

# CAITLYN COLLINS

Department of Sociology · Washington University in St. Louis  
1 Brookings Drive · CB 1112 · St. Louis, Missouri 63130  
c.collins@wustl.edu · 314-935-4189 · caitlyncollins.com

## EMPLOYMENT

---

2016- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

## EDUCATION

---

2016 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (*Portfolio in Women's & Gender Studies*)  
2012 M.A. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin  
2008 B.A. Sociology, Whitman College (*Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

Gender inequality, work and organizations, families, social policy, qualitative methods

## PUBLICATIONS

---

### BOOK:

2019 Collins, Caitlyn. *Making Motherhood Work: How Women Manage Careers and Caregiving*.  
Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

REVIEWS: *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Publisher's Weekly*

PRESS: *ABC*, *Al Jazeera*, *The Atlantic*, *CNBC*, *Forbes*, *Good Morning America*, *The Guardian*, *Medium*, *New York Times*, *NPR*, *Parents Magazine*, *Politico*, *Psychology Today*, *Scientific American*, *Slate*, *USA Today*, *Vox*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

2017 Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, and Javier Auyero. "A Proposal for Public Sociology as Localized Intervention and Collective Enterprise: The Makings and Impact of *Invisible in Austin*." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(2):191-214.

2015 Rudrappa, Sharmila and Caitlyn Collins. "Altruistic Agencies and Compassionate Consumers: Moral Framing of Transnational Surrogacy." *Gender & Society* 29(6):937-959.

2013 Pudrovskaya, Tetyana, Deb Carr, Michael McFarland, and Caitlyn Collins. "Higher-Status Occupations and Breast Cancer: A Life-Course Stress Approach." *Social Science & Medicine* 89:53-61.

- 2011 Janning, Michelle, Caitlyn Collins, and Jacqueline Kamm. "Gender, Space, and Objects in Divorced Families." *Michigan Family Review* 15(1):35-58.
- 2010 Janning, Michelle, Jill Laney, and Caitlyn Collins. "Spatial and Temporal Arrangements, Parental Authority, and Young Adults' Post-Divorce Experiences." *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage* 51(7):413-427.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2018 Collins, Caitlyn. "The Promise and Limits of Work-Family Supports in a Shifting Policy Landscape: A Double Bind for Working Mothers in Western Germany." Pp. 141-167 in *Contemporary Parenting and Parenthood: From News Headlines to New Research*, ed. Michelle Janning. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press.
- 2018 Collins, Caitlyn and Jennifer Glass. "Effects of Work-Family Policies on Parenthood and Wellbeing." Pp. 337-349 in *Handbook of Child and Family Policy*, ed. Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
- 2015 Collins, Caitlyn. "The Difference between a Cocktail Waitress and a Stripper? Two Weeks." Pp. 115-137 in *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City*, ed. Javier Auyero. Austin: University of Texas Press.

REVIEWS AND PRESS: *Contemporary Sociology*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *The Guardian*, *Bloomberg Business*, *Booklist*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *The Daily Texan*, *Texas Observer*, *Texas Monthly*.

- 2010 Collins, Caitlyn and Michelle Janning. "The Stuff at Mom's House and the Stuff at Dad's House: The Material Consumption of Divorce for Adolescents." Pp. 163-177 in *Childhood and Consumer Culture*, ed. David Buckingham and Vebjørng Tingstad. Hampshire, England: Palgrave Macmillan.

REPRINTED: *Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families* (2018), 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Edited by Susan Ferguson. New York: Sage.

#### PAPERS IN PROGRESS:

"Understanding Work-Family Policy and Mothers' Work-Family Conflict: A Cross-National Interview Study." Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

"Is Maternal Guilt a Cross-National Experience?" Revise and Resubmit, *Qualitative Sociology*.

"Revisiting the Chicago School: Poverty, Welfare Policy, and the Politics of Marriage in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century America." Invited chapter for *The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School of Sociology for Contemporary Urban Studies*, ed. Dennis Rodgers and Gareth Jones.

"A Right or a Privilege? Women's Perceptions of Work-Family Policy Supports."

"The Birth of the Motherhood Penalty: Pregnancy Announcements at Work." with Ellie Zimmerman

"A Substitute for You"? The Moral Meanings of Domestic Outsourcing." with Rachel Hellman

## BOOK REVIEWS:

- FORTH-COMING Collins, Caitlyn. *Commuter Spouses: New Families in a Changing World* by Danielle Lindemann. 2019. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- Collins, Caitlyn. *The Lives of Stay-At-Home Fathers: Masculinity, Carework and Fatherhood in the United States* by Catherine Richards Solomon. 2017. Bingley, UK: Emerald. *Men and Masculinities*.
- 2018 Collins, Caitlyn. *The Balance Gap: Working Mothers and the Limits of the Law* by Sarah Cote Hampson. 2017. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press. *Political Science Quarterly* 133(3):587-589.
- 2017 Collins, Caitlyn. *Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies* by Heather Jacobson. 2016. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. *Gender & Society* 31(5):699-701.
- 2011 Collins, Caitlyn. *Unanticipated Gains: Origins of Network Equality in Everyday Life* by Mario Luis Small. 2009. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. *Sociological Insight* 3:172-174.

## GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

---

### NATIONAL:

- 2019 Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; administered by Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (\$17,500)
- 2018 Work and Family Researchers Network Early Career Fellow
- 2015-16 American Association of University Women, American Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2014-15 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$11,785)
- 2015 German Academic Exchange Service, Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates (\$3,500)
- 2014 Work and Family Researchers Network, Conference Scholarship & Travel Award

### UNIVERSITY:

- 2018-19 Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (\$9,800)
- 2017-18 Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development Grant, The Divided City Initiative, with David Cunningham and Patty Heyda, Washington University in St. Louis (funded by Mellon Foundation, \$19,970)
- 2015-16 College of Liberal Arts Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (\$10,000)
- 2015 Best Dissertation Award, Center for Women's & Gender Studies, UT Austin
- Sociology Department Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (\$10,000)

- 2015 European Union's PhD Research Grant on EU Public Policy, Center for European Studies, UT Austin (\$4,000)  
Urban Ethnography Lab Field Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$3,000)
- 2014 European Union's PhD Research Grant on EU Public Policy, Center for European Studies, UT Austin (\$4,000)  
Urban Ethnography Lab Field Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$3,000)  
Research Travel Fellowship, UT Austin (\$3,500)
- 2013 Swedish Council of America's Swedish Excellence Endowment Scholarship (\$3,000)  
Distinction in Comprehensive Exams in Gender, Sociology Department, UT Austin  
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, UT Austin (\$4,000)
- 2012 Departmental Fellowship, UT Austin (\$5,000)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

---

- 2014-16 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Marriage & Family*.
- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Work & Care Research Group, Berlin Social Science Center (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, WZB). Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, Roma Tre University. Rome, Italy.
- 2013 Visiting Researcher, Linnaeus Center for Social Policy and Family Dynamics in Europe (SPaDE), Stockholm University. Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2012-16 Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT Austin.
- 2011 Visiting Researcher, Institute for Family-Focused Research and Policy Services (FamilienForschung). Stuttgart, Germany.

## INVITED TALKS

---

### NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL:

- 2019 *Making Motherhood Work: How Women Manage Careers and Caregiving*.
- Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (October)
  - Department of Sociology, Northeastern University (October)
  - Department of Sociology, Tufts University (October)
  - Department of Sociology, University of Georgia (September)
  - Author Meets Critics, 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Work and Family, IESE Business School, Barcelona (July)
  - Center for Demographic and Social Analysis (CDASA), University of California-Irvine (May)

- School of Social Sciences, University of California-Irvine (May)
  - Department of Sociology, University of California-Santa Barbara (May)
  - School of Public Health, Portland State University (May)
  - Department of Sociology, Hunter College and the Graduate Center (May)
  - Urban Ethnography Lab, University of Texas at Austin (April)
  - Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (April)
  - Life Course Center, University of Minnesota (March)
  - 2018 · Department of Sociology, Whitman College (October)
  - Department of Sociology, University of North Texas (October)
  - 2017 · Department of Social Work, University of Iceland (February)
- “Poverty, U.S. Welfare Policy, and the Politics of Marriage.” Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam.
- “The Politics of Poverty.” Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015 “Getting Published: Insights from *Journal of Marriage and Family*.” Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 “Methodological Challenges in Cross-National Qualitative Research.” Department of Political Science, Roma Tre University. Rome, Italy.
- 2012 “How Culture and Policy Impact the Lives of Working Mothers in Germany.” Working Moms Munich. Munich, Germany.

**LOCAL:**

- 2019 *Making Motherhood Work: How Women Manage Careers and Caregiving*.
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Series, Schnuck Markets, Inc. (May)
  - Faculty Book Talk Series, Washington University in St. Louis (April)
  - Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO (February)
- 2018 “Sexual Harassment and the #MeToo Movement.” Campus Diversity Collaborative. Washington University in St. Louis.
- “Composing a Life: Women Inspiring Women.” Women’s Society, Washington University.
- “Work-Family Policies in Europe and the US.” Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy.
- 2017 “Impact Panel.” OWN IT Wash U: Women’s Leadership Summit. Washington University in St. Louis.
- “The Impact of Women’s Movements on Women at Work.” Women’s Law Initiative and Women & Engineering Alumnae Panel. Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2015-17 *Invisible in Austin* book talks at: League of Women Voters, Texas Book Festival, Austin Opportunity Forum, Austin Community College, Dripping Springs High School,

Humanities Texas Book Festival, Moody College of Communication, UT Press Advisory Council, KOOP Radio, BookPeople.

