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ACADEMIC RANK

Associate Professor of Sociology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Columbia University
Sociomedical Sciences, 2014

M.P.H. Columbia University
Population and Family Health, 2004

B.A. University of California, Berkeley
Sociology, *summa cum laude*, 2000

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Sociology, Brandeis University (July 2022-)

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Brandeis University (2018- 2022)

Assistant Professor of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies and Global Studies, University of Minnesota (2016-2018)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, University of Minnesota (2015-2016)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Barnard College, Columbia University (2014-2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

Suh, Siri and Julia McReynolds-Pérez. (Accepted for publication). “Subversive epidemiology in abortion care: reproductive governance from the global to the local in Argentina and Senegal.” *Signs*.

Books

Suh, Siri. (2021). *Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Reproductive Health Politics in Senegal*. Rutgers University Press.

- [Review](#) by Kathleen Broussard in *Social Forces*
- [Review](#) by Mounia El Kotni in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*
- [Review](#) by Joseph Harris in *American Journal of Sociology*

Journal Articles

Suh, Siri. (2021). “A stalled revolution: Misoprostol and the pharmaceuticalization of reproductive health in Francophone Africa.” *Frontiers in Sociology*, 6 (Special Issue on Global Health and Pharmacology), 590556. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2021.590556>

Suh, Siri. (2020). “What post-abortion care indicators don’t measure: global abortion politics and obstetric practice in Senegal.” *Social Science & Medicine*, Vol. 254 (Special Issue: Behind the measures of maternal and reproductive health: ethnographic accounts of inventory and intervention), 112248. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.03.044>

Brunson, Jan and **Siri Suh.** (2020). “Introduction.” *Social Science & Medicine*, Vol. 254 (Special Issue: Behind the measures of maternal and reproductive health: ethnographic accounts of inventory and intervention), 112730. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112730>

Suh, Siri. (2019). “Metrics of survival: post-abortion care and reproductive rights in Senegal.” *Medical Anthropology*, 38:2 (Special Issue: Human Rights and Reproductive Governance in Transnational Perspective), 152-166. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2018.1496333>

Suh, Siri. (2018). “Accounting for abortion: accomplishing transnational reproductive governance through post-abortion care in Senegal. *Global Public Health*, 13:6 (Special Issue: Re-Situating Abortion: Biopolitics, Global Health, and Rights in Neoliberal Times), 662-679. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2017.1301513>

Jaffré, Yannick and **Siri Suh.** (2016). “Where the lay and the technical meet: using an anthropology of interfaces to explain persistent reproductive health disparities in West Africa.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 156: 175-183. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.03.036>

Suh, Siri. (2015). “Right tool,” wrong “job”: manual vacuum aspiration, post-abortion care and transnational population politics in Senegal.” *Social Science and Medicine*, 135: 56-66. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.04.030>

Suh, Siri. (2014). “Rewriting abortion: deploying the medical record in jurisdictional negotiation over a forbidden practice in Senegal.” *Social Science and Medicine* 108:20-33. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.02.030>.

Suh, Siri, Philippe Moreira, and Moussa Ly. (2007). “Improving quality of reproductive health care in Senegal through formative supervision: results from 4 districts.” *Human Resources for Health* 5:26. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1478-4491-5-26>

Book Chapters

Suh, Siri. (2019). “Post-abortion care: a promising terrain for medical sociology research on global abortion politics.” In E. Armstrong, S. Markens, and M. Waggoner (Eds.), *Advances in Medical Sociology (Vol 20): Special Issue on Reproduction, Health, and Medicine* (pp. 19-43). Emerald Publishing Limited.

Book Reviews, Essays, and Reports

Suh, Siri. (2019). “Fistula Politics: Birthing Injuries and the Quest for Continence in Niger.” Heller, Alison, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2018, 250 pp. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 33: e22-e24.

Suh, Siri. (February 2017). “New President, Old Anti-Abortion Policy: Continuing Contradictions in US Global ‘Family Planning’ Policies.” *Gender Policy Report*, University of Minnesota, <http://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/new-president-old-anti-abortion-policy/>.

Thiam, Fatim, **Siri Suh** and Philippe Moreira. (2006). “Scaling up post-abortion care services: results from Senegal.” *Management Sciences for Health Occasional Paper*, No 5.

