

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Brian Donovan**

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Northwestern University, 2001  
B.A. Sociology, Highest Honors, University of California-Berkeley, 1994

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, 2019-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, 2008-2018  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, 2001-2008

### **Books**

Donovan, Brian, *American Gold Digger: Money, Marriage, and Law from the Ziegfeld Follies to Anna Nicole Smith*. University of North Carolina Press (forthcoming, expected Nov. 2020).

Donovan, Brian. 2016. *Respectability on Trial: Sex Crimes in New York City, 1900-1918*. New York: State University of New York Press.

Donovan, Brian. 2006. *White Slave Crusades: Race, Gender, and Anti-Vice Activism, 1887-1917*. Champaign: University of Illinois Press.

### **Journal Articles**

Ternes, Brock and Brian Donovan. 2020. "Hydrologic Habitus: Wells, Watering Practices, and Water Supply Infrastructure," *Nature and Culture* Spring (15:1): 32-53.

Donovan, Brian. 2017. "Alimony Panic, Gold Diggers, and the Cultural Foundations of Early Twentieth-century Marriage Reform in the United States" *Journal of Family History* (42:2): 111-127.

Donovan, Brian and Tori Barnes-Brus. 2011. "Narratives of Sexual Consent and Sexual Coercion: Forced Prostitution Trials in Progressive-Era New York City." *Law and Social Inquiry* (36:3): 597-619.

Donovan, Brian. 2005. "Gender Inequality and Criminal Seduction: Prosecuting Sexual Coercion in the Early Twentieth Century." *Law and Social Inquiry* (30):61-88.

Donovan, Brian. 2003. "The Sexual Basis of Racial Formation: Anti-Vice Activism and the Creation of the Twentieth-Century Color Line." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (26):708-28.

Donovan, Brian. 1998. "Political Consequences of Private Authority: Promise Keepers and the Transformation of Hegemonic Masculinity." *Theory and Society* (28):817-43.

Donovan, Brian. 1995. "Framing and Strategy: Explaining Differential Mobilization in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League." *Sociological Inquiry* (65):143-55.

### **Works Submitted or Ready for Submission**

Article manuscript, Donovan, Brian and Elyse Neumann, "Fame Bridging, Stereotypes, and the Cultural Work of Anna Nicole Smith" (revised and resubmitted to *Celebrity Studies*)

Article manuscript Donovan, Brian, "Tort Tales, Folk Devils, and the Crusade against 'Heart Balm' Laws in the 1930s United States" (under review at *Journal of Family History*)

Donovan, Brian and Tori Barnes-Brus, Article manuscript in preparation: "Murderous Midwives: Prosecuting Abortion in the Early Twentieth Century"

### **Minor Publications**

Donovan, Brian. *The New England Watch and Ward Society*. By P.C. Kemeny. 2018. *New England Quarterly* (Dec. 2018): 708-710.

Donovan, Brian. *Gross Misbehavior and Wickedness: A Notorious Divorce in Early Twentieth Century America*. By Jean Elson. 2017. *History: Reviews of New Books* (46:4) (July 2018): 96-97.

Donovan, Brian. 2018. Review of *Control and Protect: Collaboration, Carceral Protection, and Domestic Sex Trafficking in the United States*. By Jennifer Musto. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 348-350.

Donovan, Brian. 2017. Review of *Territories of the Soul: Queered Belonging in the Black Diaspora*. By Nadia Ellis. 2015. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41(3): 582-584.

Donovan, Brian. 2017. Review of *Queer Brown Voices: Personal Narratives of Latina/o LGBT Activism*, edited by Uriel Quesada, Leticia Gomez, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz. 2015. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(3): 531-533.

Donovan, Brian. 2015. Review of *What's Wrong with Fat?* By Abigail Saguy. 2015. *Contemporary Sociology* 44(3): 412-414.

