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## PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Connecticut 2014-Present.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Degree University of Connecticut: Sociology, May 2014  
“Breaking the Glass Ceiling? Gender and Leadership in Higher Education”  
Chair: Dr. Davita Silfen Glasberg  
Committee: Dr. Manisha Desai, Dr. Kim Price-Glynn and Dr. Bandana Purkayastha  
Comprehensive Exam: Gender, Substantive Focus: Work and Organizations

Graduate Certificates University of Connecticut: Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, May 2011  
University of Connecticut: Human Rights, December 2012

Master’s Degrees University of Connecticut: Sociology, December 2010  
“An Assessment of the Social Impact of Feminist Network Organizing: A Qualitative Study of the First Nepali Women’s Global Network (NWGN) Conference”  
Committee: Dr. Nancy Naples, Dr. Bandana Purkayastha and Dr. Bidya Ranjeet

Lehigh University: Political Science  
September 2005

Bachelor’s Degree Lehigh University: French & Political Science, *With Highest Honors*, May 2004  
“L’enfant dans la littérature française de l’Holocauste (The Child in French Holocaust Literature)”  
“Immigrants, Citizenship, and Entitlements in France and the United States”

Study Abroad Syracuse University, Strasbourg, France, Spring 2003

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender and Sexuality, Political Sociology, Human Rights, Law and Society, Social Movements, Globalization, Development, Gender, Health, and Society, Leadership, Education, Theory, Qualitative Research Methods

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Spring 2014 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$845
- Fall 2013 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$845
- Summer 2013 Research Fellowship, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Connecticut, \$500
- Summer 2013 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$902
- Spring 2013 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$675
- Fall 2012 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$675
- Summer 2012 Pre-doctoral and Advanced Doctoral Fellowships, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$840
- Spring 2012 Sanders-Taylor-Tuchman Award (for travel to conferences), Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$150
- Spring 2012, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$586
- Fall 2011, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, \$585

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Katuna, Barret.** 2011. "Hurricane Katrina and the Right to Food and Shelter." in *In Our Own Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance in the United States*, edited by William T. Armaline, Davita Silfen Glasberg, and Bandana Purkayastha.
- Katuna, Barret.** 2012. "The Human Rights Enterprise and Women's Rights Organizing." *Societies Without Borders* 7:236-253.
- Katuna, Barret** and Davita Silfen Glasberg. 2014. "Rules vs. Rights? Social Control, Dignity, and the Right to Housing in the Shelter System." *Societies Without Borders* 9:25-47.
- Katuna, Barret.** 2014. "Perpetuating Inequality Through the Canons of Disciplinary Knowledge." in *Disrupting the Culture of Silence: Women Navigating Hostility and Making Change in the Academy*, edited by Kris De Welde and Andi Stepnick. Stylus Publishing.
- Katuna, Barret** and Elizabeth Holzer. 2016. "Unobtrusively Stretching Law: Legal Education, Activism, and Reclaiming Title IX." *Social Movement Studies*.

## **MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW**

- Katuna, Barret.** "Doing Human Rights: The Human Rights Enterprise as a Model for Studying Grassroots Level Activism." (Under Review for Special Edition at *Critical Sociology*).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Lee, Susan and **Barret Katuna**. “The Women's Rights Treaty in the United States: CEDAW Resistance and Implementation.” (Finalizing for journal submission in 2015).

**Katuna, Barret**. “Degendering Leadership: No More Iron Ladies or Fashionista Heads of State.” (Finalizing for journal submission in 2015).

## ACTIVIST PROJECTS

Lee, Susan, **Barret Katuna**, Hara Bastas, and Helen Raisz. “Statement for the March 2010 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women” Sociologists for Women in Society.

Submitted Resolution with Dr. Mark Frezzo at the American Sociological Association Business Meeting in August 2012 asking the American Sociological Association to formalize its relationship with the Economic and Social Council and Department of Public Information, Non-Governmental Organization Section at the United Nations and to support a United Nations Sociology Day. (Resolution has been accepted; awaiting next steps).

