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## EMPLOYMENT

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2017-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, **University of California, San Diego**

2015-2017 Frank H.T. Rhodes Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell Population Center, **Cornell University**

## EDUCATION

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2015 Ph.D., Sociology, **The University of Texas at Austin**

2009 M.A., Sociology, **The University of Texas at Austin**

2006 B.S., Sociology and American Studies, **Vanderbilt University**  
*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in American Studies

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Education; Spatial Inequalities; Stratification and Inequality; Gender

## PUBLICATIONS (\* indicates graduate student co-author)

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\*Carroll, Jamie M., \*Pattison, Evangeleen, Chandra Muller, and April Sutton. 2020. "Barriers to Bachelor's Degree Completion Among College Students with a Mental or Physical Disability" *Sociological Perspectives* 63(5):809-832.

Sutton, April, Daniel T. Lichter, and Sharon Sassler. 2019. "Rural-Suburban-Urban Disparities in Intendedness and Resolution of First Pregnancies, 1995-2017." *American Journal of Public Health* 109(12):1762-1769.

- Top 5 Research Articles in Maternal Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Maternal Health Task Force, November 4, 2019 Newsletter.

Sutton, April, Amy G. Langenkamp, Chandra Muller, and Kathryn S. Schiller. 2018. "Who Gets Ahead and Who Falls Behind? Academic Performance Across the Transition to High School at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Gender." *Social Problems* 65(2):154-173.

- Top 5 Most Downloaded Articles in *Social Problems*, 2018-2019 issues

Sutton, April. 2017. "Preparing for Local Labor: Curricular Stratification Across Local Economies in the United States." *Sociology of Education* 90(2):172-196.

Sutton, April, \*Amanda Bosky, and Chandra Muller. 2016. "Manufacturing Gender Inequality in the New Economy: High School Training for Work in Blue-Collar Communities." *American Sociological Review* 81(4):720-748.

- Selected Media Coverage: The Atlantic; Forbes; U.S. News and World Report; The Seattle Times

Glass, Jennifer, April Sutton, and Scott Fitzgerald. 2015. "Leaving the Faith: How Religious Switching Changes Pathways to Adulthood Among Conservative Protestant Youth." *Social Currents* 1: 1-18.

\*Shifrer, Dara and April Sutton. 2014. "Region-Urbanicity Differences in Locus of Control: Social Disadvantage, Structure, or Cultural Exceptionalism?" *Sociological Inquiry* 84(4):570-600.

Sutton, April, Chandra Muller, and Amy Langenkamp. 2013. "High School Transfer Students and the Transition to College: Timing and the Structure of the School Year." *Sociology of Education* 86(1):63-82.

#### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND RESEARCH SUPPORT**

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- 2021-2023 "Education and Financial Vulnerability across the Adult Life Course during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Co-PI (PI-Chandra Muller). Russell Sage Foundation 2102-30516 (\$158,819).
- 2021-2023 "Who is Left Behind in Rural America? Rural-Urban Inequalities in Postsecondary Enrollment by Gender and Race/Ethnicity." National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Award (\$70,000).
- 2021-2022 Fellow of the Society of Hellman Fellows. University of California, San Diego (\$50,000).
- 2021 Academic Senate Research Grant Award. University of California, San Diego (\$7,531).
- 2020-2021 Faculty Career Development Program Award, University of California, San Diego.
- 2014 Alan C. Kerckhoff Award, International Sociological Association 2014 Spring Meeting of Research Committee 28.
- 2011-2012 Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2005 Susan Ford Wiltshire Undergraduate Essay Prize in Women's and Gender Studies (university-wide competition), Vanderbilt University.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Sutton, April, Bolun Zhang, and Amanda Bosky. "Rural Girls Left Behind: Women's "Advantage" in Bachelor's Degree Attainment across Urbanicity." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2019, Austin, TX.

Sutton, April and Kim Weeden. "Bounded Aspirations? Variations Across Local Labor Markets in Young Men and Women's Occupational Plans." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association of America, August 2016, Seattle, WA.

Sutton, April, Daniel T. Lichter, and Sharon Sassler. "Women Left Behind: Unintended Pregnancy and Fertility in Rural America." Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, August 2016, Toronto, Canada.

Bosky, Amanda and April Sutton. "Gendered Returns to Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials in the New Economy." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 2016, Washington, DC.

Sutton, April, \*Amanda Bosky, and Chandra Muller. "Manufacturing Gender Inequality in the New Economy: High School Training for Work in Blue-Collar Communities." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association of America, August 2015, Chicago, IL.

Sutton, April, \*Amanda Bosky, and Chandra Muller. "Training for Blue-Collar Jobs in Blue-Collar Communities: Leaving Girls Behind?"

- Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 2014, Washington, DC.
- Spring Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), May 2014, Budapest, Hungary.

Sutton, April. "Land of Uneven Opportunity: Local Labor Markets, High School Course Offerings, and College-Preparation." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association of America, August 2014, San Francisco, CA.

Glass, Jennifer and April Sutton. "Bit into the Apple but Spit it Out: Gender and Religious Disaffiliation in Emerging Adulthood." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 2014, Boston, MA.

Sutton, April. "Local Labor Markets and Males' Transitions to College." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 2012, San Francisco, CA.

Sutton, April, Amy Langenkamp, Chandra Muller, and Kathryn Shiller. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association of America, August 2011, Las Vegas, CA.

Sutton, April. "The Impact of Transferring During the Later Years of High School on Postsecondary Matriculation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association of America, August 2009, San Francisco, CA.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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UCLA, Department of Sociology, Stratification, Inequality, and Mobility Working Group (2020)  
Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute (2020)

UC Irvine, Center for Demographic and Social Analysis (2019)  
SUNY-Albany, Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (2017)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*University of California, San Diego*, Practice of Social Research; Social Problems; Geography of Opportunity; Sociology of Education (graduate course)

*University of Texas at Austin*, Education and Society

### **SUPERVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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#### Dissertation Committee

Leroy Joey Arciniega (UC San Diego, current)  
Heather M. Harper (UC San Diego, current)  
Amanda Jean Brockman (Vanderbilt University, 2021)

#### Graduate Field Exam Committee

Yasemin Taskin-Alp (2018)  
Andrea Abel (2018)

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair

Kate Mallari, 2020-2021  
Phoebe Mason Flook (awarded 2020 UCSD Sociology Undergraduate Paper Prize)  
Ashley Balian (co-chair; awarded 2019 UCSD Sociology Undergraduate Paper Prize)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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*Sociological Perspectives*, Associate Editor (2020-2022)

*Sociology of Education*, Editorial Board Member (2020-2023)

*Chair*, David Lee Stevenson Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018

*Student Representative*, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013-2014

*Editor*, Newsletter of the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association, 2011-2012