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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, Stony Brook University

Thesis: *At What Cost? Funding and Political Space to Engage Men in Global Feminist Activism*
Advisor: Michael Kimmel
Committee: Kathleen Fallon, Timothy Moran, and Gianpaolo Baiocchi

Qualifying Exam Specialty Areas: NGOs, Gender and Development
- 2013 MA, Sociology, Stony Brook University

Thesis: *Whiter Shades of Pale: On the Plurality of Whiteness*
Committee: Crystal Fleming and Michael Kimmel
- 2009 BA, U.S. Race and Gender Studies, Willamette University

RESEARCH AREAS

Gender	Race & Ethnicity	Violence
International Development	Non-Governmental Organizations	Human Rights

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Forthcoming Leek, Cliff and Markus Gerke. "Invisible and Unexamined: The State of Whiteness in Men's Studies Journals." *AG About Gender – International Journal of Gender Studies*.
- 2017 Carlson, Juliana; Allen, Christopher T.; Leek, Cliff; Storer, Heather; Casey, Erin; and Richard M. Tolman. "Participants' Perceptions of the Nature of Events Aimed at Engaging Men to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence." *Global Social Welfare*.
- 2017 Casey, Erin; **Leek, Cliff**; Tolman, Richard M.; and Christopher Allen. "Getting Men in the Room: Perceptions of effective strategies to initiate men's involvement in gender-based violence prevention in a global sample." *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*.

- 2016 Tolman, Richard M.; Casey, Erin A.; Allen, Christopher T.; Carlson, Juliana; **Leek, Cliff** and Heather L. Storer. "A Global Exploratory Analysis of Men Participating in Gender-Based Violence Prevention." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- 2016 Leek, Cliff. "Violence as a Cultural Process." *Theory in Action*, 2016: 9(4).
- 2015 Leek, Cliff. "Cumulative Advantage among NGOs Engaging Men in Violence Prevention." *The Journal of Men's Studies*, 2015: 23(2).

Book Chapters and Edited Volumes

- Forthcoming Leek, Cliff. "Men's Political Identities in the Twenty-First Century" in *What Now? On Future Identities*. Edited by Anne Barlow and Kristen Chappa: Black Dog Publishing.
- 2014 Kimmel, Michael and Cliff Leek. "There is a GunMAN on Campus': Including Identity in Mass Shooting Discourse" in *Gun Violence in Public Life*. Edited by Ben Agger and Tim Luke: Paradigm Publishers.
- 2014 Leek, Cliff and Michael Kimmel. "Conceptualizing Intersectionality in Superordination: Masculinities, Whitenesses, and Dominant Classes" in *The Routledge International Handbook of Race, Class, and Gender*. Edited by Shirley Jackson: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- 2014 Kimmel, Michael and The Stony Brook Sexualities Research Group (eds). *Sexualities: Identities, Behaviors, and Society (2nd Ed)*. New York: Oxford University Press. (The Stony Brook Sexualities Research Group, of which I am a part, and Michael Kimmel are equal co-editors in this project.)
- 2014 Leek, Cliff and Michael Kimmel. "The Unbearable Whiteness of Suicide-by-Mass-Murder" in *Voice Male: The Untold Story of the Profeminist Men's Movement*. Northampton, MA: Interlink Books.
- 2013 Leek, Cliff. "Whiter Shades of Pale: On the Plurality of Whitenesses" in *Privilege: A Reader (3rd Edition)*. Edited by Michael Kimmel and Abby Ferber: Westview Press.

Other Publications

- Forthcoming Gerke, Markus; Kimmel, Michael; and Cliff Leek. "Masculinities / Men's Studies" in *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Edited by Bryan Turner: Wiley.
- 2017 Leek, Cliff. Review of *Some Men: Feminist Allies & the Movement to End Violence Against Women* by Michael A. Messner, Max A. Greenberg, and Tal Peretz. *Men and Masculinities*, 2017: 20(2).

