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Education

University of Oregon
Ph.D., Sociology, (expected 2022)
Certificates: New Media & Culture, Teaching Engagement

Dissertation: *The Silicone Self: An Ethnography of the Love & Sex Doll Community*
Committee: C.J. Pascoe (chair), Kemi Balogun, Ryan Light and Colin Koopman (philosophy)

Kent State University
M.A., Sociology, 2017

Thesis: *Why Talk When You Can Swipe? A Qualitative Investigation of College Heterosexuals using Smartphones to Hookup and Date*
Committee: Clare L. Stacey (chair), Susan Fisk and Kristen Marcussen

Seattle University
B.A., Honors Sociology, 2015 *Magna Cum Laude*
Minor: Women and Gender Studies

Thesis: *Monogamy Commitments and Contradictions among Young Heterosexual Men*
Committee: Jodi O'Brien (chair), Mark Cohan and Julie Harms-Cannon

Seattle Central Community College
A.A., 2013 *President's List*

Areas of Interest

Sexualities; Social-Psychology; Contemporary Social Theory; Men & Masculinities; Deviance;
Gender; Digital Sociology; New Media; Science Knowledge & Technology; Teaching Sociology

Refereed Publications

Hanson, Kenneth R. *Online First* “Collective Exclusion: How White Heterosexual Dating App Norms Reproduce Status Quo Hookup Culture.” *Sociological Inquiry*.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/soin.12426>

Stacey, Clare L., Kenneth R. Hanson, and Meghan A. Novisky. 2021. “From Doers to Donors: Sociology Students’ Perceptions of Experiential Philanthropy.” *Sociological Focus*, 54(2):153-166.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00380237.2021.1895012>

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2021. “Becoming a (Gendered) Dating App User: An Analysis of How Heterosexual College Students Navigate Deception and Interactional Ambiguity on Dating Apps.” *Sexuality & Culture*, 25(1):75-92. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09758-w>

Book Reviews

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2020. Review of the book *Masculinities, Sexualities and Love* by Aliraza Javaid. *Gender & Society*, 34(5):873-875. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243220943672>

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2020. Review of the book *Camming: Money, Power, and Pleasure in the Sex Work Industry* by Angela Jones. *Men & Masculinities*, 23(3-4):791-793.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X20925529>

In Progress Papers & Projects

Hanson, Kenneth R., and Alexis Smiley Smith. *Under Review* “Cybrothel: A Case Study of Kokeshi, The World’s Fist Analog A.I. Sex Worker.” [PDF available upon request]

Winner – 6th International Congress on Love and Sex with Robots Best Presentation Award

Hanson, Kenneth R. *Revise & Resubmit (revising)*. “The Silicone Self: Examining Sexual Selfhood and Stigma within the Love and Sex Doll Community.” [PDF available upon request]

Hanson, Kenneth R., C.J. Pascoe, and Ryan Light. *In Preparation*. “It’s getting difficult to be a white straight man in the modern world. Hear me the fuck out before I get downvoted.” Using Content Analysis to Examine the Discursive Intersections of Masculinity Threat on Reddit’s r/unpopularopinion.”

Other Works

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2021. “At least I have company.” Contribution published in ASA Sexualities Winter/Spring 2021 Newsletter.

Lindner, Andrew M., Jenny L. Davis, Tyler Burgese, Phoenicia Fares, Kenneth R. Hanson, Tyler Leeds, Rocio Leon, and Muyang Li. 2021. “Now More than Ever: CITAMS’s Contributions to A Pandemic Society.” *Information, Communication & Society*, 24(5):627-632.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2021.1878254>

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2020. "Do People Dream of Silicone Soulmates?" Exhibit published in *Omeka*, Eugene, OR: New Media & Culture Blog.
(<http://uonewmediaculture.com/showcase/exhibits/show/a-material-history-of-love-sex>)

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2017. "Aging Toward Disaster." *Contexts*, 16(4):74-76.
(<https://doi.org/10.1177/1536504217742399>)

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2017. "Facebook Media Conglomerate." Image published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations for Sociology*, Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
(<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2017. "Sorting Sexual Scripts." Class Activity published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations for Sociology*, Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
(<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Research Experience & Training

University of Oregon
Graduate Research Assistant for C.J. Pascoe, 2020-2021
Dedoose Workshop hosted by Eli Lieber, Co-founder and CEO, 2019

Kent State University
Graduate Research Assistant for Clare L. Stacey, 2016-2017
Graduate Research Assistant for Susan Fisk, 2015-2016

Grants & Awards

\$50 University of Oregon Department of Sociology Small Grant Award, 2020
\$750 Research Award for Data Collection and Presentation, 2020
\$1,000 Lawrence Carter Graduate Student Research Award, 2020
\$100 University of Oregon Department of Sociology Small Grant Award, 2019
\$2,500 Marquina Graduate Grant, 2019

Editorial Experience

Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World
Managing Editor, 2019-Present
Social Media Manager, 2019-Present

Information, Communication & Society
Student Editor of "ICS Special Issue: Now more than ever: CITAMS's contributions to a pandemic society, 2020-2021

Pearson Education Company
Test bank editor for REVEL Software: Accompanying text, "Essentials of Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach" by James M. Henslin.

