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Curriculum Vitae

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Anthropology, Pacific Lutheran University
- 2021-2024 Resident Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Pacific Lutheran University
- 2017-2021 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Pacific Lutheran University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., North Carolina State University, Sociology, 2017
Dissertation: "Doing What's Best for Baby: How New Mothers and Fathers Negotiate Breastfeeding Over Time"
Committee: Sinikka Elliott (chair), Michael Schwalbe, Theodore Greenstein, Michaela DeSoucey
- M.S., North Carolina State University, Sociology, 2010
Thesis: "'The City Evangelical Dude Route to Dudeness': Examining a Discourse of Hegemonic Masculinity in an Urban Megachurch"
Provost's Fellowship 2008-2009
- B.A. (*Cum Laude*), Seattle Pacific University, Sociology, 2005

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family, Deviance, Social Inequality, Religion, Research Methods, Teaching and Learning, Qualitative Research

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. 2025. "Expect the Unexpected: Navigating the Early Dilemmas of Becoming a Graduate Student Parent." *Parenting while PhDing*, edited by Jacquelyn Hoermann Elliott and Jenna Morton-Aiken. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

- Grether, Scott and Laura Fitzwater Gonzales. 2024. "‘If I’m too good at it, then I might get delegated to do it more often’: men, mental work, and the household division of labor." Pp. 227-238 in *Research Handbook on the Sociology of Gender*, edited by Gayle Kaufman, Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, and Steven Roberts. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd.
- Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. 2019. "Socialization Autobiography." Assignment published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura B. 2018. "Choices and Challenges Involved in using Longitudinal Qualitative Multi Family Member Interviews with Expectant and New Parents." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. SAGE Publications Ltd. *SAGE Research Methods*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526440471>
- Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. 2018. "Framing Breastfeeding as ‘Natural’ and the Implication for Mothers’ Identities." Pp. 285-304 in *Breastfeeding and Culture: Discourses and Representation*, edited by Ann Marie A. Short, Abigail L. Palko, and Dionne Irving. Bradford, Ontario, Canada: Demeter Press.
- Parcel, Toby L., Monica Bixby Radu, and Laura Fitzwater Gonzales. 2018. "Who Selects an Online Class Over the Same Course Face-to-Face? And Who Learns More? Results from a Mixed-Methods, Quasi-Experimental Study of Teaching the Sociology of Work and Family." *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 10(1): Article 6.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma WA, 2017-present

Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Visiting/Resident Assistant Professor

**denotes online section taught during the 20-21 academic year*

- SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology*
- SOCI 230: The Family
- SOCI 240: Social Problems
- SOCI 232: Research Methods*
- SOCI 287: Sociology of Emotions
- SOCI 287: Sociology of Sexualities
- SOCI 330: The Family*
- SOCI 336: Deviance*
- SOCI 302: Qualitative Research Methods
- SOCI 391: Sociology of Religion
- SOCI 499: Capstone – Senior Seminar

Meredith College, Raleigh NC, 2016-2017

Department of Sociology & Criminology, Adjunct Instructor

- SOC 242: Social Deviance
- SOC 420: Gender & Society

North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC, 2010-2016

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Instructor of Record

- SOC 202: Principles of Sociology
- SOC 300L: Research Methods Lab

Teacher Training and Certifications

2023 DFWI Pilot Workshop, PLU
 2022-23 UDL.4.ALL Workshop, PLU
 2021-22 Inclusive Pedagogy Seminar and Workshop, PLU

2021	AAC&U Critical Thinking VALUE Rubric Calibration Training Pivotal Pedagogy Program, PLU
2020	PLU Teaching Online (PLUTO) Essentials Program, PLU
2014	Mentoring and Teaching Practicum (MATP), NCSU Graduate School Preparing Future Leaders Program
2012	Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching (CoAT), NCSU Graduate School Preparing Future Leaders Program

GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS

2019-2020	Severtson/Forest Foundation Grant, Pacific Lutheran University
2017-2018	Best Sociology Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology, North Carolina State University
2011, 2013	Thank a Teacher Program award recipient, North Carolina State University
2011	Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 2010, University Graduate Student Association, North Carolina State University

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (*denotes equal authorship)

- 2020 Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura, Scott T. Grether, and Robert Gallagher. "Who is Doing the Mental Work and Why Does it Matter? A Longitudinal Analysis of how First-time Parents Strategize their Infant Care." Accepted for the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Eugene, OR. Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

Grether, Scott T., Laura Fitzwater Gonzales, and Robert Gallagher. "Mental Work and Infant Care: A Longitudinal Analysis of How First-Time Parents Prepare for the Arrival of their Newborn." *Eastern Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2019 Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "It's on Us': Family Gatekeeping and the Individualized Nature of Caregiving among First-Time Parents." *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "Doing Sociology: Data Collection and Analysis for Introduction to Sociology." *Eastern Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Grether, Scott T. and Laura Fitzwater Gonzales. "My Wife is the Business Manager of our Family': Mental Labor in the Household Division of Labor." *Eastern Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

- 2018 Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "Gendering the Division of Labor During the Fourth Shift." *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.

