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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (Maître de conférences), Université Bordeaux Montaigne
American Studies, Department of Anglophone Studies 2016 - Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dickinson College, Department of Sociology Jan.-June 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles *and* École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (with highest honors) Nov. 2015
Dissertation: The Culture of Knowledge: Constructing “Expertise” in Legal Debates on Marriage and Kinship for Same-Sex Couples in France and the United States.
Committee: Abigail Saguy (Chair, UCLA), Eric Fassin (Paris VIII), Hannah Landecker (UCLA), Frédérique Matonti (Paris I), Daniel Sabbagh (SciencesPo), Edward Walker (UCLA), Juliet Williams (UCLA)
Field Exams: Cultural Sociology and Sociology of Gender

Graduate Certificate, Gender Studies, University of California, Los Angeles 2013

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles 2010

M.A. American Studies, Université de Toulouse II 2008

Certificate of Political Studies, Institut d’Études Politiques, Toulouse 2005

B.A. French Studies, Dickinson College 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael and Abigail Saguy. 2014. “How to Describe it? Why the Term ‘Coming Out’ Means Different Things in the U.S. and France.” *Sociological Forum* 29(4): 808-829.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2013. “Labels of Love: How Migrants Negotiate (or Not) the Culture of Sexual Identity.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 1(3): 321-345.

Moore, Mignon and Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer. 2013. “LGBT Sexuality and Families at the Start of the Twenty-First Century.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 39(1): 491-507.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2005. “Epidemic and Identity: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of AIDS Prevention Approaches in France and the United States.” *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad* 12: 191-203.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2016. "Les mères lesbiennes, les mères seules, et leurs enfants : l'état des lieux de la recherche [Lesbian mothers, single mothers, and their children: a review of the research]. In *Procréation, Médecine et Don*, edited by Pierre Jouannet. Paris: Lavoisier.

Works Under Review

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "Le Droit et L'Empirie: Comment les Structures Politiques et Juridiques Influence l'Expertise dans les Débats sur Le Mariage et La Filiation en France et aux États-Unis [Law and Empiricism: How Political and Legal Structures Influence Expertise in Debates on Marriage and Parenting in France and the United States]." Chapter in *Actes du Colloque Comparaison Franco-Américaine* edited by Daniel Sabbagh and Maude Simonet. Under Review at the *Presses Universitaires de Rennes*.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "Expertise and Counter-Expertise: How Experts Oppose each other in Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting Debates." For special edition of *Social Movement Studies* on "Sexuality and Opposing Social Movements" edited by Olivier Filleule and Christophe Broqua.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael and Josselin Tricou. "Resisting 'Gender Theory' in France: A Fulcrum for Religious Action in a Secular Society." Chapter in "*Gender Ideology*": *Mobilization of conservative groups against gender equality and sexual citizenship in Europe* edited by Roman Kuhar and David Paternotte. Under contract at Rowan & Littlefield.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "Queer Families Online: The Internet as a Resource for Accessing and Facilitating Surrogacy and ART in France and the United States." Chapter in "Queer Families Online: The Internet as a Resource for Accessing and Facilitating Surrogacy and ART in France and the United States." *Access To Assisted Reproductive Technologies: The Case Of France And Belgium, Borders And Beyond* edited by Jennifer Merchant. Under contract at Berghahn Books.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender; Sexualities; Law; Culture; Politics; Knowledge, Science and Technology; Social Movements; Family; Comparative and Historical Sociology; Qualitative and Mixed Methods

ACADEMIC GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Grants

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| National Science Foundation | 2012 |
| Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$10,243) | |
| Law and Social Sciences Division, Grant # SES 1226663 | |
| Project Title: <i>What is Homophobia? Defining Discrimination in France and the United States</i> | |
| Travel Grant, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA (\$250) | 2012 |
| Teaching Fellow Mini-Grant, UCLA Office of Instructional Development (\$300) | 2010 |

