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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D., Sociology, Degree expected Winter 2026

Dissertation: Gendered Work-Family Dynamics of Military Spouses

Committee: Barbara J. Risman (chair); Amy K. Bailey; Pamela Popielarz; Sarah O. Meadows; Meredith Kleykamp; and Shelley MacDermid-Wadsworth

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.A., Sociology, 2019.

Concentration: Gender

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

B.A., Sociology, 2016

Graduated Cum Laude

Certificate in Sociology of Inequality

Certificate in Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration

Certificate in Sociology of Gender and Culture

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Gender; Race; Family; Military; Social Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Employment

RAND Corporation Adjunct Policy Analyst

Fall 2023 – Winter 2025

Internships

RAND Corporation

Summer 2023

Women, Peace, and Security Project

Advisors: Kyleanne Hunter, Joslyn Fleming

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Teaching Assistantships

University of Illinois-Chicago

Spring 2019; Fall 2023 Sociology 100 – Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2018 Sociology 215 – Sociology of Childhood and Youth

Fall 2017 Sociology 224 – Gender and Society

Research Assistantships

Summer 2018 – Fall 2018; Summer 2020 Dr. Paul-Brian McInerney’s “Beer Scenes” Project

Graduate Assistantships

Summer 2019 – Summer 2023;

Gender & Society Managing Editor

Fall 2024 - Present

Other Appointments

Spring 2018

Meeting Coordinator for Dr. Amy Bailey’s “Averted Lynching” Project”

AWARDS

University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Student Council Travel Award (2024)

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Special Competition for Young Investigators Winner (2021)

American Association for Public Opinion Research Student Travel Award (2020)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

McInerney, P.-B., Adkins, T., Peña, T., & **Behrends, S.** 2023. “The Collaborative/Competitive Dynamics behind Local Craft Beer Scenes.” In D. C. Harvey, E. Jones, & N. G. Chapman (Eds.), *Beer Places: The Micro-Geographies of Beer*. Fayetteville, AR: University of Arkansas Press.

Behrends, Seth A., and Barbara J. Risman. (Forthcoming). “Gender as a Social Structure.” *Social Stratification*, 5th Edition (New York: Routledge), ed. David Grusky, Nima Dahir, and Claire Daviss.

Behrends, Seth A. (Forthcoming). “Gendered Dynamics of Military Spousehood.” *Beyond the Greedy Family? An Inquiry into the Changing Nature of the Military Getting Caught Between the Demands of their Families and their Organisation*, (New York: Routledge), ed. Rene Moelker, Janja Vuga Beršnak, and Morten Ender.

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Manuscripts Under Review

Behrends, Seth A. “Whiteness as a Gendered Framework: How White Chicagoans Explain Ethnoracial Inequality in Unemployment.” Under revision following Revise & Resubmit decision at Sociological Currents 01/2026

Manuscripts in Process

Behrends, Seth A. and Nancy Toure. “Intersectional Prototypicality and the Myth of Gender Neutrality: Examining White Americans’ Explanations for Racial Inequality in Unemployment.”

Bailey, Amy Kate, and **Seth A. Behrends.** “The U.S. Military and Out-Migration: Community Origins of New Enlistees, 1990 – 2008.”

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“Is the U.S. Military Regressing as a Gendered Institution?” Blogpost for the Center on Organizational Dynamics at the University of Illinois at Chicago Sociology department, February 2020.

“Ridiculous Order: Presidential Pushback Against the U.S. Military’s Gender-Inclusive Efforts.” Blogpost for Conflict(ed), the official blog for the Peace, War, & Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association, February 2021.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Between Greedy Institutions: Gender, Family, and Belonging in Military Spousehood.” Eastern Sociological Society, Forthcoming March 2026.

“Supporters or Saboteurs? U.S. Active-Duty Servicewomen’s Husbands and Their Support Towards Their Wives’ Military Careers.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2025.

“Intersectional Prototypicality and the Myth of Gender Neutrality: Examining White Americans’ Explanations for Racial Inequality in Unemployment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2024.

“Invisible Targets, Hidden Attitudes: An Intersectional Experimental Study of Racial Inequality.” American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, June 2020.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Refereed Roundtable Session Organizer, “Violent Exposures and Wellbeing,” Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, American Sociological Association (2021)

Refereed Roundtable Table President, “Political Power, Dissent, and Uprisings,” Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, American Sociological Association (2021)

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Peer Referee, *American Journal of Sociology*

Peer Referee, *Armed Forces & Society*

Peer Referee, *Gender & Society*

Peer Referee, *Social Forces*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (2016-present)

American Sociological Association (2018-present)

Sections: Sex and Gender; Race, Gender, and Class; Peace, War, and Social Conflict;

Social Psychology; Family

Eastern Sociological Society (2021-present)

Midwest Sociological Society (2016)

Sociologists for Women in Society (2019-2023)