- 2017 Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "For the Good of the Family: How First-time Parents Negotiate Labor Force Commitments and Childcare." *Southern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC.

Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "Bonding with Baby: Processes of Gender Inequality and Intimate Family Dynamics Among New Parents." *Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference*, Chapel Hill, NC.

*Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura and Sinikka Elliott. "Breastfeeding Intending Couples' Gendered Support Behavior and Gender Inequality." *Eastern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting, Reproduction Mini-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Brown, Lori, Laura Fitzwater Gonzales, Kris Macomber, Whitney Ross Manzo, and David B. McLennan. "Perceptions about Public Safety and Women Police Officers in NC, 2016." *North Carolina Criminal Justice Association* Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC.

- 2016 *Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura and Sinikka Elliott. "Making Room for Daddy: Breastfeeding Intending Couples' Gendered Support Behavior and the Gender Binary." *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Reproduction/Parenthood and Families paper session, Seattle, WA.

Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "Abdicating Responsibility: Gender Politics and the Meaning of Support among Breastfeeding Women and their Male Partners." *Southern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting roundtable, Atlanta, GA.

- 2011 Fitzwater Gonzales, Laura. "'The City Evangelical Dude Route to Dudeness': Examining a Discourse of Hegemonic Masculinity in an Urban Megachurch." *Southern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting paper session, Jacksonville, FL.

- 2010 Parcel, Toby and Laura Fitzwater. "Who Selects an On-Line Class over the Same Course Face-to-Face? And What Difference Does it Make?: Results from a Quasi-Experiment Teaching the Sociology of Work and Family." *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting roundtable, Atlanta, GA.

Fitzwater, Laura. "The Dude Discourse: Constructing Masculinity in an Urban Megachurch." North Carolina State University Sociology Graduate Student Research Symposium, Raleigh, NC.

- 2009 Fitzwater, Laura. "The Dude Discourse: Constructing Masculinity in an Urban Megachurch." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association* Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

McKinney, Jennifer and Laura Fitzwater. "I'm Your Father, But Not Your Daddy: Conservative Christian Ideals of Men in Families" *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association* Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

- 2005 "American Christian Traditions: What does the next generation have to choose from?" Invited Panelist, *Seattle Pacific University Annual Common Day of Learning*, Seattle, WA.

Session Presider

- 2023 *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Undergraduate Roundtable: "Social Inequalities"
- 2019 *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting: "Intimate Relationships, Families, and Reproductive Politics: Parenting Diverse Family Formations."
- 2018 *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting: "Understandings of Gender and Gender Inequalities."

- 2017 *Southern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting: “Work and Family,” “Gender and Sexuality in Families.”
- 2017 *Eastern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting: “Gender Differences and Relationships,” “Mothering,” and “Gay Marriage and Queer Families.”
- 2011 *Southern Sociological Society* Annual Meeting: “Marriage, Family, and Gender.”

SERVICE

Professional Service:

- 2021- Member, Pacific Sociological Association Membership Committee
- 2020-2021 Mentor, Alpha Kappa Delta Mentoring Program

At Pacific Lutheran University:

- 2025- Title IX Formal Process Team
- 2025- Core Curriculum Committee
- 2024-25 Faculty Learning Community Leader, *Alternative Grading Practices*
CoLS Mentor for New Faculty
- 2024 Faculty Fall Conference Panelist, *Teaching + Flourishing*
- 2024 General Education Workshop, Assessment of Values and Worldviews attribute
- 2022-23 Curriculum Revision for Sociology and Criminal Justice Department
- 2019- Chapter Representative, Alpha Kappa Delta
- 2018-20 Member, University Assessment Steering Committee
- 2018 Trainer for Active Bystander Program
- 2017- Undergraduate Advisor for Sociology and Criminal Justice Majors

At North Carolina State University:

- 2014 Panelist for Sociology Graduate Student Association Professional Development Series workshop, “Selecting a Committee”
Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Sociology Department
Teaching Effectiveness Committee, University Graduate Student Association
- 2013 Leader of “Teach Club,” Informal Teaching Committee of Sociology Graduate Students, Sociology Department
- 2009-2011 Secretary, Sociology Graduate Student Association
- 2008-2013 Graduate Student Advisory Board Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association (three non-consecutive years)

Community Service:

- 2025-26 PTSA Vice President, Nautilus K-8, Federal Way School District
- 2024 Guest Speaker, Nautilus K-8 Middle School, *Preparing for College*
- 2022-25 PTSA President, Nautilus K-8, Federal Way School District