

# Jen Triplett

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Sociology.** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (expected 2024).

*Dissertation:* “Shaping Subjectivities and Articulating Solidarity in Revolutionary Cuba”

*Committee:* Robert S. Jansen (chair), Jaeun Kim, Luciana de Souza Leão, Dan Slater,  
Xiaohong Xu

*Area exams:* Power, History, and Social Change; Culture and Knowledge

**M.A. Sociology.** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2019.

**M.A. Latin American Studies.** Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 2015.

*Thesis:* “Clientelism, Corporatism, and Change: The Evolution of State-Women’s  
Movement Relations in Peru, 1990-2000” (David Ortiz, chair).

**B.A. Classical Studies, Latin American Studies, and International Development.** Tulane  
University, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

*Summa Cum Laude* with Departmental Honors in Classical Studies.

*Thesis:* “Policy over Personality: Nero’s Contributions to Rome’s ‘Grand Strategy’”  
(Dennis Kehoe, chair).

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political sociology, sociology of culture, sociology of gender, collective identity, work and labor,  
immigration; sociological theory; comparative-historical, qualitative, and ethnographic  
methods; Latin America, Cuba.

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## PUBLICATIONS

*Peer-reviewed journal articles*

Triplett, Jen. 2024. “Ideological Consolidation, Subject Formation, and the Discursive Creation  
of the ‘New Woman’ in Revolutionary Cuba. *Qualitative Sociology*.

Triplett, Jen. 2022. “Articulating the *Pueblo Cubano*: Women’s Politicization and Productivity in  
Revolutionary Cuba, 1959-1969.” *American Sociological Review*. 87(1): 80-104.

- 2022 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

### *In Preparation*

Triplett, Jen. “Agrarian Reform or Death’: The High Stakes of Peasant Incorporation and Activated Unity in Year One of Cuba’s Revolutionary Regime.” Article in preparation.

### *Other Publications*

Triplett, Jen. 2023. “Review of Guerra, Lillian, *Patriots & Traitors in Revolutionary Cuba, 1961-1981*.” H-LatAm, H-Net Reviews.

Triplett, Jennifer. 2018. “Review of Bayard de Volo, Lorraine, *Women and the Cuban Insurrection: How Gender Shaped Castro’s Victory*.” H-LatAm, H-Net Reviews.

Triplett, Jennifer, Johnnie Lotesta, Ricarda Hammer, and Sara Tomczuk. 2018. “A Successful Mentorship Event.” *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section* 30(1):40-42.

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## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2022.

Mark Chesler Paper Award for scholarship contributing to the sociological understanding of diversity, social justice, participatory action research, intergroup relations, or service learning, “Articulating the *Pueblo Cubano*: Women’s Politicization and Productivity in Revolutionary Cuba, 1959-1969,” Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2021.

Exceptional Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2019.

The Stone Center Award for Best Campus-Wide Graduate Paper on a Latin American Topic, “Feminism and Fertility: Discourse and Policy Disconnect in Fujimori’s Family Planning Program,” Tulane University, 2015.

Shelley Coverman Memorial Award for empirical social science research on women in society, “Clientelism, Corporatism, and Change: The Evolution of State-Women’s Movement Relations in Peru, 1990-2000,” Tulane University, 2015.

Latin American Graduate Organization (LAGO) Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, Tulane University, 2015.

Phi Beta Kappa, Tulane University, 2013.

The Stone Center Award for Best Campus-Wide Undergraduate Paper on a Latin American Topic, “Pots, Potatoes, and Progress for Women: Rethinking Feminism in Post-Crisis Latin America,” Tulane University, 2013.

Karlem Riess Memorial Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Tulane University, 2013.

George H. Terriberry Prize for Classical Studies, Tulane University, 2013.

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, 2024 (declined).

Robert J. Donia Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2023.

Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan, 2022.

Rackham Language Training Grant, University of Michigan, 2020.

Sociology Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2016-2021.

Stone Center and Tinker Foundation Summer Field Research Grant, Lima, Peru, 2014.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (academic year award), Tulane University, 2013-2015.

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## PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Talks*

“Shaping Subjectivities and Articulating Solidarity in Revolutionary Cuba: The Special Case of Women.”

- Presented at the Department of Sociology of the University of Colorado—Boulder, Boulder, CO. 2023
- Presented at the Department of Sociology & Anthropology of the University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. 2023.

“Dealing with Dissent: The Rise and Fall of Hegemonic Rule in Post-1959 Cuba.” Presented at the University of Michigan Center for Emerging Democracies, Ann Arbor, MI. 2023.

“Ideology, Illustration, and Instruction: Constructing the ‘New Woman’ in Cuba.” Presented at the Sociology Department of Missouri State University (virtual). 2022.

“Gender: Constraints and Freedom.” Presented at the Sociology Department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2018.

### *Refereed Conference Papers*

“Ideology, Illustration, and Instruction: Constructing the ‘New Woman’ in Cuba, 1959 to 1969.” Presented at American Sociological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA, 2022.

“Articulating the *Pueblo Cubano*: Women’s Politicization and Productivity in Revolutionary Cuba, 1959-1969.” Presented at American Sociological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Virtual Event. 2021.

“Nested Articulation and Recalcitrant Identities: The Revolutionary Incorporation of Cuban Women, 1959-1969.” Presented at American Sociological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Virtual Event. 2020.

