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EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2013 M.A., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2009 B.A., Religion, Columbia University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Medicine, Knowledge, Education, Race, Inequalities, Culture and Interdisciplinary Work

PUBLICATIONS

Olsen, Lauren D. *forthcoming* “‘We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: Translational Medicine and the Transmutation of Cultural Anthropology for Clinical Practice.” *Social Problems*.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2019. “The Conscripted Curriculum and the Reproduction of Racial Inequalities in Contemporary U.S. Medical Education.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60(1): 55-68.

Martin, Isaac W., Jane L. Lopez, and **Lauren D. Olsen**. 2019. “Policy Design and the Politics of City Revenue: Evidence from California Municipal Ballot Measures.” *Urban Affairs Review* 55(5): 1312-1338.

Evans, John H. and **Lauren D. Olsen**. 2016. "Bioethics: The View from Social Science." *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*. John Wiley & Sons.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2016. “It’s on the MCAT for a Reason”: Premedical Students and the Perceived Utility of Sociology.” *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 73-82.

Olsen, Lauren D. 2014. “Asylum”, “Lobotomy”, and “Malaria Therapy” in *Cultural Sociology of Mental Illness* (ed. Andrew T. Scull). SAGE.

UNDER REVIEW

Olsen, Lauren D., Lindsay J. DePalma, and John H. Evans. “Therapeutic Misconception and the Perceptions of Clinical Trials.” *Under review at Journal for Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*.

DePalma, Lindsay J., **Lauren D. Olsen**, and John H. Evans. “The Regenerative Cure: Cultural Hype and Stem Cell Tourism.” *Under review at Social Science and Medicine*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Olsen, Lauren D. “‘If You’ve Seen One Medical School, You’ve Seen One Medical School’: Medical Schools and Heterogeneity in Professional Identity Formation” *In preparation for submission*.

Olsen, Lauren D. “Empathy Attrition and Undergraduate Major: Measuring Empathy Over the Course of Medical School.” *In preparation for submission*.

Nations, Jennifer M., Isaac W. Martin, Germano Ribeiro Fernandes da Silva, and **Lauren D. Olsen**. “Do Counties That Spend Differently Tax Differently?” *In preparation for submission*.

PRESENTATIONS

“‘If You’ve Seen One Medical School, You’ve Seen One Medical School’: Medical Schools and Heterogeneity in Professional Identity Formation.” American Sociological Association Conference, Section on Medical Sociology, 8/12/19: New York, NY

“The Conscripted Curriculum and the Reproduction of Social Inequalities in U.S. Medical Education.” American Sociological Association Conference, Section on Medical Sociology, 8/13/18: Philadelphia, PA

“Learning About Health Inequities, Learning About Professional Roles: How Institutional Structures Pattern Future Physicians’ Attitudes Toward Health Equity.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, Critical Dialogue, Health Equity Today, 8/11/18: Philadelphia, PA

“‘If They Would Do Something, Then I Could Just Pay Attention’: The Opportunities and Costs of Racial Instruction in US Medical Schools”, Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, Educational Problems Section, 8/12/17: Montreal, CA

“The Humanities and Social Sciences in Medical Education.” Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Symposium, 10/18/16: San Diego, CA

“We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: The Economization of Social Scientific Knowledge in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research”, American Sociological Association Conference, Sociology of Knowledge and Technology Section, 8/21/16: Seattle, WA

“Transforming Future Doctors into Critical Thinkers: The Merits of UCSD’s Inaugural Pre-Med Undergraduate Sociology Course”, Teaching and Learning Section, 8/22/15: Chicago, IL

“We’d Rather Be Relevant Than Theoretically Accurate’: The Economization of Social Scientific Knowledge in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research”, Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Medical Sociology Section, 4/1/15: Long Beach, CA

“Transforming Future Doctors Into Critical Thinkers: The Merits of UCSD’s Inaugural Pre-Med Undergraduate Sociology Course”, Teaching Diversity and Inclusion Conference, 1/15/15 San Diego

“Culture in Applied Professions: Understandings of Culture in Contemporary American Psychiatry”, Evidence-based Medicine, Society for the Social Study of Science, 10/14/13: San Diego, CA

“Culture in Applied Professions: Understandings of Culture in Contemporary American Psychiatry”, DSM-5 Session, American Sociological Association Conference, 8/16/13: New York, NY

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018-2019	UC President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship - \$22,000 + tuition
2018	Louise Johnson Scholar Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology - \$500
2018	Sage Teaching Scholars Award, ASA Section on Teaching and Learning - \$600
2017-2018	Institute of the Humanities Dissertation Workshop, UCSD - \$1,500
2017-2018	Senior TA, UCSD
2017	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant #1702988 - \$3,024
2016-2017	Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Award, UCSD - \$25,000

- 2015 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award, UCSD
- 2013 Sociology Department Summer Research Grant, UCSD - \$5,000

TEACHING

- 2019-2020 Medical Sociology (graduate); Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate); Introduction to Sociology for Health Professions (undergraduate)

SERVICE

Discipline

- 2019-2020 ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, Membership Committee, Member
- 2018-2019 ASA Section on Medical Sociology, Nominations Committee, Graduate Student Member
- 2018-2019 Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Sociological Forum*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Teaching Sociology*, *Social Science and Medicine*

Department

- 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2011-present American Sociological Association (Medicine, Education, Religion, OOW, SKAT, SOTL sections), Society for Social Studies of Science, Pacific Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, International Sociology Association, Eastern Sociological Society