Media Consultations

[Becker, A. and Gross, R. The “abortion pill” is used for so much more than abortions. *Slate*, July 6, 2022.](#)

[Miller, C. and Sanger-Katz, M. \(2022\). On abortion, the US is Unusual. Without Roe, it would be too. *The New York Times*, January 22, 2022](#)

[Adams, P. \(2020\). Risks of home birth loom for women in rural Africa amid lockdowns. *NPR.org*, June 12, 2020.](#)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External Sources

Gender Equity and Governance Grant for “Into Women’s Hands: Misoprostol and the Politics of Reproduction in Burkina Faso and Senegal” (\$300,000), William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, 2022-2023

American Fellowship (\$6000), Summer Research Publication Grant, American Association of University of Women, 2017

Invited Visiting Fellowship (\$3000), Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH), University of California at San Francisco, August 2016

Brandeis University

Norman Fund (\$3500), 2021-2022
Norman Fund (\$1541), 2020-2021
Provost Research Grant (\$28,406), 2019-2020
Norman Fund (\$3500), 2019-2020

University of Minnesota

Course Development Funds (\$7000), African Studies Initiative, 2016-2017

Selected Graduate Fellowships and Awards

Marisa De Castro Benton Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University, 2015
Jack Elinson Award for Published Article of Outstanding Merit, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University, 2014
Doctoral Award for Excellence in Global Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, 2014
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2013-2014
Summer Teaching Scholars Program, Columbia University, 2013
International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2010-2011
Summer Research Grant, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, 2010
Population Research Center Fellow, Columbia University, 2009-2014
Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, 2009-2013
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2009
Summer Research Grant, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, 2009
Training Fellowship in Gender, Sexuality and Health, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, 2007-2009
Population Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2004-2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
Law and Society Association (LSA)

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Politics of Reproductive Health in Senegal.”
Seminar Series, Center for Demography & Ecology, University of Washington, April 1, 2022.

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Politics of Reproductive Health in Senegal.”
Reproductive Politics Faculty Seminar, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, March 4, 2022.

“Troublesome technologies: Manual vacuum aspiration and misoprostol in Francophone Africa,” [*Sexual and Reproductive Rights in West Africa Webinar Series*](#), Center for International Studies, University of Lisbon, November 17, 2021.

“Into Women’s Hands: Misoprostol and the Politics of Reproduction in Francophone West Africa,” *Issues in African Development Special Topic Seminar Series*, Institute for African Development, Center for International Studies, Cornell University, November 4, 2021.

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Politics of Reproductive Health in Senegal,” *Brown Bag Series*, Guttmacher Institute, September 22, 2021.

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and the Global Politics of Reproductive Health in Senegal,” *Africa at Noon*, African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 28, 2020.

Plenary Session on “Laboring and the Politics of Re/Production” at the *National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 2019.

Invited Panel on “The Politics of Neglect: Global Maternal and Reproductive Health” at the Mini-Conference on Global Health, *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 2019.

Presidential Panel on “Science and Technology Studies in an Era of Anti-Science II: Impacts on and Reflexivity in the Field” at the *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 2019.

“Bodies of evidence: abortion epidemiology, obstetric practice, and global reproductive governance in Senegal,” *Baraza Lecture Series*, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, February 15, 2019.

“The necropolitics of global maternal and reproductive health: imbrications of care and violence in Senegal.” *Decolonizing Global Health*, Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, February 8, 2019.

“Global reproductive health and rights: sociological contributions.” *Reflections on the Symposium on Global Health & the Social Sciences: One Year Later*. Boston University, November 6, 2018.

“When abortion doesn’t count: post-abortion care and global reproductive governance in Senegal.” *Sociology Workshop Series*, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, April 2, 2018.

“Counting women beyond survival: global reproductive governance, health inequalities and post-abortion care in Senegal.” *Seminar Series on Gender and Inequality*, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, March 20, 2018.

“Reproductive health and human rights.” *Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences*, Boston University, November 9-10, 2017.

“Globalizing reproductive health in Senegal: the troubled medicalization of abortion in an illegal landscape.” *Global Medical Cultures and Law*, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, May 5-7, 2017.

“Troubling abortion metrics: Post-abortion care and the global politics of reproductive governance in Senegal,” *Minnesota Population Center Seminar Series*, University of Minnesota, March 6, 2017.

“Politics of abortion research in Senegal: ethics, epistemologies, and equity.” *Brown Bag Series*, Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, University of California, San Francisco, August 15, 2016.

“The ethics of the global post-abortion care model: a case study from Senegal.” *Forum on Ethical Issues in African Health Care*, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota, February 26, 2016.

“American population politics in global perspective: post-abortion care and the production of safe motherhood in Senegal.” *Biopolitics of Reproduction Series*, Department of Black Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 4, 2015.

“The paradox of post-abortion care: a public health intervention at the crossroads of medicine and law in Senegal.” *Brown Bag Series*, Guttmacher Institute, New York, NY, March 2012.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Misoprostol and the pharmaceuticalization of reproductive health in Francophone Africa.” *Virtual Workshop on the Anthropology of Reproductive Governance and Justice*, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Wrocław, December 2021.