- Donovan, Brian. 2012. "Prostitution and Anti-Prostitution." In *The Encyclopedia of Social History*, ed. Lynn Dumenil. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 166-169.
- Donovan, Brian. 2011. Review of *Social Status and Cultural Consumption* by Tak Wing Chan. 2010. *Contemporary Sociology* 40(5): 568-569.
- Donovan, Brian. 2011. Review of *The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Racialization of Intimacy* by David Eng. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 34(8): 1410-11.
- Donovan, Brian. 2010. Review of *Licentious Gotham: Erotic Publishing and Its Prosecution in Nineteenth-Century New York* by Donna Dennis. *The Journal of American History* 97(1): 197.
- Donovan, Brian. 2007. Review of *Love for Sale: Courting, Treating, and Prostitution in New York City, 1900-1945* by Elizabeth Clement. *The Journal of American History* (93):1280.
- Donovan, Brian. 2006. "Sodomy." In *The Encyclopedia of Privacy*, ed. William G. Staples. Westport: Greenwood Press, 515-17.
- Donovan, Brian. 2005. Review of *Entry Denied: Controlling Sexuality at the Border* by Eithne Luibhéid. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (28):380-81.
- Donovan, Brian. 2004. Review of *Murdering Holiness: The Trials of Franz Creffield and George Mitchell* by Jim Phillips and Rosemary Gartner. *Contemporary Sociology* (33):718-9.
- Review of *The Rule of Racialization: Class, Identity, Governance* by Steve Martinot. *Contemporary Sociology* (33):291-2.
- Donovan, Brian. 2003. "Making Sense of Moral Reform." *Critical Mass* [American Sociological Association, Social Movements and Collective Behavior Section Newsletter] (28):2-4.
- Beisel, Nicola and Brian Donovan. 1998. "The Problem with Moral Panics: Notes from the Chair" *Culture* [American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter] (12):1-3.
- Beisel, Nicola and Brian Donovan. 1998. "Reply to Goode and Ben-Yehuda" *Culture* [Sociology of Culture section newsletter] (12), 1998:2-3.
- Donovan, Brian. 1995. Review of *The Kingdom of Matthias: Sex and Salvation in Nineteenth Century America* by Paul E. Johnson and Sean Wilentz. *Contemporary Sociology* (25):270.

### **Major Presentations**

"Palimony Gold Diggers: Law and Gender Stereotypes in the Era of No-Fault Divorce," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2019.

“White Slavery and Racial Formation” (keynote address), *International Perspectives on White Slavery* conference, University of Warwick, UK, June 2019.

“Neoliberalism, Intersectionality, and the Trials of Anna Nicole Smith,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March 2019.

“The Gold Digger Stereotype and Efforts to Outlaw Heart Balm Lawsuits in the Depression-Era United States,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, November 2018.

“Tort Tales, Gold Diggers, and the Crusade Against Heart Balm,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2018.

“Murderous Midwives: Prosecuting Abortion in the Early Twentieth Century,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2017.

“Gold Diggers, Gender Ideology, and Alimony Reform in the Late 1920s United States,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2016.

“Flower Power: Competitive Orchid Shows and the Social Construction of Value,” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 29, 2013

“The Optics of Culture War: A Temporal Analysis,” *Qualitatives: Contemporary Issues in Qualitative Research*, May 13, 2011, Brantford, ON, Canada.

“The Optics of Polarization: Temporality and the ‘Culture War’ Concept” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, April 2011.

“The Gold Diggers of 1927: Gender Inequality and American Alimony Reform,” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

“The Force of Language: The Sexual Logic of Resistance in Early Twentieth Century Rape Trials.” (with Aislinn Addington, second author), Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, April 2008.

“Narrative and Sexual Consent: Compulsory Prostitution in Progressive-Era New York City” (Tori Barnes-Brus, second author). Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August 2007.

“Popular Culture Representations of Breast Cancer and their Impact on Women of Different Ages” (Lisa Cox Hall, first author). Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August 2007.

“Pimps on Trial: Compulsory Prostitution and Sexual Consent in Early Twentieth Century New York City” (Tori Barnes-Brus, second author). Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2007.

