 Darwin, H. "The Pariah Femininity Hierarchy: comparing white women's body hair and fat stigmas in the United States." *Gender, Place & Culture* 24(1): 135-146.

- 2016 Darwin, H. "Jewish Women's Kippot: meanings and motives." *Contemporary Jewry* 37(1): 81-97.
- Under Review The Body Positive Movement: a frame analysis
- Under Review Redoing Sexuality
- Under Review Navigating the Religious Gender Binary
- In Progress Negotiating Transgender

### Book Chapters

- 2017 "You are What You Drink: the masculinization of cultural legitimacy in the New York craft beer scene." In *Untapped: Exploring the Cultural Dimensions of Craft Beer*, edited by Nate Chapman and J. Slade Ledlock.

### Book Reviews

- 2017 *Of Beards and Men: The Revealing History of Facial Hair* by Christopher Oldstone-Moore. *NORMA International Journal of Masculinity Studies*.
- 2016 *Plucked* by Rebecca A. Herzig. *Women: A Cultural Review*.
- 2015 *Sensational Flesh: Race, Power, and Masochism* by Amber Jamilla Musser. *Gender & Society*.

### AWARDS

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- 2018 Robert J. McNamara Award for most outstanding article by a graduate student, *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, "Redoing Gender, Redoing Religion"
- 2018 Graduate Student Paper Award, *American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption*, "Omnivorous Masculinity: gender capital and cultural capital in craft beer culture"
- 2018 Joyce Turner Dissertation Fellowship Award, *Stony Brook University*, "Redoing Gender: how non-binary people navigate the gender binary system"
- 2018 Finalist, Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, *American Sociological Association*, "Redoing Sexuality"
- 2018 Finalist, SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award
- 2017 Nominated, *Jewish People's Choice Awards*, "Women of Valor" Category
- 2016 Rose Laub Coser Award for best gender studies paper by a graduate student, *Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University*
- 2015 Student Travel Award, *American Sociological Association*
- 2012 Charles and Ruth Samson Lefkowitz Award for Excellence in Jewish Women's Studies, *The Jewish Theological Seminary of America*
- 2010-2012 Graduate School Merit Award, *The Jewish Theological Seminary of America*

### GRANTS

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- 2018 Gallagher Travel Grant, *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, "Doing Gender, Doing Religion"

- 2016 Presidential Mini-Grants for Departmental Diversity Initiatives, *Stony Brook University*, “Diversifying Mindfulness”
- 2016 Gallagher Travel Grant, *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, “Doing Egalitarianism”
- 2010-2012 Graduate School Tuition Grant, *The Jewish Theological Seminary of America*

## **TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- ❖ Sociology of Religion (2018)
  - Responsibilities included researching online pedagogy, creating innovative multimedia lesson plans, creating lessons for each module, moderating the discussion forum, grading assignments, and holding electronic office hours
  - Course: one summer session and one winter session, 15 students each
- ❖ Sociology of Gender (2018)
  - Responsibilities included researching online pedagogy, creating innovative multimedia lesson plans, creating lessons for each module, moderating the discussion forum, grading assignments, and holding electronic office hours
  - Course: one winter session, 15 students
- ❖ Independent Study: Digital Sociology (2017)
  - Responsibilities included assigning reading assignments of pertinence to the project, teaching digital sociological methodology as well as basic qualitative methodology (such as coding), monitoring the student’s progress with open and closed coding
  - Course: two semesters, one student
- ❖ Independent Study: Transgender Studies (2016-2018)
  - Responsibilities included guiding them through the process of literature review, assigning relevant readings about transcription, teaching them how to transcribe (and edit) audio-recorded interviews, holding bimonthly meetings to discuss our progress, process, and emergent themes.
  - Course: four semesters, approximately 18 students in total
- ❖ Introduction to Sociology (2016)
  - Responsibilities included researching innovative lesson plans, creating lessons, giving lectures, grading assignments, and holding office hours
  - Course: one summer session, approximately 30 students
- ❖ Independent Study: Sociology of Religion (2016)
  - Responsibilities included assigning relevant readings related to the project and to coding, teaching them how to code, holding bimonthly meetings to establish intercoder reliability
  - Course: one semester, 2 students

### **Teaching Assistant, SUNY- Stony Brook**

- ❖ Intimate Relationships, American Society, Media and Society, Research Methods, Sociology of Reproduction (2014-2018)
  - Responsibilities included preparing exams, grading, preparing occasional lectures, and holding office hours for students in need

