

EDUCATION

- 2013 **PhD in Sociology (expected)**, University of California, Los Angeles.
Invisible Men: Constructing Men Who Have Sex with Men as a Global HIV Prevention Priority.
Chair: Stefan Timmermans.
- 2008 **M.A. in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles.
Comprehensive Exam Areas: Social Stratification, Demography
- 2005 **B.A. in Psychology**, *magna cum laude*, with Honors, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2004 **Study Abroad**, Univerzita Karlova, Prague, Czech Republic.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality, Gender, Health and Health Policy in the U.S. and sub-Saharan Africa

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 Bogart, Laura M., Glenn J. Wagner, Matt G. Mutchler, Brian Risley, Bryce W. McDavitt, **Tara McKay**, and David J. Klein. "Community HIV Treatment Advocacy Programs May Support HIV Treatment Adherence." *AIDS Education and Prevention* 24(1): 1-14.
- 2011 Craney, Chris, **Tara McKay**, April Mazzeo, Janet Morris, Cheryl Prigodich, and Robert deGroot. "Cross Discipline Perceptions of the Undergraduate Research Experience." *J of Higher Education* 82(1): 92-113.
- McKay, Tara** and Matt G. Mutchler. "The Effect of Partner Sex: Nondisclosure of HIV Status to Male and Female Partners among Men who Have Sex with Men and Women (MSMW)." *AIDS & Behavior* 15(6): 1140-1152.
- Mutchler, Matt G., Glenn Wagner, Burt Cowgill, **Tara McKay**, Brian Risley, and Laura Bogart. "Improving HIV/AIDS Care through Treatment Advocacy: Going beyond Client Education to Empowerment by Facilitating Client-Provider Relationships." *AIDS Care* 23(1): 79-90.
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Honghu Liu, Norman Candelario, Bill Stackhouse, Trista Bingham, and George Ayala. "Sex Drugs, Peer Connections, and HIV: Use and Risk among African American, Latino, and Multiracial Young Men who have Sex with Men (YMSM) in Los Angeles and New York." *J of Gay and Lesbian Social Services* 23(2): 271-295.
- 2010 Hatfield, Laura A., Margherita E. Ghiselli, Scott M. Jacoby, Anne Cain-Nielson, Gunna Killian, **Tara McKay**, and B.R. Simon Rosser. "Methods for Recruiting Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men in Prevention-for-Positives Interventions." *Prevention Science* 11(1): 56-66.
- 2009 **McKay, Tara** and Stefan Timmermans. "The Bioethical Misconception: A Reply to Lidz." *Social Science & Medicine* 69(12):1793-1796.
- Timmermans, Stefan and **Tara McKay**. "Clinical Trials as Treatment Option: Bioethics and Health Inequities in Substance Dependency." *Social Science & Medicine* 69(12):1784-1790.

- 2008 Mutchler, Matt G., Laura M. Bogart, Marc N. Elliot, **Tara McKay**, Marika J. Suttorp, and Mark A. Schuster. "Psychosocial Correlates of Unprotected Sex without Disclosure of HIV-positivity among African-American, Latino, and White Men who Have Sex with Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 37(5):736-748.
- 2006 Gorman, Andrea H., David Schwartz, Jonathan Nakamoto, and **Tara McKay**. "Popularity, Social Acceptance, and Aggression in Adolescent Peer Groups: Links with Academic Performance and School Attendance." *Developmental Psychology* 42(6):1116-1127.

UNDER REVIEW

- McKay, Tara**, Bryce McDavitt, Sheba George, and Matt G. Mutchler. "Doing 'Sex Drugs': Substance Use, Sex, and Social Boundaries among Young African American and Latino Gay and Bisexual Men."
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Bryce McDavitt, and Kristie K. Gordon. "Using Peer Ethnography to Address Health Disparities in Hard-to-Reach Populations of Young Men."

