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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles** expected June 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), Eric Fassin (Université Paris VIII), Hannah Landecker, Edward Walker, Juliet Williams (Gender Studies)
Field Exams: Cultural Sociology (passed September 2011) and Sociology of Gender (passed January 2012)
- Graduate Certificate, Gender Studies, University of California, Los Angeles** 2013
- M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles** 2010
Thesis: Homosexual or Gay? Sexual Identity in France and the United States
Committee: Abigail Saguy (Chair), Mignon Moore
- M.A. American Studies, Université de Toulouse II** 2008
Thesis: They Pledge Allegiance to the Fag: “America” in French Discourse on the Gay Community
Committee: Judith Ezekiel (co-chair), Nathalie Dessens (co-chair)
- Certificate of Political Studies, Institut d’Études Politiques, Toulouse** 2005
- B.A. French Studies, Dickinson College** 2004
Senior Honors Thesis: Epidemic and Identity: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of AIDS Prevention Approaches in France and the United States

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

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

Articles and Chapters Under Review

- Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. “How Political and Legal Structures Shape ‘Expertise’ in French and American Debates on Marriage and Parenting for Same-Sex Couples.” Under Review at *American Journal of Sociology*. Draft Available.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "How National Differences in Political Legacies Explain Why the French and Americans Disagree about the Gay Community and the Causes of Homosexuality." Under Review at *Social Problems*. Draft Available.

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]." Book chapter in *Actes du Colloque Comparaison Franco-Américaine* edited by Daniel Sabbagh and Maude Simonet. Under Review at the *Presses Universitaires de Rennes*.

Works in Progress

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "La Recherche sur les Enfants de Couples Lesbiens et de Femmes Seules Nés de Don Anonyme aux États-Unis [The Research on the Children of Lesbian Couples and Single Women Conceived through Donor Insemination in the United States]. Invited to contribute chapter to *Donner et Après: La Procréation par Don de Spermatoïdes avec ou sans Anonymat?* (New Edition 2015) edited by Pierre Jouannet and Roget Mieusset. New York: Springer.

Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. "Reconnaissance Scientifique et Juridique de l'Homoparentalité en France et aux Etats-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]." Draft Available.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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

ACADEMIC GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Grants

National Science Foundation 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>	2012
Travel Grant, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA (\$250)	2012
Teaching Fellow Mini-Grant, UCLA Office of Instructional Development (\$300)	2010

Fellowships

Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship, 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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- “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].” To be presented at the Centre de Recherche Sociologiques et Politiques de Paris (Cresspa). Paris, France. November 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, 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 Fag: ‘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

“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.

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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, Unité Mixte 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles (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, University of California, Los Angeles (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 freshmen 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 2005-2007

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.

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Reviewer, <i>Sextant</i>	2014-present
Reviewer, <i>Sociological Forum</i>	2014-present
Graduate Student Representative, Section on the Sociology of Culture American Sociological Association	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-present
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. 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>
- Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Michael. Forthcoming. Book review of "Le Moment Politique de L'homosexualité: Mouvements, Identités, et cCommunautés en France" by Massimo Prearo. *Revue Française de Science Politique*.

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)

REFERENCES

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