“Courtroom Storytelling and the Legal Construction of Sexual Consent: Prosecuting Compulsory Prostitution in New York City, 1908-1915” (Tori Barnes-Brus, second author). Presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 2006.

“‘To Give Himself a Character’: The Ariston Bathhouse Raid of 1903 and the Legal Construction of Sexuality.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2006.

“Gender and the Legal Construction of Consent: Narratives of Compulsory Prostitution in New York City, 1908-1915.” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kansas City, April 2005.

“‘Seduction’ and Sexual Coercion: Prosecuting Acquaintance Rape in the Early Twentieth Century.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2004.

“Narratives of Criminal Seduction: Policing Male Sexual Coercion in the Early Twentieth Century.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, August 2003.

“Laws of Seduction: Policing Male Sexual Coercion in the Early Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2003.

“Laws of Seduction: Legal Narratives of Sexual Consent and Coercion in the Early Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, October 2002.

“White Slavery, Racial Boundaries, and the Trial of Belle Moore.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 2000.

“‘The Black Traffic in White Girls’: Chicago Anti-Vice Crusades and the Gendered Logic of White Nationalism.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 1999.

“Vice, Virtue, and Narrative: Storytelling in the Rockefeller Grand Jury Investigation of 1910.” Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 1999.

“White Slavery and Racial Purity: Crusades Against Forced Prostitution During the Early Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 1998.

“Constructions of Whiteness in Progressive-Era Campaigns Against Prostitution.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 1998.

“Anthony Comstock Surfs the Net: Pedophilia, Pornography, and the Problem with Moral Panics” (Nicola Beisel, first author). Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 1998.

“‘White Slavery,’ Immigration, and Gender Ideology.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, August 1997.

“Anthony Comstock Surfs the Net: Censorship and the Protection of Innocents in the 1880s and 1990s.” Presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, October 1996.

“Modernizing Masculinity: Gender and the Evangelical Men’s Movement.” Presented at the Religious Research Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, April 1995.

“Rescripting Masculinity: A Discourse Analysis of the Promise Keepers.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 1995.

“Framing and Strategy: Explaining Differential Mobilization in the Women’s Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 1994.

### **Minor Presentations**

Discussant, Beyond Discourse: Critical & Empirical Approaches to Human Trafficking conference, “Tracing Histories of the Trafficked Woman,” April 4, 2019.

“American Gold Digger: Money, Marriage, and Law from the Ziegfeld Follies to Anna Nicole Smith,” Hall Center for the Humanities, Humanities Lecture Series, March 2018.

“Semi-Fiction in the Archives,” Gender and the Archive Symposium, University of Kansas, 2016

“How to Serve as a Reviewer for an Academic Journal.” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

“How to Submit an Article and Get It Published.” Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

“The Peggy Joyce Scandals: Gold Diggers and Whiteness in Jazz-Age,” presented at Texas A&M University, Ethnic and Racial Studies Colloquium Series, Feb. 5, 2010.

“Trial Transcripts: Interpretive Problems and Possibilities.” Midwest Law & Society Mini-Conference, October 2008, Madison, WI.

“Pimps on Trial: Compulsory Prostitution and Sexual Consent in Early Twentieth Century New York City” (Tori Barnes-Brus, second author). Presented in the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, Lawrence, December 2006.

“Pierre Bourdieu’s *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgment of Taste*.” Presented at the Hall Center for the Humanities, *Discourses: Theory in the Humanities Colloquia*, Lawrence, March 2006.

“Gender Contexts and Courtroom Narratives: Compulsory Prostitution Prosecutions in New York City, 1908-1915,” Presented at the Gender Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, Lawrence, September 2004.

“Laws of Seduction: Legal Narratives of Sexual Consent and Coercion in the Early Twentieth Century,” Presented at the American Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, Lawrence, December 2002.

“Creating the Twentieth-Century Color Line: Anti-Vice Activism and the Sexual Basis of Racial Formation.” Presented at the Race and Ethnicity Workshop, University of Wisconsin. Madison. September 2000.

