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EDUCATION

- 2015- **Ph.D. in Sociology**
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2013 **Masters of Public Administration**, Non-Profit Management and Leadership
Grand Valley State University
- 2010 **Bachelor of Arts**, Sociology and Women & Gender Studies
Magna Cum Laude and with Honors
Grand Valley State University Honors College
American University in Cairo, Study Abroad, 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Work, social inequality, social capital, gender, sexuality, former prisoner and veteran reintegration.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015- Graduate Assistant
Sociology Department, **University of Maryland**
-Teaching Assistant for *Dr. Philip Cohen* and *Dr. Meredith Kleykamp*
-Research Assistant, SocArXiv and Center for Research on Military Organizations
Student Affiliate, Maryland Population Research Center
- 2016 Research Assistant
Poverty and Inequality Research Lab/21st Century Cities Initiative
Sociology Department, **Johns Hopkins University**
Qualitative analysis with PI's Dr. Kathryn Edin and Dr. Stefanie DeLuca for "Hearing Their Voices," a project focused on Baltimore youth funded by The Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- 2011-2015 Assistant Director
Women's Center, Grand Valley State University
- Directed the Student Food Pantry, serving over 500 students a year, supervising all staff and logistics. Successfully led campus-wide campaign advocating for new, independent space and funding. Developed and implemented food justice education program.
 - Co-founder and Director of the Gender Justice House living learning community, creating and implementing high-impact learning practices for more than 30 residents each year.
 - Collaborated with faculty member to implement a new six-week South Africa Study Abroad trip, with an emphasis on service learning and global feminism; responsible for two successful trips including recruitment, curriculum development, and teaching while abroad.
 - Created first alumni group in West Michigan for Gender Studies students, which now has a network of over 250 individuals who regularly collaborate on gender justice issues.

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016- Program Officer / Grants Analyst
Steelcase Foundation (*majority of grantmaking is to education-related initiatives*)
- 2015- Writer, Editor, and Consultant
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- 2010-2011 Housing Resource Specialist
Community Rebuilders
- 2009-2010 Development and Marketing Assistant
Women's Resource Center

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2017 Dernberger, Brittany. "Limited Intersectional Approaches to Veteran and Former Prisoner Reintegration: Examining Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation." *Sociological Imagination*, forthcoming.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany. "A Fluid Two-Way Street: South African HIV/AIDS NGOs and their Environment." *SPNHLA Review*, 10 (1), 4-19.
***Annual selection of the best graduate student publications**

Works in Progress

- "How Class Status and Class Mobility Determine What Makes a Good Job"
- "The Tied Migrant Employment Penalty: Public Perceptions of Military Spouses Seeking Employment."
Received D.C. Sociological Society Irene B. Taeuber award for best PhD paper
- "Increased Exclusion and Discrimination in the Wake of Marriage Equality."

Other Published Writing

- 2017 "Class and Gender in Hiring for Elite Jobs." *Contexts Magazine*. Winter.
- 2017 "Set-Up City: The Voices of Baltimore Youth After the April 2015 Unrest" (with co-authors)
Available at www.21cc.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Setup-City-HTV-Report.pdf
- 2017 "Institutionalizing Prison Reentry." *Contexts Magazine*. Winter.
- 2017 "Women's March: Big Tents Require Both/And." *Contexts* (Online Edition). January 29.
- 2017 "University of Phoenix vs. University of Unicorns." *Contexts Magazine*. Fall.
- 2016 "Federal-Local Partnerships Playbook." *Johns Hopkins University 21st Century Cities Initiative*.
Available at playbook.21cc.jhu.edu.
- 2016 "The Case for Seeing Your Trump-Voting Family this Holiday Season." *Contexts* (Online Edition). November 20.
- 2016 "Middle-Class Moms Managing Black Sons' Vulnerability." *Contexts Magazine*. Summer.
- 2016 "Parental Parties." *Contexts Magazine*. Spring.

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- 2016 “The Paper Ceiling.” *Contexts Magazine*. Winter.
2015 “What 5 Disciplines (not Sociology) Say About Ex-Offender Re-Entry.” *Contexts* (Online Edition). October 10.
2015 “When Border Crossings Become Border Inspections.” *From the Balcony*. January 7.
2014 “Calling out the Emperor: Awards and Recognition in Grand Rapids.” *The Rapidian*. Oct. 13.
2014 “Looking Forward: Addressing the Sticky Floor.” *National Organization for Women Grand Rapids Blog*. March.
2014 “No, I Will Not Put a Ring On It.” *Bandit Zine* (6), p. 19.
2010 “Understanding Female Ex-Offender Re-Entry into the Workforce.” *ScholarWorks*.
***Honors Senior Thesis**

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Principal Investigator. *Dean’s Research Initiative Master’s Thesis/Pre-candidacy grant* “Public Perceptions of Military Spouses Seeking Work.” (\$1,500)
2016 Principal Investigator. *College of Behavioral and Social Sciences BRIDGES award*, “Limited Intersectional Approaches to Veteran and Ex-Offender Reintegration: Examining Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation.” (\$200)
2015- Dean’s Fellowship. *University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Sciences* (\$2,500 annually)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Nominee, **Office of Undergraduate Studies Teaching Award**, University of Maryland
2012 **Feminist of the Year Award**, National Organization of Women, Grand Rapids Chapter
2010 **Women’s Center Outstanding Student of the Year**, Grand Valley State University
2010 **Women & Gender Studies Outstanding Student of the Year**, Grand Valley State University
2010 **Outstanding Honors College Senior Project**, Grand Valley State University
2009 Inducted into **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**, **Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society**, and **Iota Iota Iota Women & Gender Studies Honor Society**

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Dernberger, Brittany, Danielle DeMuth, Ayana Weekley, and Kellie Zachman. “Feminist Social Justice, Student Activism, and Study Abroad: Designing a Study Abroad Program in WGS.” *National Women’s Studies Association Conference*, Baltimore, MD.

