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EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology
2008 M.A. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology
2004 A.B. Princeton University, Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2017 – 2022 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno
2014 – 2016 Thinking Matters Fellow, Stanford Introductory Studies, Stanford University
2014 – 2016 Postdoctoral Research Fellow (by courtesy), Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERTISE

Qualitative Methods, Gender, Bodies & Embodiment, Work & Occupations, Culture, Consumers & Consumption, Intersectionality, Masculinities, Social Problems, Public Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2013 **Gruys, Kjerstin.** *Mirror, Mirror Off the Wall: How I Learned to Love My Body by Not Looking at it For a Year.* New York City, NY: Avery.
• Reviewed by *Publishers Weekly* (starred review), *LA Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *People Magazine*, among others

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2022 Cabell, J., K. Hoofman, C. High, I. Dogan, M. Gannon, J. Ragsdale, **K. Gruys.** “Staying in Touch During COVID-19: How Communication Methods Vary by Age & COVID-Related Experiences.” *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*. DOI: 10.1080/17459435.2021.2016921

2021 Russell, Kristan and **Kjerstin Gruys.** “How Do Gender, Sexuality, and Age Impact Perceptions of Teacher Sexual Misconduct?: An Intersectional Vignette-Based Study.” *Feminist Criminology*. DOI: 10.1177/1557085121998748.

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- 2021 **Gruys, Kjerstin.** “Fit Models, Not Fat Models: Body Inclusiveness in the U.S. Fit Modeling Job Market.” *Fat Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/21604851.2021.1913814.
- 2020 **Gruys, Kjerstin** and Christin Munsch. “‘Not Your Average Nerd’: Masculinities, Privilege, and Academic Effort at an Elite University” *Sociological Forum*. 35(2): 346-369. DOI: 10.1111/socf.12585.
- 2019 **Gruys, Kjerstin.** “‘Making Over’ Poor Women: Gender, Race, Class, & Body Size in a Welfare-to-Work Nonprofit Organization.” *Sociological Forum*. 34(1): 47-70.
- 2018 Munsch, Christin and **Kjerstin Gruys.** “What Threatens, Defines: Tracing the Symbolic Boundaries of Masculinity.” *Sex Roles*. 79(7-8): 375-392.
- 2018 Bishop, Katelynn, **Kjerstin Gruys**, and Maddie Evans. “Sized Out: Women, Clothing Size, and Inequality.” *Gender & Society*. 32(2): 180-203.
- 2016 Frederick, David A., Abigail C. Saguy, **Kjerstin Gruys.** “Culture, Health, & Bigotry: How Cultural Accounts of Fatness Shape Attitudes About Health Risk, Health Policies, & Weight-Based Prejudice.” *Social Science & Medicine*. 165(September): 271-279.
- 2014 Saguy, Abigail, David Frederick, **Kjerstin Gruys.** “Reporting Risk, Producing Prejudice: How News Reporting on Obesity Shapes Attitudes about Health Risk, Policy and Prejudice.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 111(June): 125-133.
- 2012 **Gruys, Kjerstin.** “Does This Make Me Look Fat?’: Aesthetic Labor and Fat Talk as Emotional Labor in a Women’s Plus Size Clothing Store.” *Social Problems*. 59(4): 481-500.
- Winner, Best Grad Student Paper, ASA Consumers & Consumption Section
 - Hon. Mention, Best Grad Student Paper, ASA Organizations, Occupations & Work
 - Hon. Mention, Best Grad Student Paper, ASA Labor & Labor Movements Section
- 2010 Saguy, Abigail, **Kjerstin Gruys** and Shanna Gong. “Social Problem Construction and National Context: News Reporting on ‘Overweight’ and ‘Obesity’ in the U.S. and France.” *Social Problems* 57(4): 586-610.
- 2010 Saguy, Abigail and **Kjerstin Gruys.** “Morality and Health: News Media Constructions of Overweight and Eating Disorders.” *Social Problems* 57(2): 231-250.
- Reprint in Peter Conrad and Valerie Leiter, Eds., *Sociology of Health & Illness: Critical Perspectives*, 9th edition (2012) and 10th edition (2018).
 - Reprint in Maxine Baca Zinn, Ed., *Gender Through the Prism of Difference* (2016)

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Book Chapters

- 2019 **Gruys, Kjerstin** and David Hutson. "The Aesthetic Labor of Ethnographers." In Natalie Boero & Katherine Mason (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of the Body and Embodiment*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2016 Bridges, Tristan, **Kjerstin Gruys**, Christin Munsch and C.J. Pascoe. "Beyond 'Bossy' or 'Brilliant'? Gender Bias in Student Evaluations." In Lisa Wade, Douglas Hartmann, and Christopher Uggen (eds.) *Assigned: Life with Gender*. W.W. Norton.

