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EDUCATION

2020 – 2025 PhD, Portland State University (PSU), Sociology
2018 – 2020 MS, Portland State University, Sociology
2012 – 2016 BA, Goucher College, Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

2025 – Assistant Teaching Professor, Mississippi State University (MSU), Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Social Work (SCSW)
2024 – 2025 Adjunct Professor, Lewis & Clark College (LC), Department of Gender Studies
2023 – 2025 Adjunct Professor, PSU, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies, Department of University Studies, Department of Sociology
2022 – 2025 Adjunct Professor, Washington State University, Vancouver (WSU), Department of Sociology
2019 – 2021 Research Assistant, PSU, Department of Sociology, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies
2018 – 2023 Instructor/Teaching Assistant, PSU, Department of Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Digital sociology; digital qualitative content analysis; media, crime, and technology; critical criminology; social constructions of race and ethnicity; right-wing studies; gender and labor; social theory; intersectional feminisms

PUBLICATIONS

Publications

DePasquale, Jenna 2026. “#Clandestini: How Italy’s Center-Right Parliamentary Coalition Frames the Migrant Crisis on Social Media.” PhD Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, PDXScholar.

DePasquale, Jenna. 2020. "Working From Home: Analyzing the Autonomy of App-Based Adult Content Creators." MS Thesis, Department of Sociology, Portland State University. PDXScholar.

Papers under Peer Review

DePasquale, Jenna. 2026. "Digital Discourses of Gender, Crime, and Migration During Giorgia Meloni's Rise to Power." (Under peer review with the *Journal of Right-Wing Studies*)

Papers in Progress

DePasquale, Jenna. 2027. Working title: "Constructions of Crime and Victimhood in Internet Folklore: Implications for Horror, Fear, and Justice."

AWARDS

Sociology Teaching Assistant of the Year, 2021, PSU

Sociology Graduate Student of the Year, 2020, PSU

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRADUATE SUPPORT

PSU Sociology Graduate Student Travel Grant, Montreal, QC, August 9-13, 2024 (\$500)

Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Student Travel Grant, San Diego, CA, March 21-24, 2024 (\$500)

Virginia Cain Endowment Award, 2024, PSU, Department of Sociology (\$700)

Laura Bassi Scholarship Publication Support, 2023 (Fee waivers and 25 percent off editing costs)

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS

DePasquale, Jenna. *Digital Discourses of Crime, Gender, and Migration During Prime Minister Meloni's Rise to Power*. Panel presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2026.

DePasquale, Jenna. *Fear of Crime: Lessons from Sex Work and Irregular Migration*. Brown bag presentation at Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Social Work, October 2025.

DePasquale, Jenna. *#Clandestini: How Italy's Center-Right Parliamentary Coalition Frames the Migrant Crisis on Social Media*. Panel presentation at the American Sociological Association, August 2024.

DePasquale, Jenna. *What if Mussolini Had Twitter? How Italy's Center-Right Parliamentary*

Coalition Frames the Migrant Crisis on Social Media. Research in progress presentation at Portland State University, Department of Sociology, Professionalisation Seminar, May 2024.

DePasquale, Jenna. *Sex Work*. Panel host at the Lewis & Clark College Gender Symposium, March 2024.

DePasquale, Jenna. *What if Mussolini Had Twitter? How Italy's Center-Right Parliamentary Coalition Frames the Migrant Crisis on Social Media*. Panel presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association, March 2024.

DePasquale, Jenna. *Working From Home: Analyzing the Autonomy of App-Based Adult Content Creators*. Panel presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association, March 2020.

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND ACADEMY

- 2026 Temporary Advisor, Upper Division Criminology Students, MSU SCSW
- 2026 – Committee Chair, Criminology Graduate Student Carolyn Angelo, MSU SCSW
- 2026 – Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta, MSU SCSW
- 2025 – 2026 Assistant Professor Representative, Department Advisory Council, MSU SCSW
- 2025 – Judge, Graduate Student Research Symposium, MSU
- 2025 – 2026 Preliminary Examination Committee Member, MSU SCSW
- 2024 Volunteer, Graduate Student Fair, Pacific Sociological Association
- 2020 – 2021 Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, PSU Sociology
- 2020 – 2021 Graduate Student Representative, PSU Sociology

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

- 2024 – American Sociological Association
- 2023 – 2025 Association for Faculty Women, WSU
- 2020 – Pacific Sociological Association
- 2015 – Alpha Kappa Delta
- 2015 – Phi Beta Kappa

Courses Taught

Mississippi State University

- 2026 – Media, Crime, and Justice

2026 – Introduction to Criminology
 2026 – Introduction to Research Methods
 2025 – Social Problems
 2025 – Gender, Crime, and Justice
 2025 Victimology

Lewis & Clark College

2024 Gender and Sexuality in U.S. Society

University of Washington, Vancouver

2024 – 2025 Social Problems
 2024 – 2025 Sociology of Sex and Relationships
 2024 Introduction to Research Methods
 2023 Introduction to Sociology
 2022 – 2023 The Family
 2022 Gender and Work

Portland State University

2025 Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
 2023 – 2024 Introduction to Queer Studies
 2023 – 2024 Introduction to Women's Studies
 2023 Gender and Work
 2021 – 2025 Gender and Sexualities
 2021 Pop Culture Seminar: TikTok (co-taught)

Courses Assisted

Portland State University

2021 – 2022 Classical Theory
 2021 Pop Culture Seminar: Drag
 2020 Quantitative Methods
 2019 – 2021 Marriage and Intimacy
 2019 – 2021 Gender and Sexualities
 2018 – 2022 Introduction to Sociology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Center for Innovation in Teaching Excellence Symposium, MSU, 2026

Participant, Institute for Teaching Social Justice, University of Alabama, 2026

Online Teaching Certified, MSU, 2025

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Public Service Fellow, City of Portland, 2024

Documentary Appearance, *Distance: Sex Work in a Pandemic*, 2022

Community Policing Research Assistant, City of Lake Oswego, 2021