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Lee, Susan and **Barret Katuna**. “The Women’s Rights Treaty in the United States: CEDAW Resistance and Implementation.” Accepted for Roundtable Presentation at the 2014 American Sociological Association Meeting (San Francisco, CA: August).

Simoes, Solange, Marlise Matos, **Barret Katuna**, and Susan Lee. “CEDAW in Brazil and the U.S.: Women’s Rights in the Context of Political Globalization.” Roundtable Presentation at the 2014 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting (Nashville, TN: February).

Katuna, Barret. 2013. “Rules vs. Rights? Social Control, Dignity, and the Right to Housing in the Shelter System.” Panel Participant at the 2013 American Sociological Association Meeting (New York, NY: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2013. “‘Go UN’ Feminist Strategies for Justice in the World-Economy.” Chair and Panel Participant at the 2013 Power and Justice in the Contemporary World Economy Conference (New York, NY: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2013. “Doing Human Rights: The Human Rights Enterprise as a Model for Studying Grassroots Level Activism.” Panel Participant at the 2013 Re-Imagining Human Rights – the Challenge of Agency, Creativity, and Global Justice Conference (New York, NY: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2013. “Degendering Leadership: No More Iron Ladies or Fashionista Heads of State.” Panel Participant at the 2013 Eastern Sociological Society Meeting (Boston, MA: March).

Katuna, Barret and Elizabeth Holzer. 2013. “Unobtrusively Stretching Law: SMOS and the Feminist Triumph Over Title IX.” Roundtable Participant at the 2013 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting (Tamaya, NM: February).

Katuna, Barret. 2012. “The Human Rights Enterprise and Women’s Rights Organizing.” Panel Participant at the 2012 American Sociological Association Meeting (Denver, CO: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2012. "A Report on SWS's Participation at CSW 56 and Looking Forward to SWS's Participation at CSW 57." Panel Participant at the 2012 Sociologists for Women in Society Summer Meeting (Denver, CO: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2012. "Stretching the Meaning of a Law: Title IX and the Hidden Curriculum." Panel Participant at the 2012 Eastern Sociological Society Meeting (New York, NY: February).

Katuna, Barret. 2012. Human Rights and the Women's Treaty: Why We Should Care? What We Can Do?" Panel Participant at the 2012 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting (St. Petersburg, FL: February).

Katuna, Barret. 2011. Social Ties and Protest Participation. Roundtable Presider for Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements at the 2011 American Sociological Society Meeting (Las Vegas, NV: August).

Katuna, Barret. 2011. "Social Disorder and Women's Power Struggles at a Shelter in Hartford, Connecticut: Parallels to State Social Inequality." Panel Participant at the 2011 Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Philadelphia, PA: February).

Katuna, Barret. 2011. "Perpetuating Inequality Based on Race, Gender and Sexuality in Higher Education: Protecting the Canons of Disciplinary Knowledge." Roundtable Participant at the 2011 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting (San Antonio, TX: February).

Katuna, Barret M. 2010. "An Assessment of the Social Impact of Human Rights Conferences: A Case Study of the First Nepali Women's Global Network (NWGN) Conference." Panel participant at the 2010 Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Boston, MA: March).

Katuna, Barret M. 2009. "The Human Right to Food Security: Immigrant Rights in the United States." Roundtable Participant at the 2009 Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Baltimore, MD: March).

## **RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2012-Summer 2013, Graduate Assistant for Dr. Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut. Chief duties include supporting Dr. Purkayastha's Sociologists for Women in Society presidency.

Winter 2009. Research Assistant for Dr. Manisha Desai, University of Connecticut. Project on: The Interaction of Measures of the Status of Women and Human Development for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Fall 2009 – Present, Research Assistant for Dr. Davita Silfen Glasberg, University of Connecticut. Chief duties have included collaborative research in addition to the indexing and copy-editing of *In Our Own Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance in the United States*, edited by William T. Armaline, Davita Silfen Glasberg, and Bandana Purkayastha.

Fall 2008 and Fall 2009, Graduate Assistant for Dr. Bandana Purkayastha, Deputy Editor of *Gender & Society*, University of Connecticut.

