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## EMPLOYMENT

2025-Present Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Michigan  
Postdoctoral Affiliate, Population Studies Center

## EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D., Sociology, Yale University  
*Dissertation:* The Stability of Singlehood? Romance and Intimate Relationships in the US  
*Committee:* Grace Kao (Yale University), Rourke O'Brien (Yale University),  
Michael Rosenfeld (Stanford University), Joshua Gamson (University of San Francisco)

2021 M.Phil, Sociology, Yale University (*Distinguished Qualifying Exam*)

2020 M.A., Statistics and Data Science, Yale University

2014 B.A., *Cum Laude* with Honors in Sociology, Hamilton College

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, family, education, inequality, research methods

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2024 Choi, Meera, **Hannah Tessler** and Grace Kao. "Intersectionality and Anti-Asian Racism During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Global Analysis of Racial Violence and Heightened Vulnerabilities to Anti-Asian Racism." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. "Is Everyone 'Looking for Love?' Trends in Romantic Relationship Interest among Singles during COVID-19." *Journal of Family Issues*. doi: 10.1177/0192513X241257232

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. "Love as a Low Priority: Gender and Relationship History Differences in Singles' Value of Romantic Partnership." *Social Currents*. doi: 10.1177/23294965241240781

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. "Feelings of Safety and Belonging in High School for Asian American Students." *Journal of School Violence*. doi: 10.1080/15388220.2023.2297034

2023 **Tessler, Hannah** and Canton Winer. "Sexuality, Romantic Orientation, and

- Masculinity: Men as Underrepresented in Asexual and Aromantic Communities.” *Sociology Compass*. doi: 10.1111/soc4.13141
- 2023 **Tessler, Hannah.** “Aromanticism, Asexuality, and Relationship (Non-)Formation: How A-spec Singles Challenge Romantic Norms and Reimagine Family Life.” *Sexualities*. doi: 10.1177/13634607231197061
- 2023 **Tessler, Hannah.** “The Stability of Singlehood: Limitations of the Relationship Status Paradigm and a New Theoretical Framework for Reimagining Singlehood.” *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. doi: 10.1111/jftr.12506
- 2023 Lee, Jin, David Nam, and **Hannah Tessler.** “Understanding Predictors of Violent and Non-Violent Crime Victimization Among Asian-American/Pacific Islanders.” *Victims and Offenders*. doi: 10.1080/15564886.2022.2136320  
(also published in *Vulnerable Victimization*, Routledge, September 2023)
- 2022 **Tessler, Hannah.** “Is Rejection a More Common Experience for Asian Americans? How Differences in College Application Strategy Affect Admissions Results.” *The Journal of Higher Education*. doi: 10.1080/00221546.2022.2042158
- 2020 **Tessler, Hannah,** Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “The Anxiety of Being Asian American: Hate Crimes and Negative Biases During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 1–11. doi: 10.1007/s12103-020-09541-5.
- 2020 Choi, Meera, **Hannah Tessler,** and Grace Kao. “Arts and Crafts as an Educational Strategy and Coping Mechanism for Republic of Korea and United States Parents during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *International Review of Education*. doi: 10.1007/s11159-020-09865-8.
- 2020 Lim, Youngshin, Hyunjoon Park, **Hannah Tessler,** Meera Choi, Gowoon Jung, and Grace Kao. “Men and Women’s Different Dreams on the Future of the Gendered Division of Paid Work and Household Work after COVID-19 in South Korea.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 100544. doi: 10.1016/j.rssm.2020.100544.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Julian, Christopher, **Hannah Tessler,** Wendy Manning, and Alexandra VanBergen. “Measuring Couple Sexual Identity Composition: Estimates from Population-Based Dyadic Data.”  
Conditional Accept at *Demography*.

