

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Employment

Associate Lecturer, Department of Sociology, *University of Central Florida*, Fall 2022-Present

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, *University of Central Florida*, Fall 2016-Spring 2022

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, *Northeastern Illinois University*, Fall 2011-Spring 2016 (tenured fall 2012)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, *Northeastern Illinois University*, Fall 2006-Spring 2011

Education

Ph.D., *New York University*, Sociology, 2006

M.A., *University of Florida*, Sociology, 1997

B.S., *University of Central Florida*, Marketing, 1992

Areas of Expertise

Masculinities
Sex & Gender

Sociological Theory
Social Inequality

Self & Society
Public Sociology

Teaching

University of Central Florida

Courses Required for Major/Program	Electives
• Introduction to Sociology⁺ • Sociological Theory • Topics: Critical Theories* • Topics: Feminist Theories* • Topics: Seminar in Gender* • Topics: Beyond the Binary*	• Men & Masculinities • Sex & Gender in Society • Social Power & Inequality • Careers in Sociology • Seminar in Teaching Sociology* • Sociology of Sexualities • Social Problems

*Graduate-level Course

⁺Indicates course also taught in Honors program

Northeastern Illinois University

Courses Required for Major/Program	Electives
• Introduction to Sociology • Sociological Theory • Social Inequalities (Writing-Intensive Course) • Senior Seminar in Sociology (capstone course) • Honors Introduction to the Social Sciences (Honors Program Course)	• Urban Sociology • Men & Masculinities*⁺ • Women, Men, & Social Change* (Introductory gender course) • American Women: The Changing Image* (Upper-division gender course)

*Indicates course cross-listed in Women's & Gender Studies Program

⁺Indicates course cross-listed for the LGBTQ minor

New York University

- The Sociology of Sex and Gender
- Social Psychology

Graduate Student Mentorship (as Chair or Co-chair, PhD Dissertations & MA Theses)

Michael Nunes, PhD Dissertation (as Co-chair). "The Legislative Influence on LGBTQ+ Student Well-being in Florida Higher Education." (working title). Expected Spring 2027.

Cox, Carla, PhD Dissertation (as Co-chair). "Shade and Survival: Extreme Heat, Homelessness, and Climate Governance in Florida. Summer 2026.

Devin Moran, MA Thesis. "Gender Policing: Race & Masculinity" (working title). Summer 2026.

Liam Dominguez, MA Thesis. "Masculinity, Mental Health, and Digital Help-Seeking: An Analysis of How Contemporary Digital Discourse Constructs and Interprets Men's Mental Health." Summer 2026.

Bertha A. Ben Khallouq, PhD Dissertation. "Hetero-Cisgender Rituals: The Oppression of Sexual and Gender Minoritized People." Summer 2025.

Rebeka Rocco, PhD Dissertation (as Co-chair). "Podcast Narratives of Cybercrime Perpetration." Summer 2025.

Shawn Welcome, MA Product. "Black Poetic Voices as a Masterplan for Restoration: An informative call to action for community support towards enriching Black communities via the Revive Zora campaign and the 2026 Southern Fried Poetry Slam Festival." Spring 2025

Shameika Daye, PhD Dissertation. "The Black Hair Experience: Exploring the Workplace Experience for Black Women with Black Hair Types and Hairstyles." Spring 2024.

Lauren Aitken, MA Thesis. “Queer and Thriving?: Community as Resilience in an Anti-LGBTQ State.” Spring 2025.

Alexis Williams, MA Thesis. “The Narratives of Sexualization: The Perspectives of Young Entertainers Around Theory Own Public Sexualization.” Spring 2023.

Kris Davis, MA Thesis. “Victimization and Health Outcomes for TGNC Individuals in Women’s Prisons.” Summer 2019.

Undergraduate Student Mentorship (as Chair, Honors in the Major/McNair Scholars Projects)

Liam Gundy, Honors in the Major Program. “‘Don’t Say Inequality’: How Does Florida’s Senate Bill 266 Affect UCF Faculty’s Ability to Practice Academic Freedom?” Fall 2024.

Taylor Haycock, Honors in the Major Program. “Gender Performance and the Masculinity of Leadership Across European Regimes.” Spring 2024.

Micah Reisner, Honors in the Major Program. “Transgender Student Experiences with UCF Health Services.” Fall 2023.

Marina Rivera, Honors in the Major Program. “Gender Ideology, Race, and Self-Identity among Conservative Baptist Women.” Spring 2021.

Vanessa Rijo, Honors in the Major and McNair Scholars Program. “Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships.” Spring 2019.