Invited Book Reviews

- Gruys, Kjerstin**. *Very Important People: Status and Beauty in the Global Party Circuit*. by Ashley Mears" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. In progress.
- 2021 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. *Under the Knife: Cosmetic Surgery, Boundary Work, and the Pursuit of the Natural Fake*, by Samantha Kwan and Jennifer Graves" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. 51(1) DOI: 10.1177/0094306121106290.
- 2017 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. "Book Review: *Buttoned Up: Clothing, Conformity, and White-Collar Masculinity*, by Erynn Masi de Cassanova" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. 46(3) 295-296.
- 2016 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. "Book Review: *Fashioning Fat: Inside Plus-Size Modeling*, by Amanda M. Czerniawski." *Gender & Society*. 30(5) 842-862.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2014 Thomas, Jacob & **Kjerstin Gruys**. "Class." In Daniel Cook and J. Michael Ryan (eds.) *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumption and Consumer Studies*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2014 Siciliano, Michael & **Kjerstin Gruys**. "Mass Media." In Daniel Cook and J. Michael Ryan (eds.) *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumption and Consumer Studies*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2013 Yousefinejad, S., Frederick, D. A., & **Gruys, K.** "Roles (Social and Cultural)." In C. Cortes (ed.) *Multicultural America*. SAGE Publishers.
- 2012 Frederick, D.A., Jafary, A.M., **Gruys, K.** & Daniels, E.A. "Surveys & the Epidemiology of Body Image Dissatisfaction." In T. F. Cash (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Body Image and Human Appearance*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, pp. 766-773.

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Manuscripts in Progress

Gruys, Kjerstin, Theresa Skaar, and Kara Wood. “Every Woman is Different... same as when you’re younger”: Women, Aging, & Physical Intimacy” Revising to resubmit at the *Journal of Women and Aging*.

Gruys, Kjerstin. *Living Mannequins: Inside Fit Modeling*. Book Proposal Available.

Gruys, Kjerstin. “Living Mannequins: Cultural Capital, Bodily Capital and the Aesthetic Labor of Female Fit Models.” Draft Available.

Gruys, Kjerstin. “A History of Vanity Sizing: Gender, Age, and Body Size in Women’s Clothing Size Standards from Sears Roebuck 1896-2008.” Draft Available.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

2019	Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teaching, UNR College of Liberal Arts
2018	Private Grant Supporting the “Women’s Wellness Initiative.” \$30,000
2014	Inductee, Rockwood School District Alumni Award
2013 – 2014	Dorothy Meier Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UCLA
2013	Received a “starred review” from <i>Publishers Weekly</i> for <i>Mirror, Mirror Off the Wall</i> , indicating “a book of exceptional quality.”
2013	Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Section on Consumers & Consumption
2013	Honorable Mention, Thompson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations & Work
2013	Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Best Paper Award, ASA Section on Labor & Labor Movements/Critical Sociology
2013	Conference Travel Grant, UCLA Department of Sociology
2013	UCLA Summer Grant
2012	Named to Huffington Post’s “Top 12 Body Image Heroes”
2012	Conference Travel Grant, UCLA Department of Sociology
2011	Conference Travel Grant, UCLA Department of Sociology
2010	Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA
2009	IRLE Summer Grant, Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, UCLA
2009	Travel Grant, UCLA Department of Sociology
2008	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA
2007 – 2008	Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA
2007	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA
2006 – 2010	Graduate Fellowship, Sociology, UCLA (Declined 2007-2010)

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TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

University of Nevada, Reno

Qualitative Methods – Graduate Course (Fall 2017; Spring 2020; Spring 2022)
Gender & Society (Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020)
Qualitative Methods – Undergraduate Course (Fall 2020)
Sociology of the Body (Spring 2021; Spring 2022)
Introduction to Sociology, Honors (Fall 2018)
Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017)

Stanford University

Why So Few? Gender and Diversity in Leadership (Winter 2015, Winter 2016)
Reading the Body: Medicine, Culture & Selfhood (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Sonoma State University

