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### Education

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2014	Ph.D.	Brandeis University, Sociology
2003	M.S.S.W.	University of Wisconsin-Madison
2001	B.A.	University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Positions Held

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2020-	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University
2013-2020	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University

### Areas of Expertise

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Medical Sociology	Social Inequality
Sociology of Emotion	Social Psychology
Ethnographic Research Methods	Symbolic Interaction

### Book

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2020 Gengler, Amanda M. *Save My Kid: How Families of Critically Ill Children Cope, Hope, and Negotiate an Unequal Healthcare System*. New York: New York University Press.

\* Winner of the 2022 American Sociological Association's Sociology of Emotion Section Outstanding Recent Contribution Award \*

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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2023 Gengler, Amanda M. "The Medicine is the Easy Part': Pediatric Physicians' Emotional Labor in End-of-life Care," *Social Science & Medicine – Qualitative Research in Health* December 2023(4): 1-11.

2020 Gengler, Amanda M. "Emotions and Medical Decision Making." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 83(2): 174-194.

2018 Gengler, Amanda M. and Matthew B. Ezzell. "Methodological Impression Management in Ethnographic Research." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 47(6): 807-833.

- 2016 Gengler, Amanda M. "Getting the Most out of the U.S. Health Care System." *Contexts* 15(1): 36-41.
- \* Republished in Ali, Syed and Phillip Cohen, Eds. 2018. *The Contexts Reader*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. WW Norton.
- 2015 Gengler, Amanda M. "'He's Doing Fine': Hope Work and Emotional Threat Management among Families of Seriously Ill Children." *Symbolic Interaction* 38(4): 611-630.
- \* Winner of the 2013 Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.
- 2015 Gengler, Amanda M and Megan Jarrell\*. What Difference Does Difference Make? Inequality in Healthcare Delivery." *Sociology Compass* 9: 718-730.
- 2014 Gengler, Amanda M. "'I Want You to Save My Kid!': Illness Management Strategies, Access, and Inequality at an Elite University Research Hospital." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55: 342-359. [Also featured in a SAGE JHSB podcast.]
- \* Republished in Conrad, Peter and Valerie Leiter, Eds. 2018. *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*. 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Sage.
- 2012 Gengler, Amanda M. "Defying (Dis)Empowerment in a Battered Women's Shelter: Moral Rhetorics, Intersectionality, and Processes of Control and Resistance." *Social Problems* 59: 501-521.
- 2011 Gengler, Amanda M. "Mothering Under Others' Gaze: Policing Motherhood in a Battered Women's Shelter." *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 37: 131-152.
- 2011 Gengler, Amanda M. "Selling Feminism, Consuming Femininity." *Contexts* 10: 68-69.
- \*One of the top-ten most downloaded *Contexts* articles, and top 50 downloaded articles across all American Sociological Association Journals, in 2017.
- 2010 Gengler, Amanda M. "'That's When it Hit Home': Creating Interactive, Collective, and Transformative Learning Experiences through the Traveling Classroom." *Feminist Teacher* 20: 249-257.
- \* Denotes Student Co-author.

### **Other Publications (Chapters, Essays, Book Reviews)**

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Forthcoming Gengler, Amanda M. "Sociology of Emotions." in the *Handbook of Social*

*Psychology* edited by Gretchen Peterson and Lisa Walker.

- 2020 Gengler, Amanda M. "Families are Not Structurally Prepared for Covid-19." *Contexts Blog*: April 6, 2020.
- 2018 Gengler, Amanda M. 2018. "Pig Kidneys and 'Bodies-on-a-chip': Redefining Human Bodies in Regenerative Medicine." *SSSI Notes*. Vol 46. No. 3: 10-11.
- 2016 Gengler, Amanda M. "The Complexities and Contradictions of Resistance: A Critical Feminist Perspective" pages 156-169 in the *SAGE Handbook of Resistance* edited by David Courpasson and Steve Vallas.
- 2015 Gengler, Amanda M. Review: *Not Tonight: Migraine and the Politics of Gender and Health* by Joanna Kempner. *Sociology of Health and Illness*.
- 2012 Gengler, Amanda M. Review: *Wealth, Whiteness, and the Matrix of Privilege: The View from the Country Club* by Jessica Holden Sherwood. *Gender & Society* 26: 127-128.