“In women’s hands: Misoprostol and the politics of reproduction in Francophone Africa.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2021.

“Self-Managed Abortion and its Complex Relationships to the Law.” Roundtable discussion at *Law and Society Annual Meeting*, May 2021.

“The limitations of reproductive rights: toward an evidence-based necropolitics of obstetric care.” *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, November 2019.

“Disposable bodies: race, gender, and class and the global necropolitics of reproductive governance.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, August 2019.

“The violence of post-abortion care: practicing a global harm reduction approach in Senegalese hospitals.” *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose, CA, November 2018.

“When abortion doesn’t count: post-abortion care and the global politics of measuring maternal mortality in Senegal.” *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, November 2017.

“Who is eligible for obstetric services? Post-abortion care, hospital data, and reproductive governance in Senegal.” *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, November 2016.

“Global population policy, post-abortion care and reproductive health inequalities in Senegal.” *Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting*, Memphis, TN, February 2016.

“Doctors, diplomacy and data: post-abortion care and the emergence of transnational abortion expertise in Senegal.” *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2015.

“When abortion doesn’t count: the transnational politics of evidence in Senegal’s post-abortion care program.” Science, Knowledge and Technology Mini-Conference, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“Safe mothers, criminal women: post-abortion care and the transnational production of motherhood in Senegal.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“Contributing to the self-fulfilling prophecy of post-abortion care in Senegal.” *Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, February 2015.

“The paradox of post-abortion care: a public health intervention at the crossroads of medicine and law in Senegal.” *International Family Planning Conference*, Dakar, Senegal, November 2011.

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Department of Sociology, Brandeis University

Undergraduate Courses

Sociology of Reproduction, SOC 133B

Race, Health and Medicine in the African Diaspora, SOC 187A

Health, Community, and Society, SOC 84A

Graduate Courses

Field Methods, SOC 203B
Sociology of Health & Illness, SOC 217A
Readings in Sociological Literature, SOC 230B

Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Courses

Politics of Reproduction, 3290
Science, Bodies, Technologies, 4003

Graduate Courses

Feminist Knowledge Production, 8190

Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Courses

Biopolitics of Health and Illness in the African Diaspora, 3900
Politics of Global Health, 3900

Faculty Teaching Development Activities, University of Minnesota

Models of Embedded Writing Instruction, Writing Enriched Curriculum Program, May 10, 2016.

Department of Sociology, Barnard College

Undergraduate Courses

Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality, 3920
Methods for Social Research, 3010
Sociology of Medicine, 3228
Sociology of Reproduction, 3253

Teaching Scholars Program, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

Undergraduate Courses

Politics of Population, 3930

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Brandeis University

BaselineMed (BIPOC Students in Medicine, Pre-Med Students)

Advisory Board Member, Fall 2020-

Doctoral Students

Habiba Braimah, Heller School, Committee Member, 2020-

Masters Students

Jier Yang, Sociology/Women's and Gender Studies, Thesis Advisor, 2019-2021

Juliana Richardson, Sociology/Women's and Gender Studies, Thesis Advisor, 2021-

Undergraduate Advising

29 Advisees in Sociology and Health: Science, Society, and Policy

Undergraduate Theses

Jude Ajalat, Spring 2020 (Senior Thesis Reader, Anthropology)

Megan Catalano, Spring 2021 (Senior Thesis Reader, Health: Science, Society, and Policy)

Zoe Fort, Spring 2021 (Senior Thesis Reader, African and African-American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)

University of Oslo

Doctoral Students

Seydou Drabo, 2021-2022 (Primary External Thesis Examiner, Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Medicine and Society)

University of Minnesota

Doctoral Students

Seunggyeong Ji, 2016-2018 (Co-Advisor)

Seunggyeong Ji, Fall 2017 (Independent Study)

Ana Claudia Dos Santos São Bernardo, 2016-2017 (Advisor, International Dissertation Fellowship)

Undergraduate Students

Katie Czeck, Spring 2015 (Directed Study, GWSS)

Lauren Sekelsky, Spring 2017 (Directed Study, GLOS)

Abigail Fink, Spring 2017 (Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, GLOS)

Kendra Kyndberg, Spring 2017 (Directed Study, GLOS)

Lauren Sekelsky, 2017-2018 (Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, GLOS)

Devin Graf, Spring 2018 (Directed Study, GWSS)

Barnard College

Undergraduate Students

Tess Solomon, 2014-2015 (Honors Thesis Advisor)

Erin Ward, 2014-2015(Honors Thesis Advisor)
Z Bell, 2014-2015 (Faculty Advisor)

SERVICE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Service to the Discipline/Profession

Academic Journal Review

American Anthropologist, 2021-
Women's Reproductive Health, 2021-
Anthropology & Medicine, 2018-
Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2018-
Journal of Health and Social Behavior, 2018-
Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness, 2016-
Social Science & Medicine, 2014- (Outstanding Reviewer status since August 2018)
Reproductive Health Matters, 2014-
Global Public Health, 2013-

Book Proposal Review

NYU Press, July 2017

Editorial Boards

Journal of Health and Social Behavior, 2021-2024

Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Faculty advisor to Hadiza Hassan (Sociology PhD student, Bayero University, Nigeria), March to November 2021.

