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EMPLOYMENT

2023 - Assistant Professor in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
2021-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Sociology, New York University
2018 M.A., Sociology, New York University
2013 A.B. with honors, Sociology, University of Chicago

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Brown, Eliza. "Doctor, How Much Does it Cost?: Moral Values and Price Talk in a Stratified Consumer Medical Market." *Socio-Economic Review*.
- 2024 Brown, Eliza, and Iddo Tavory. "Pragmatism and Medical Sociology: Three Precepts." *Social Science & Medicine* 345.
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. "Switching Clinics: Patient Autonomy over the Course of their Careers in Consumer Medicine." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 64(2), 228-242
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couples Trying to Become Pregnant." *Sociological Forum* (37)2: 465-485
- 2021 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. "Projected Diagnosis, Anticipatory Medicine, and Uncertainty: How Medical Providers 'Rule Out' Potential Pregnancy in Contraceptive Counseling." *Social Science & Medicine* 258.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza, and Mary Patrick. "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily Disentangling Romance and Reproduction." *American Sociological Review* 83(5):959-982
- 2019 ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award – Honorable Mention

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Gambling on Fertility: How Doctors and Patients Weigh Stratified Risks in Consumer Medicine (Under Contract - University of Chicago Press)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Promoting Genetic Testing to Prevent non-Genetic Conditions: PGT-A and Solving the Problem of Twins in US Fertility Clinics” in *Mundane Genomics*. Edited by Vincenzo Pavone, Mauro Turrini, and Ayo Wahlberg.

BOOK REVIEWS

2024 Brown, Eliza. Book Review of *Making Multiple Babies: Anticipatory Regimes of Assisted Reproduction* by Chia-Ling Wu in *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal* (EASTS).

2021 Brown, Eliza. Book Review of *Freezing Fertility: Oocyte Cryopreservation and the Gender Politics of Aging*. By Lucy van de Wiel, *Gender & Society*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2022 Brown, Eliza. Sex for Pregnancy as a ‘Chore’: Policy Recommendations that Go Beyond a Diagnosis of Infertility. *Sociological Insights for Development Policy* 7(2)

2022 Brown, Eliza. “What the End of Roe Means for Fertility Patients.” Essay in *ASA Sex and Gender Newsletter*.

2022 Brown, Eliza. “The ‘Chore’ of Having Sex to Try to Get Pregnant.” Essay in *The Society Pages*, Council on Contemporary Families.

Reprinted in Joffe, Carole, and Jennifer Reich. 2025. *Reproduction and Society: Interdisciplinary Readings*. Pps 383-384. Second edition. Routledge.

2017 Caudillo, Mónica L., Paula England, and Eliza Brown. “Class Differences in Women’s Cohabitation in Early Adulthood.” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/class-differences-in-womens-cohabitation-in-early-adulthood/>

2016 England, Paula and Eliza Brown. “An unequal distribution of partners: gays versus straights.” *Contexts*. Available at: <http://contexts.org/blog/an-unequal-distribution-of-partners-gays-versus-straights/>

2016 England, Paula. and Eliza Brown. “Who has how many sexual partners?” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/who-has-how-many-sexual-partners/>

2016 Brown, Eliza and Paula England. “Sexual orientation versus behavior-different for men and women?” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/sexual-orientation-versus-behavior-different-for-men-and-women/>

Reprinted in *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy: A Contexts Reader*. Eds Jodi O’Brien and Arlene Stein. Sage Publications.

- 2015 Brown, Eliza and Paula England. "College men having sex with men: are they exclusively tops or bottoms? (no)." *Contexts*. Available at: <http://contexts.org/blog/college-men-having-sex-with-men-are-they-exclusively-tops-or-bottoms-no/>
- 2015 Ramos, Manica, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, and Shelby Hickman. *Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher's Cultural Sensitivity with Families: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations*. OPRE Report 2015-55. Washington, D.C.: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2015 Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, Manica Ramos, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, Nicole Forry, Toni Porter, and Christine Nord. *The Family and Provider/Teacher Relationship Quality Measures: Filling Gaps for Research and Practice*. OPRE Report 2015-37. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2015 Scott, Mindy, Shelby Hickman, Eliza Brown and Bianca Faccio. *A Guide to Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs for Hispanic Couples and Families*. The National Research Center for Hispanic Children and Families. Publication #2015-16.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza and Brigitte Vaughn. "Health Insurance for Hispanic Families: Gains and Gaps." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "Increasing Visibility of Low-Income LGBTQ Hispanic Families." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "What the Same-Sex Marriage Ruling Means for LGBTQ Youth." *Trend Lines Blog*. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/what-the-same-sex-marriage-ruling-means-for-lgbtq-youth>
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "What R Teens Learning from Sext-Ed?" *Trend Lines Blog*. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/what-r-teens-learning-from-sex-ed>
- 2014 Brown, Eliza. "Declines in the U.S. Abortion Rate: A Look into the Role of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives." *Trend Lines Blog*. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/declines-in-the-u-s-abortion-rate-a-look-into-the-role-of-long-acting-reversible-contraceptives>
- 2013 Brown, Eliza. "Homelessness Among LGBT Youth: A National Concern." *Trend Lines Blog*. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/homelessness-among-lgbt-youth-a-national-concern>