### **Undergraduate Advising Record**

Anne Marie Foley, Senior Honors Thesis co-chair (with Hannah Britton), Spring 2018  
Anissa Fritz, McNair Scholars Program mentor, Fall 2016, Spring 2017  
Tayler Bertelsman, Senior Honors Thesis Advisor and chair, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

### **Graduate and Postgraduate Advising Record**

#### **Committee Chair: Doctoral Dissertation**

Nicole Perry, Sociology, “Diseased bodies and ruined reputations: Venereal disease and the construction of women’s respectability in early 20th century Kansas,” Dec. 2015 (with honors)  
Jane Webb, Sociology, “From Amazon Warriors to Hobbits: Heightism and the Cultural ‘Staturization’ of Identities, Gender, and Sexuality,” Nov. 2015  
Aislinn Addington, Sociology, “Drawing Lines and Taking Sides: An Examination of Boundary Work among Oppositional Worldviews,” Oct. 2015 (with honors)  
Christy Craig, Sociology, “Reading between the lines: Social, cultural, and erotic capital in American and Irish women’s book clubs,” Aug. 2015  
Jaime Gassmann, American Studies, “Patrolling the Homefront: The emotional labor of Army wives volunteering in Family Readiness Groups,” Aug. 2010  
Tori Barnes-Brus, Sociology, “Responsible mothers and well-born children: Social authorities and the discourses of nineteenth-century pregnancy,” May 2010

#### **Committee Chair: Masters**

Elyse Neumann, Sociology, 2019  
Brittany Morin-Mezzadri, Sociology, 2012  
Chelsea Bailey, Sociology, 2012  
Melissa Irwin, Sociology, 2012  
Michelle Glorioso, Sociology, 2011 (honors)  
Jane Webb, Sociology, 2010  
Aislinn Addington, Sociology, 2008  
Nicole Perry, Sociology, 2008  
Ada Van-Roekel, Sociology, 2008  
Tiffany Edwards, Sociology, 2008

## **Other Graduate Committee Service**

### **Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Chair**

Laurie Petty, Culture, Sociology, 2013  
Chelsea Bailey, Culture, Sociology, 2013  
Melissa Irwin, Culture, Sociology, 2013  
Michelle Glorioso, Culture, Sociology, 2013  
Emily Kennedy, Culture, Sociology, 2012  
Jane Webb, Gender, Sociology, 2012  
Christy Craig, Gender, Sociology, 2012  
Aislinn Addington, Culture, Sociology, 2011  
Christy Craig, Culture, Sociology, 2011  
Nicole Perry, Gender, Sociology, 2011  
Uros Petrovic, Culture, Sociology, 2010  
Aislinn Addington, Gender, Sociology, 2010  
Rachel Craft, Culture, Sociology, 2010  
Nicole Perry, Gender, Sociology, 2010  
Ada Van-Roekel, Culture, Sociology, 2010  
Stephanie Decker, Social Control, Sociology, 2008

### **Dissertation Committee External Reader**

Misty Grayer, Social Policy, 2019  
Dustin Gann, History, 2012  
Matthew Beverlin, Political Science, 2010

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Abby Barfoot, WGSS, current  
Josephine Kipgen, WGSS, current  
Mary Louisa Williams, WGSS, current  
Bo Cassell, Sociology, current  
Adrienne Matlock, Sociology, current  
Alex Meyers, Sociology, current  
Rena Mitchell, Psychology, 2019  
Emily Kennedy, Sociology, 2016  
Saoussen Cheddadi, American Studies, 2015  
Brian Zirkle, Sociology, 2011  
Rebecca Barrett-Fox, American Studies, 2010  
Jason Capps, Sociology, 2010  
Ann Hickey, Sociology, 2008

### **Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Member**

Abby Barfoot, WGSS, May 2019  
Jo Kipgen, WGSS, May 2018  
Mary Louisa Williams, WGSS, 2017  
Bryan Walker, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, 2016  
Alex Myers, Social Control, Sociology, 2014  
Daniel Alvord, Historical Sociology, Sociology, 2013