- 2016 Leek, Cliff. Review of *Masculinities Under Neoliberalism* edited by Andrea Cornwall, Frank G. Kariotis, and Nancy Lindsfarne. *Culture, Society & Masculinities*, 2016: 8(2).
- 2014 Leek, Cliff. "Nocturnal Emissions" in *The Cultural Encyclopedia of the Penis*. Edited by Michael Kimmel, Christine Milrod, and Amanda Kennedy: Rowman Littlefield.
- 2014 Leek, Cliff. "Scandals" in *The Cultural Encyclopedia of the Penis*. Edited by Michael Kimmel, Christine Milrod, and Amanda Kennedy: Rowman Littlefield.
- 2014 Kimmel, Michael and Cliff Leek, "Racism Played a Role in Elliot Rodger's Murder Spree." *New York Daily News*: May 27, 2014.
- 2012 Michael Kimmel and Cliff Leek, "The Unbearable Whiteness of Suicide-by-Mass-Murder," *Huffington Post*: December 23, 2012.
- Reprinted in *VoiceMale Magazine*, Winter 2013.
- 2012 Leek, Cliff. Review of *Masculinities and Other Hopeless Causes at an All-Boys Catholic School* by Kevin J. Burke. *Men and Masculinities*, 2012: 15(5).

Manuscripts Under Review

Leek, Cliff. "The problem, the solution, or victims? Examining the framing of efforts to engage men in gender equality."

van Huis, Iris and Cliff Leek. "The Masculinisation of Gender Equality: How efforts to engage men are drifting the mission of the gender equality movement."

Allen, Christopher; Carlson, Juliana; Casey, Erin; Tolman, Richard M.; and Cliff Leek. "Examining men's perceptions of gender-based violence prevention programming."

Carlson, Juliana; Allen, Christopher T.; Leek, Cliff; Storer, Heather; Casey, Erin; and Richard M. Tolman. "The nature of events aimed at engaging men to eliminate gender-based violence."

Works in Progress

Leek, Cliff and Jaime Hartless *Allies and Ally Movements* - Edited Volume

Leek, Cliff "The Role of Entrepreneurs in Shifting Norms of Practice: The Case of Men-Streaming in International Development"

Leek, Cliff "Understanding Feminist Resistance to Men-Streaming"

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014-2015 Men Advocating Real Change Research Fellow - Catalyst Inc. (\$30,000)
- Renewed for 2015-2016 (\$30,000)
 - Renewed for 2016-2017 (\$30,000)
 - Responsibilities include designing and evaluating programs to engage men in workplace gender equality efforts.
- 2014 David Street Award for best qualitative and/or theory paper, Stony Brook University
- Awarded for “Violence as a Cultural Process.”
- 2010 Pam James Volunteer Hall of Fame Award, Mid-Valley Women’s Crisis Service
- Awarded for assisting in the founding of “Mid-Valley Men Against Violence,” an ongoing monthly meeting of men committed to supporting the Women’s Crisis Service and discussing the issue of violence against women with other men.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2016 “Shifting Conversations – Identity Politics Today.” *What Now? On Future Identities*. The New School.
- 2016 “Financing Gender Equality.” *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*.
- 2016 “It Takes Two to Tango: Working Together on a Joint Agenda for Gender Justice.” *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*.
- 2016 “What is Feminism? Concepts, Goals and the Future of Gender Equality and Equity.” *Women’s International Leadership Week*, International House.
- 2015 “Why ‘Yes Means Yes’ is Better than ‘No Means No’.” *Pleasure and Danger: Sexual Freedom and Feminism Now*, Northeastern University.
- 2015 “Preventing Campus Sexual Violence: The role of men in creating change.” Suffolk County Community College.
- 2010 “Intersectionality and the Prevention of Gendered Violence.” *Oregon University System Best Practices Conference: Prevention, Response & Policy in the Reduction of Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses*, University of Oregon.
- 2009 Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee, Hearing for House Bill 2343, Salem, OR.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2017 “Invisible and Unexamined: The State of Whiteness in Men’s Studies Journals.” *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI.