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "Against All Odds: Negotiating the Risk of Twins in Fertility Medicine"
Brown Bag, ANSIRH, Oakland, CA

- 2022 “Two for the Price of One: Twins, Class, and Price at Three Fertility Clinics”
Brown Bag, University of California, Berkeley Department of Demography,
Berkeley, CA
- “Gaming Health: How Patients and Doctors Weigh Chance and Risk in Fertility
Clinics”
Colloquium, Indiana University Department of Sociology, Bloomington IN
Colloquium, Northwestern University Department of Sociology, Evanston IL
Colloquium, Brown University Department of Sociology, Providence, RI
Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley Department of Sociology,
Berkeley, CA
- 2019 “Demography Meets Ethnography”
Panel, University of Texas – Austin, Austin, TX

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Book Writing Workshop. Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference.
Denver, CO.
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. *Genetic Testing to Prevent non-Genetic Disabilities: PGT and the Problematicization of Twins in US Fertility Clinics*. 4S Conference. Honolulu, HI. On Zoom.
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. *Field Guides: Establishing Organizational Status through Clinic Competition in Patient Consults*. Paper session on Culture and Markets. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *The Multiclinic Patient Career: Revising, Relearning, and Exercising Autonomy by Switching Fertility Clinics*. Paper session on Medical Authority and Patient Autonomy. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex for the Purpose of Pregnancy Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couple*. Presentation in Couple and Intergenerational Fertility Dynamics session. Population Association of America Annual Meeting Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 Brown, Eliza. *Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes Work for Other-Sex Couples Trying to Become Pregnant*. Fertility and Reproductive Labor Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. *Money, Morals, and Medicine: Patient Class and Organizational Pragmatics at Three Fertility Clinics*. Paper session in Culture and Economic Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. *Fertility Intentions and Attitudes towards Twins from Fertility Treatments*. Population Association of America Annual Conference. Washington, DC (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
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- 2019 Brown, Eliza. *"You Should Just Do It": Women Propelling Each Other into the Future by Promoting Egg Freezing*. Panel Presentation. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference in Boston, MA.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza. *Diagnosis without the Body: Stunted Multiplicity and Specters of Disease*. Roundtable Discussion, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Rejecting Mr. Right Now: Egg Freezing as a Means to Disconnect the Romantic from the Reproductive Project*. Remaking Reproduction Conference at the University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing*. Paper presentation in Population. Montreal, Canada. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing*. Workshop presentation in New York, NY. NYLON conference.
- 2016 Brown, Eliza. *Opening the Pregnancy Closet: An Assessment of Pregnancy Risk for Sexual Minority Female Youth*. Paper session in Fertility. Seattle, WA. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2016 Brown, Eliza. *Adolescent Pregnancy among Lesbian and Bisexual Females*. Paper Session. Boston, MA: Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference.
- 2014 Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, Eliza Brown. *Introducing New Measures of Family and Provider/Teacher Relations*. New Orleans, LA: National Head Start Association Parent Conference.
- 2014 Guzman, Lina, Elizabeth Wildsmith, Eliza Brown, and Shelby Hickman. *The Meaning of Cohabitation Among Latino Parents*. Baltimore, MD: National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference.
- 2014 Ramos, Manica, Lina Guzman, Eliza Brown, and Nicole Forry. *Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher-Facilitated Cultural Sensitivity with Families in Early Care and Education Settings: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations*. Washington, D.C.: Head Start Research Conference.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024-2025 Berkeley Economy and Society Imitative (BESI) Grant
- 2023-2024 Abigail Hodgen Publication Award
- 2021 ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Best Student Paper Award
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2019	ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award - Honorable Mention
2019	NYU Sociology Department Supplemental Dissertation Funding
2017-2020	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP)
2017, 2018	NYU Sociology Department Pre-Dissertation Funding
2015-2020	NYU MacCracken Fellowship
2013	University of Chicago Ruth Murray Memorial Essay Prize in Women's Studies, Feminist Criticism, and Gender Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024	Sociology of Gender (Undergrad Lecture), University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2023	Sociology of Medicine (Graduate Seminar), University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2023	Reproductive Health, Politics, and Inequalities (Undergrad Seminar), University of California, Berkeley
Summer 2019	Instructor of Record, Sex and Gender (Undergraduate), New York University
Fall 2017	Teaching Assistant, Sociological Methods (Undergraduate), with Prof. Ann Morning
<i>Guest Lectures</i>	
Spring 2024	Guest Lecturer, "Sex as a Chore," Theories and Perspectives on Sexuality and Health (Graduate), Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Spring 2022	Guest Lecturer, "Abductive Methods," Evaluation of Evidence (Undergraduate), UC Berkeley
Spring 2022	Guest Lecturer, "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily Disentangling Romance and Reproduction," Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate), Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Spring 2019	Guest Lecturer, "Same-Sex Marriage," Sociology of the Family (Undergraduate), New York University