Alexis Dennis, McNair Scholars Program. “Post-racial, Post-feminist Society?: Black Women and the Negotiation of Race and Gender.” Fall 2012.

Augusta Scescke, University Honors Program. “Crafting Culture: Appalachian Quilters and the Gendered Cultural Meanings of Quilting.” Spring 2012.

Stephanie Gomez, McNair Scholars Program. “‘Tu Mama’s a What?’: Exploring the Coming-Out Process for Latina LBQ Mothers.” Spring 2012.

Cassandra Cantú. “The Contextual Bases of Masculinity: Men’s Sexual Violence against Women in the U.S. Military.” Independent Study. Fall 2011. (Resulting coauthored paper presented at ASA Annual Meeting, August 2012).

Juan Ibarra Flores, McNair Scholars Program. “Undocumented Students and Higher Education: The Role of High School Counselors.” Spring 2010.

Pam Buschbacher, University Honors Program. “What we Need: Effectiveness of NEIU Policy and Service Providers in Addressing Violence in Women Students’ Lives.” Fall 2009.

Awards and Grants

“The Outstanding Names in Instruction (TONI)—Individualized Instruction, Supervision, or Mentorship” Award. Spring 2026. College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

“Excellence in Leadership” Award. Spring 2024. Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida.

College of Sciences Nominee for “UCF Excellence in Faculty Academic Advising” award. Dec. 2023. College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

“Outstanding Instruction” award for “Individualized Instruction, Supervision, or Mentorship.” Spring 2023. College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) Award. 2022. University of Central Florida.

Martha Thompson Outstanding Faculty Award. 2015-2016 Academic Year. Northeastern Illinois University.

Student Choice Award. 2012-2013 Academic Year. Northeastern Illinois University.

Faculty Excellence Award for teaching. 2008-2009 Academic Year. Northeastern Illinois University.

NEIU Research Community Grant, 2007-2008 academic year: \$5000
(with Shelley Bannister, Nancy Matthews, and Laurie S. Fuller)

Publications: Book

Thompson, Martha E. and **Michael Armato**. 2012. *Investigating Gender: Developing a Feminist Sociological Imagination*. Cambridge, UK/Malden, MA: Polity Press.
Reviewed in *Sex Roles*, *Feminist Collections*, *Feminism & Psychology*, and *Gender & Education* (all reviews favorable to the textbook).

Publications: Articles

Bannister, Shelley, **Michael Armato**, Laurie Fuller, and Nancy Matthews. 2015. “Gendered Violence and Interruptions to Education.” *International Journal of Education and Social Science*, 2 (2): 45-54.

Armato, Michael. 2013. “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing: Men’s Enlightened Sexism & Hegemonic Masculinity in Academia.” *Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 42 (5): 578-598.

Armato, Michael, Laurie Fuller, Nancy A. Matthews & Erica R. Meiners. 2013. “Pedagogical Engagements: Feminist Resistance to the Militarization of Education.” *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*, 35 (2): 103-126.

Armato, Michael. 2012. "Striving to be Queer: Challenging Inequality from Positions of Privilege." Pp 66-83 in *Transforming the Ivory Tower: Challenging Racism, Sexism and Homophobia in the Academy*, edited by Brett Stockdill and Mary Danico. University of Hawaii Press.

Armato, Michael and William Marsiglio. 2002. "Self Structure, Identity, and Commitment: Promise Keepers' Godly Man Project." *Symbolic Interaction*, 25 (1): 41-65.

Armato, Michael and Neal Caren. 2002. "Mobilizing the Single Case Study: Doug McAdam's *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970*." *Qualitative Sociology*, 25 (1): 93-103.

O'Brien, Eileen and **Michael Armato**. 2001 "Building Connections between Antiracism and Feminism: Antiracist Whites and Profeminist Men." Pp. 277-294 in *Feminism and Antiracism: International Struggles for Justice*, edited by France Winddance Twine and Kathleen M. Blee. NY: NYU Press.

Book Reviews

Armato, Michael. 2015. Book review of *Manhood Acts* by Michael Schwalbe. *Contemporary Sociology*, 44 (5): 706-7.

Armato, Michael. 2012. Book Review: *Of War and Men* by Ralph LaRossa. *Social Forces* September 2012.

Invited Presentations

Armato, Michael, Keynote Speaker, "Who's the Man?: Institutional Hierarchies & the Reproduction of Inequality." AKD Induction Ceremony, St. Leo University. St. Leo, FL. March 2023

Armato, Michael, "Gender & Inclusion." Annual Diversity Symposium. William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL. October 30, 2015.

