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Associate Professor
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology (with graduate certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies) University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 2018

M.A. Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 2014

B.S. Sociology (*magna cum laude*), Missouri State University, Springfield, MO 2005

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, 2024 –

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, 2018 – 2024

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA, 2017 – 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Provost Fellow for New Faculty Success, Office of the Provost, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO 2026 –

Sociology Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, 2025 –

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social stratification; community-based research methods; creative economy; higher education; public sociology; diverse economies

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Templer Rodrigues, Abby. 2025. "Participação de mulheres em STEM: uma reflexão interseccional." *Revista Estudos Feministas* 33(1**)** http://doi.org/10.1590/1806-9584-2025v33n193606

Templer Rodrigues, Abby and Pierson, Matthew. 2022. "A Qualitative Evaluation of the Missouri State University S-STEM Program Highlighting the Importance of Taking an Intersectional Approach in Academic Program Evaluations." *Journal of STEM Education: Innovations and Research* 23(3): 50-55.

Misra, Joya, Lundquist, Jennifer, and **Templer, Abby**. 2012 "Gender, Work-Time, and Care Responsibilities among Faculty." *Sociological Forum* 2 (27): 300-323. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1573-7861.2012.01319.x

Book Chapters

Templer Rodrigues, Abby. 2020 "Techniques for Shifting Economic Subjectivity: Promoting an Assets-based Stance with Artists and Artisans." Pp. 419-427 in *The Handbook of Diverse Economies*. Edited by J.K. Gibson-Graham and Kelly Dombroski. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788119962.00059

Manuscripts Under Review

Templer Rodrigues, Abby. Distinguishing Between Real-Time and Reflective Data on Participant Transformation in Action Research Projects.

Manuscripts in Progress

Templer Rodrigues, Abby. Rethinking the Rural Creative Economy, Rethinking Livelihoods: Thriving in Precarious Times (Monograph).

Templer Rodrigues, Abby, and Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler. Parenting and artistic career trajectories: the influence of gender, class, marital status, and age on balancing work and family in the arts.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Navigating an Unequal Playing Field of Cultural Production: An Intersectional Approach to Understand Creative Livelihoods." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY (2026).

"Uma abordagem interseccional de economias diversas na economia criativa em contexto rural." 22º Congresso Brasileiro de Sociologia, São Paulo, Brasil [22nd Conference of Brazilian Sociology] (2025).

"An Intersectional Diverse Economies Approach to the Rural Creative Economy." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (2024).

Panelist on, "ADVANCE-ing Equity in the Faculty Ranks." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA (2024).

"Adotando uma Abordagem Interseccional nas Avaliações de Programas de Apoio aos Alunos em STEM." 21º Congresso Brasileiro de Sociologia, Belém, Brasil [21st Conference of Brazilian Sociology] (2023).

"'But our generation has no hope:' Meeting Students Where They Are in Discussions of Social Change and Social Inequality." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, CA (2022).

"Making the Invisible Visible: Enhancing Visibility of Women Faculty and Raising Awareness of Existing Equity Policies and Procedures." (With Melanie Carden-Jessen, Kyra Cook, Tammy Jahnke, Marijana Kotlaja, Theresa Odun-Ayo, Jorge Rebaza). Equity in STEM Community Convening, Washington D.C. (2022).

"The Importance of Taking an Intersectional Approach in S-STEM Program Evaluations." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL (2022).

"Parenting and artistic career pathways: a life course approach to tracing the influence of gender, class, relationship status, and age on the career paths of parents in the arts" (With Kyler Sherman-Wilkins). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Virtual (2021).

"Rethinking the Creative Economy: A Post-Capitalist Response to Creativity-Based Development." IV International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Virtual (2021).—*Rescheduled from 2020 due to COVID-19.*

"Parenting and artistic occupations: the influence of race, class, gender, and marital status on balancing work and family in the arts." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY (2019).

"Interviews as Interaction: Peer-interviews in Participatory Action Research." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (2017).

"Tackling Gentrification: Troubling the Creative Economy and Development as Usual." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA (2016).

Panelist on, *Reflections from the Field of Community-Based Research*, Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL (2015).

"The Micro-Politics of Productive Power: Exploring Economic Subjectivities in the Creative Economy of Franklin County, MA." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY (2013).

"Individuals without Individualism: A Marxian Analysis of Micro-Level Social Change." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver, CO (2012).

"Theory in Practice: The Politics of Collaborative Research." Annual Meetings of the American

Association of Geographers, New York, NY (2012).

"Living in a Connected World: Enacting Judeo-Christian Environmentalism Through Ethical Consumption." Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY (2012).