Gender and the Body (Spring 2016)

University of California, Los Angeles

As Instructor of Record:

Sociology of Gender (Summer 2011, Summer 2012)
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Summer 2011, Summer 2012)
Gender, Appearance and Inequality (Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

As Teaching Assistant or Teaching Fellow:

Sex, from Biology to Gendered Society (Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Fall 2010, Winter 2011)
Social Psychology (Spring 2009)
Contemporary Theory (Winter 2009)
Sociology of the Family (Fall 2008)

MA Supervision

Steph Landeros (Sociology, completed 2019)
Jessica Payne (Sociology, completed 2018)

MA Committees

Breanna Calvin (Communications, completed 2020)
Morgan Smith (Communications, completed 2018)
Edith Ramirez (Sociology, completed 2017)

PHD Committees

Theresa Skaar (Social Psychology, completed 2021)
Ann E. Jones (Social Psychology, completed 2020)
AnnElise Hatjakes (English, completed 2018)

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels/Sessions Organized

- 2020 “Intimate Labor: Queer Families, Sex Work, and Intimacy Practices” (w/ Sara Crawley) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- 2020 “Laboring in Academia from an Intersectional Perspective” (w/ Pallavi Banerjee and Alison Better) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- 2019 “Men & Masculinities in the #MeToo Era.” (w/ Christin Munsch) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Embodied Resistance: Activism and Protest for Social Justice.” (w/ Apoorva Gosh) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- 2017 “Author Meets Critic: *Contesting Intersex: A Dubious Diagnosis*, by Georgiann Davis” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.
- 2015 “Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) – Bay Area Annual Research Symposium” October 2nd, 2015. San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 “Consumption and Embodiment: Intersections and Identities.” (w/ Dana Berkowitz) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Managing Media Exposure... as a Junior Academic.” (w/ Christin Munsch) Sociologists for Women in Society, Summer Meeting. New York City, NY.

Papers Presented (Selected)

- 2021 “Perceptions of Teacher Sexual Misconduct Cases: An Experimental Vignette Study” (w. Kristan Russell) The Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues 2021 Summer Conference. Virtual Conference.
- 2021 “Fit Models, Not Fat Models: Body Inclusiveness in the U.S. Fit Modeling Job Market” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- 2020 “Drag Beyond Metronormativity: Experiences of Drag Performers in Small Towns and ‘Ordinary Cities’” (w/ Steph Landeros) Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Conference Cancelled Due to COVID-19)
- 2018 “I Don’t Want to Do Any More Laundry: Gender and Aging” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA.
- 2017 “Using Young Men’s Narratives of Masculinity Threat to Trace the New Boundaries of Contemporary ‘Hybrid Masculinity’” (w/ Christin Munsch) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “Vanity Sizing: How Clothing Sizing Standards Reproduce Ideologies of Embodied Gender and Age.” ZoneModa Conference on Fashion & Sizing. Rimini, Italy
- 2016 “Do ‘Style Makeovers’ Help Poor Women?: The Embodied Disadvantages of Gender, Race, Class & Body Size.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 “Vanity Sizing: How Clothing Sizing Standards Reproduce Ideologies of Embodied Gender and Age.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York City, NY.
- 2015 “Unemployed, Female and ‘Too Fat’ for Professional Attire: Bodily Capital and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