### **Work in Progress**

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- Gengler, Amanda M. "Emotional Fortification: Pediatricians as a Core Resource for Managing Parental Stress and Anxiety." (Under review)
- Gengler, Amanda M. "Blocking Time and Running Behind: Making Space for Emotional Labor in Pediatric Care" (In Preparation)

### **Grants and Awards**

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- 2024 WFU Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society Faculty Research Grant (\$6,200)
- 2022 American Sociological Association Sociology of Emotions Section Outstanding Recent Contribution Award
- 2021-24 McCulloch Family Faculty Fellowship, Wake Forest University
- 2021 Wake Forest University Pilot Research Grant (\$8,300)
- 2020 Wake Forest University Faculty Development Funds (\$1770 deferred)
- 2017 WFU CRADLE (Creative and Research Activities Development and Enrichment) Fellowship (\$6,000)
- 2017 Wake Forest University Innovative Teaching Award (\$1000 award)
- 2016 American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant (\$7,937)

- 2016 Wake Forest University Provost's Fund for Academic Innovation (\$13,609)  
(declined due to unforeseen CDC travel restrictions)
- 2016 WFU Center for Bioethics Health and Society Research Grant (\$3,500)
- 2016 WFU Pro-Humanitate Institute Community Engagement Mini-Grant (\$500)
- 2016 WFU BOLD Grant for Blended Online Learning Development (\$6,000)
- 2015 Wake Forest University Faculty Development Grant (\$1,700)
- 2015 Wake Forest University Summer Research Award (\$6,000)
- 2015 Wake Forest University Academic and Community Engagement Fellowship
- 2014 Wake Forest University College Course Enhancement Grant (\$260)
- 2013 SSSI Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2013 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$11,820)
- 2013 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,250)
- 2012 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Research Grant ((\$3,900)
- 2012 Brandeis Women's and Gender Studies Grant for Graduate Research (\$1,000)
- 2012 Eastern Sociological Society Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2011 SSSP Social Problems Theory Division Outstanding Graduate Student Paper  
Award (First Place)
- 2010 Brandeis Sociology Department Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award
- 2004 UW-Madison Student Personnel Assoc. Campus Climate Award for Excellence
- 2003 NASW-WI/UW-Madison School of Social Work Award for Distinguished  
Service

### **Invited Talks and Conference Presentations**

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- 2024 Gengler, Amanda M. "Is this Normal?": Pediatricians as a Core Resource for  
Managing Parental Anxiety. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting,  
Montreal.
- 2024 Gengler, Amanda M. "Managing Emotional Overwhelm in Routine Pediatric  
Practice." Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Washington D.C.

- 2023 Gengler, Amanda M. "'The Medicine is the Easy Part': Pediatric Physicians' Emotional Labor in End-of-life Care." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2023 Gengler, Amanda M. "Save My Kid." Bookmarks Independent Bookstore Local Author Showcase, Winston Salem.
- 2023 Gengler Amanda M. "The Pediatrician Said So: Mothers' Use of Medical Authority to Manage Family Conflict." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach.
- 2022 Gengler, Amanda M. "Medicalized Motherhood 2.0: Pediatricians as a Primary Resource for Parental Emotion Work and Pandemic Decision-Making." Health Professions Mini-Conference at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, MA (virtual session).
- 2019 Gengler, Amanda M. Author Meets Critic for *Lesson Plans: The Institutional Demands of Becoming a Teacher*, by Judson Everitt (invited critic). Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting, New York City.
- 2018 Gengler, Amanda M. "Keeping Death Both Near and Far: Physicians' Emotion Work with Families of Critically Ill Children." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2017 Gengler, Amanda M. "Using Symbolic Interaction to Jumpstart Students Sociological Thinking about Medicine." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2016 Gengler, Amanda M. "From Science Fiction to 'Science Fact': Selling the Promise of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle.
- 2016 Gengler, Amanda M. "Health and Justice" (Invited Panelist). North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Winston Salem.
- 2015 Gengler, Amanda M. (Invited) "Performing Parenthood: Implications for Inequality in Health Care." Wake Forest University Women's and Gender Studies Colloquium Series (also presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago).
- 2015 Gengler, Amanda M. "Personal Comparisons as a Form of Evidence in Ethnographic Research." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2014 Gengler, Amanda M. "Preemptive Emotion Work among Families of Seriously Ill Children." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco.
- 2014 Gengler, Amanda M. "Challenges in Negotiating Diverse Student Identities in the Privileged Classroom." Critical Dialogue Session, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, San Francisco.
- 2013 Gengler, Amanda M. "Negotiating a Child's Serious Illness at an Elite University Research Hospital." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York.
- 2013 Gengler, Amanda M. "Emotions and Medical Decision-Making Among Families of Seriously Ill Children." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, New York.
- 2012 Gengler, Amanda M and Mathew B. Ezzell. "Impression Management, Power, and Confidentiality in the Ethnographic Field Site." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Denver.
- 2012 Gengler, Amanda M and Matthew B. Ezzell. "Telling Stories about Ourselves in the Field." Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, New York.