WORKING PAPERS

- Currier, Ashley and **Tara McKay** (equal authors). "Same-Sex Marriage and the Politics of Culture and Tradition in Africa."
- McKay, Tara**. "Gender Neutral? Contextualizing Disclosure of HIV Status among Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women (MSMW) in Los Angeles." California Center for Population Research Working Paper Series, PWP-CCPR-2009-057.
<http://papers.cpr.ucla.edu/papers/PWP-CCPR-2009-057/PWP-CCPR-2009-057.pdf>.
- McKay, Tara**. "Assessing the emergence and resistance of men who have sex with men (MSM) as a global HIV priority: Social processes and new directions for research."

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

Social Science & Medicine, AIDS & Behavior, Journal of Homosexuality

AWARDS

- 2012 **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship** (\$33,000)
- 2011 **Martin Levine Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention** (\$500)
Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association
- 2010 **Excellence in Teaching Award**
Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2008 **Excellence in Abstract Submission Award**
Student Section, American Public Health Association
- 2004 **Excellent Poster Presentation Award**
Student Section, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society
- 2003 **Superior Poster Presentation Award** (\$200)
Student Section, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society
- 2001 – 2005 **Dean's List**
Occidental College

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2012 **NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant** (\$7,500)
SBE- Sociology Program.
- 2011 **Conference Travel Award** (\$400)
California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2009 **Seed Grant** (\$450)
California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2009 & 2010 **Conference Travel Award** (\$300)
California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2008 **Rosenstein Student Scholarship Award** (\$150)
HIV/AIDS Section, American Public Health Association
- 2007 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship** (\$5,000)
Graduate Division, UCLA
- 2007 **Research Training Fellowship** (\$20,000)
California HIV Research Program
- 2006 & 2009 **Graduate Fellowship** (\$15,000)
Sociology, UCLA
- 2003 & 2004 **Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellowship** (\$3,000)
Occidental College

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Mar 2012 - **Graduate Research Assistant**
Keeping Gay and Bisexual Men Safe: A Critical History of HIV Prevention
P.I.: Adam Isaiah Green, University of Toronto
- Feb 2011 - **Graduate Student Researcher**
Spillover Effects of Communities without Health Insurance
P.I.: Stefan Timmermans, UCLA
- Feb 2012 - Apr 2012 **Graduate Research Assistant**
External Evaluation of the Southern African Regional Social and Behaviour
Change Communication (SBCC) Programme, as Implemented in Malawi
P.I.: Susan Cotts Watkins, Invest in Knowledge, Zomba, Malawi
- Aug 2011 - May 2012 **Study Coordinator**
Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- Apr 2010 - July 2010 **Fieldwork and Data Collection Graduate Research Assistant**
Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)
P.I. Hans Peter Kohler & Susan Cotts Watkins. University of Pennsylvania
- July 2009 - Dec 2009 **Research Consultant**
Urban Community Research Center, CSU Dominguez Hills
- Sept 2008 - June 2009 **Fieldwork and Data Collection Graduate Research Assistant**
Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)
P.I. Hans Peter Kohler & Susan Cotts Watkins. University of Pennsylvania
- Jun 2006 - Apr 2010 **Study Coordinator**
Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- Jan 2006 - Jun 2006 **Recruitment Coordinator**
Research and Evaluation, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- May 2005 - Sept 2007 **Data Analyst**
Undergraduate Research Center, Occidental College
- Jun 2004 - May 2005 **Project Coordinator**
Social Development Lab, Occidental College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011 **Instructor, UCLA.**
Sociology 20: Research Methods. Summer, 2011; Summer 2012.
- 2010 - 2012 **Graduate Fellowship Coordinator, UCLA**
- 2007 - 2009 **Teaching Assistant, UCLA.**
Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology. Spring, 2008. Instructor: Terri Anderson.

Sociology 20: Research Methods. Winter, 2008; Spring, 2009. Instructor: Susan Stockdale.

Sociology 138: Death, Suicide, and Trauma. Winter, 2009. Instructor: Stefan Timmermans

Sociology 157: Social Stratification. Fall, 2008. Instructor: Rob Mare.

Sociology 170: Medical Sociology. Fall, 2007. Instructor: Nicky Hart.