Professional Associations

Session Co-Organizer, "Critical Transnational Perspectives on the Struggle for Reproductive Justice," ASA Section on Sex and Gender, 2021-2022
Co-Moderator, Special Interest Group for Sociology of Global Health and Development, August 2021-
Co-organizer of the Mini-Conference on Global Health, *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 2019
Organizer and Chair of "Where abortion is illegal: interrogating place in the politics of abortion in Argentina, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Senegal." *Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting*, Memphis, TN, February 2016
Sociologists for Women in Society, Hand Mentorship Program, 2016
Science, Knowledge and Technology/ASA Mentorship Program, 2015

Review Panel for External Agencies/Foundations

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2017-2018

Safe Abortion Action Fund, 2011
Global Health Council New Investigators in Health Initiative, 2006-2009

Steering Committees

Politics of Global Health Workshop, Pardee Center for Study of Longer-Range Future, Boston University, Fall 2022-

Service To The University/College/Department

Brandeis University

Critical Conversations/First Year Experience Committee, 2021-2022

Department of Sociology

Search Committee Chair, Fall 2022
Search Committee, Fall 2019
Colloquium Committee Chair, Spring 2019- Fall 2021
Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2019
Graduate Committee, 2018-2019
Colloquium Committee, 2018-2019

Health: Science, Society, and Policy

Faculty Executive Committee, 2020-

Peer Mentor to Assistant Professor Charlotte Goudge (Anthropology), 2020-2021

University of Minnesota

College of Liberal Arts

Faculty Advisory Board, African Studies Initiative, 2017-2018
African Studies Initiative Planning Committee on Global Health and Geographies of Disparity in Africa, 2016-2017
Research Circle for the Race, Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality Initiative, 2016-2017

Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2015-2017
Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017

Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Gender Policy Report Collaborator, Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy, 2017

Institute for Global Studies

Dunn Peace Research Scholarship Committee, 2017

Selected Guest Lectures and Talks

Brandeis University

Faculty panelist for “The Social and Political Implications of Abortion in Texas,” *Discussion and Donuts*, Social Justice and Social Policy Program, November 12, 2021.

Guest lecture in Introduction to Sociology, March 1, 2021.

Guest lecture in African and African-American Studies Senior Capstone Seminar (AAAS 189A), February 12, 2021.

Discussion of *Medical Bondage: Race, Gender, and the Origins of American Gynecology* by Deirdre Cooper Owens with Professor Wangui Muigai, Reproduction/Black Diaspora Working Group & African Diaspora Cluster, February 27, 2020.

Discussant for Professor Jocelyn Viterna’s talk “Governance and the Reversal of Women’s Rights: The Case of Abortion in El Salvador.” *Sociology Department Colloquium Series*, February 27, 2019.

Guest lecture “Asking and answering sociological questions: the politics of abortion in Senegal,” in Introduction to Sociology, October 2018.

Department of Sociology, Barnard College

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Reproductive Health Politics in Senegal.” In “Global Health, Politics, and Society,” (SOCIBC 3946), March 31, 2022.

Department of International Development, Community and Environment, Clark University

“Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Reproductive Health Politics in Senegal.” In “Sex and Development,” ID 257/IDCE 357, March 16, 2022.

“Post-abortion care and the global politics of reproduction: A case study from Senegal.” In “Sex and Development,” ID 257/IDCE 357, September 24, 2020.

University of Minnesota

Guest lecture in “Racialized Gender Violence & the Politics of Care,” (AMST 8920), Department of American Studies, November 16, 2021.

“Global reproductive governance, local (mis)applications,” in “Transnational Feminist Theories,” (GWSS 5104), Department of Gender, Women’s and Sexuality Studies, September 2015.

SELECTED PUBLIC AND OTHER SERVICE

Global Doctors for Choice, New York, NY
Program Assistant, 2008-2010

Guttmacher Institute, New York, NY and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Graduate Student Intern, 2008

New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, New York, NY
Health Policy and Administration Associate, 2007

Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Dakar, Senegal
University of Michigan Population Fellow, 2004-2006

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New York, NY
Consultant, Reproductive Health Branch, 2004

Ministry of Health, Ghana
Compton/Graduate Applied (GAP) Fellow, 2003