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- 2015 "True to Size? Clothing Size standards in the U.S. Fashion Industry and the Commercialized Embodiment of Gender, Age, and Body Size/Shape." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 "Vanity Sizing: How Clothing Sizing Standards Reproduce Ideologies of Embodied Gender and Age." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York City, NY.
- 2012 "Living Mannequins: How Fit Models Accomplish Aesthetic Labor Through Bodily Capital and Embodied Cultural Capital." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2011 "'I want to look nice, but not like I tried too hard...': How Elite College Women Negotiate Conflicting Gendered Imperatives During Sorority Rush." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 "Does this article make me look fat? How anti-fat attitudes are shaped by specific news representations of fat bodies." (w/ David Frederick and Abigail Saguy) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 "'Twig Arms' in the Land of 'Real Women': Feminist Research Across the Size Boundary" Midwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MO
- 2011 "Competing to Compete: Women's Experiences of Sorority Rush at an Elite University" Midwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MO.
- 2011 "Does this article make me look fat? How anti-fat attitudes are shaped by specific news representations of fat bodies." (w/ David Frederick and Abigail Saguy) Midwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MO.
- 2010 "'Twig Arms' in the Land of 'Real Women': Doing Feminist Research Across the Size Boundary" Pacific Sociological Association Annual Mtg. Oakland, CA
- 2010 "Does This Interaction Make Me Look Fat?: Fat Talk as Emotional Labor in a Woman's Plus-Size Clothing Store" Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Oakland, CA
- 2008 "Body Size, Gender, Race, and Moral Hierarchies: News Reports on Overweight and Eating Disorders" (w/ Abigail Saguy) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA
- 2008 "Does This Interaction Make Me Look Fat?: Fat Talk as Emotional Labor in a Woman's Plus-Size Clothing Store" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (Roundtable Session)
- 2008 "Does This Interaction Make Me Look Fat?: Fat Talk as Emotional Labor in a Woman's Plus-Size Clothing Store" Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Dekalb, IL
- 2008 "Does This Make Me Look Fat?: Fat Talk in a Woman's Plus-Size Clothing Store" UCLA Thinking Gender Student Research Conference. Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 "Weighing Risk, Assessing Blame: News Reporting on Obesity in the U.S. and France." (w/ Abigail Saguy and Shanna Gong) Law & Society Assn Mtg. Berlin, Germany

Discussant

- 2018 "Sexual Body Politics" Body & Embodiment + Sexualities Regular Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia PA.
- 2015 "An Engagement with Heather Talley's *Saving Face*." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA.

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Presider

2017 “Double Binds and Double Standards.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-2023 Chair Elect, Chair, Past Chair of ASA Section on Body & Embodiment
2020-2023 Secretary Treasurer, ASA Sex & Gender Section
2020-2021 Co-Chair, UNR Work, Life, Family Council
2017-2020 Council Member, ASA Section on Body & Embodiment
2017-2018 Nominations Committee, ASA Body & Embodiment Section
2017-2018 Nominations Committee, ASA Sexualities Section
2016-2017 Nominations Committee, ASA Sex & Gender Section
2016-2017 Nominations Committee, ASA Body & Embodiment Section
2015-2017 Chair, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Bay Area Chapter
2015-2018 Author of “Dear KJ...” advice column for National Eating Disorders Association
2013-2014 Summer Mini-Conference Committee, ASA Consumers & Consumption Section
2013-2014 Article Selection Committee, ASA Organizations, Occupations & Work Section
2013-2014 Nominations Committee, ASA Consumers & Consumption Section
2013-2014 Communication Committee, ASA Body & Embodiment Section
2012-2013 Nominations Committee, ASA Body & Embodiment Section

Referee: *American Journal of Sociology; Social Problems; Gender & Society; Men & Masculinities; Social Science & Medicine; Social Psychology Quarterly; Work & Occupations; Qualitative Sociology; Body & Society; Fat Studies; Sexuality & Culture*

Memberships: American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
ASA Sections on:
Sex & Gender
Body & Embodiment
Work & Occupations
Consumers & Consumption
Race, Gender & Class
Cultural Sociology

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Selected Media Appearances

2020 “Beauty, A Bad Investment” Featured TEDx talk for 2020 *TEDxUniversityofNevada*, February 29th. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TKI3ZtMzmo> (44K+ views)

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- 2013 *The Colbert Report* “Author Kjerstin Gruys joins Stephen to talk about her new book ‘Mirror, Mirror, Off the Wall’” <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3019058/>
- 2013 ABC’s 20/20 “Meet the Mirror-Free Bride: Woman Avoided Mirrors for One Year” <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/meet-mirror-free-bride-woman-avoided-mirrors-year/story?id=17003595>