Emily Kennedy, Gender, Sociology, 2012  
Nicole Perry, Historical Sociology, Sociology, 2011  
Steven Tucker, History, 2010  
Melissa Irwin, Education Leadership and Policy Studies, 2008

### **Master's Thesis Committee Member**

Darcy Sullivan, Sociology, 2019  
Zulecia Gerardo, Sociology, 2018  
Cyrus Azizi, Sociology, 2014  
Alex Myers, Sociology, 2013  
Jason Fox, Rhetoric, 2008  
Robert Hughes, Sociology, 2008  
Brittany Hanstad, Sociology, 2008  
Kuo-Ray Mao, Sociology, 2008

### **Honors and Awards for Teaching**

1. Gene A. Budig Award for Excellence in Teaching, KU College of Arts and Sciences. (March 2016 - March 2017)  
“This annual award recognizes a faculty member in the Social and Behavioral Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who has made a significant contribution to the teaching of students and who has distinguished her or himself through excellence in teaching.”
2. Distinguished Member, National Society of Collegiate Honors. (January 2015 - December 2015)
3. Silver Anniversary Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kansas, 2007
4. Award for Teaching Excellence, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 2006

## **Grants**

### **External Funding**

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 2005-06, project: “Trials of the First Sexual Revolution,” Principal Investigator, \$40,000  
Social Science Research Council, Sexuality Research Fellowship, 2000-01, project: “White Slave Crusades,” Principal Investigator, \$28,000

### **Internal Funding**

Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, for a graduate research assistant to help with the book project “American Gold Digger,” 2018, \$10,000  
Hall Center for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, to complete the final chapters of the “American Gold Digger” book manuscript, Fall 2018  
Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, 2005, \$10,000  
Travel Grant, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, 2004, \$2,200  
Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, 2005, \$8,400  
New Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, 2002, \$10,000

## **SERVICE**

## **University of Kansas Service**

### **Department Service**

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, 2019-present

Director, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, 2013-2017

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, 2002-current

### **CLAS Service**

Chair, Hall Center for the Humanities, Travel Grant Competition, 2018

Member, Wilber and Baumgartel Graduate Student Award Committee, Dec. 2018

Co-Director, Hall Center for the Humanities, "Publish Your First Book" workshop, Spring 2018

Member, University Ad Hoc Academic Misconduct Committee, July 2017-May 2018

Member, Hall Center for the Humanities Executive Committee, 2016-present

Co-Director, Hall Center for the Humanities, Gender Seminar, 2015-present

Chair, Hall Center for the Humanities, Research Fellowship Competition, 2016

Co-Director, Hall Center for the Humanities, "Publish Your First Book" workshop, Spring 2014

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Spring 2013

Co-Director, Hall Center for the Humanities, "Publish Your First Book" workshop, Spring 2011

Member, Hall Center for the Humanities, NEH Summer Stipend referee, 2010

Member, Hall Center for the Humanities, Graduate Student Travel Grant Committee, Spring 2010

Member, Hall Center for the Humanities Executive Committee, 2008-2012.

Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence, 2008-2009

Member, CLAS Academic Misconduct Committee, Spring 2008

### **University Service**

Member, Wilber and Baumgartel Graduate Student Award Committee, 2018

Member, University Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Gender Equity, 2016-2017

Member, University Satellite Committee on Redesigning General Education, 2011

Member, Chancellor's Teaching Award selection committee, 2008

### **B. Professional Service outside the University**

Chair, Publications Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2017-present

Board Member, Midwest Sociological Society, 2017-present

Member, Publications Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2015-present

Proposal Referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant, 2014

Proposal Referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend competition, 2013

Member, Program Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2013

Proposal Referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend competition, 2008

Proposal Referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend competition, 2009

Co-Editor (with William Staples), *The Sociological Quarterly*, official publication of the Midwest Sociological Society, 2008-2012

Session Organizer, Social Movement and Collective Behavior section roundtables, American Sociological Association, 2002

Member, Committee for the Advancement of Women in the Discipline, Midwest Sociological Society, 2002-2005

Judge, Graduate Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society, 2002.