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- 2017 Dernberger, Brittany. "How Class Status and Class Mobility Determine What Makes a Good Job." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Referred Roundtable*, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2017 Dernberger, Brittany and Meredith Kleykamp. "Tied Migration and Employment: Public Perceptions of Military Spouses Seeking Work." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Organizations, Occupations, and Work Referred Roundtable*, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2016 Dernberger, Brittany. "#lovewins, but Many Lose: Increased Exclusion and Discrimination in the Wake of Marriage Equality." *After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship*, CLAGS: Center for LGBTQ Studies at CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY.
- 2016 Dernberger, Brittany. "Limited Intersectional Approaches to Veteran and Ex-Offender Reintegration: Examining Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation." *College of Behavioral and Social Sciences BRIDGES*, College Park, MD.
- 2015 Dernberger, Brittany. "Feminism on the Frontlines: Justice-Learning as a Pedagogical Tool." *Interventions: Women's Studies in Action Symposium*, College Park, MD.
- 2015 Dernberger, Brittany and Allison Montae. "Falling Through the Cracks: the Hidden Stories of Women of Color in Higher Education." *Michigan American Council on Education Women's Network Conference*, Lansing, MI.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany. "Leading Women & Gender Studies Study Abroad Programs: Challenges & Opportunities." *National Women's Studies Association Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany and Jessica Jennrich. "Unspoken Tensions: Toward a Socially Just Framework of Civic Engagement." *Civic Engagement Institute*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2013 Dernberger, Brittany. "Feminism & Social Media: Joining the Digital Conversation." *National Women's Studies Association Conference*, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2013 Dernberger, Brittany and Theresa Rowland. "Intersectional Leadership: Community Engagement, Student Development, and Service Learning." *Michigan College Personnel Association Conference*, Detroit, MI.
- 2013 Dernberger, Brittany. "Understanding Female Ex-Offender Re-Entry into the Workforce." [rev]. *National Women's Studies Association Conference*, Denver, CO.
- 2010 Dernberger, Brittany. "Understanding Female Ex-Offender Re-Entry into the Workforce." *Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters Conference*, Grand Rapids, MI.

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INVITED LECTURES

- 2015 Dernberger, Brittany and Allison Montaic. “#realtalk: authenticity in the workplace.” *Student to Professional Conference*, Allendale, MI.
- 2015 Dernberger, Brittany and community partners. “Community-Based Learning as Justice-Oriented Education.” *Community as Classroom Workshop series*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany. “Is Higher Education Youth Friendly?” *Higher Education Young Professionals Panel*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany and Jessica Jennrich. “Getting Students Engaged for Good.” *SynergyWorks*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2014 Dernberger, Brittany. “Navigating Boundaries - Balancing Professional and Community Engagement for Young Professionals in Higher Education.” *Young Professionals in Higher Education workshop series*, Allendale, MI.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

Teaching Assistant

- Families in Society (80 students) Fall 2016
Special Topics: “What Does America Owe its Veterans?” (80 students) Fall 2015

Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Grand Valley State University

Instructor

- Introduction to Gender Studies (35 students) Spring 2014, Fall 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2015- American Sociological Association member
2015- Sociologists for Women in Society member
2015 National Women’s Studies Association Proposal Reviewer,
Women’s Center Pre-Conference
2010-2015 National Women’s Studies Association member

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

University of Maryland

- 2017-2018 Brownbag Workshop Series Coordinator, Graduate Student Forum
2016-2017 President, Graduate Student Forum
2016 Treasurer, Graduate Student Forum

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Grand Valley State University

- 2014-2015 Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee
-Appointed by Dean to represent Division
-Co-chair of the Division of Student Services workgroup
- 2014-2015 Young Professionals in Higher Education Leadership Committee
- 2013-2015 Community Engagement Infrastructure Team
-Oversee and offer a variety of events and initiatives that increase connectivity and awareness, offer support, and build momentum for community engaged teaching, learning, and research at GVSU
- 2013-2015 Wellness Taskforce to inform the University's 2015 Strategic Plan
- 2014 Grand Forum Scholarship for Continuing Education Review Committee
-Review over 40 applications to select five \$1,400 scholarship recipients
- 2011-2015 Veteran's Network

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2012-2015 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of West Michigan Board of Directors
Membership Outreach Committee Chair, June 2013 – July 2015
Vice-President, April 2014 – July 2015
- 2011-2013 Red Project Board of Directors
Program Committee Chair
- 2010-2015 Progressive Women's Alliance

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2015 **Mental Health First Aid** [8 hours], *Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan*
- 2012 **Certificate in Nonprofit Board Leadership** [10 hours],
Grand Valley State University Johnson Center of Philanthropy
- 2011 Certified in **Group Crisis Intervention** [14 hours] and **Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support** [13 hours], *Course Number 21107277437050*