Armato, Michael, Panelist, "A Cop, A Lawyer, & A Sociologist: A conversation covering race, police practices, and social justice." University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. July 2015.

Armato, Michael. "Negotiating Masculinity in the Academe." Presentation at Minority Faculty Fellowship event. William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL. April 17, 2015.

Armato, Michael. Consulting Panelist. "What is 'Urban' in Urban Ministry?" Revitalizing Urban Ministry in Theological Education, Consultation I. A Project of the Center for the Study and Practice of Urban Religion (C-SPUR) at New York Theological Seminary. Chicago Theological Seminary. October 29-30, 2014.

Armato, Michael. Workshop Panelist: "Transforming the Ivory Tower: Challenging Racism, Sexism and Homophobia in the Academy," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, March 2012.

Armato, Michael. Panelist, *Miss Representation* film viewing and discussion, Talking Pictures Festival, Evanston, IL, March 2012.

Armato, Michael. Panelist, “Remapping Albany Park (Chicago): What Can we Learn?” Experience the World in Albany Park—Globalization in our Backyard, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Armato, Michael, Shelley Bannister, Laurie S. Fuller, and Nancy Matthews (alphabetical listing of co-presenters). “Effects of Violence on Students’ Retention at NEIU.” Presentation to President’s Administrative Team, Northeastern Illinois University, April 2010.

Armato, Michael, Shelley Bannister, Laurie S. Fuller, and Nancy Matthews (alphabetical listing of co-presenters). “Effects of Violence on Students’ Retention at NEIU.” Presentation to campus service providers, Northeastern Illinois University, December 2009.

Armato, Michael. Panelist, *Contexts* Town Hall Meeting: “Public Sociology: Challenges & Strategies.” Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.

Armato, Michael. “Profeminist Men.” State University of New York, Brockport, NY. October 2001.

Professional Conference Presentations

Armato, Michael. “Donald Trump, Bill O’Reilly, & Harvey Weinstein: Media Framings of Masculinity.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Dennis, Alexis and **Michael Armato.** “Post-racial, Post-feminist Society?: Black Women and the Negotiation of Race and Gender.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2013.

Armato, Michael and Cassandra Cantú. “The Contextual Bases of Masculinity: Men’s Sexual Violence against Women in the U.S. Military.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, August 2012.

Thompson, Martha E. and **Michael Armato.** “Teaching the Feminist Sociological Imagination: Imagining the Ideal while Implementing the Imperfect.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, March 2012.

Armato, Michael, Shelley Bannister, Laurie S. Fuller, and Nancy Matthews. “Gendering our Understanding of Violence: Violence against Male Students and its Academic Implications.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March 2011.

Armato, Michael. “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing: Men’s Enlightened Sexism & Hegemonic Masculinity in Academia.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2010.

Armato, Michael. “Striving to be Queer: How a White, Heterosexual Man Challenges Inequality in the Academe.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.

Armato, Michael, Shelley Bannister, María Frances, Laurie S. Fuller, Nancy Matthews, and Annum Qureshi “Effects of violence on women’s retention at NEIU and assessment of related campus responses.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2009.

Armato, Michael. “Emotional Men and Defensive Mothers: Gender Boundaries in 3 Civic Associations.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, August 2007.

Armato, Michael. “Place, Class, Race and Ethnicity: Community and the Challenge of Boundaries.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2007.

Armato, Michael “Gender and Civic Associations.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2004.

Armato, Michael. “Salvaging Manhood: Contemporary Men and Gender Projects in Small Groups.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2002.

Goodwin, Jeff and **Michael Armato**. “Voice or Money?: Explaining Support for Unionization Among Graduate Students at New York University.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2002.

Armato, Michael and Neal Caren. “Mobilizing Science?: Doug McAdam’s Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2000.

Eileen O’Brien and **Michael Armato**. “‘Race Traitors’ and ‘Fags’: The Lives and Organizations of White Antiracist and Male Antisexist Activists.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 1999.

Armato, Michael and William Marsiglio. “Self Structure, Identity, and Commitment: Promise Keepers’ Godly Man Project.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 1998.

Armato, Michael and William Marsiglio. “Godly men at home: Promise Keepers’ Father Identity.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 1998.

Armato, Michael. “Identity work among Promise Keepers: The Godly Man Project.” American Men’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Youngstown, PA, March 1998.

Armato, Michael. “Medicaid Enrollment Rate Variations Within the Latino Population of the US.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Richmond, VA. March 1996.

Select Service Activities

University of Central Florida (2016-Present)

Invited panelist for "Igniting Impact: It Starts with Me," an event to commemorate the timeless principles of Martin Luther King Jr. during CDE week. January 2024.

