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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2019-24 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, California State University, San Bernardino

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Southern California
Graduate Certificate: Gender Studies
Dissertation: "In Visible Families: Gay Fatherhood and the Politics of Family Change"
Committee: Tim Biblarz (Chair), Michael Messner, Jennifer Hook, Nomi Stolzenberg
- 2012 M.A., Sociology, University of Southern California
- 2008 B.A., Sociology, University of North Texas

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2025 **Carroll, Megan** and Maya Wenzel. "New Dimensions, New Directions: Asexualities and Aromanticism in the 21st Century." *Sex & Sexualities* 1(1). Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1177/3033371251332285>
- 2024 Winer, Canton, **Megan Carroll**, Yuchen Yang, Katherine Linder, and Brittany Miles. "I Didn't Know Ace Was a Thing': Bisexuality and Pansexuality as Identity Pathways in Asexual Identity Formation." *Sexualities* 27(1-2): 267-289. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13634607221085485>
*Winner, 2025 Distinguished Article Award, ASA Sexualities Section
- 2023 Randles, Jennifer and **Megan Carroll**. "Marginalize or Valorize: A Two-Case Study of Parental Essentialism and Fathers' Social Location." *Men and Masculinities* 26(3): 335-355. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X231182623>
- 2020 Goldberg, Abbie, Katherine Allen, and **Megan Carroll**. "'We Don't Exactly Fit In, But We Can't Opt Out': Gay Dads' Experiences Navigating School Parent Communities." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(5): 1655-1676. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12695>
- 2018 Carroll, Megan. "Gay Fathers on the Margins: Race, Class, Marital Status, and Pathway to Parenthood." *Family Relations* 67(1): 104-117. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12300>
*Winner, 2019 Diversity and Inclusion in Men in Families Research Award, NCFR
- 2018 Carroll, Megan. "Managing without Moms: Gay Fathers, Incidental Activism, and the Politics of Parental Gender." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(13): 3410-3435. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X18783229>

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Carroll, Megan. "Putting Up with Putting Out: An Asexual Journey Through Compulsory Sexuality." In *Opening Family Secrets: Stigma, Shame, Stress, and Strength*, edited by Abbie E. Goldberg and Katherine R. Allen.
- Forthcoming **Carroll, Megan**, Hannah Tessler, Canton Winer, and Brittney Miles. "Asexuality." In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*, edited by Dennis Waskul and David Wahl. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- Forthcoming Tessler, Hannah, Canton Winer, **Megan Carroll**, and Brittney Miles. "Aromanticism." In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*, edited by Dennis Waskul and David Wahl. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- 2025 Carroll, Megan. "The Demography of Asexuality and Aromanticism." Pp. 353-368 in *Second International Handbook on the Demography of Sexuality*, edited by Amanda K. Baumle and Zelma Oyarvide Tuthill.
- 2024 Carroll, Megan. "What Does Asexuality Offer Sociology? Insights from the Asexual Community Survey." Pp. 240-254 in *Outskirts: Queer Experiences on the Fringe*, edited by Amy Stone and D'Lane Compton. NYU Press.
- 2024 Carroll, Megan. "Asexuality." In *The Sage Encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ Studies* [Second Edition], edited by Abbie E. Goldberg. Sage Publications.
- 2020 Carroll, Megan. "Asexuality and Its Implications for LGBTQ-Parent Families." Pp. 185-198 in *LGBT-Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice* [Second Edition], edited by Abbie E. Goldberg and Katherine R. Allen. New York: Springer.
- 2014 Biblarz, Timothy J., **Megan Carroll**, and Nathaniel Burke. "Same-Sex Families." In *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Families*, edited by Judith Treas, Jacqueline Scott, and Martin Richards. Oxford, UK: John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