- 2011 Gengler, Amanda M. "Points of Connection and Divergence between Organizational and Personal Narratives of Social Problems: Ideology, Identity Work, and Battered Women's Stories." SSSP Annual Meetings, Las Vegas. First Place Winner, SSSP Social Problems Theory Division Graduate Student Paper Contest.
- 2011 Gengler, Amanda M. "Developing the Symbolic Interactionist Imagination: Teaching Symbolic Interaction through Writing." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings. Las Vegas.
- 2010 Gengler, Amanda M. "Women are 'Bitches' and Men are Abusers: Constructing Gender in a Battered Women's Shelter." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings. Atlanta.
- 2010 Gengler, Amanda M. 2010. "Race, Class and (M)othering in a Battered Women's Shelter." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings. Boston.
- 2009 Gengler, Amanda M. "Rude Awakenings: Student Resistance and Receptivity in the Critical Classroom." SSSP Annual Meetings. San Francisco.
- 2009 Gengler, Amanda M. "Girls in Training: Teen Magazines and Racially Coded Gender Messages." SWS Winter Meetings, Savannah.
- 2008 Gengler, Amanda M. "Struggling for Control: The Contradictions of Empowerment in a Battered Women's Shelter." SSSP Annual Meetings, Boston.
- 2008 Gengler, Amanda M. "On the Road: Teaching and Learning about Racism and Social Change." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Richmond.
- 2008 Gengler, Amanda M. "Living in a House of Conflict: Surviving a Battered Women's Shelter." SWS Winter Meetings, Las Vegas.
- 2007 Gengler, Amanda M. "Breaking through Ideologies: Shifting Student Perspectives on Inequality." Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Winter Meetings, New Orleans.

## Public Sociology

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- 2011 Op-Ed in The Raleigh News and Observer: "What's at Stake in Wisconsin." February 23, 2011  
*Reprinted in The Cary News: March 1, 2011*
- 2008 Guest-Post: "Sarah Palin Back in the Kitchen: The Continuing Significance of Femininity" on Girl w/ Pen Nov 13, 2008.
- 2007 Public Sociology column in the SWS newsletter Network News: "Communities in Solidarity: Public Sociology across Borders." Summer 2007. Vol. 24, No. 2.
- 2007 Op-Ed in The Raleigh News and Observer: "No Power in the Pole." April 2, 2007.
- 2006 Op-Ed in The Wilson Daily Times: "Violent Men are Threat to Women." September 30, 2006.

## Teaching Experience

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### Wake Forest University (2013-present)

Principles of Sociology

Sociology of Emotions  
Sociology of Health and Illness  
Sociology of Care Work  
Sociology of Food  
Sociology of Death and Dying  
Sociology of Pregnancy and Childbirth  
Sociology of Deviant Behavior  
Observing the Social World (Fieldwork)

**Northeastern University (2012)**

Deviance and Social Control (online)

**Brandeis University (2010-11)**

Univ. Writing Seminar (Self & Identity)  
Sociology of Deviance (online)

**Mount Ida College (2010)**

Sociology of Gender  
Sociology of Deviance

**Barton College (2006-2009)**

Introduction to Sociology  
Race and Ethnicity  
Social Problems  
Community Practice  
The Social Psychology of Race in the U.S.  
Racism in North Carolina

**Disciplinary Service**

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Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Currents*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Science & Medicine – Qualitative Research in Health*, *Violence Against Women*, and the National Science Foundation

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| 2024 | Chair, Outstanding Recent Contribution Award Committee, ASA<br>Sociology of Emotions Section              |
| 2023 | Member, Charles Horton Cooley Book Award Committee, Society for the<br>Study of Symbolic Interaction      |
| 2023 | Panelist, “Demystifying the Tenure and Promotion Process.” Southern<br>Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach |

- 2020 Member, Cooley-Mead Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section
- 2017-2023 Member (elected), Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Publications Committee
- 2019 Session Presider, Disability and Emotions, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings
- 2018 – 2019 Member, American Sociological Association Emotions Section Program Committee
- 2018 Member, American Sociological Association Emotions Section Outstanding Contribution (Book) Award Committee
- 2017 – 2019 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- 2017 Member, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Couch-Stone Symposium Program Committee, Milwaukee
- 2016 – 2017 Chair, American Sociological Association Emotions Section ad-hoc Membership Committee Chair
- 2016 Member, American Sociological Association Emotions Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2016 Session Organizer, “Interactionist Analyses of Death and Dying,” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
- 2016 Session Organizer, “Teaching Ethnographic Methods,” Eastern Sociological Society
- 2015 Session Organizer and Presider, Author Meets Critic session for Ken Kolb’s *Moral Wages*, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
- 2015 Discussant, “Emotions and Social Worlds,” American Sociological Association Emotions Section Session
- 2011 Panel Organizer and Presider, “Building Bridges Between Social Work and Sociology,” Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2010 Session Co-Organizer, “Mothering Outside the Home,” Eastern Sociological Society
- 2009 Session Organizer and Presider, “Teaching about Inequality across the Color Line and Beyond.” Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2008, 2010 SWS Undergraduate Activism Award Selection Committee



2007-20012 SWS Social Action Committee

### **Institutional Service**

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- 2024 – 2025 Member, Department of Sociology Merit Committee
- 2023 – 2026 Member, Advisory Board, Wake Forest University Humanities Institute
- 2023 – 2024 Co-facilitator, Humanities Institute Faculty Workshop Seminar
- 2023 Member, MA Thesis Committee, Jacob Brendle (Bioethics)
- 2021 – pres Member, Disabilities Studies Initiative Steering Committee
- 2021 – pres Member, Department of Sociology Diversity, Equity, and Action Committee
- 2021 – pres Member, Department of Sociology Curriculum Committee
- 2020 – 2023 Chair, Wake Forest University Committee on the Center for the Advancement of Teaching
- 2020 – pres Member, Faculty Steering Committee for the Bioethics, Humanities, and Medicine Minor
- 2020 Peer Learning Community Facilitator, Wake Forest University Committee on the Center for the Advancement of Teaching Peer-to-Peer Learning Community Initiative
- 2019 Member, Wake Forest Sociology Department Tenure-Track Search Committee
- 2019 Invited Panelist, Magnolias Project Alumni Panel, Wake Forest University
- 2018 - 2020 Lower-Division Advisor, Wake Forest University
- 2018 Member, Wake Forest Sociology Department Tenure-Track Search Committee
- 2016 – 2020 Newsletter Editor, Wake Forest Department of Sociology
- 2016 – 2020 Chair, Wake Forest Sociology Student Marketing and Alumni Relations Team
- 2016 – pres Faculty Affiliate, Wake Forest Center for Bioethics Health and Society

- 2016 Elizabeth Phillips Student Paper Award Committee, Wake Forest University
- 2015 Chair, Wake Forest Sociology Ad-Hoc Classroom Renovations Committee
- 2015 Chair, Sociology Department Speaker Series Committee, Wake Forest University
- 2014 – pres Major Advising, 26 students advised thus far
- 2010 – 2013 Graduate Student Representative, Brandeis University
- 2007 Organizer, Symposium on Civil Rights and Social Change, Barton College
- 2007 – 2008 First Year Experience Committee, Barton College
- 2006 – 2009 Community Health Workgroup, Sexual Issues Sub-Committee, Barton College
- 2006, 2007 RAINN Day Organizer, Barton College
- 2003 Organizer, community lecture and workshop: “Cultural Aspects of Gender Roles and Domestic Violence”, UW-Madison School of Social Work
- 2003 Organizer, Symposium on Teaching about Inequality, UW-Madison
- 2003 Co-led UW-Madison Service-Learning Trip to the National Voting Rights Museum, Selma, AL
- 2002 – 2003 Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color, UW-Madison School of Social Work

### **Professional Associations**

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American Sociological Association (Section Memberships in: Medical Sociology, Social Psychology, Sociology of Emotions)  
 Eastern Sociological Society  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems  
 Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction  
 Sociologists for Women in Society