- 2017 ““What’s in a name?”: (Re)Considering Language and Frameworks for Engaging Men in Gender-based Violence Prevention.” *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI. With Chris Allen, Juliana Carlson, Erin Casey, and Richard Tolman.
- 2017 “Predicting Violence Preventative Behavior Among an International Sample of Men Attending Gender-Based Violence Prevention Programming.” *Society for Social Work Research – Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA. With Chris Allen, Juliana Carlson, Erin Casey, and Richard Tolman.
- 2016 “Understanding Feminist Resistance to Pro-Feminist Work with Men and Boys.” *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2016 “What’s in a Name? A Dialogue on the Terminology of Male-Identified Individuals’ Participation in Preventing Gender-Based Violence.” *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI. With Chris Allen, Juliana Carlson, Erin Casey, and Richard Tolman.
- 2015 “Understanding Funding for Gender Justice Work with Men and Boys.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL. *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI. Presented with Juliana Carlson, Rich Tolman, Chris Allen, and Erin Casey.
- 2015 “Men and Boys in Women’s Rights Discourse: From MDGs to SDGs.” *Annual Meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System*, The Hague, NE.
- 2015 “Practitioner-Researcher Partnerships in Men’s Gender Justice and Anti-Violence Work.” *International Conference on Masculinities*, New York, NY. With Chris Allen, Juliana Carlson, Erin Casey, Humberto Carolo, Rus Irvin Funk, Olga Persson, Michael Shaw, and Richard Tolman.
- 2014 “Mechanisms of Cumulative Advantage and Funding for NGOs Working with Men and Boys.” *Annual Meeting of the American Men’s Studies Association*, Tacoma, WA.
- 2013 “The Cultural Process Model: A Feminist Approach to Analyzing Violence.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY.
- 2013 “Whiter Shades of Pale: Masculinities and the Plurality of Whitenesses.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY. With Michael Kimmel.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 2013-Present Member, Mobilizing Men for Violence Prevention Research Collaborative
- 2014 Research Consultant, Breakthrough (global human rights organization)
- 2012 Violence Prevention Research Assistant, Center for Prevention and Outreach, Stony Brook
- 2012 Research Assistant, National Council on Gender

- 2012 Research Assistant, Michael Kimmel, *Angry White Men*
- 2007 Research Assistant, Office of the President, Willamette University

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2016 Invited Consultant, *United Nations Development Programme Consultation on Masculinities and Violence in Crisis Settings*. October 26-27, 2016
- 2015 Quoted, “Where is the Line When it Comes to Fraternity Hazing.” *Mic.com*. By Julie Zeilinger. October 9, 2015
- 2015 Quoted, “This is the Conversation Around Mass Shootings We Desperately Need to Have.” *MTV News*. By Rae Paoletta. October 5, 2015
- 2015 Quoted, “Twitter is Proving that Masculinity is a Fragile Thing.” *The Dallas Morning News*. By Jasmine Aguilar. September 25, 2015
- 2015 Quoted, “12 Reasons Masculinity is Terrible for Men.” *Buzzfeed*. By Benjamin Spoer. September 16, 2015.
- 2015 Guest, “Are You Man Enough For Football?” *Intersection* with Jamil Smith, The New Republic Radio: September 8, 2015.
- 2015 Guest, “Is Masculinity Changing?” CHED Edmonton, CA. August 26, 2015
- 2015 Quoted, “A Master’s Degree in ... Masculinity?” *The New York Times*. By Jessica Bennett. August 8, 2015
- 2015 Guest, “Finding Male-Oriented Solutions to the Problem of Campus Rape and Sexual Assault.” *Central Time*, Wisconsin Public Radio: January 30, 2015.
- 2014 Guest, “Racism and Misogyny in Shooting.” *Central Time*, Wisconsin Public Radio: May 28, 2014.
- 2014 Guest, “The Role that Racism Played in Elliot Rodger’s Rampage.” *Take Two*, California Public Radio: May 28, 2014.
- 2012 Kimmel, Michael and Cliff Leek, “The Unbearable Whiteness of Suicide-by-Mass-Murder,” *Huffington Post*: December 23, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses

Summer 2016 (25 students)	Race and Ethnic Relations, Stony Brook University - Online
Summer 2015 (7 students)	Race and Ethnic Relations, Stony Brook University
Summer 2014 (15 students)	Race and Ethnic Relations, Stony Brook University

This course examines the ways in which race and ethnicity are socially constructed, change over time, and transform US society. The course explores the history and contemporary realities of race and racism as well as their role in creating and sustaining inequalities.