Published Blog Essays and Popular Press Essays

- 2019 **Kjerstin Gruys**. “Ask the Professor: How Does Appearance Affect Our Success?” University of Nevada “Ask the Professor” series: <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2019/atp-appearance-success>
- 2017 **Kjerstin Gruys**. “Analyzing the Aesthetic Labor of High-Maintenance Hair.” ASA Section on Sociology of the Body and Embodiment blog. <http://sectionbodyembodiment.weebly.com/blog/the-aesthetic-labor-of-high-maintenance-hair>
- 2015 Bridges, Tristan, **Kjerstin Gruys**, Christin Munsch and CJ Pascoe. “Beyond ‘Bossy’ or ‘Brilliant’?: Gender Bias in Student Evaluations.” *Gender & Society* blog. <https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2015/03/14/beyond-bossy-or-brilliant/>
- 2013 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. “Is Abercrombie & Fitch the enemy? Or is it us?” *Salon*. May 30. http://www.salon.com/2013/05/30/is_abercrombie_fitch_the_enemy_or_is_it_us/
- 2013 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. “Eat, weigh, love? Why pre-wedding diets can lead to unhappily ever after.” *Washington Post*. July 14. http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/eat-weigh-love-why-pre-wedding-diets-lead-to-unhappily-ever-after/2013/07/12/15cbee22-e283-11e2-a11e-c2ea876a8f30_story.html
- 2013 **Gruys, Kjerstin**. “What My Mother-in-Law Taught Me About Beauty.” July 10. Huffington Post. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/what-my-mother-in-law-taught-me-about-beauty_b_3248318

Personal Blog

- 2011-2019 “Mirror, Mirror, OFF the Wall” personal blog: “a place where I muse, rant and report on my colliding worlds of sociology, social psychology, contemporary feminism, body image, beauty culture, and our obsession with buying stuff.” <http://mirrormirroroffthewall.blogspot.com> over 2.5 Million Page Views.

Selected Media Coverage

Below are selected examples of mainstream media coverage of my academic research and/or commentary solicited for stories based on my research expertise.

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USA Today

It's time to leave 'basic' girls and their pumpkin spice lattes alone. Here's why.
Framing Britney' exposes a bigger problem than Britney
Those infamous edited yearbook photos and society's obsession with girls' bodies: "you
can't win"
You're sexist. And so am I

New York Times

Why Are Clothing Sizes So Confusing?
Towards a different language of size

TIME

Plastic Surgery: The Rise of Cosmetic Procedures / Nip. Tuck. Or Else.
Insult my lovely wife at your own risk

The Wall Street Journal

My Shameless Quest for a "Skinny Mirror"

Los Angeles Times

Gwyneth Paltrow "most beautiful": A bad message for girls

The Boston Globe

Notre Dame Academy Confronts the Issue of Body Image

JSTOR Daily

How Body Positivity Coexists with Fat Shaming

The Telegraph

The Dark Side of the Video Call Boom: Coronavirus has made video conferencing
ubiquitous but by expanding our 'digital gaze' we could be fostering psychological
problems.

Christian Science Monitor

Can Hollywood learn to tell stories about women above a size 4?

ScienceDaily

How the media influence perceptions of obesity

LiveScience

Toys Like Me: Why Diversity in Barbie Dolls and Legos Matters

Women's Health Magazine

Naked Survey: How Women Feel About Looking Naked

Allure Magazine

Aging Gracefully: The New Mrs. Robinson

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Shape Magazine

Would you be mad if someone called you fat?

Fashionista

Sickening new revelations about Abercrombie & Fitch's Corporate Dress Code Add Fuel to the Fire

Invited Public Sociology Talks/Events

- 2021 "Socializing with Sociologists: Understanding Appearance & Inequality" March 22, 2021. Virtual event hosted by the UNR Department of Sociology.
- 2015 "Gender Diversity & Leadership in the Ophthalmology." Keynote talk for Ophthalmic Women Leaders (OWL) event. Las Vegas, NV, November 14th.
- 2014 "Pathways to Feminist Public Sociology." Women's and Gender Studies Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. October 14th.
- 2014 "Beauty Politics." Department of Sociology, Furman University, Greenville, SC. February 10th.
- 2014 "Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness." Vandy Go Figure group, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. February 9th.
- 2013 "Mirror, Mirror OFF the Wall: Understanding Body Image from the Personal to the Political." Notre Dame High School, Boston, MA. September 23rd.
- 2012 "Mirror, Mirror OFF the Wall: Understanding Body Image from the Personal to the Political." Women's and Gender Studies Department, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA. November 28th.
- 2012 "The Sociology of Gender and Sexuality." Introduction to Sociology, Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA. September 28th.
- 2012 "Mirror, Mirror OFF the Wall: How I learned to love my body by not looking at it for a year." Women & Gender Resource Action Center, Trinity, Hartford, CT. April 4.
- 2010 "Does This Make Me Look Fat? Appearance and Workplace Inequality in a Women's Plus Size Clothing Store." Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA. October 20th.