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EMPLOYMENT

2015- Assistant Professor, Sociology New York University
2013-2015 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Postdoctoral Scholar, Columbia University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, May 2013, Sociology and Demography
Dissertation: *Secrets and Social Influence*
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 2008, Sociology
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 2007, Demography
B.A. Yale University, 2002, Ethics, Politics and Economics, *cum laude*

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2017-2018 Stephen Charney Vladeck Junior Faculty Fellowship, NYU Wagner, \$26,000
2016-2018 Developing New Abortion Attitude Measures for the General Social Survey,
Anonymous Foundation: \$145,000. Co-PI with Michael Hout.
2014-2015 Who Knows Cancer Patients?, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Seed Grant,
\$15,500
How Secrets Organize Social Life, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Seed
Grant, \$4,500
2012-2013 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Pre-Doctoral Training
Grant
2011-2012 National Science Foundation: Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$10,000
Tides Center, Harvard University: Face Value Fellowship, \$20,000
Demography Department, UC Berkeley: Dissertation Research Grant, \$12,000
Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley: Mike Synar Graduate Research
Grant, \$3,000
Institute of Business and Economics Research, UC Berkeley, \$1,500

UC Berkeley: Abigail Hodgen Award, \$3,500

- 2010-2011 UC Berkeley: Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
- 2008-2010 National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2006-2008 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Training Grant
- 2006-2008 Helen P. Wolpert Foundation: Academic Distinction Fellowship
- 2002 Yale University: Robert E. Linck Prize for academic excellence
Yale University: Department of Ethics, Politics and Economics Honors
- 2001-2002 Yale University: Paul Mellon Undergraduate Research Grant, \$500

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates student co-author

Cowan, Sarah K. and Delia Baldassarri. Forthcoming. "It could turn ugly": Selective Disclosure of Attitudes in Political Discussion Networks. *Social Networks*.

Cowan, Sarah K. Forthcoming. "Enacted Abortion Stigma in the United States" *Social Science and Medicine*.

Media coverage: Glamour

Weitzman, Abigail, Sarah K. Cowan and Kate Walsh. Forthcoming. "The Prevalence of and Barriers to Bystander Intervention on Behalf of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Victims." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260517696873>

Media coverage: Vice

Cowan, Sarah K. Lawrence Wu, Susanna Makela*, Paula England. 2016. "Alternative Estimates of Lifetime Prevalence of Abortion Through Indirect Survey Techniques." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 48: 229–234
doi: 10.1363/48e11216

Cowan, Sarah K. 2015. "Periodic Discordance Between Vote Equality and Representational Equality in the United States." *Sociological Science* 2:442-453.

Cited in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court of the United States from the Democratic National Committee regarding the case *Evenwel v. Abbott*

Keene, Danya E., Sarah K. Cowan, and Amy Castro Baker*. 2015. "When You're in a Crisis Like That, You Don't Want People to Know": Mortgage Strain, Stigma, and Mental Health." *American Journal of Public Health* Vol. 105, No. 5, pp. 1008-1012.
doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2014.302400

Cowan, Sarah K. 2014. "Secrets and Misperceptions: The Creation of Self-Fulfilling Illusions" *Sociological Science* 1: 466-492.

Media coverage: The New York Times, National Public Radio, Salon, Daily Kos, The New Republic, Huffington Post, The Daily Beast, MTV among others.

Awards: The Robert K. Merton Prize for Analytical Sociology from the International Network of Analytical Sociologists.

Honorable Mention for Best Paper from the Communication, Information Technologies and Media section of the American Sociological Association.