- 2003 **Teaching Assistant**, Occidental College.
Psychology 210: Behavioral Statistics. Fall 2003. Instructor: Nancy Dess.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 Money, Morals, and Modernity: Understanding Same-sex Sexualities in Central Africa. Gender Working Group, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2009 Ethical Issues in the Collection and Analysis of Health and Biomarker Data. Panelist, California Center for Population Research, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2007 Sex-Drugs & HIV: Navigating Sexual Pleasure and Risk among African American and Latino Young Men Who Have Sex with Men (YMSM). The Gender Working Group, Public Sociologists Working Group, and Race & Ethnicity Working Group, University of California, Los Angeles.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 **McKay, Tara.** Money, Morals, and Modernity: Understanding Same-sex Sexualities in Central Africa. Thinking Gender International Graduate Research Conference, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2011 Currier, Ashley and **Tara McKay** (equal authors). "Same-Sex Marriage Politics in Africa." American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 **McKay, Tara,** Bryce McDavitt, Sheba George, and Matt G. Mutchler. "Doing 'Sex Drugs': Accomplishing Social Identities as Young African American and Latino Gay and Bisexual Men." American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay,** Bryce McDavitt, and Sheba George. "Using Peer Ethnographers to Explore Insider Accounts of Sexual Risk and Substance Use." International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- 2009 **McKay, Tara,** Matt G. Mutchler, and Jaime Gutierrez. "Contextualizing the sexual risk and disclosure behaviors of HIV-positive Latino men who have sex with men and women (MSMW) in Los Angeles." American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 **McKay, Tara,** and Matt G. Mutchler. "Disclosure of HIV-status to male and female sexual partners by HIV-positive men who have sex with men and women (MSMW)." American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Glenn Wagner, Burt O. Cowgill, Brian Risley, and Laura M. Bogart. "Client perspectives on the value of treatment advocacy services at a large AIDS Service Organization." United States Conference on AIDS, Miami Beach, FL.
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Norman Candelario, Honghu Liu, Bill Stackhouse, Trista Bingham, Sheba George, and George Ayala. "Sex-drugs, community, and HIV: Young African American, Latino, and multiracial men who have sex with men (MSM) in New York and Los Angeles." International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2007 Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Norman Candelario, Honghu Liu, Bill Stackhouse, George Ayala. "Sex drugs & HIV: Correlates of condom use among young African American, Latino, and Multiracial men who have sex with men (YMSM) in Los Angeles and New York." National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- McKay, Tara**, Mutchler, Matt G., Esther Castillo, Norman Candelario, Bill Stackhouse, George Ayala. "Sex drugs & HIV: Use and risk among Black and Latino young men who have sex with men in New York and Los Angeles." UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) annual HIV Research: The Next Generation Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2006 **McKay, Tara**, Matt G. Mutchler, Emily Elman, and George Ayala. "How you define your client matters: A comparison of survey findings from two different methodologies at one social service agency." UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) annual HIV Research: The Next Generation Conference, Los Angeles, CA, and the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- 2004 **McKay, Tara** and Andrea Hopmeyer Gorman. "Perceived social reputations of popular and well-liked adolescents." National Sigma Xi Student Research Conference, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2003 **McKay, Tara** and Andrea Hopmeyer Gorman. "School and gender influences on the social and academic adjustment of aggressive victims." National Sigma Xi Student Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tara has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Central America, and sub-Saharan Africa and has more than 5 years experience conducting research in resource-poor countries.

Tara's photography is included in *National Geographic Stock Images Collection* and has won several awards, including *Judge's Favorite*, Spontaneous Moments Category, National Geographic Traveler Photo Contest; *Judge's Favorite*, iExplore Photo Safari Contest; and *Photo of the Day* on the National Geographic website.

Software: Advanced knowledge of quantitative and qualitative software analysis packages including: STATA, HLM, SPSS, NVivo; Fluent in Adobe and Microsoft Office Suite database, web development, and media editing applications, including Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Excel, Access, Publisher, and Front Page.

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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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