“Writing Nationalism, Rewriting History: La Condesa Merlin and Cuba’s Nationalist Literary Canon.” Presented at American Sociological Association 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

“Evolution of Liberal Influences in Modernization Theory: ‘Four Liberal Presuppositions’ in Bryce, Rostow, and Huntington.” Presented at American Sociological Association 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, 2017.

“Hegemony vs. Globalization: Protest and the Struggle for Power in Post-Chavez Venezuela.” Presented at Latin American Studies Association Congress. Lima, Peru, 2017.

“Old Manuela, New Manuela: A Longitudinal Examination of Adaptive Framing Techniques.” Presented at American Sociological Association 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, 2016.

“The Revolution Will Be Feminized: Discourse on Women’s Participation in Chávez’s Venezuela.” Presented at American Sociological Association 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2015.

“Fujimori, Feminists, Legitimacy, and Legislation: Reinforcing Interdependent Power Relationships via Legislation.” Presented at Southern Sociological Society 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, 2015.

“Vieja Manuela, Nueva Manuela: Three Decades of Framing in the Movimiento Manuela Ramos.” Presented at Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA, 2014.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Fall 2017-present. Courses taught include Introduction to Sociology: Urban Inequality (Winter 2018; Winter 2021); Social Inequality (Fall 2017); Politics, Power, and Sociology (Fall 2020); Health and Society (Winter 2018; Winter 2019); Introduction to Sociological Theory (Fall 2019; Winter 2022); Sociology of Social Movements (Winter 2023).

Teaching Assistant, Oxford College of Emory University, Spring 2020; Spring 2023. Course titled “Evolution of the Revolution, Cuba.”

Rackham Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2023.

Graduate Student Prelim Exam Mentor, University of Michigan, Spring 2020-Fall 2020. Area exam: Power, History, and Social Change.

Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2020.

Teaching Assistant, Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute of Tulane University, Summers 2014-2019. Course titled “Summer in Cuba: Language, Culture, and Society.”

Expanded Learning Teacher, Akili Academy of New Orleans, Fall 2015-Spring 2016. Areas of instruction included art, English as a Second Language, and creative writing.

English Teaching Assistant for English Opens Doors (a collaboration of the Chilean Ministry of Education and the United Nations Development Program), Colegio Santa Cruz, Rio Bueno, Chile, Spring-Summer 2013.

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## **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

In-Country Program Assistant, Oxford College of Emory University, Spring 2020; Spring 2023. Course titled “Evolution of the Revolution, Cuba.”

Research Assistant to Alexandra Murphy, University of Michigan, Fall 2020.

In-Country Program Assistant, Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute of Tulane University, Summers 2014-2019. Course titled “Summer in Cuba: Language, Culture, and Society.”

In-Country Program Assistant, Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute of Tulane University, Summers 2015-2018. Course titled “Teaching Cuban Culture and Society: A Summer Educator Institute in Cuba.”

Research Assistant to Müge Göçek, University of Michigan, Fall 2017.

Research Assistant to Robert Jansen, University of Michigan, Winter 2017.

Research Assistant to David Smilde, Tulane University, 2015-2017.

Cultural Exchange Pavilion Research Assistant, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Spring 2015.

Research Assistant to Arachu Castro, Tulane University, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS**

### *Service to the Profession*

Occasional reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, Winter 2023-present.

Student Representative on Council, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2022-2024.

Committee Member, Bendix Student Paper Award Committee, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2023.

Committee Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2023.

Committee Member, Mentoring Event Planning, Political Sociology and Collective Behavior and Social Movements Sections of the American Sociological Association, 2023.

Student Representative on Council, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018-2020.

Committee Member, Mentoring Event Planning, Comparative and Historical Sociology and Global and Transnational Sociology Sections of the American Sociological Association, 2017-2019.

### *Professional Memberships*

American Sociological Association (sections: Comparative and Historical Sociology; Political Sociology; Sociology of Culture; Theory)

Latin American Studies Association (sections: Cuba, Venezuela)

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**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Coordinator, Cuban Diaspora Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, Fall 2020-Winter 2021.

Contract Committee Co-Chair, Graduate Employees' Organization (graduate student union),  
Spring 2020-Spring 2021.

Feminist Caucus Co-Chair, Graduate Employees' Organization (graduate student union), Spring  
2020-Fall 2020.

Bargaining Committee Co-Chair, Graduate Employees' Organization (graduate student union),  
2019-Spring 2020.

*Tulane University, New Orleans, LA*

Student Representative, School of Liberal Arts Graduate Studies Committee, Spring 2014-Spring  
2015.

Student Representative, School of Liberal Arts Graduate Studies Honor Board, Spring 2014-  
Spring 2015.

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**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Coordinator, Social Movements and Political Sociology Workshop, Winter 2021.

Founding Member and Coordinator, Textual Analysis for Sociologists Workshop, 2018- 2020.

Coordinator, Culture, History, and Politics Workshop, Fall 2018-Winter 2019.

Departmental Steward for the Sociology Department, Graduate Employees' Organization  
(graduate student union), Spring 2018-Spring 2019.

*Tulane University, New Orleans, LA*

Co-President, Latin American Graduate Organization (LAGO), Spring 2014-Spring 2015.

Departmental Representative, Graduate Studies Student Association, Fall 2013-Spring 2015.

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**LANGUAGES**

English (native)

Spanish (proficient)

Haitian Creole (intermediate)