Fellowships

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| Dissertation Year Fellowship Graduate Division, UCLA \$20,000 for dissertation completion | 2014-2015 |
| Karpf Peace Prize, UCLA \$5,000 for dissertation research | 2012 |
| Chateaubriand Fellowship, Fulbright Commission/Ministère des Affaires Étrangères \$16,000 and institutional support for year-long dissertation research in France | 2012-2013 |
| European Studies Fellowship, College of Letters and Sciences, UCLA \$8,000 for dissertation research | 2012-2013 |
| Dissertation Fellowship, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA \$3,000 for dissertation research in France | 2012 |
| Chancellor's Prize, UCLA \$10,000 for discretionary graduate research | 2009-2010 |
| Sociology Graduate Fellowship, UCLA 2 years fellowship at \$18,000 each and 3 years teaching assistantship | 2008-2013 |
| Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Toulouse II, American Studies 2 years teaching assistantship | 2005-2007 |

Awards

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| Excellent in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA | 2011 |
| Phi Beta Kappa, Dickinson College | 2004 |
| Highest Honors in French, Dickinson College | 2004 |
| Summa Cum Laude, Dickinson College | 2004 |
| North East Conference of Teachers of Foreign Languages Award | 2004 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dickinson College (Sociology)

Social Analysis (SOC1 110) Spring 2016

Course introduces students to the basics of sociology, including its classical (Marx, Weber, Durkheim) and contemporary (Bourdieu, Foucault, Crenshaw) theories, its methods (qualitative and quantitative), and its major subfields (class, race, gender, sexuality, family, deviance, politics, culture, inequality, and privilege).

Sociology of Law and Politics:

Defining Social Problems and Creating Change (SOC1 230) Spring 2016

Course introduces students to the sociology of law and public policy and is cross-listed with gender and sexualities studies. It takes an international comparative perspective to analyze the role of social actors (social movements, organizations, legislators, lawyers, judges, and the media) on defining social problems and shaping public policy.

Qualitative Methods (SOC1 240)

Spring 2016

Students in this seminar style course (maximum of 15) learn the basics of qualitative methods in sociology by conducting original research projects involving in-depth interviews. They also get introduced to ethnography and archival research. I train them to use qualitative analysis software.

Instructor, UCLA (Sociology/Undergraduate Initiatives)

Freshman Cluster Seminar (GE 72CW)

Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014

Title: Cross-Cultural Studies in Sexuality, Identity, and Politics

Developed and taught a writing intensive seminar for 20 first-year students for 4 spring quarters.

Mentored students on original empirical research projects. Course completes last of three-quarter series that meets general education and writing requirements.

Independent Study Seminar (Soc199)

Winter/Spring 2011

Title: Race, Class, and Gender in the “It Get’s Better” Campaign

Developed and taught research seminar on content analysis for 7 senior sociology majors. Advised students on research methods and writing strategies for final research papers.

Teaching Fellow, UCLA (Sociology/Undergraduate Initiatives)

Sex: From Biology to Gendered Society Freshman Cluster (GE 72)

Fall/Winter 2010-2012

Taught twelve undergraduate sections for a selective freshmen interdisciplinary lecture course instructed by Arnold (Biology), Haselton (Evolutionary Psychology), Saguy (Sociology), and Vilain (Genetics). Course meets general education sciences and social sciences and writing requirements.

Instructor, École Nationale d'Aviation Civile, Toulouse, France

English Comprehension for Engineers and Air Traffic Controllers

AY 2007-2008

Taught 6 year-long seminar courses of 10 students each in general English, TOEFL and Cambridge preparation for engineering majors.

Introduction to Academic Research Methods for Engineers

Spring 2008

Developed and taught 15 engineering students basic secondary academic research methods.

Advised students as they developed and presented research projects.

Instructor, Université Champollion, Albi, France (American Studies and English)

Research Methodology in American Studies (LIANG12)

AY 2007-2008

Developed and taught freshman lecture course in multidisciplinary (history, literature, sociology) research methodology and college essay writing and crafting (organization, stylistics, citation methods) for required course for American Studies major.