Professional Service to the Discipline

Love and Sex with Robots Congress

Panelist, with Markie Twist, Kino Coursey, Lara Karian, “Plastic Futures.” Moderator: Simon Dubé. 6th International Congress on Love & Sex with Robots. Virtual Conference. 2021

Pacific Sociological Association

Panel Organizer, “Academic Jargon or Mainstream Technology? A discussion of Terms Related to Sex, Gender, Race, and Technology.” Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. 2020

Section Presider, “Sexualities: Identities and Practices III.” 2018

Section Presider, “Sexualities: Dating.” 2017

Invited Presentations

Hanson, Kenneth R., and Alexis Smiley Smith. 2021. “Cybrothel: A Case Study of Kokeshi, The World’s First Analog A.I. Sex Worker.” 6th International Congress on Love & Sex with Robots. Virtual Conference.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2021. “Do People Dream of Silicone Soulmates?” New Media & Culture *Omeka* Panel, University of Oregon. Eugene, OR.

Select Professional Presentations

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2021. “The Silicone Self: Sexual Fantasy, Desire, and Self-Conceptualization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2021. “The Silicone Self: Sexual Fantasy, Sexual Desire, and Self-Conceptualization.” University of Oregon Department of Sociology Colloquium. Eugene, OR.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2020. “The Dating App Situation.” Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2019. “Little Things: What Dating App User Preferences Reveal about Authentic Self-Presentations.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Oakland, CA.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2018. “Reality Virtual: Exploring Sexuality as a Context for Truth about Masculinity on Reddit.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2017. “Why Talk When You Can Swipe? A Qualitative Investigation of College Heterosexuals Using Smartphones to Hookup and Date.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

Hanson, Kenneth R. 2016. “Monogamy Commitments and Contradictions among Young Heterosexual Men.” 5th International Conference on the Future of Monogamy and Nonmonogamy. Berkeley, CA.

Service to the Institution

University of Oregon

Graduate Advocate, 2018-2020

GTFF 3544 Steward, 2017-2018

Kent State University

Graduate Student Advisor for Sociology Scholars Undergraduate Research Collective, 2016-2017

Master's Graduate Representative for Student Academic Complaint Committee, 2016-2017

Master's Graduate Representative for Faculty Advisory Committee, 2016-2017

Media Coverage

The Baltimore Watchdog

Interviewed for "More isn't always better: Dating app users face swiping fatigue" by Travis Armbruster and Roshan Davis, 2020

The Kent Stater

Interviewed for "The Sex Issue: The Kent Stater Valentine's Day Special" by Nicholas Hunter, 2019

The Burr Magazine

Interviewed for "harder than goodbye" by Rebecca Dawidzak, 2017

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record

University of Oregon

Sex & Society, SOC 457 (online remote) [Summer 2021]

Self & Society, SOC 328 (in person) [Fall 2018; Summer 2019]

Sociology of Mass Media, SOC 317 (in person) [Spring 2018; Spring 2019]

Additional Pedagogy Training & Teaching Experience

University of Oregon Teaching Engagement Project Workshop Attendance

Difficult Dialogues [Winter 2020]

Writing an Effective Teaching Statement [Winter 2019]

Teaching Toward Inclusion and Belonging [Fall 2019]

Making the Most of Mid-Term Feedback [Fall 2018]

Teaching as the Sole Instructor [Spring 2018]

University of Oregon Teaching Assistance

Sociological Theory, SOC 310 [Winter 2019]

Sociology of the Family, SOC 330 [Winter 2018]

Social Inequalities, SOC 207 [Fall 2017]

Kent State University Teaching Assistance

Social Problems, SOC 22778 [Spring 2017]

Introduction to Sociology, SOC 12050 [Fall 2015; Spring 2016]

Undergraduate Advising, Letter Writing, and Professional Reference

Ilene Morrissette (2021)

Lexi Kennedy (2020)

Carter MacWilliamson (2020)

Samantha E. Cruz (2020)

Carley E. Weixelman (2019)

Zach Goodenough (2019)

Alaina Kahre (2019)
Roxi Holt (2019)

Current Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Pacific Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Ad Hoc Reviewer History

Communication, Information & Society
Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace
Feminist Media Studies
New Media & Society
Social Problems
Sociological Inquiry

Professional References

C.J. Pascoe
Associate Professor of Sociology
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Co-Editor, Socius: Sociological Research for A Dynamic World
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