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-2015	Research Assistant, Reproductive Health and Family Formation, Child Trends, Bethesda, MD
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2012-2013 Research Assistant, National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP),
NORC at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Interlocuter, “Equal Partners? How Dual-Professional Couples Make Career, Relationship, and Family Decisions” with Jaclyn Wong. Green Apple Books. San Francisco, CA. May 2024.

Interviewed by Grace Browne. “The Ramifications of *Roe v. Wade*’s Fall Won’t Stop at Abortion Bans.” *Wired*. May 9, 2022. <https://www.wired.com/story/ramifications-of-post-roe-world/>

Interviewed by Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman “The Paradox of Slow Love.” *The Atlantic*. February 14, 2022. <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/02/taking-it-slow-true-love-relationships/622043/>

Interviewed by Natalie Lampert. “The Unexpected Freedom that Comes with Freezing Your Eggs.” *The New York Times Magazine*. December 11, 2019.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/11/magazine/egg-freezing-fertility.html>

Panelist, “Gendered Harassment in Higher Ed: A Panel Discussion and Forum.” February 20, 2018. Hosted by GSOC-UAW Local 2110.

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

2025	Adele. E Clarke Book Award Committee Member
2022-2023	Organizer for Reproduction Regular Session for ASA 2023 Annual Conference
2022	ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member
2016-2018	ASA Population Section Elected Student Member

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley

2023-2024 Graduate Admission Committee Member

2025-2026 Graduate Placement

MENTORSHIP

Dissertation Committees, Member, Completed:

Skyler Wang (Sociology – Assistant Professor of Sociology at McGill University)

Emily Ruppell (Sociology – Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of California, Davis)

Dissertation Committees, Member, Current:

Farnam Mohebi (Haas)

Natalie Pasquinelli (Sociology)

Emily Martin (History)

MA Committees, Member, Completed:

Farnam Mohebi (Haas)

MA Committees, Member, Current:

Colby Fortin (Sociology)

Nikkolette Lee (Sociology)

Qualifying Exams Committee, Member:

Emily Martin (History – Medical sociology exam)

Natalie Pasquinelli (Sociology – Theory exam)

New York University

2020	PhD candidate speaker at GSAS Alumni Day Celebration, NYU Alumni & Parents Weekend 2020
2018-2019	NYLON workshop coordinator
2018	Mentor, Regeneron Science Talent Search
2017-2019	GSOC -UAW Local 2110 Steward
2016-2017	NYU Sociology Department Graduate Student Association Co-Chair

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Acta Sociologica (x1), *American Journal of Sociology* (x6), *American Sociological Review* (x4), *BioSocieties* (x2), *Contemporary Political Theory* (x1), *Culture, Health & Sexuality* (x3), *European Journal of Women's Studies* (x1); *Gender & Society* (x4), *Journal of Gender Studies* (x1), *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (x7), *Population Research and Policy Review* (x1), *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (x2), *Social Forces* (x2), *Social Politics* (x1), *Social Problems* (x1), *Social Psychology Quarterly* (x2), *Social Science & Medicine* (x3), *Sociological Focus* (x2), *Sociological Forum* (x3), and *Sociology Compass* (x1)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Population Association of America (PAA)

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

REFERENCES

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