Invited Panelist, The 7th Annual MASS Student Success Conference (UCF), Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL. (Sept. 2019)

Director, Sociology BA/BS Programs, summer 2019-summer 2024

Director, Social Sciences B.S. Program, summer 2018-summer 2024

Reviewer, College of Sciences Program Assessment Committee, fall 2016-spring 2019

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Sociology Dept.), fall 2019-present

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Sociology Dept.), fall 2016-present

Data Analysis Symposium Judge (Sociology Dept.), spring 2017, spring 2018

Member, PRIDE Faculty & Staff Association, fall 2016-present

Northeastern Illinois University (2006-2016)

In Leadership Position

Chair, Department Program Review Committee, Department of Sociology, fall 2014-present

Invited Presenter (with Department Chair) in my role as Program Review Committee Chair, "Collecting Assessment Data." Assessment Showcase Workshop, Northeastern Illinois University, spring 2015

Executive Board Member, University Professionals of Illinois, Northeastern Illinois Chapter. 2012-present

Chair, Department Search & Screen Committee, Department of Sociology, fall 2012-spring 2013

Member, Nontraditional Degree Programs Advisory Council, spring 2007-present (Secretary for Council, spring 2007-spring 2013)

Vice Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, spring 2010

Other University Service

Participant, Program Planning Retreat, University Honors Program, Feb 2015

Core Faculty member, Women's & Gender Studies Program, 2007-2016

Member, Department Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, fall 2006-2016

Member, Excellence Awards Committee for work conducted in 2009-2010, fall 2011

Women's & Gender Studies Program, Seminar portfolio evaluator 2008-2012, 2015

Member, Black Male Student Achievement Committee, fall 2012

Women's & Gender Studies Program, Department Personnel Committee, fall 2010

Women's Studies Program, Task Force on NEIU Women's Center and LGTQ Center, fall 2010-spring 2011

Member, Solidarity Committee, University Professionals of Illinois, fall 2010-spring 2011

Member, Communications Committee, University Professionals of Illinois, fall 2010-fall 2011

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, spring 2007-fall 2011

Department representative, University Professionals of Illinois, fall 2010-2016

Secretary, Department Search & Screen Committee, Department of Sociology, 2006-07, 2007-08

Member, Department Search & Screen Committee, Department of Social Work, fall 2007-spring 2008

Member, Department Search & Screen Committee, Department of Social Work, spring 2007

Campus White Ribbon Campaign participant, 2007-2010

Faculty sponsor, Sociology Club's "Café Society" student discussion events, fall 2006-spring 2013

Faculty Facilitator, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, "Media & Rape Culture Exposed" event, spring 2009

Faculty Discussant, Women's Studies Student Paper Symposium, April 2012

Faculty Panel Discussant, *Invisible War* film discussion, fall 2012

Faculty Discussant, Women's Studies Student Paper Symposium, April 2008

Co-advisor, Students Against War, spring-fall 2007

University Without Walls Program, student portfolio evaluator for 2 students

Website editor, Department of Sociology, fall 2007-spring 2013

Professional Service

Panel Discussant. "Hobbling Florida's Public Universities: Conservative Policies and the Legislative Capture of Higher Education." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, April 2026.

Anonymous (double-blind) peer reviewer, *Men & Masculinities*, 2023.

Anonymous (double-blind) peer reviewer, *Teaching Sociology*, 2020.

Anonymous (double-blind) peer reviewer, *Mobilization*, 2015.

Organizer, Presider, & Discussant, Masculinities Session, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, March 2014.

Anonymous (double-blind) peer reviewer, *Radical Pedagogy*, 2013.

Presider, Author-Meets-Critic Session for *For the Family? How Class and Gender Shape Women's Work* by Sarah Damaske. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, March 2012.

Anonymous (double-blind) peer reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 2009, 2010.

Organizer, Hegemonic Masculinities Session, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.

Organizer, Marginalized Masculinities Session, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.

Member, Program Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, March 2008.

Member, National Women's Studies Association video committee (2007).

Assistant Editor, *Contexts* magazine, fall 2004-spring 2006.

Research Grants

NEIU General Travel Fund recipient: 2008, 2009, 2012, 2016

Professional Membership

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

Other Professional Skills

Proficient in Spanish language in both written and oral communication.

Proficient in learning-technology software packages (e.g., Canvas, Blackboard, Desire2Learn).

Expert in Microsoft Office (Windows & Mac platforms) and an array of other business-productivity software packages.

References

Available upon request.