Fall 2004, Research Assistant for Dr. Brian K. Pinaire, Lehigh University.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Sole Instructor: (University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology):  
*Sociology of Gender* (Large Lecture and Writing Intensive)  
*Human Rights in the United States* (Service-Learning Component)  
*Society in Global Perspective* (General Course and as Honors Course)  
*Race, Class, and Gender*  
*Introduction to Sociology* (Writing Intensive Courses)  
*Political Sociology* (Upper-Level Course, Cross-Listed with Human Rights)

Sole Instructor: (University of Connecticut, Student Support Services, Office of the First Year Experience):  
*Race and Gender in the 2008 Presidential Election*  
*University Learning Skills*

Sole Instructor: (University of Connecticut, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies):  
*Gender and Globalization*  
*Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization*

Sole Instructor: (University of Hartford, Department of Sociology):  
*Women in Society* (Cross-Listed with Women's Studies)

Sole Instructor: (Eastern Connecticut State University, Department of Sociology):  
*Introduction to Women's Studies* (Cross-Listed with Women's Studies)  
*Introduction to Sociology*

Sole Instructor: (Three Rivers Community College, Department of Social Sciences):  
*Principles of Sociology*

Teaching Assistant:  
*Introduction to Sociology*, Instructor: Dr. Gaye Tuchman  
*Political Sociology*, Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Holzer  
*Sociology of Gender*, Instructor: Dr. Colleen Butler-Sweet

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Junior League of Hartford, Member since 2009. Currently serving as Technology Chair. In the past, I have served as the Chair of the Freshplace Committee (a fresh food pantry), Chair of the Clothes Horse Committee (a second-hand clothing store), and as a Provisional Committee Chair (to welcome new members to the organization).

Assistant Director, Asa Packer Society, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, August 2008- August 2009. I identified and cultivated donors with high giving capacity to join the giving society.

Associate Director, Lehigh Fund, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, October 2005 – August 2008, I identified, cultivated, and solicited alumni prospects who graduated from Lehigh University in the 1990s. I partnered with other university offices to reengage prospects to the university. I also recruited and supervised Lehigh Fund volunteers to solicit their former classmates.

Internship, United Nations, Department of Public Information, Non-Governmental Organization Section, New York, NY, Spring 2005. I researched topics for weekly briefings and drafted preparatory documents.

I collaborated with United Nations officials for programmatic needs.

Internship, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, Committee on Education, Spring 2003.

Internship, U.S. Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, 11th Congressional District, Summer 2002.

Internship, PA State Representative John T. Yudichak, 119th Legislative District, Summer 2002.

Internship, PA State Representative Jennifer L. Mann, 132nd Legislative District, Spring 2002.

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in spoken and written French

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

Sociologists for Women in Society

Sociologists Without Borders

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Student Delegate from Sociologists Without Borders, 2013-2014.

Organizer of Sociologists for Women in Society Parallel Side Event to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, "Feminist Responses to Violence Against Women and Girls." March 15, 2013 in New York, NY.

Organizer of Sociologists for Women in Society Parallel Side Event to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, "Feminist Sociological Insight on Literacy Projects, Community Grassroots Groups, and Rural Women's Leadership." March 5, 2012 in New York, New York.

United Nations Lead Representative to the Economic and Social Council, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2011-2013.

Peer Reviewer, *Societies Without Borders*. 2010. United Nations Representative to the Economic and Social Council, Sociologists for Women in

Society, 2009-2011. Member, International Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society. 2009-Present

Member, Human Rights Section and Membership Committee Representative, American Sociological Association, 2010.

United Nations Delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women, Sociologists for Women in Society, March 2010.

Member, International Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2009. Member, Discrimination Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2009.

Member, Gender of Humanitarian Narrative Reading Group, Human Rights Institute, 2008- 2009.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2012, Graduate Student Representative, Sociology and El Instituto Search Committee

2011-2012, Recruitment Committee Representative

2010-2011, Graduate Student Representative, Colloquia and Rituals Committee

2009-2010, Graduate Student Representative, Colloquia and Rituals Committee

2009-2010, Graduate Student Representative, Social Chair

2008-2009, Graduate Student Representative, Colloquia and Rituals Committee