Cowan, Sarah K. 2013. "Cohort Abortion Measures for the United States." *Population and Development Review* 39(2):289–307.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

Sarah K. Cowan. "Intergroup Contact in a Complex World"

Sarah K. Cowan. "Examining Income's Effects on Birth Outcomes Using a Unique IV Approach"

Reich, Adam and Sarah K. Cowan. "Inequality in Involuntary Servitude: Wage Variation Among State Prison Inmates"

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cowan, Sarah K. "What if a President Served for 42 Years?" *CNN.com*, June 15, 2011. Front page. Subsequent coverage: WZTK radio station

Cowan, Sarah K. "How Much Is Your Vote Worth?" (Opinion) *The New York Times*, November 2, 2008, page WK11.

Reprinted in Miroff, Bruce, Raymond Seidelman, Todd Swanstrom and Tom De Luca. 2009. *The Democratic Debate: American Politics in an Age of Change*. 5th ed. Wadsworth Publishing and forthcoming in the 6th ed.

Subsequent media coverage: KQED radio, current.com, politicalmaps.com, numerous online publications.

Crow, Sarah E., Jacqueline Anderson and Sarah K. Cowan, "Working Against the Clock: Time Limits in California Welfare, First Annual Report," June 2004. California Policy Research Center.

Muniz, Maria, LeeAnne Huang and Sarah K. Cowan, "Self-Help Centers in California Courts, First Annual Report," November 2003. Berkeley Policy Associates for the California Administrative Office of the Courts.

Valvano, Vincent, Deana Goldsmith, Sarah Cowan, Stacy Robinson, Maria Muniz and Laura French,
“Evaluation of the Colorado Works Program: Fourth Annual Report, Part 1 - TANF and
Colorado Works Expenditures, Caseload Trends, and TANF-Funded Child Welfare Activities,”
November 2002. Berkeley Policy Associates for the Colorado Department of Labor.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Intergroup Contact and Competing Allegiances in a Complex World”
Yale University, CIQLE
NYU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health
- “How Secrets Shape the Social World”
Hunter College Sociology Colloquium
- 2016 “Intergroup Contact and Competing Allegiances in a Complex World”
Brown University Population Studies and Training Center
Princeton University Sociology
- “A Structural Approach to Intergroup Contact” Pennsylvania State Population
Research Institute
- “The Prevalence of and Barriers to Bystander Intervention on Behalf of Sexual Assault
and Intimate Partner Violence Victims” Population Association of America annual
meeting
- 2015 “ASA Presidential Plenary: Abortion in America”
American Sociological Association annual meeting
- “Toward a Measure of Contact Prevalence”
Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Conference
International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference
- “A Structural Approach to Intergroup Contact” Yale University School of Public
Health, New Haven
- 2014 “Secrets and Misperceptions: A Case of Self-Fulfilling Illusions”
Stanford Graduate School of Business
Columbia University, Networks and Time Series
- 2013 “Secrets and Misperceptions: A Case of a Self-Fulfilling Illusions”
New York University Department of Sociology
University of California San Francisco, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Stanford University, Social Psychology Workshop
- ““It could turn ugly”: Selective Disclosure of Political Views and Biased Network
Perception”

- International Network of Analytical Sociologists conference
- 2012 “Telling Secrets, Keeping Secrets and Creating Social Worlds”
 Psychosocial Annual Meeting
 Population Association of America annual meeting
 International Network of Analytical Sociologists conference
 American Sociological Association annual meeting
 Cornell University Department of Sociology
 Case Western Reserve University Department of Sociology
- “What do Adolescents Do When They Hookup?”
 American Public Health Association annual meeting
- 2011 “Cohort Abortion Measures for the United States”
 Population Association of America annual meeting
 American Sociological Association annual meeting
 The Guttmacher Institute
- “Telling Secrets, Keeping Secrets and Creating Social Worlds”
 Demography Department Colloquium, UC Berkeley
- 2010 “A Network Look at Abortion Disclosure”
 Psychosocial annual meeting
- 2009 “Apportionment and the Right to Vote: A Further Inquiry into American Franchise”
 American Sociological Association annual meeting
 American Studies Association annual meeting
- 2008 “The Causes and Consequences of America's Distance from One Person, One Vote”
 Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster