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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2023–Present.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY Buffalo School of Law 2022–23.

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University, 2019–22.

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Organizational Behavior, ILR School.
Affiliate, Center for the Study of Inequality.

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology (with Distinction), Yale University, 2019.

Dissertation: *From Unequal Play to Unwanted Contact: Title IX in American Universities, 1972-2016*.
Committee: Julia Adams (Chair), Rene Almeling, Emily Erikson, and Christopher Wildeman.
Winner, 21st Century Prize.

M.A. in Sociology, Yale University, 2013.

M.A. in Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2011.

B.A. in Sociology, Wellesley College, 2009.

Honors: *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa; Departmental Honors in Sociology.

Research and Teaching Areas

Law & Organizations; Gender & Sexuality; Education; Comparative & Historical Sociology; Politics & Social Movements; Multiple Methods (Archival, Interviews, Statistical, Networks, Computational).

Academic Publications

Book

Celene Reynolds. In Press. (Expected August 2025.) *Unlawful Advances: How Feminists Transformed Title IX*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Journal Articles

Celene Reynolds, Elizabeth A. Armstrong, and Sandra R. Levitsky. 2023. "[Title IX, Campus Sexual Misconduct, and the Criminalization of a U.S. Civil Rights Law.](#)" *American Journal of Sociology* 129(3): 992-1004. Symposium on the 1973 special issue, "Changing Women in a Changing Society."

Celene Reynolds. 2022. "[The Diffusion of Federal Title IX Complaints throughout U.S. Colleges and Universities, 1994–2014.](#)" *Social Science Research* 108:102781.

Winner, 2019 ASA Sociology of Law Section Graduate Student Paper Award.

Celene Reynolds. 2022. "[Repurposing Title IX: How Sexual Harassment Became Sex Discrimination in American Higher Education.](#)" *American Journal of Sociology* 128(2):462-514.

Winner, 2024 ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Charles Tilly Article Award.

Winner, 2024 ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Article Award.

Honorable Mention, 2023 ASA Political Sociology Section Distinguished Article Award.

Celene Reynolds. 2019. "[The Mobilization of Title IX across U.S. Colleges and Universities, 1994–2014.](#)" *Social Problems* 66(2):245-73.

Winner, 2016 ASA Sex and Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award.

One of the "most discussed" articles of 2018-2019 in *Social Problems*.

Media: *Inside Higher Ed*, *The Academic Minute*, *The Verge*, Scholars Strategy Network's *No Jargon*.

Celene Reynolds. 2017. "[From Transgression to Tradition: Relationality, Organizational Absorption, and the Lascivious Costume Ball, 1970-1984.](#)" *Organization* 24(6):916-37.

Celene Reynolds and Emily Erikson. 2017. "[Agency, Identity, and the Emergence of Ritual Experience.](#)" *Socius* 3: 1-14.

Celene Reynolds. 2017. "[How Sexual Identities Change: Pragmatism, Habit, and Creativity in the 'Situation' of the Lascivious Costume Ball.](#)" *Qualitative Sociology* 40(2):215-35.

Other Writing

Celene Reynolds. 2023. "[Q&A with 2023 Award Winners.](#)" *States, Power, & Societies: ASA Political Sociology Newsletter*, Fall/Winter.

Celene Reynolds. 2016. "[The Mobilization of Title IX in Colleges and Universities.](#)" *Lux et Data: Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog*, May 17.

Celene Reynolds. 2016. "[What We Know - And Need to Learn - About Progress Against Sex Discrimination in Higher Education.](#)" *Scholars Strategy Network: Basic Facts*, January.

Reprinted in *The Society Pages*, May 4.

Celene Reynolds. 2015. "[Understanding Title IX Noncompliance.](#)" *Lux et Data: Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog*, November 16.

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

External

National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2024–2025. (\$70,000)

ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Charles Tilly Article Award, 2024.

ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Article Award, 2024.

ASA Political Sociology Section Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, 2023.

NSF Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, 2022.

ASA Sociology of Law Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2019.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship, 2018–2019. (\$27,500)

Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, 2018.

Junior Scholars Workshop, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

ASA Sex and Gender Section Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016.

Graduate Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network, 2015–2016.

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2015. (\$11,998)

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grant, 2015. (\$7,500)

- Interdisciplinary grant awarded to dissertation projects with important policy implications.

Internal

Social Sciences Research Funding Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2024. (\$21,000)

Cornell Center for Social Sciences Faculty Research Grant (with Vida Maralani), Cornell University, 2021. (\$12,000)

Center for the Study of Inequality Faculty Research Grant (with Vida Maralani), Cornell University, 2020. (\$74,610)

21st Century Prize, Yale University, 2020.

- Awarded to a distinguished dissertation that contributes to public policy and the public interest.

John F. Enders Research Grant, Yale University, 2018. (\$2,000)

Yale Club of San Francisco Summer Research Grant, 2017. (\$3,500)

Robert M. Leyland Fellow, Yale University, 2016–2017.

- Recognition of accomplishments from the Graduate School and the Department of Sociology.

Digital Humanities Seed Grant, Yale University, 2016. (\$1,000)

Graduate Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, 2015–2016. (\$3,000)

Felix G. Evangelist Fellow, Yale University, 2014–2016.

- Recognition of accomplishments from the Graduate School and the Department of Sociology.

Merit Scholarship, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2010–2011.

Teaching and Advising

At Indiana University, Bloomington

Introduction to Sociology, 2024.

At Yale University

Coordinator, Graduate Policy Fellows Program, Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Program Director: Jacob Hacker. 2016–2019.

Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Methods in Quantitative Sociology. Instructor: Joscha Legewie. Spring 2018.

Teaching Fellow, Sex and Gender in Society. Instructor: Rene Almeling. Fall 2017.

Teaching Fellow, Senior Essay Colloquium. Instructors: Andrew V. Papachristos and Frederick F. Wherry. 2015–2016.

Teaching Fellow, Senior Essay Colloquium. Instructor: Frederick F. Wherry. 2014–2015.

Presentations

"Understanding Title IX." Invited panel, Center for Education Equity. February 2022.

"Repurposing Title IX: How Sexual Harassment Became Sex Discrimination in American Higher Education."

Invited, Management & Organizations Department, Northwestern Kellogg, November 2022.

Invited, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2022.

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, July 2022.

Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2021.

Invited, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, October 2021.

Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2020. (Cancelled)

ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2020.

Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, April 2020.

"Transforming Title IX: The Diffusion of Sexual Harassment Claims throughout U.S. Colleges and Universities."

Invited, Department of Organizational Behavior, Cornell University, September 2019.

Invited, Department of Sociology, Stanford University, November 2018.

Invited, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, October 2018.

"The Diffusion of Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints."

ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2018.

Invited panel, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 2018.

Invited panel, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 2017.

ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2017.

Invited speaker, Yale Club of San Francisco, July 2017.

Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, December 2016.

Invited speaker, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, November 2016.

"The Mobilization of Title IX across U.S. Colleges and Universities, 1994-2014."

Law & Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, July 2017.

ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle, August 2016.

Scholars Strategy Network Panel Discussion on Title IX, Yale University, April 2016.

Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, October 2015.

Invited, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago, May 2015.

"From Transgression to Tradition: Relationality, Organizational Absorption, and the Lascivious Costume Ball, 1970-1984."

Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, February 2012.
 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2011.
 Engendering Change Conference, Northwestern University, May 2011.

"Campus Politics and Title IX: What's at Stake?" Hopper College Tea with Laura Kipnis, Yale University, February 2018.

Comment on Ann S. Orloff's "Farewell to Maternalism, Toward a Gender-Open Future." Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, February 2017.

"Ritual and Routine: Repetition and Meaning at the Level of Individual Experience." ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle 2016.

Comment on Elizabeth A. Armstrong's "Setting the Standard: The Struggle over Title IX Compliance." Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, April 2016.

"Writing a Prospectus in the Social Sciences." Graduate Writing Center, Yale University, February 2015.

Comment on *The Hunting Ground*. Screening and Panel Discussion Sponsored by the Title IX Steering Committee, Yale University, April 2015.

"How Sexual Identities Change: Pragmatism, Habit, and Creativity in the 'Situation' of the Lascivious Costume Ball." ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2014.

Service

To the Profession

Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Sociology of Law Section, 2019.

Session Organizer, ASA Body/Embodiment Section Refereed Roundtables, 2017.

Graduate Student Representative, ASA Body/Embodiment Section, 2016–2017.

At Indiana University, Bloomington

Library Coordinator, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2023-2024.

Member, Organizing Committee for the Workshop in Sociology at Indiana University, Bloomington, 2023-2024.

Member, Website Committee, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2023-2024.

At Yale University

Graduate Policy Fellows Program Admissions Committee, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, 2017–2019.

Executive Committee of the Policy Lab, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, 2016–2017.

Graduate Student Representative, Yale Sociology, 2013–2014.

Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Yale Sociology, 2013–2014.

Other

Expert review panelist, Initiative on the Status of Women & Girls in Sport, Women's Sports Foundation, 2019.

Occasional reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Gender & Society*, *Law & Society Review*, National Science Foundation, *Politics & Gender*, *Violence Against Women*.

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

American Sociological Association

Sections:	Organizations, Occupations, and Work	Sociology of Law
	Comparative-Historical Sociology	Sex and Gender
	Political Sociology	Sociology of Education

Law and Society Association

Social Science History Association

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