Book Reviews

- 2021 Carroll, Megan. Review of *Asexual Erotics: Intimate Readings of Compulsory Sexuality*, by Ela Przybylo. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 2019. In *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 30(1): 143-145.
- 2019 Carroll, Megan. Review of *Growing up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity*, by Mary Robertson. New York: NYU Press, 2019. In *Social Forces* 98(4): 1-2.
- 2014 Carroll, Megan. Review of *Coming Out: The New Dynamics*, by Nicholas A. Guittar. Boulder, CO: First Forum Press, 2014. In *Gender & Society* 29(3): 438-440.
- 2014 Carroll, Megan. Review of *Masculinities, Care and Equality: Identity and Nurture in Men's Lives*, by Niall Hanlon. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. In *Men and Masculinities* 18(3): 387-388.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Carroll, Megan. "Asexual Pleasure: Challenging Compulsory Sexuality in an Era of Joy and Fucking"

Carroll, Megan. "Housing, Amatonormativity, and the Queer Commune Fantasy among Asexual Respondents."

"Pleasure-Absent Sex and Sex-Absent Pleasure," Sexploration Team Project, Virginia Commonwealth University

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2023 Mini-Grant, Office of Academic Research, CSUSB (\$6,500)
- 2022 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences 2022 Summer Research Fellowship, CSUSB (\$3,000)
- 2021 Establishing Community Partnership Grant, Office of Community Engagement, CSUSB (\$3,000)
- 2021 Mini-Grant, Office of Community Engagement, CSUSB (\$3,375)
- 2018 Bessie McClenahan Research Collaboration Grant, USC Sociology
- 2014 Provost's Research Enhancement Fellowship, USC Graduate School (\$35,000)
- 2013 Inaugural Fellow, Mentored Teaching Fellowship Program, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- 2012-14, 16-17 Emory Bogardus Research Enhancement Grant, USC Sociology

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2025 Distinguished Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities, "*I Didn't Know Ace Was a Thing: Bisexuality and Pansexuality as Identity Pathways in Asexual Identity Formation*"
- 2019 Diversity and Inclusion in Men in Families Research Award, NCFR, "*Gay Fathers on the Margins*"
- 2017 First Place, Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Paper Competition, "*Managing without Moms*"
- 2013 Outstanding Service Award, USC Sociology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record - CSUSB

- 2022 SOC 1000: Introduction to Sociology*
- 2019-24 SOC 3400: Sociology of Families*
- 2020-22 SOC 4200: Social Movements*
- 2021 SOC 4440: Sociology of Sex and Gender*
- 2021-25 SOC 5900/5440: LGBTQ Families†

*Asynchronous, online instruction Spring 2020 through Fall 2022

†Hybrid (online and in-person) instruction Fall 2021, in-person following terms

Co-Instructor - USC

2013 SOCI 499: Reinventing the Family Beyond the New Normal

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025- Principal Investigator, Program Evaluation, Inland Empire Prism Collective

2019- Principal Investigator, Asexual Intimacies, CSUSB Department of Sociology

2014-18 Research Assistant, Parenthood Premiums and Ethnicity, Duke University, Department of Sociology, Principal Investigators: Lisa Keister, Jody Agius Vallejo

2010-13 Research Assistant, Early Familial Economic Obligations and Working Class Integration, USC Sociology, Principal Investigators: Jody Agius Vallejo, Min Zhou, and Jennifer Lee

2011, 13 Research Assistant, Social Mobility and Latino Entrepreneurship, USC Sociology, Principal Investigator: Jody Agius Vallejo

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2026 AMC Panel for *Sex in Public*, National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta (forthcoming)

2026 "New Theories of Asexuality: Relating Across the Disciplines" (Roundtable), National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta (forthcoming)

2025 "The Dangers of Defining Sociology Too Narrowly" American Sociological Association, NYC

2023 "Housing, Amatonormativity, and the Queer Commune Fantasy among Asexual Respondents" DEI Speaker Series, Auburn University

2020 Invited Presenter, Care-Practices of Fathers in International Comparison: Do Policies Matter? Conference, University of Applied Sciences Landshut, Germany