Instructor, Université de Toulouse II, Toulouse, France (American Studies and English)

American Civilization (LIANG123)

Fall 2005, 2006

Developed and taught lecture course on basics of United States government, civic history, and political systems. Required for American Studies and English majors.

- Business English (LEA1)** Winter 2005
 Taught lecture course on English writing and oral comprehension for business majors.
- Listening and oral Comprehension Levels 1, 2, 3 (AN04/AN08/AN012)** AYs 2005-2006
 Taught seminar courses for 20 students each on English listening comprehension and oral expression required for English majors.
- Head Tutor, Writing Center, Dickinson College** AY 2003-2004
 Tutored in English and French papers for undergraduates. Member of the college's writing intensive courses steering committee.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Member of Research Team, "Gender Ideology"** 2015-present
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
 Project Title: "*Gender Ideology, Mobilization of conservative groups against gender equality and sexual citizenship in Europe.*" Project directors: Roman Kuhar and David Paternotte. Member of international team of scholars studying conservative counter-movement backlash to gender and sexual equality in 15 European countries and transnationally. Responsible for French case with Josselin Tricou. Research funded by the FES.
- Member of Research Team, "Enfances et Homoparentalités"** 2013-present
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
 Project Title: *Enfances et Homoparentalités* [Childhood and Same-Sex Families]
 Member of interdisciplinary (Sociology, Anthropology, Developmental Psychology) research team conducting France's first cohort study of children born to same-sex couples. Currently developing interview and clinical protocols for data collection beginning in 2015. Funded by a grant from the Agence Nationale de la Recherche and in partnership with ELEFE (Etude Longitudinale Française depuis l'Enfance, INED-INSERM-EFS).
- Marvin Hoffenberg Research Fellow** 2011-2012
UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy
 Project Title: *Coming Out as...: Social Movement Spillover and Political Innovation*
 Collected, analyzed, and wrote up data on "coming out" as gay in France and the U.S. cases.
- Research Assistant to Mignon Moore, UCLA Department of Sociology** 2012
 Project Title: *LGBT Families and Sexualities in the 21st Century*
 Conducted review of literature on LGBT families published in sociology since 1995.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- "The Concept of 'National Identity': A Methodological Challenge?" Invited Panelist at 15th Anniversary of *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* Conference: Deconstructing Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism. Queen Mary, University of London. September 7, 2015.
- "The Politics of (Gay) Marriage and Parenting in France and the United States." Lecture Presented at New York University, Paris program. Paris, France. February 11, 2015.
- "Les Contraintes du Contexte Politique et Scientifique sur la Circulation Transnationale du Savoir sur l'Homoparentalité [The Constraints of Political and Scientific Context on the Transnational Circulation of Knowledge on Same-Sex Parenting]." Presented at the Centre de Recherche Sociologiques et Politiques de Paris (Cresspa). Paris, France. Nov. 26, 2014.

- “Comprendre la Recherche sur les Enfants dans les Couples de Même Sexe et les Différences Nationales [Understanding the Research on Childhood Outcomes of Children Raised by Same-Sex Parents and Differences across National Contexts].” At Université de Toulouse II, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Toulouse, France. December 19, 2013.
- “Les Enfants dans les Couples de Même Sexe: Comprendre Leur Contexte, Leur Présent, et Leur Avenir. [Children of Same-Sex Couples: Understanding their Context, Present, and Future].” For hearings held by the Working Group on Assisted Reproduction at the French National Academy of Medicine. Paris, France. November 26, 2013.
- “Les Couples de Même Sexe et Leurs Enfants aux États-Unis [Same-Sex Couples and Their Children in the United States].” On panel at *Colloque Femmes, Féminismes, Recherches: 30 Ans Après Pre-Conference*. Toulouse, France. December 13, 2012.

