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## Education

- 2003      Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
  
Dissertation: *Welfare Reform and the Private Safety Net*.  
Committee: Douglas Massey (chair), Kathryn Edin, Frank Furstenberg, Michael Katz
- 2003      Graduate Certificate in Urban Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 1999      M.A. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 1996      B.A. in Sociology and Honors, Villanova University (summa cum laude)

## Academic Employment and Affiliations

- 2020-      Full Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College
- 2011-20      Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College
- 2004-11      Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College
- 2003-4      Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Office of Population Research, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (additional affiliation with the National Bureau of Economic Research)

## Research and Teaching Interests

Social Inequality; Race, Class, and Gender; Poverty; Sociology of Sports; The Welfare State; Nonprofit Social Service Organizations; Social Policy; Urban Sociology

## Book

- 2020      Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Sarah Winslow. *Whose Game? Gender and Power in Fantasy Sports*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.  
➤ Interviews/press: New Books Network, [New Books in Sociology podcast](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Articles and Research Cases

- 2018 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "Researching Fantasy Sports Using Mixed and Multi-Methods." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. DOL: 10.4135/9781526446244
- 2016 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Sarah Winslow. "You're Underestimating Me and You Shouldn't: Women's Agency in Fantasy Sports." *Gender & Society*. 30(5):819-841.
- 2016 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Sarah Winslow. "Bonding and Abandoning: Gender, Social Interaction, and Relationships in Fantasy Sports." *Social Currents*. 3(3):256–272.
- 2013 Turney, Kristin, Rebecca Joyce Kissane, and Kathryn Edin. "After Moving to Opportunity: How Moving to a Low-Poverty Neighborhood Improves Mental Health among African-American Women." *Society and Mental Health*. 3(1):1-21.
- 2012 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Susan Clampet-Lundquist. "Social Ties, Social Support, and Collective Efficacy among Families from Public Housing in Chicago and Baltimore." *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 39(4):157-181.
- 2012 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "Poor Women's Moral Economies of Nonprofit Social Service Use: Conspicuous Constraint and Empowerment in the Hollow State." *Sociological Perspectives*. 55(1):189-211.
- 2010 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "Administrative Challenges Facing Nonprofit Worksites Providing Work or Work-Like Experiences for Welfare Recipients." *Sociological Perspectives*. 53(3):373-396.
- Co-Winner of the Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award (outstanding article award)
- 2010 Edin, Kathryn and Rebecca Joyce Kissane. "Poverty and the American Family: A Decade in Review." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 72(3):460-479.
- 2010 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "'We Call It the Badlands': How Social-Spatial Geographies Influence Social Service Use." *Social Service Review*. 84(1):3-28.
- 2010 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "The Client Perspective on Nonprofit Social Service Organizations." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 29(3):632-637.
- 2008 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "'They Never Did Me Any Good': Welfare-to-Work Programs from the Vantage Point of Program Participants." *Humanity & Society*. 32(4):336-360.
- 2007 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. "How Do Faith-Based Organizations Compare to Secular Providers? Nonprofit Directors' and Poor Women's Assessments of FBOs." *Journal of Poverty*. 11(4):91-115.

- 2007 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Richard Krebs. \* “Assessing Welfare Reform, Over a Decade Later.” *Sociology Compass*. 1(2):789–813.
- 2006 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. “Responsible but Uninformed? Nonprofit Executive and Program Directors’ Knowledge of Welfare Reform.” *Social Service Review*. 80(2):322-345.
- 2004 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Jeff Gingerich. “Do You See What I See? Nonprofit and Resident Perceptions of their Neighborhoods.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. 33(2):311-333.
- 2004 Scott, Ellen, Kathryn Edin, Andrew London, and Rebecca Joyce Kissane. “Unstable Work, Unstable Income: Implications for Family Well-Being in the Era of Time-Limited Welfare.” *Journal of Poverty*. 8(1):61-88.
- 2003 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. “What’s Need Got to Do with It? Why Poor Women Do Not Use Nonprofit Social Services.” *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 30(2):127-148.

### **Commentaries, Book Reviews, and Other Publications**

- 2020 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Sarah Winslow. “Examining Gender and Power in Fantasy Sports.” *North Philly Notes* Blog. Posted March 25, 2020, Available at <https://templepress.wordpress.com/2020/03/25/examining-gender-and-power-in-fantasy-sports/>
- 2016 Winslow, Sarah and Rebecca Joyce Kissane. “Playing (Fantasy) Sport with the Guys.” *Gender & Society* Blog. Posted November 2, 2016, Available at <https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2016/11/02/playing-fantasy-sport-with-the-guys/>
- 2016 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. Review of *Work and Family Commitments of Low-Income and Impoverished Women: Guilt Is for Mothers with Good Jobs* by Judith Hennessy. Invited book review for *Contemporary Sociology*. 45(5):607-609.
- 2012 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. Review of *Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010* by Charles Murray. Invited book review for *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 39(3):179-181.
- 2010 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. Review of *Selling Welfare Reform: Work-First and the New Common Sense of Employment* by Frank Ridzi. Invited book review for *Contemporary Sociology*. 39(4):477-479.
- 2010 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. Review of *Working after Welfare: How Women Balance Jobs and Family in the Wake of Welfare Reform* by Kristin S. Seefeldt. Invited book review for *Social Service Review*. 84(1):162-165.
- 2008 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce. “Teaching & Learning Guide for: Assessing Welfare Reform, Over

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a Decade Later.” *Sociology Compass*. 2(April):1-12.

