

Laura Aufderheide Brashears
Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

- Fall, 2018-current Instructor of Sociology & Graduate Faculty, University of South Carolina – Columbia, Department of Sociology
- Fall, 2015-Spring, 2018 Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina – Columbia, Department of Sociology
- Spring, 2013-Spring, 2015 Visiting Scholar, Cornell University, Department of Sociology
- Fall, 2010-Fall, 2012 Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University, Department of Sociology
- Fall, 2008-Spring, 2010 Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell University, Department of Sociology

Education

- PhD Sociology, University of Arizona, 2008
Dissertation: “Feeling Good In Spite of Failure: Understanding Race-Based Differences in Academic Achievement and Self-Esteem”
Committee: Henry A. Walker (chair), Erin Leahey, Linda D. Molm
- Preliminary Examination Areas:
 Social Psychology (*with Honors*) and Stratification and Class
- Certificate in College Teaching, University of Arizona, 2005
- M.A. Sociology, University of Arizona, 2003
Master’s Thesis: “Specific Others and Self-Esteem: A Model Testing Differences in Black and White Eighth-Grade Students”
Committee: Henry A. Walker (chair), J. Miller McPherson, Lynn Smith-Lovin
- B.A. Sociology, University of Georgia, 2000
Summa cum Laude

Substantive Interests

Social Psychology, Sociology of Emotions, Sociology of Education, Race and Ethnicity, Teaching Sociology, Stratification/Inequality, Social Networks

Peer Reviewed Publications

Brashears, Matthew E., Laura Aufderheide Brashears, and Nicolas L. Harder. *Forthcoming*. "Where you are, what you want, and what you can do: The role of master statuses, personality traits, and social cognition in shaping ego network size, structure, and composition." *Network Science*.

Brashears, Matthew E. and Laura Aufderheide Brashears. 2020. "Compression Heuristics, Social Networks, and the Evolution of Human Intelligence." *Frontiers in Cognitive Psychology*.

Brashears, Matthew E. and Laura Aufderheide Brashears. 2016. "The Enemy of my Friend is Easy to Remember: Balance as a Compression Heuristic." pgs. 1-31 in *Advances in Group Processes*, Shane Thye & Edward Lawler (eds.), Bingley, UK: Emerald Insight.

Brashears, Matthew E. and Laura Aufderheide Brashears. 2015. "Do contemporary people have fewer close friends than they used to?" in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn, eds. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

Invited Publications

Auf der Heide, Laura. 2008. "Social Structure and Personality." Pp. 10-24 in *Teaching Social Psychology: A Collection of Syllabi, Assignments, and Other Resources*, edited by Robert Kettlitz. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.

Auf der Heide, Laura. 2007. "Stratification – Gender" in *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. SAGE.

Auf der Heide, Laura. 2007. "Stratification – Race" in *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

Auf der Heide, Laura. 2006. "Social Learning Theory" in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer ed. Malden, MA/Oxford/Carlton, Victoria, Australia: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

Awards and Grants

University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2007

William K. Bunis Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Arizona Department of Sociology, 2007

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (with Henry Walker), \$7,489, 2006

Turning Information into Knowledge Teaching Grant, University of Arizona Teaching Teams Program, \$3,000, 2006

Teaching Fellow, Wakonse-Arizona Conference for College Teachers, 2006

Graduate Student Recipient of Tri-University Collaboration on Learner-Centered Practice Teaching Grant, University of Arizona and the Arizona Board of Regents, \$1,000, 2005

Honorable Mention, ASA Social Psychology Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2004

University of Arizona Graduate College Fellowship, 2001-2002

Teaching Experience

University of South Carolina:

SOCY 101H – Honors Introduction to Sociology
SOCY 357 – Sociology of Education
SOCY 460 – Sociology of Mental Health
SOCY 525 – Selves and Social Transaction
SOCY 557 – Sociology of Education and Inequality
SOCY 769 – Special Topics in Social Psychology (Sociology of Mental Health)
SOCY 769 – Special Topics in Social Psychology (Selves and Social Transaction)

Cornell University:

SOC 1040 – Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2250 – Schooling and Society (Sociology of Education)
SOC 4150 – Special Topics in Social Psychology: Social Structure & Personality

University of Arizona:

SOC 436 – Social Structure and Personality
SOC 280 – Schools, Students, and Society (Sociology of Education)
SOC 232 – Individuals, Groups, and Society (Introduction to Social Psychology)
SOC 450 – Social Inequality (Correspondence)
SOC 333 – Group Processes (Correspondence)

Undergraduate Mentorship:

2010 – Sasha Lopez, Honors Thesis Advisor (Cornell University)
2018 – Spring Miles, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)
2018 – Maelyn Henninger, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)
2019 – Gavin Cauley, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)
2019 – Sara Wallam, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)
current – Kiley Hurst, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)
current – Thomas Nesbitt, Honors Thesis Advisor (University of South Carolina)

Graduate Mentorship:

2017 – Matthew Facciani, Master’s committee member (University of South Carolina)
Current – Matthew Facciani, Ph.D. committee member (University of South Carolina)
Current – Jered Abernathy, Master’s committee member (University of South Carolina)
Current – Victoria Money, Master’s committee Co-Chair (University of South Carolina)

Invited Presentations

- 2016 Laura Aufderheide Brashears. “Understanding Academic Outcomes through Meanings: The Importance of Identity Prominence.” University of Georgia speaker series, sponsored by the Laboratory for the Study of Social Interaction.
- 2011 Laura Aufderheide Brashears. “Racial/Ethnic Identity Prominence and Prejudice: An Examination of Negative Affect among Mexican American and White Youth.” Cornell University Sociology Graduate Student Symposium, Ithaca, NY.
- 2006 Laura Auf der Heide. “Feeling Good in Spite of Failure: Understanding Race-Based Differences in Academic Achievement and Self-Esteem.” Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT.

Conference Presentations

- 2018 Laura Aufderheide Brashears, Matthew E. Brashears, and Nicolas L. Harder. "Where you are, what you want, and what you can do: The role of master statuses, personality traits, and social cognition in shaping ego network size, structure, and composition." Annual Group Processes Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Laura Aufderheide Brashears, Craig M. Rawlings, and Matthew E. Brashears. "Tension, Constraint, and Action: An ACT Model Examining Behavioral versus Cognitive Change." Annual Group Processes Conference, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2009 Laura Aufderheide Brashears. "It's Not Black or White: The Meaning of Race and Ethnicity in the Southwest." Annual Group Processes Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 Laura Auf der Heide. "Feeling Good in Spite of Failure: Understanding Race-Based Differences in Academic Achievement and Self-Esteem." Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2006 Laura Auf der Heide. "Using Symbolic Interaction to Explain Conversion to Voluntary Groups: Theoretical Possibilities for a Unifying Theory." Accepted for presentation, Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC.
- 2006 Matthew E. Brashears and Laura Auf der Heide. "Through a Flawed Lens: Explaining Tie Formation Through Affective Meanings." Annual Meeting, International Network of Social Network Analysis, Vancouver, BC.
- 2006 Veronica Fernandes and Laura Auf der Heide. "Classroom Assessment Techniques." Annual Meeting, Wakonse-Arizona Conference for College Teachers.
- 2005 Laura Auf der Heide. "The Impact of Academic and Nonacademic Non-Parental Contact on the Self-Esteem of Girls and Boys." Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 Laura Auf der Heide. "What Do Men and Women Have? What Do They Want?" Annual Meeting, Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
- 2004 Laura Auf der Heide. "Specific Others and Self-Esteem: A Model Testing Differences in Black and White Eighth-Grade Students." Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2003 Laura Auf der Heide. "Specific Others and Self-Esteem: A Model Testing Differences in Black and White Eighth-Grade Students." Social Psychology Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona.
- 2003 Laura Auf der Heide, Keith Bentele, Jeremiah Coldsmith, and Rachael Neal. "The Emotional Significance of Race: Affective Responses to Racial Difference." Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Professional Service

Service to University

Faculty Mentor, Pi Sigma Pi, University of South Carolina – Columbia, 2019-Present

Member, College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Committee, University of South Carolina – Columbia, 2017-2019.

Faculty Mentor, It's On Us, University of South Carolina – Columbia, 2017-2019

Service to Discipline

Member, Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association Sociology of Emotions Section, current.

Managing Editor, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, August, 2017-present.

Co-Editor of Newsletter, American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section, 2010-2013

Member, Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section, 2009-2010

Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Teaching Sociology*, *Sociological Focus*

Service to Department

Colloquium Committee Member, Department of Sociology, UofSC, 2015-present

Undergraduate Studies Committee Member, Department of Sociology, UofSC, 2018-present

Graduate Representative to the Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2007-2008

Founder and Chair, Social Psychology Discussion Group, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2004-2008

Co-Chair, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2005-2006

Founder and Chair, Ad Hoc Teaching Committee of the Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2004-2005

Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2003-2004

Graduate Representative to the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2001-2002

Association Memberships

American Sociological Association, 2001-Present

Member, Social Psychology Section, Teaching and Learning Sociology Section, Sociology of Education Section, Sociology of Emotions Section

References

Available upon request.