2019 "Pathway to Parenthood and Inequalities among Gay Fathers," Invited Session on Sexually Diverse Relationships, Southern Sociological Association, Atlanta

2018 Invited Presenter, Intersections: Social Policy & Sexuality Workshop, McMaster University

2016 Invited Speaker, Gender Working Group, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

2014 Invited Speaker, Graduate Student Methods Workshop, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

2013 "Preserving Family Diversity across Contexts: A Response to the Response to Regnerus," Section on Sex and Gender Invited Session, When the Professional Becomes Political: Responding to the New Family Structures Survey, American Sociological Association, New York City

2013 Discussant, Invited Panel on Gender and Methods, Pacific Sociological Association, Reno, NV

GUEST LECTURES

2019- "Asexualities 101"

This lecture has been delivered to sociology and gender studies courses at the University of Oregon, University of South Carolina, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Ohio State University, Westminster College, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and Indiana University Bloomington. An asynchronous version on [YouTube](#) has also been shown in classrooms and viewed thousands of times around the world.

2014 "Who are Gay Parents? Race and Class Dynamics of LGBT Families," SOCI 169: Changing Family Forms, USC

2012 "Quantitative and Qualitative Research on Interracial Unions," SOCI 220: Questions of Intimacy, USC

2012 "Unpacking Michael Rosenfeld's Rise of Interracial and Same Sex Unions," SOCI 220: Questions of Intimacy, USC

2011 "Modernization and the Politics of Family Change: 'Traditional' vs. 'Modern' Families in Fiddler on the Roof and the Same-Sex Marriage Debate," SOCI 169: Changing Family Forms, USC

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2026 "Pleasure-Absent Sex and Sex-Absent Pleasure," National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta (forthcoming)

2025 "Asexual Pleasure: Resisting Compulsory Sexuality during the Joy Turn." National Women's Studies Association, San Juan

2024 "Asexual Pleasure: Resisting Compulsory Sexuality during the Joy Turn in Sociology." Section on the Sociology of Sexualities Session, Asexual and Aromantic Perspectives in Society, American Sociological Association, Montreal

2024 "Housing, Amatonormativity, and the Queer Commune Fantasy among Asexual Respondents." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego

2024 "Asexual Pleasure: Resisting Compulsory Sexuality in Sex-Positive Spaces." Positive Sexuality Conference, Center for Positive Sexuality, Burbank

2022 "'I Didn't Know Ace Was a Thing': Bisexuality and Pansexuality in Asexual Identity Formation," Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Quantified and Qualified: Metrics of Sexualities, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles (co-presented w/ Canton Winer)

2021 "What Can Asexuality Offer Sociology," Sexualities II Paper Session, Pacific Sociological Association. Virtual

- 2019 “Asexuality as the Next Frontier in Sociological Research on Sexualities,” Regular Session on Sexualities, Sexualities II: New Horizons in Sexualities Scholarship, American Sociological Association, New York City
- 2018 “Who Counts as a Gay Father? Pathway to Parenthood and Outsiders of Gay Parenting Groups,” Section on the Sociology of the Family Paper Session, LGBT Families, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2017 Discussant, Regular Session on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies I, American Sociological Association, Montreal
- 2016 “Becoming Gay Fathers? Identity, Community, and Inequality among Gay Men with Children from Heterosexual Unions,” Section on the Sociology of the Family Paper Session, Reproduction/ Parenthood and Families, American Sociological Association, Seattle
- 2016 “Who are Gay Fathers?” Flash Session I: Parenting Across Social Context, Council on Contemporary Families, Austin
- 2015 “Managing without Moms: Gay Fathers’ Collective Responses to Heteronormative Assumptions in Everyday Life,” Regular Session on Parenthood, American Sociological Association, Chicago
- 2012 “The Intersectional Collective Identity of Gay Fatherhood,” Regular Session on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, American Sociological Association, Denver