Conference Presentations, 2015

- “Institutional Constraints and the Transatlantic Circulation of ‘Expertise’: The Case of Legal Debates on Gay Marriage and Parenting in France and the United States.” At *Societies Beyond Borders? New Horizons in Transnational Studies*. Sorbonne University Paris, France. September 17, 2015.
- “The Kids are All Right? How French and American Queer Families are Studied and Debated.” Presented at Science, Knowledge at Technology roundtable at *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. August 22, 2015.
- “The Scientific and Legal Recognition of Gay and Lesbian Parenting in France and the United States: How Law and Knowledge Influence Each Other.” At *Council for European Studies Annual Meeting*. Paris, France. July 10, 2015.
- “Sociologie comparée de l’attitude des homosexuel(le)s français et américains sur l’étio­logie de la sexualité et sur la « communauté » homosexuelle. [Comparative Sociology of French and American LGB People’s Attitudes on the Etiology of Sexuality and The Gay ‘Community.’]. At *French Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Versailles, France. June 29, 2015.

2014

- “Reconnaissance Scientifique et Juridique de l’Homoparentalité en France et aux États-Unis: Influences Réciproques du Droit et du Savoir [Scientific and Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Parenting in France and the United States: The Reciprocal Influences of Law and Knowledge].” At *Congrès Institut Genre*. Lyon, France. September 5, 2014.
- “How Political and Legal Structures Shape ‘Expertise’ in French and American Gay Marriage Debates.” At *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. August 18, 2014.
- “‘Expert’ Debates on Marriage and Kinship for Same-Sex Couples in Le Monde and The New York Times.” At *Council for European Studies Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C. March 15, 2014.
- “How Political and Legal Structures shape ‘Expertise’ in Debates on Marriage and Kinship for Same-Sex Couples in France and the United States.” At *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD. February 20, 2014.

“How National Differences in Politicization Explain why French and U.S. Sexual Minorities Understand the ‘Gay Community’ and the Causes of Homosexuality Differently.” At *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD. February 20, 2014.

2013

“La Construction de l'Expertise dans les Débats sur le Mariage et la Filiation Pour les Couples de Même Sexe en France et aux Etats Unis. [The Construction of Expertise in Debates on Marriage and Parenting for Same-Sex Couples in France and the United States].” At *French Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Nantes, France. September 4, 2013.

“Telling your Homosexuality: France and the Cultural Limits of ‘Coming Out.’” First author with Abigail Saguy. At *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. New York, NY. August 10, 2013.

“‘Expert’ Debates on Marriage and Kinship for Same-Sex Couples in Le Monde and The New York Times.” At *Sociology of the Media Pre-Conference of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. New York, NY. August 9, 2013.

“L'Expertise dans les Débats sur le Mariage et La Filiation des Couples de Même Sexe [Expertise in Debates on Marriage and Parenting for Same-Sex Couples].” At *French Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Paris, France. July 9 2013.

“Sexual and National Belonging in Europe and the U.S.” At *Council For European Studies Annual Meeting*. Amsterdam. June 26, 2013.

“The Culture of Knowledge: ‘Expertise’ and Gay Marriage Debates in France and the United States.” At *Colloque comparaison franco-américaine*. Paris, France. June 17, 2013

“Telling your Homosexuality: France and the Cultural Limits of ‘Coming Out.’” First author with Abigail Saguy. At *Eastern Sociological Association Mini-Conference on Comparative Cultural Sociology*. Boston, MA. March 23, 2013.

2012

“Telling your Homosexuality: France and the Cultural Limits of ‘Coming Out.’” First author with Abigail Saguy. March 23. At *Council For European Studies Annual Conference*. Boston, MA. March 23, 2012

2011

“Learning to be Homosexual, not Gay: LGB Migrants as ‘Outsiders Within’ in France and the United States.” At *LGBT/Queer Studies: Toward Trans/national Scholarly and Activist Kinships Conference*. Madrid, Spain. July 4, 2011.