"Rethinking the Creative Economy: Participatory Action Research with Artists and Artisans in the Great Franklin County" (with Leo Hwang). Annual meetings of the American Association of Geographers, Seattle, WA (2011).

Panelist on*, Ecstatic Pedagogy in the Classroom and Outside,* The New Left Forum, Pace University, New York, NY (2011).

"Work-Time, Housework, Carework, and Work-Life Balance: An Assessment of Faculty at the University of Massachusetts" (with Joya Misra and Jennifer Lundquist). Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA (2010).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation Award # 2404580 (PI: Tamera Jahnke, Interim Provost), Project: Adaptation: Access, Climate, and Equity (ACE) Initiative. Role: Co-PI, $954,175.00 (2024-2027). *Grant canceled May 2025 by the National Science Foundation in accordance with Executive Order 14151.*

National Science Foundation Award # 2221187 (PI: Ajay K. Katangur, Department of Computer Science), Project: Enhanced Learning and Training Experiences to Support Talented, Low-Income STEM Students. Role: Program Evaluator. $1,499,928.00 (2023-2029).

Summer Grant writing and Article Preparation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, $1,000 (2016).

Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, $2,500 (2012).

President's Creative Economy Initiative Fund Grant, Office of the President, University of Massachusetts. Awarded to conduct my dissertation research project, *Rethinking the Creative Economy: Participatory Action Research with Artists and Artisans in the Greater Franklin County.* Faculty Sponsor: Professor Richard Wilkie, Department of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, $32,200 (2010).

AWARDS

International Travel Award, Renolds College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science, Missouri State University, $1,200 (2025).

Women's Faculty Writing Group Stipend, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Missouri State University, $500 (2023).

International Travel Award, Graduate College, Missouri State University, $1,200 (2023).

International Travel Award, Graduate College, Missouri State University, $1,200–*travel canceled due to COVID-19* (2019).

Graduate Student Paper Award, Community Research and Development Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (2017).

Best Graduate Student Conference Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2017).

Residential First-Year Experience Student Choice Award, teaching award presented by Residential Services, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2014).

Public Sociology Award, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2013).

INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES

Panelist on, *Faculty Panel,* for the Inclusive Excellence Scholars Group Connect, Office of Multicultural Programs, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO (2024).

"Black Feminism and Intersectionality: Highlighting Women Who Made Trouble." Office of Multicultural Programs, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO (2022).

"Taking an Intersectional Approach to Understand and Address Gender Inequality in STEM Fields." A Short Course offered at the Geological Society of America North-Central/South Central Joint Online Section Meeting, Virtual (2021).

"A living history of Black Feminism." History Club February Meeting, Missouri State University, Springfield MO (2021).

"Utilizing an Intersectional Approach in Gender Equity Studies of Academic Professions: Strengths and Challenges." Missouri State University NSF-ADVANCE Seminar on Gender Equity, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO (2020).

"Staying the Course or Staying at Home: The Effects of Parenting, Gender, Class, Marital Status, and Age on Artistic Career Trajectories." College of Humanities and Public Affairs Faculty Research Forum, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO (2019).

Panelist on, *Cultural Diversity Round Table*, for the XII Café Acadêmico, University UNINOVE, Memorial Campus, São Paulo, Brazil (2014).

Panelist on, *New and Emerging Methodologies,* Sociology Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA (2011).

"Creating Multiple Realities: Rethinking the Creative Economy through Grassroots Community Development" (with Leo Hwang). Geography Lecture Series, Mount Holyoke College, Holyoke, MA (2011).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Missouri State University

Assistant/Associate Professor **2018 –**

Environmental Sociology
Introduction to Society
Leadership and Professional Development
Public Sociology and Community Studies
Social Stratification
Work, Employment, and Society

Lycoming College

Visiting Assistant Professor **2017 – 2018**

Economic Inequality and Social Change
Introduction to Sociology
Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
Work and Society

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Instructor **2011 – 2016**

Data Collection and Analysis, Online
Honors Independent Study: *The Logic(s) of Inquiry & the Economy*
Introduction to Sociology, Online
Race, Class, Gender, Ethnicity, and Sexuality
Social Problems, Online

Teaching Assistant **2006 - 2011**

Race, Class, Gender, Ethnicity and Sexuality
Social Problems
Data Collection and Analysis
Introduction to Sociology
Drugs and Society
Juvenile Delinquency

Theses and Capstone Projects Advised

"Designing a Community Engagement Strategy for Sustainable Water Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Theory-Informed Approach." Hannah Ndiba, Non-Thesis Applied Capstone for Master of Science in Geography, Geology, and Planning, School of Earth, Environment and Sustainability, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. Role: Committee Member. 2025-2026.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Program Evaluator, Missouri State University Enhanced Learning and Training Experiences to Support Talented, Low-Income STEM Students NSF Proposal 2221187. (2023 –) Designing and coordinating annual formative evaluations and providing a summative program evaluation. Utilizing survey, focus group, and interview data to assess program implementation and impacts as they may vary for participates based on the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, and first-generation status.