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021-22, 25 Participant, UndocuAlly Training Program (Workshop Series), CSUSB
- 2021 Participant, Teaching for Justice Impacted Students (Workshop Series), CSUSB
- 2020 Participant, Academics for Black Survival and Wellness (6-Week Training Program)
- 2018 Participant, Future Faculty Teaching Institute (Workshop Series), USC Center for Excellence in Teaching
- 2010 Participant, Primer on Empirical Research on LGBT Issues and Populations, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, Presenters: M. V. Lee Badgett, Gary J. Gates

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

- 2025- Coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSS) Program
- 2024-26 Faculty Associate, Office of Community Engaged Learning
- 2022- Chapter Representative, Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honors Society)
- 2020- Committee Membership

- External Evaluation Committee, Department of Sociology, 2025-2026
 Exceptional Service to Students Award Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Science, 2025
 Lecturer Evaluation Committee, Department of Sociology, 2024-2025
 Chair Review Committee (Chair), Department of Child Development, College of Social and Behavioral Science, 2024-25
 Outstanding Honors and Outstanding Thesis Awards Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Science, 2024
 Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, 2023-24
 RPT Guidelines Committee, Department of Sociology, 2023-24
 Latinx Sociology Search Committee, Department of Sociology, 2022-23
 Lecturer Recruiting Committee, Department of Sociology, 2022
 Grade Appeals Committee, CSUSB, 2021-23
 LGBTQ+ History Month Planning Committee, CSUSB, 2020-21
 LGBTQ+ History Month Subcommittee on Programming, CSUSB, 2020-21
- 2020-23 Co-Advisor, Student Organizations
 Sociology Club, 2022-23
 The Pride Pack, 2020-22
- 2021-23 Faculty Advisor
 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 2023-25
 MA Thesis, Social Science and Globalization Graduate Program, 2022-23
 Honors Thesis, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Program, 2022-23
 Sally Casanova Scholarship Program, 2021-22, 24-25
- 2020-23 Member, LGBTQ Faculty Staff and Student Association, CSUSB
- 2020-21 Coordinator, Graduation Videos, Department of Sociology, Class of 2020 and 2021
- 2020-23 Asexualities Presentations/Events, Queer and Transgender Resource Center, CSUSB
 “Embrace the Ace” and “Ace/Aro Mixer”, October 2023
 “Ace Week: Presentation & Mixer”, October 2022
 “Embrace the Ace”, October 2021
 “Ace/Aro Relationship Terminologies”, February 2021
 “QTRC Virtual Hour: LGBTQ+ Educators”, September 2020
 “Asexuality: It’s a Whole Spectrum”, February 2020
- 2014-15 Social Science Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, USC
- 2012-14 Founder and Coordinator, Graduate Mentorship Program, USC Sociology
- SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**
- 2020- Founder and Administrator, Ace/Aro Scholars Support Network

2025-28	Council Member, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association	
2022-25	Secretary/Treasurer, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association	
2024-25	Consultant and External Stakeholder, SOGI Questionnaire, American Community Survey, US Census Bureau	
2020-23	Committee Member, Pacific Sociological Association Committee on the Status of Women, 2020-23 Program Committee, 2020-22	
2020-25	Editorial Board Member <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i> , 2020-2025 <i>Journal of Family Theory & Review</i> , 2022-2024	
2012-	Peer Reviewer <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i> <i>Gender & Society</i> <i>Sexualities</i> <i>Men & Masculinities</i> <i>Journal of Family Issues</i> <i>Journal of Family Theory & Review</i> <i>Psychology and Sexuality</i> <i>Sex & Sexualities</i>	<i>Sociology Compass</i> <i>Sexuality & Culture</i> <i>Archives of Sexual Behavior</i> <i>Human Reproduction</i> <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> <i>International Social Science Journal</i> <i>Journal of Sex Research</i> <i>Socius</i>