“Homosexuel(le) ou gay? L'Identité Sexuelle en France et aux États-Unis [Homosexual or Gay? Sexual Identity in France and the United States].” At *French Sociology Association Annual Meeting*. Grenoble, France. July 6, 2011.

2010

“Same Sex Different Nation: French and American Expatriate Frames on Sexual Identity.” At *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, GA. August 14, 2010.

2009

“They Pledge Allegiance to the Flag: ‘America’ in French Discourse on the Gay Community.”
Presented at round table discussion at *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*.
San Francisco, CA. August 8, 2009.

Discussant

“Creating Families and Networks.” Section on Sex & Gender roundtables. At *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. August 19, 2014.

“When the Professional Becomes Political: Responding to the New Family Structures Survey.”
At the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. New York, New York. August 12, 2013.

Organizer

Session organizer. “Savoirs sur le Genre et la Sexualité: Construction, Diffusion, Circulation.
[Knowledge about Gender and Sexuality: Construction, Diffusion, Circulation].” At *Congrès Institut Genre*. Lyon, France. September 2014.

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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|---|--------------|
| Associate Editor, <i>International Social Science Journal</i> | 2016-present |
| Co-President, Sexuality & Gender Research Network Council for European Studies | 2015-present |
| Graduate Student Representative, Section on the Sociology of Culture American Sociological Association | 2014-present |
| Reviewer, <i>Sextant</i> | 2014-present |
| Reviewer, <i>Sociological Forum</i> | 2014-present |
| Executive Committee Member, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities French Sociological Association | 2013-present |
| Graduate Student Representative, Sexuality & Gender Research Network Council for European Studies | 2013-2015 |
| Editorial Board Member, <i>CritCom: Reviews and Critical Commentary</i> Council for European Studies | 2013-2014 |
| Co-Coordinator, Sociology of Gender Working Group University of California, Los Angeles | 2009-2012 |
| Co-President, Sociology Graduate Student Association University of California, Los Angeles | 2010-2011 |

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Peer-Reviewed Book Reviews

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2015. "La Famille Pour Tous: A propos du Livre Homosexualité et Parenté Sous la Direction de Jérôme Courduriès et Agnès Fine." *Mouvements* 82: 172-174.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2014. Book review of "Le Moment Politique de L'homosexualité: Mouvements, Identités, et Communautés en France" by Massimo Prearo. *Revue Française de Science Politique* 64 (5): 1002-1004.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2014. "Désir Homosexuel et Culture Gay [Homosexual Desire and Gay Culture]" book review of "How to be Gay?" by David Halperin. *La Vie des Idées.fr* (June 27). <http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Desir-homosexuel-et-culture-gay.html>

Academic Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael and Casiana Ionita, editors. 2014. "Over the European Rainbow: Sexual and Gender Minorities in Europe." *CritCom: A Forum for Research and Commentary on Europe*. May 13. <http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/critcom/over-the-european-rainbow/>

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2014. "Where Does the Rainbow Shine Brightest? Comparing the Legal Status of LGBT People in Europe and the United States Today." *CritCom: A Forum for Research and Commentary on Europe*. July 10. <http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/critcom/where-does-the-rainbow-shine-brightest-comparing-the-legal-status-of-lgbt-people-in-europe-and-the-united-states-today/>

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2012. "The Sexual Field: A New Theory for Classic Questions." *Center for the Study of Women Update* (April). <http://www.csw.ucla.edu/publications/newsletters/2011-2012/article-pdfs/Apr125.pdf>

Blog Posts

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. 2013. "A Transatlantic Perspective on French Opposition to Same - Sex Marriage." *Transatlantic Conversations Blog*. April 23. <http://gslj.hypotheses.org/67>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections on Sociology of Culture, Sociology of Sexualities, Sociology of Knowledge, Political Sociology, Sociology of Law, Sex & Gender, Race, Class, & Gender

Council for European Studies (CES)

Research Network on Sexualities & Gender

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

French Sociological Association (AFS)

Section on Sociology of Sexualities

French Political Science Association (AFSP)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)