Choi, Meera, **Hannah Tessler,** and Grace Kao. “Friendship as a Resource for Well-Being during COVID-19? The Differential Effect of Friendship on Well-being by Socioeconomic Status.”  
Revise and Resubmit at *Sociology*.

**Tessler, Hannah**, Canton Winer, Megan Carroll, and Brittney Miles. “Aromanticism.” Invited Contribution for *Elgar Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*. Revisions pending approval.  
Carroll, Megan, **Hannah Tessler**, Canton Winer, and Brittney Miles. “Asexuality.” Invited Contribution for *Elgar Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*. Revisions pending approval.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Tessler, Hannah** and Canton Winer. “Why are Men a Minority in Asexual and Aromantic Communities?” *The Society Pages, Council on Contemporary Families*. 2024.

**Tessler, Hannah**. “Happily Single: Emerging Asexuality and Aromanticism Studies Can Help Us Understand Community.” *Public Seminar Journal, The New School*. 2023.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

Participated in Social Science Research Panel at AVEN (Asexuality Visibility and Education Network) Online Mini-Conference. 2024.

Interviewed for BBC Radio 4 Podcast Episode “66. One is a Whole.” 2024.

Featured in “Romantic Relationships Turn Off Women More Than Men” by Bella DePaulo. *Psychology Today*. 2024.

Quoted in “Why I Love Love But Not Valentine’s Day” by Vicki Larson. *Medium*. 2024.

Featured in “How Asexuals and Aromantics Create Intimacy and Family” by Bella DePaulo. *Psychology Today*. 2023.

Quoted in “4 Ways to Defy Stereotypes of What It Means to Be Single” by Bella DePaulo. *Psychology Today*. 2023.

Interviewed for COVIDCalls Podcast Episode 261, “Anti-Asian Racism in the Pandemic.” 2021.

Quoted in “What’s Driving the Surge in Anti-Asian Crimes, and How Can We Help the Victims?” by Don Rauf. *Everyday Health*. 2021.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	American Sociological Association/National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$16,000)
2022	Yale University Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Research and Conference Travel Award, (\$1,000)
2022	Yale University Camp Grant (\$500)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, Yale University**

- Completed comprehensive training program in effective college teaching

- Focused on designing inclusive pedagogy and teaching diverse student populations

### **Instructor of Record**

2023 **Wesleyan University**, Visiting Instructor in Sociology  
 - Independently designed and taught semester-long sociology of family course

### **Teaching Fellow** (4.85/5 overall average rating)

2024 **Yale University**, Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Population Studies  
 2024 **Yale University**, Summer Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Sociology  
 2023-2024 **Yale University**, Teaching Fellow, Senior Thesis Course  
 2021-2022 **Yale University**, Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Methods in Quantitative Sociology; Intermediate Methods in Quantitative Sociology  
 2020-2021 **Yale University**, Teaching Fellow, Senior Thesis Course

### **Guest Lecturer**

2024 **Yale University**, Guest Lecture in Sociology  
 - Delivered “Marriage, Family, and Demography” lecture in Yale Summer Session Introduction to Sociology course  
 2023 **Northern Illinois University**, Guest Lecture in Sociology  
 - Delivered “Aromanticism” lecture in course titled Queer Margins

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**, Emily Fox and Canton Winer. “Asexuality, Aromanticism, and the Spectrum of Relationship Desires.” Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**. “Shifting Fantasies of ‘Happily Ever After’ Among Sexual and Gender Diverse Single Adults” Family Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

2024 **Tessler, Hannah**. “What Are Singles Looking For? Gendered Expectations for Romantic Relationship Formation among Singles” Singlehood Paper Session at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH.

