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## Research Interests

Sociology of Health and Disability - Sociology of Gender - Sociology of the Body

## Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, expected Spring 2022.

*Dissertation*: "The Disabling Process: Dynamics and Consequences of Uncertainty in Disability Determination for Chronic Pain". Committee: Raka Ray (chair), Calvin Morrill, Cristina Mora, Armando Lara-Millan.

Qualifying Exams: Social Theory, Sociology of Healthcare, Sociology of Gender

M.A Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2015.

*Master's Thesis*: "Navigating Medical Uncertainty: The Rise of Chronic Illness and the Transformation of US Healthcare". Committee: Raka Ray, Calvin Morrill, Vincanne Adams

B.A. Interdisciplinary American Studies, UC Berkeley, 2010. Highest Distinction (summa cum laude).

*Concentration*: American Visual Culture and Social Change.

*Honors Thesis*: "The Effects of Cognitive Resource Depletion on Regulating and Resisting the Influence of Gender Stereotypic Media". Committee: Kathleen Moran, Stephen Vaisey, Robb Willer.

## Mentor and Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record - Teaching for Racial Equity in STE(A)M, Bay Area Rising STEM Scholars Initiative (500+ high school teachers and administrators), Fall 2020

Instructor of Record - Embodying Inequality: Sociology of Stratification and the Body, UC Berkeley, Fall 2019

Instructor of Record - Sociology of Gender, UC Berkeley, Summer 2018

Founder/PI - [UC Berkeley Social Research on Healthcare Lab](#), 2015-2019

Head Faculty Mentor - Public Health Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Lauren V. Vetter. "Limitations of Value-Based Payments: Challenges a Hospital Faces in Reducing Readmissions in Medicare's Hospital Readmission Program", UC Berkeley, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Instructor - Berkeley Connect Mentorship Program, UC Berkeley, 2016-2017

Graduate Student Instructor - Introduction to Sociology, Instructor: Sandra Smith, UC Berkeley, Spring 2016

Graduate Student Instructor - Introduction to Sociology, Instructor: Ann Swidler, UC Berkeley, Fall 2015

Graduate Student Instructor - Personality and Social Structure, Instructor: Claude Fischer, UC Berkeley, Fall 2014

Graduate Mentor - Sociology Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Thatcher P. Combs. "Should There Be a 'T'? Examining the Fragmentation within the LGBT Movement", UC Berkeley, 2013-2014

Reader - Social Psychology: Self and Society, Instructor: Robb Willer, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010

Reader - American Popular Culture: Shopping and Consumerism, Instructor: Kristen Loutenstock, UC Berkeley, Summer 2010

## Papers in Progress

"The Disabling Process: Dynamics and Consequences of Uncertainty in Disability Determination for Chronic Pain"

"Navigating Medical Uncertainty: The Rise of Chronic Illness and the Transformation of US Healthcare"

"What is Women's Health?"

## Policy Reports

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2017). "Assessment of Evaluation of Chronic Pain Phase II: Investigating Institutional Interaction between Legal, State, and Medical Institutions". Completed for Policy Research, Inc. and the Social Security Administration. [Full text](#)

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2016). "An Exploratory Study to Assess the Evaluation of Chronic Pain in the SSA Disability Determination Process". Completed for Policy Research, Inc. and the Social Security Administration. [Full text](#)

## Awards

UC Berkeley Dissertation Fellowship - \$22,000 and tuition (2018-2019)

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant - \$900 (2018)

Travel Grant, Impairment in the Social World Conference, Columbia University - full cost of travel (2018)

Berkeley Connect Mentorship Program Fellowship - \$22,000 and tuition (2017-2018)

Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology - \$15,000 (2016-2017)

Disability Determination Process Small Grant Program, Policy Research Associates, Inc. funded through Social Security Administration Grant (IDD11000001) - \$10,000 (2016-2017)

Disability Determination Process Small Grant Program, Policy Research Associates, Inc. funded through Social Security Administration Grant (IDD11000001) - \$10,000 (2015-2016)

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant - full cost of travel (2016)

ASA Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley Sociology Department - full cost of travel (2016)

UC Berkeley Section Club Grant - \$1000 (2014)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - \$90,000 and tuition (2011-2014)

Rosalie M. Stern Fellowship, UC Berkeley - women who have made a significant contribution of a volunteer nature to community, state, or national public interest - \$9000 and tuition (2011-2012)

Graduate Division Fellowship, UC Berkeley - \$9000 (2011-2012)

## Conference Presentations

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2018). "The Disabling Process: Chronic Pain and the Interinstitutional Dynamics and Consequences of Uncertainty". *Welfare State Regular Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA*

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2018). "The Disabling Process: Chronic Pain and the Socio-institutional Dynamics and Consequences of Uncertainty". *Impairment in the Social World Conference, Columbia University, NY, NY*

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2016). "Medical Uncertainty, Healthcare, and the State: Institutional Interaction in the Disability Determination Process for Chronic Pain". *International Qualitative Health Research Conference, Kelowna, BC*

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2016). "Navigating Medical Uncertainty: The Rise of Chronic Illness and the Transformation of US Healthcare". *International Qualitative Health Research Conference, Kelowna, BC*

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2016). "Navigating Medical Uncertainty: The Rise of Chronic Illness and the Transformation of US Healthcare". *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA*

Stephan C. Meylan, Lindsay A. Berkowitz, and Joshua Kopin (2012). "Statistical Anatomy of a Discourse: Using Text Mining Techniques to Explore Dynamics in the Content of Six Leading Sociology Journals, 1895-2012". *UC Berkeley Digital Humanities Symposium, Berkeley, CA.*

Lindsay A. Berkowitz (2010). "The Effects of Cognitive Resource Depletion on Resistance to Stereotypes in Media". *UC Berkeley Sociological Research Symposium, Berkeley, CA.*

## Professional Experience

Program and Curriculum Manager, Racial Equity Education, DonorsChoose.org, 2019-2021

Founder/Organizer - [Social Research on Healthcare Working Group](#), 2015-2019

Member - American Sociological Association, 2011-2021. Sections: Medical Sociology, Sex and Gender, Body and Embodiment, Disability, Science Knowledge and Technology

Appointment - Berkeley Center for Social Medicine, 2016-2021

Member - Sociology of Medical Education Interest Group, 2016-2021

Member - Sociologists for Women in Society, 2016-2021

Member - UC Berkeley Gender Working Group, 2015-2021

Topic Editor - Berkeley Journal of Sociology, 2014-2015

Organizer - UC Berkeley Gender Working Group, 2014

Lab Manager - UC Berkeley Laboratory for Social Research, PI: Robb Willer, 2010-2011

Research Assistant - Stephen Vaisey, 2009-2011

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