- 2002 Scott, Ellen, Kathryn Edin, Andrew S. London, and Rebecca Joyce Kissane. “Welfare Recipients Struggle to Balance Work and Family.” *Poverty Research News*. 6(4):12-15.
- 2001 Edin, Kathryn and Rebecca Joyce Kissane. “Commentary On: ‘The Role of Intermediaries in Linking TANF Recipients with Jobs’ by LaDonna Pavetti, et al.” *Economic Policy Review*. 7(2):77-82.

## **Research Support, Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

- 2020 Lafayette College ARC Faculty Research Grant (for “Class, Leisure, and Neighborhood” Project)
- 2019 Lafayette College ARC Faculty Preparation/Publication/Production Grant (for *Whose Game? Gender and Power in Fantasy Sports*)
- 2018 Lafayette College Marquis Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2013-18 Lafayette College ARC Research Assistant Grants for four undergraduate students
- 2006-18 Lafayette College EXCEL Research Scholarships for seven undergraduate students
- 2015 Lafayette College ARC Faculty Research Grant (for “The Big Business of Fantasy Sports: Field Research at the 2015 FSTA Summer Conference”)
- 2011 Carl R. and Ingeborg Beidleman Research Award (recognizes excellence in applied research or scholarship)
- 2010 Co-Winner of the Pacific Sociological Association’s Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award
- 2002-3 Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, Dissertation Fellowship
- 2001-2 Social Science Research Council, Program on Philanthropy and the Non-Profit Sector Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2001 School of Arts and Science (SAS), University of Pennsylvania, Dissertation Fellowship
- 2001 Pollak Summer Research Fellowship, Sociology Department, University of Pennsylvania
- 1996-99 National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship

## **Selected Conference Presentations, 2011-present**

- 2019 Kissane, Rebecca and Sarah Winslow. “Fantasy Sports as Personalized, Competitive, and Contested Fandom.” Paper presented at American Sociological Association

meetings, New York, NY.

- 2017 Kissane, Rebecca and Sarah Winslow. "Fantasy Sports' Popularity and Their Impact on the Real Game, Sports Knowledge, Interest, Consumption, and Fanship: An Exploration of Gender Similarities and Differences." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 Kissane, Rebecca and Sarah Winslow. "'This Is as Close as It Gets': Men and Masculinity in Fantasy Sports." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Kissane, Rebecca and Sarah Winslow. "Bonding and Abandoning: Gender, Social Interaction, and Relationships in Fantasy Sports." Paper presented at American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Kissane, Rebecca and Sarah Winslow. "'They Never See the Ass Kickin' Coming!' Women's Experiences as Fantasy Sports Participants." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Kissane, Rebecca Joyce and Sarah Winslow. "Do You Play How I Play? Gender and Fantasy Sport Participation." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2011 Turney, Kristin, Rebecca Joyce Kissane, and Kathryn Edin. "The Greenery, It Softens You": Adult Mental Health after Moving to Opportunity." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

## **Lafayette Courses**

A&S 103: Introduction to Sociology

A&S 217: Poverty in America

A&S 220: Who Gets What & Why

A&S 227: The Family

A&S 229: Sociology of Sex and Gender

A&S 265: Sociology of Sport

A&S 301: Social Welfare Policy and the Safety Net

A&S 342: Theories of Society

## **Selected Professional Service and Affiliations, 2011-present**

- 2017- *Sociology Compass*, Editor-in-Chief (with Julie Kmec, Washington State University)
- 2020 Discussant for Panel on "Social Welfare Programs." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (conference cancelled due to

COVID-19).

- 2017 Organizer and Presider for Panel on “Race, Class, and Gender in Sports and Leisure.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 Moderator for “Public Health Hazards: From Toxic Communities to Improved Care.” Panel at Social Research Social Justice Conference (Undergraduate Conference), Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.
- 2015-16 *Sociology Compass*, Editor for Section on Social Stratification
- 2015 Organizer for “Gender Politics and Policies” Mini-Conference Session on “Welfare.” Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012-14 Editorial Board of ASA’s Rose Monograph Series
- 2007-14 Editorial Board for journal *Sociology Compass*
- 2013 Presider for Regular Session on “Family and Kinship: Family Complexity and Inequality.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2011 Organizer and presider for Regular Session on “Welfare Reform.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

#### Volunteer Reviewer

*American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Developmental Psychology, Housing Policy Debate, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Poverty, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Nonprofit Management and Leadership, Qualitative Sociology, Sociology Compass, Social Problems, Social Service Review, Sociological Quarterly, Sport in Society, Work and Occupations*

#### Current Professional Membership(s)

American Sociological Association