2024 Fox, Emily, Canton Winer, and **Hannah Tessler**. “Differentiating Platonic from Sexual and Romantic Attraction: Perspectives of Aromantic, Asexual, and Allo Adults in the U.S.” Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

2023 **Tessler, Hannah**. “The Dimensions of Singlehood: How Singles Conceptualize Sex, Romance, and Their Approaches to Romantic Relationships” Marriage, Civil Unions, Cohabitation Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

2023 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “The Heterogeneity of Romantic Intentions: Differences in Singles' Romantic Interest by Gender, Age, and Marital History” Poster Session at the Population Association of America Annual

Meeting, New Orleans, LA

- 2023 Fox, Emily, **Hannah Tessler**, and Canton Winer. “Asexual and Aromantic Experiences of Friendship and Platonic Attraction.” Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2022 Lee, Jin, David Nam, and **Hannah Tessler**. “Understanding predictors of violent and non-violent crime victimization among Asian-American/Pacific Islanders” An Exploration of Asian-American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Victimization Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice Sciences Complete Thematic Panel, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2022 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “Love as a Low Priority: Gender and Relationship History Differences in Singles’ Value of Partnership” Global Perspectives on Marriage and Unions Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Choi, Meera, **Hannah Tessler**, and Grace Kao. “Do Friends Matter for Well-Being During COVID-19? Differential Effects by SES” Inequality in Social Isolation Over the Life Course: Predictors, Consequences, and Public Health Strategies Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “Fears and Anxieties of Asian Americans During the COVID-19 Pandemic” Invited to Asian Americans and COVID-19 Discrimination Presidential Panel, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2021 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “Single and Not Ready to Mingle: Attitudes Towards Romance by Age and Gender During COVID-19” Union Formation Across the Life Course Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2021 Choi, Meera, **Hannah Tessler**, and Grace Kao. “Worrying as a Form of Care Work: Gender Differences in Subjective Well-being during COVID-19” Gender Inequality Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2021 **Tessler, Hannah**. Invited to participate in panel discussion “Anti-Asian Violence and Hate Crimes” American Society of Criminology Panel (virtual)
- 2021 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “Is More Always Better? In-Person and Online Interactions with Friends in South Korea During COVID-19” International Comparisons and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Case Studies Paper Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (virtual)

- 2020 **Tessler, Hannah**, Meera Choi, and Grace Kao. “The Anxiety of Being Asian American: Hate Crimes and Negative Biases During the COVID-19 Pandemic” Invited to Racialization in the Era of BLM, COVID, and Trump Paper Session, California Sociological Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2020 **Tessler, Hannah**. “When College Expectations and Reality Mismatch: Examining Racial Differences in Postsecondary Expectations and College Choice” Transitions to Higher Education Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2020 **Tessler, Hannah**, and Grace Kao. “Is Rejection a More Common Experience for Asian Americans? How Differences in College Application Strategy Affect Admissions Results” Diversity and Discrimination in the Education Pipeline and Labor Market Paper Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (cancelled due to COVID-19)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2019-2020 **Yale University**, Graduate Student Representative, Sociology
- Communicated as liaison between graduate students and faculty
  - Coordinated social and professionalization programming for students
  - Organized recruitment events for admitted students

Reviewer for: *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Sciences*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, *Sociology Compass*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Asian Ethnicity*

## PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2018 **TEAM Education Consulting**, Shanghai, China  
College Counselor and Academic Advisor
- Consulted students in academic development and career planning
  - Developed curricula for Socratic book group and expository writing class
- 2014-2015 **Dipont Education**, Shenzhen, China  
College Counselor
- Guided students through all steps of college application process
  - Led writing and critical thinking skills workshops for high school students

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2022 **Pantry to Pantry**  
Helped deliver groceries weekly from the food pantry to local residents
- 2020-2021 **Yale Education Tutoring Initiative**  
Tutored local New Haven public school students
- 2020-2022 **Yale University**, Figure Skating Club Board Member  
Graduate student representative for the YCFSC executive board

## **SKILLS**

Data Analysis in STATA, R, Python; Data Visualization; Qualitative Interviewing; Qualitative Coding; NVivo; Advanced Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America

## **REFERENCES**

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