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2025-	PI for Program Evaluation, Inland Empire Prism Collective
2022-25	Models of Pride (LGBTQ+ Youth Conference), Tabling with Ace Los Angeles
2024	Panelist, PFLAG's "Coming Out" Panel, Models of Pride, Los Angeles
2020-24	UK Ace Con, Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN) Panelist, " Research ," UK Ace Con 2024, Panelist, " Research ," UK Ace Con 2023, Moderator, " Aces & Masculinity ," UK Ace Con 2022, Panelist, " Research ," UK Ace Con 2020,
2019	Moderator, Panel on the Asexual/Aromantic Spectrum, Pride Center, CSU Northridge
2016	Speaker, Webinar: "Later in Life LGBTQ Parents," Family Equality Council
2013	Participant, Breakthrough Conversation Training, Family Equality Council, Los Angeles

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2018- Founder and Organizer, Asexualities Research Advisory Board
- 2025 Featured Faculty, *Inside CSUSB*, “Discovering the Transformational Power of Mentorship at CSUSB,” <https://www.csusb.edu/inside/article/586256/discovering-transformational-power-mentorship-csusb>
- 2024 Expert Interview, *Scientific American*, “Asexuality is Finally Breaking Free from Medical Stigma,” <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/asexuality-is-finally-breaking-free-from-medical-stigma/>
- 2024 Expert Interview, Rowan Ellis (YouTuber), “The Chronically Online State of Asexual Discourse,” <https://youtu.be/plz9VKx6SoU?si=kvpkP74k-pWbLodm&t=2801>
- 2023 Expert Interview, *LAist*, “At Local Universities, An Effort to Better Understand Love in All Its Forms,” <https://laist.com/news/education/valentines-day-expanding-idea-of-love>
- 2023 Expert Interview, “Free From Desire: Asexual in the City of Love” Podcast, Paradiso Media, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0KrnTiwsSbxItzYKPSRzG7?si=BlyqJE1YSFeAkNQEWwLiAw>
- 2022 Interview, Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance, “Meet the Community,” [October 2022](#)
- 2022 Interview, Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance, “Meet the Community,” [March 2022](#)
- 2020 Expert Interview, Edinburgh University Science Media, “Exploring Asexuality: How Research and Awareness Benefit Each Other for this Minority Identity,” <https://eusci.org.uk/2020/10/26/exploring-asexuality-how-research-and-awareness-benefit-each-other-for-this-minority-identity/>
- 2019 Contributor, The Academic Minute, Inside Higher Ed, “Incidental Activists”, <https://www.insidehighered.com/audio/2019/03/19/incidental-activists>
- 2019 Expert Interview on Same-Sex Parenting, “Let’s Go There w/ Shira & Ryan,” Channel Q (LGBTQ+ Radio)
- 2019 Guest Blogger, *Feminist Reflections*. “Dads and Diaper Ads: A Tough Gender Test,” with Jennifer Randles, <https://thesocietypages.org/feminist/2019/02/20/dads-and-diaper-ads-a-tough-gender-test/>
- 2018 Influencer, Social Media Team, ASA Sexualities Preconference

- 2018 Op-ed, *The Advocate Magazine*, “How Gay Dads Become Incidental Activists”,
<https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2018/7/11/how-gay-dads-become-incidental-activists>
- 2015 Contributor, *Contexts* Symposium: After Marriage Equality, “Beyond Legal Equality for LGBT Families,” <https://contexts.org/blog/beyond-legal-equality-for-lgbt-families/>
- 2013 Guest Blogger, *Family Inequality*, “How the Response to Regnerus Homogenized LGBT Families,” <https://familyinequality.wordpress.com/2013/08/17/how-the-response-to-regnerus-homogenized-lgbt-families/>
- 2012 Guest Blogger, *Social (In)Queery*. “How Not to Study Families,” with D’Lane Compton and C.J. Pascoe, <https://socialinqueery.com/2012/06/19/how-not-to-study-families/>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA),
Sections: Sexualities, Sex and Gender, Family, Race Class Gender
National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)