## **LECTURES**

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### **Guest Lectures**

- 2017 “Debunking the ‘Good Birth’ Myth.” Sociology of Reproduction, Stony Brook University
- 2016 “Qualitative Methods: Ethnography.” Research Methods, Stony Brook University
- 2015 “Gender in the Media.” Media and Society, Stony Brook University  
 “Race in the Media.” Media and Society, Stony Brook University  
 “Title VII: Strengths and Limitations.” American Society, Stony Brook University

## Department Presentations

- 2016 "Doing Genderqueer," Brown Bag Lecture Series, Stony Brook University
- 2015 "Repudiating the Fruity Other," Graduate Student Paper Workshop, Stony Brook University
- 2012 "Jewish Women and Rhinoplasty," Graduate School Student Organization, JTS
- 2011 "Lilith and the Zohar," Graduate School Student Organization, JTS

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Panels Organized

- 2016 "He for She and... Everyone Else," *HeforShe Conference*, Stony Brook, NY.

### Papers Presented

- Accepted "Doing Religion, Doing Gender," *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Accepted "Redoing Sexuality," *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 "The Body Positive Movement: feminist progress?" *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, CAN.
- "Body Positivities," *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Albuquerque, NM.
- "The Body Positive Movement: a frame analysis," *Sociology Graduate Student Conference*, Stony Brook, NY.
- 2016 "Doing Genderqueer," *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
- "Equal Opportunity Means Equal Obligation: the meanings of Jewish women's kippot," *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
- "Doing Egalitarianism," *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Seattle, WA.
- "Crossing the Line: gender-policing and Jewish-policing when Jewish women wear kippot," *Sociology Graduate Student Conference*, Stony Brook, NY.
- "Suggestions for Gender-Inclusive Campuses," *HeforShe Conference*, Stony Brook, NY.
- 2015 "Body Hair: The Final Frontier of Alternative Beauty Campaigns," *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- "You are what you Drink: The Masculinization of Cultural Legitimacy within the New York Craft Beer Scene," *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- "Gender on Draft: Gender Stereotypes about Beer Preference in the Craft Beer Scene and their Implications for the Women's Craft Beer Movement," *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Washington DC.
- "Why the Buzz about Fuzz? A Comparative Analysis of Resistance to Women's Body Hair Advocacy and Women's Body Size Advocacy within the Alternative Beauty Movement," *Eastern Sociological Society*, New York, NY.

“(Re)Constructing Cultural Legitimacy through Conspicuous Consumption,” *Sociology Graduate Student Conference*, Stony Brook, NY.

2013 “Embodying the Eroticized Other: Jewish women and rhinoplasty,” *Psychology and the Other*, Boston, MA.

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

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2017 Online Teacher Training Certificate

### Committees

2016-2017: Co-chair, Sociologists for Trans Justice Graduate Students Committee

2016-2017 Stony Brook Graduate Student Conference, Stony Brook, NY.  
Curation Committee  
Entertainment Committee

2016 HeforShe Conference, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.  
Program Committee

2016 Mindfulness Conference, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.  
Planning Committee

2015 International Conference on Men and Masculinities, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, New York, NY.  
Abstracts Committee  
Program Coordinator

### Peer Reviewer

*Gender & Society; Men & Masculinities; Digital Sociology Handbook; Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology; Food, Culture, and Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research; Gender, Place, & Culture: a journal of feminist geography; Contemporary Jewry*

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## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

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2016-onward Academic Blogging: *Huffington Post; ASA Embodiment; Compassionate Feminism*

2016 “How to be a Public Intellectual,” *Seminar Series with Naomi Wolf*, Stony Brook University

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association

- ❖ *Sections:* Body and Embodiment; Sex and Gender; Sexualities; Race, Gender, and Class; Sociology of Religion; Consumers and Consumption; Sociology of Culture; Transgender Studies; Theory

Sociologists for Women in Society

Eastern Sociological Society

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Sociologists for Trans Justice

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Jewish Organizations:**

2014-2016 Volunteer, Romemu, New York, NY

2015-2017 Volunteer, Lab/Shul, New York, NY

**Diversity Organizations:**

2004-2008 President/Workshop Leader, Interfaith Council, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR.

2002-2004 President/Workshop Leader, National Coalition Building Institute, San Lorenzo Valley High School, Santa Cruz, CA.

**REFERENCES**

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