

KAIT KEANE (CUNNINGHAM)

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EDUCATION

- 2020- **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California
Doctor of Philosophy (in progress)
- 2019 **Columbia University**, New York, New York
M.A. Sociology
Master's thesis: The art of dissent: an investigation of objectivity and group dynamics in the Rehnquist Court.
(3.9 GPA)
- 2014 **University College London**, London, United Kingdom
M.Sc. Project and Enterprise Management
Master's thesis: "Gender stereotypes, self-perception and career progression in construction, engineering, and related industries"
(72/100, equivalent to 3.7 GPA)
- 2013 **College of Charleston**, Charleston, South Carolina
B.Sc. Accounting, B.Sc. Business Administration
(3.4 Cumulative GPA, 3.7 Accounting GPA)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Network Analysis, Sociology of Culture, Economic Sociology, Ethnography

PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2019 – *Gender Equity Research, Research Assistant*
November 2019 Columbia Business School
Research Assistant performing qualitative coding on Gender Pay Reports published by UK organizations with 250 or more employees in support of an upcoming publication.
- May 2019 *Dispatches from the Field: Social Observation in Print*
Columbia University, Sociology Department
A collaborative publication project between alumni and current MA Sociology students, resulting in a compilation of substantial excerpts of primary source material that instigate critical reflection on social life and dynamics. The publication will privilege the voices of research subjects, offering commentary and framing compelling to both sociologists and lay audiences.

- December 2017 *Cabinet Office Culture Survey*
 UK Cabinet Office Gender Equality Group (GEG)
 Rebranded the *Women's Network Survey* to the *Cabinet Office Culture Survey* to encourage a more diverse, inclusive survey response. Designed and managed the largest Cabinet Office survey ever conducted, which led to the development of recommendations put to central government leadership for immediate implementation and change within the organization.
- September 2015 *Gender Stereotypes, Self-Perception, and Career Progression*
 Association of Project Management Women in Project Management National Conference, London, United Kingdom. Presentation and workshop based on 2014 M.Sc. thesis.
- September 2014 *Gender stereotypes, self-perception and career progression in construction, engineering, and related industries*
 University College London, M.Sc. Project and Enterprise Management
 Conducted a mixed-methods (in-depth interviews and quantitative survey) research project where I examined the relationship between internalized gender norms and female career progression in predominantly male industries, including engineering and construction.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – 2020 **Planned Parenthood Federation of America**
 New York, New York, United States
Manager, Financial Data Analytics
- Responsible for leveraging financial system analytics and maintaining categorizations that provide insight to leadership. Prepare periodic reports for senior leadership and budget managers across the organization. Maintain data integrity in the finance systems during budgetary periods.
- 2018 - 2019 **New York City Mayor's Office, Commission on Gender Equity,**
 New York, New York, United States
Policy Intern, focusing on Safety (gender based violence)
- Responsible for gathering, assessing, and analyzing data and information on social policy in New York City and across the United States related to gender equity in terms of safety and gendered violence. Construct, manage, and analyze a landscape survey to evaluate all city agencies' gender equity policies, practices, programs, and services in order to identify gaps and develop, recommend, and implement a plan of action to eliminate gaps.

2016 - 2018

Her Majesty's Treasury and Cabinet Office, Infrastructure and Projects Authority, London, United Kingdom
Head of Infrastructure and Construction Data

Responsible for administering, assessing and analyzing the National Infrastructure and Construction Pipeline (NICP) for publication. Produced analytical reports on UK and European infrastructure and construction to inform investment and policy decisions and ministers (politicians of the governing party) and senior stakeholders in various government departments. Conducted social and economic research to support international infrastructure bids in developing countries. Prepared detailed answers to parliamentary questions and prepared detailed, periodic reports for the Prime Minister.

2016 - 2018

Her Majesty's Treasury and Cabinet Office, Infrastructure and Projects Authority, London, United Kingdom
Interviewer, Consultant, and Analyst for Project Initiation Routemap

The Routemap was developed by the Infrastructure and Projects Authority to provide a valuable tool for public and private sector infrastructure providers when setting up projects and programs. Researched project documents, including delivery, financial and governance plans and proposals, conducted interviews alongside Routemap partners, and evaluated interview transcripts and survey responses in order to evaluate project's organizational design and development, asset management plans, risk management plans, requirements, governance, and procurement methods.

2014 - 2016

Parsons Brinckerhoff/WSP UK
London, United Kingdom
Consultant

Consulted Network Rail on a major railway infrastructure enhancement program in the West of England. Established risk management processes, managed design and delivery risks and generated periodic risk reports; Managed delivery of railway engineering outputs involving teams across four continents, produced periodic commercial delivery reports and constructed and managed contracts, which included costing, resourcing and benchmarking.

SEVICES AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2020-

American Sociological Association