## PRESENTATIONS

---

- 2019 “The Birth of the Motherhood Penalty: Pregnancy Announcements at Work” (with Elena Zimmerman). Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section Session at American Sociological Association meeting (New York, August).
- “A Substitute for You: The Moral Meanings of Domestic Outsourcing.” (with Rachel Hellman). Family and Work Regular Session at American Sociological Association meeting (New York, August).
- “A Right or a Privilege? A Cross-National Interview Study of Mothers’ Perceptions of Work-Family Policy Supports.” Transforming Care Conference (Copenhagen, June).
- 2018 “A Right or a Privilege? Women’s Perceptions of Work-Family Policy Supports.” Work and Family Research Network meeting (Washington, DC, June).
- 2017 “Is Intensive Mothering a Cross-National Ideology? A Qualitative Study of Maternal Guilt in Western Welfare States.” Family Section Session at American Sociological Association meeting (Montreal, August).
- “Understanding the Black Box of Work-Family Policy: A Cross-National Qualitative Study of Mothers’ Work-Family Conflict.” Community, Work & Family Conference (Milan, May).
- “Intersectionality and Sampling Design in Comparative Qualitative Research.” Sociologists for Women in Society meeting (Albuquerque, February).
- 2016 “Government and Employer-Provided Work-Family Policies in Context: Evidence from a Cross-National Interview Study of Working Mothers.” Work and Family Researchers Network Conference (Washington DC, June).
- 2015 “Work-Family Policies and Working Mothers: A Comparative Study of Germany, Sweden, Italy, and the United States.” Sex and Gender Section Session at American Sociological Association meeting (Chicago, August).
- 2014 “Work-Family Balance in a Dual Earner-Carer Society: Working Mothers and Social Policy in Sweden.” American Sociological Association meeting (San Francisco, August).
- 2013-14 “I Want to Work but They Call Me a Raven Mother’: The Promise and Limits of Family Policy for Working Mothers in Western Germany.”
- Work and Family Researchers Network Conference (New York City, June)
  - American Sociological Association meeting (New York City, August)
- 2007-08 “The Stuff at Mom’s House and the Stuff at Dad’s House: The Material Consumption of Divorce for Adolescents” (with Michelle Janning).
- International Conference on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Child and Teen Consumption, Norwegian Centre for Child Research (Trondheim, Norway, April)

- Pacific Sociological Association meeting (Portland, April)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems meeting (New York City, August)

## TEACHING

---

- 2016- Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Sociology
- Social Inequality in America
  - Gender in Society
  - In\Visible St. Louis: People, Place, and Power in the Divided City (with David Cunningham and Patty Heyda)
- 2014 University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology
- Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in US Society

## SERVICE

---

### DISCIPLINE:

REVIEWER: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Community Work & Family, Demography, Gender & Society, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Marriage and Family, Law & Social Inquiry, Population Research and Policy Review, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Socius*

2020-22 Editorial Board Member, *Contemporary Sociology*

2017-20 Elected Council Member, ASA Sex and Gender Section

- Chair, Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2018-19)
- Co-Chair, Membership Committee (with Erin Cech) (2017-18)

2019 Session Presider, "Reproductive Health," Sociologists for Women in Society Meeting

2018 Review Committee, Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research, Center for Families, Purdue University

2017 Session Presider, "Work and Family," ASA Meeting, Sex and Gender Section

2016 Session Co-Organizer, "Reorganizing Work for Gender Equality" (with Lena Hipp), Work and Family Researchers Network meeting, Washington D.C.

2014-15 Communications Coordinator, ASA Family Section

2013-14 Program Committee Member, ASA Sex and Gender Section

Session Co-Organizer, "Gender and Economic Inequality" (with Jaita Talukdar), ASA Sex and Gender Section

### DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY:

2019 Selection Committee, Arnold Lien Scholarship Program (full merit-based undergraduate scholarships), Washington University in St. Louis

2018 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

2016-18 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

2016- Executive Committee, Trans-Atlantic Forum, Washington University in St. Louis

## **MEDIA COMMENTARY**

---

2019 Collins, Caitlyn. “Why American Moms Can’t Get Enough Expert Parenting Advice,” *The Atlantic*, May 12.

Collins, Caitlyn. “The Real Mommy War is Against the State.” *New York Times*, Feb. 9.

2018 Collins, Caitlyn. “Americans Love Seeing Swedish Dads Out With Their Kids. This is a Problem.” *Slate*, April 11.

2017 Collins, Caitlyn. “In Germany, Parents Can Sue the Government for Failing to Provide Child Care.” *The Atlantic*, Jan. 10.

2017 Collins, Caitlyn. 2017. “The Public and Private Logics of Child Care in Germany and the United States.” Basic Facts, Scholars Strategy Network, July 17.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

---

American Sociological Association

Council for Contemporary Families

National Women’s Studies Association

Population Association of America

Scholars Strategy Network

Sociologists for Women in Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Work and Family Researchers Network