Invited Lectures

- 2015 “Introducing Intersectionality.” Contemporary Theory, Stony Brook University
- Selected readings, lectured, and led discussion on the topic of intersectional for graduate-level seminar taught by Diane Barthel-Bouchier.
- 2013 “Men and Masculinity.” Sociology of Gender, Stony Brook University
- Lectured and led discussion on the topic of masculinities and men’s studies for undergraduate-level course taught by Cheryl Llewellyn.
- 2013 “Gender and Violence.” Women, Culture, and Difference, Stony Brook University
- Lectured and led discussion on the topic of gender-based violence for undergraduate-level course taught by Hewan Girma.
- 2012 “Men and the Prevention of Gendered Violence.” Sociology of Gender, Stony Brook University
- Lectured and led discussion on the topic of violence prevention and masculinity for undergraduate-level course taught by Michael Kimmel.
- 2012 “The Global Diffusion of Efforts to Engage Men in the Prevention of Gendered Violence: The Human Rights Context.” Human Rights, Stony Brook University
- Presented research and led discussion on the growing emphasis on men and masculinity in discourse on women’s human rights for graduate-level course taught by Daniel Levy.

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2013	Intimate Relationships, Teaching Assistant to Norman Goodman (~120 students)
Fall 2012	Sociology of Gender, Teaching Assistant to Cheryl Llewellyn (~120 students)
Spring 2012	Sociology of Gender, Teaching Assistant to Linda Wicks (~150 students)
Fall 2011	Sociology of Gender, Teaching Assistant to Michael Kimmel (~150 students)

Teaching assistantship responsibilities included leading review sessions; designing, proctoring, and grading examinations; holding office hours; and occasional lecturing.

Professional Development

- 2016 “Social Media Analytics: Using Data to Understand Public Conversations” Online course. Queensland University of Technology
- 2016 Online Education Symposium, Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Stony Brook University
- 2012 Two-semester Teaching Practicum, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Director, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, Stony Brook University, 2013-2015

- Organized seminar series with international experts on men and masculinities
- Coordinated international conference with over 1,200 attendees and \$70,000 budget
- Applied for, and received, funding from large private foundations
- Recruited international academics and practitioners to serve on Board of Directors and other committees

Prevention Specialist, Oregon Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force, January 2010 – August 2011

- Orchestrated statewide efforts to engage men in the prevention of gendered violence
- Developed partnerships and provided expertise to community organizations and leaders across the state
- Provided trainings on the causes of gendered violence and multiple approaches to violence prevention
- Performed assessments of sexual violence prevention and response for universities in Oregon

SERVICE

Academic Service

- 2017-Present President, American Men’s Studies Association (AMSA)
- 2015-Present Managing Editor, *Men and Masculinities*
- 2015-Present Member, Board of Directors, *American Men’s Studies Association* (AMSA)
- 2015-Present Reviewer, *Journal of Men’s Studies*
- 2015-Present Reviewer, *Culture, Society, and Masculinities*
- 2013-Present Co-founder and Editor, *Masculinities 101 Blog*.
- 2014-2015 Conference Chair, *International Conference on Masculinities*, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, New York.
- 2013-2015 Reviewer, *Choice Reviews*
- 2013-2014 News Editor, *Sociology Lens*.

2012-2013 Founder and Graduate Student Coordinator; Race, Ethnicity and Inequality Workshop Series, Stony Brook University.

Other Service

2016-Present Member, Steering Committee, *North American MenEngage Network* (NAMEN)

2013-2014 Planning Committee, *2nd MenEngage Global Symposium on Men and Gender Justice*, Centre for Health and Social Justice, New Delhi.

2010-2011 Founder and Facilitator, Mid-Valley Men Against Violence.

2009 Member, Willamette University President's Council on Diversity and Social Justice.

2006-2009 Co-Chair, Willamette University Men Against Violence.

2007-2009 Steering Committee, Concerned Students for Social Justice, Willamette University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2014-Present Academic Council on the United Nations System

2012-Present National Association for Ethnic Studies

2010-Present American Sociological Association

2010-Present American Men's Studies Association

REFERENCES

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