Program Evaluator, Missouri State University S-STEM Project NSF Proposal 1458699. (2021). Designed and coordinated a summative program evaluation utilizing focus groups and interviews to assess the Missouri State University S-STEM program with a focus on how program impacts varied for participants based on the intersections of race/ethnicity, gender, first-generation status, and non-traditional student status.

Project Co-coordinator, Rethinking the Creative Economy: Participatory Action Research with Artists and Artisans in the Greater Franklin County, MA. (2010-2013). Designed and implemented a participatory research project in which twenty-two artists and artisans interviewed peers about their economic lives.

Research Assistant, For Professor Janice Irvine, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. (Fall 2010-Summer 2011). Designed and administered a web-based survey to assess the experiences of sexualities scholars within the field of Sociology.

Research Assistant, For Professor Jennifer Lundquist and Professor Joya Misra, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA. (2008-2009). Assisted with survey and focus group research design and implementation and data analysis to assess work-life balance challenges and successes for librarians and faculty at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Data Analyst, Girl Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council Inc., Springfield, MO. (Spring-Summer 2004). Conducted data entry and statistical analysis to assess the effect of Girl Scout membership on several developmental outcomes.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

**Indicates undergraduate student co-author.*

Abby Templer Rodrigues. 2026. *ELATE: Enhanced Learning and Training Experiences Program Evaluation of Academic Year 2025-2026.* Submitted to Ajay K. Katangur, Principal Investigator for the Missouri State University ELATE Program and the National Science Foundation.

Abby Templer Rodrigues. 2025. *ELATE: Enhanced Learning and Training Experiences*

Program Evaluation of Academic Year 2024-2025. Submitted to Ajay K. Katangur, Principal Investigator for the Missouri State University ELATE Program and the National Science Foundation.

Abby Templer Rodrigues. 2024. *ELATE: Enhanced Learning and Training Experiences Program Evaluation of Academic Year 2023-2024.* Submitted to Ajay K. Katangur, Principal Investigator for the Missouri State University ELATE Program and the National Science Foundation.

Abby Templer Rodrigues, Laura Hart, Erin Kenny, and Kayla Curry*.2022. *2022 Missouri State University Sociology & Anthropology Department Climate Survey.* Report to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Abby Templer Rodrigues. 2021. *Missouri State University S-STEM Project Evaluation: NSF Proposal 1458699*. Submitted to Matthew Pierson, Principal Investigator for the Missouri State University S-STEM program.

Matthew Pierson and **Abby Templer Rodrigues**. 2021. National Science Foundation Award Abstract # 1458699: Missouri State University Scholarship Program. https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1458699

Matthew Pierson and **Abby Templer Rodrigues**. 2021. *Final Report: Missouri State University S-STEM Program*. Submitted to the National Science Foundation.

Abby Templer Rodrigues, 2021. Interviewed for the piece, "Experts Weigh in on Current Job Market." Zippia.com. https://www.zippia.com/human-service-specialist-jobs/trends/

Abby Templer Rodrigues, Laura Hart, and Tehya Berger.* 2020. *Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness Unsheltered Point-in-Time Report.* Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness-Community Partnership of the Ozarks. https://cpozarks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/OAEH-Unsheltered-Report-2020-1.pdf

Curtis, Anna, Lundquist, Jennifer, **Templer, Abby**, and Misra, Joya. 2013. "Eaten by Email." *Academe* 99 (5) online only. https://www.aaup.org/article/eaten-e-mail#.Yd3wCy1h2u4

Abby Templer. 2010. *Toward Achieving Work-Life Balance: The Librarian Context.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Abby Templer. 2009. *Methods and Data for the 2008-2009 UMass, Amherst Caregiver Equity Study.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Joya Misra, **Abby Templer**, and Jennifer Lundquist. 2009. *Work-Time, Housework, Carework, and Work-Life Balance.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Jennifer Lundquist, Joya Misra, Elissa Holmes, **Abby Templer,** and Stephanie Agiomavritis.

2010. *Family Benefits at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst: An Assessment.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Anna Curtis, Jennifer Lundquist, **Abby Templer**, and Joya Misra. 2009.*The Geography of Work and Home at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Anna Curtis, Jennifer Lundquist, **Abby Templer**, and Joya Misra. 2009. *Electronic Mail and Work-Life Balance at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.* Joint Administration-Massachusetts Society of Professors Work-Life Committee Report

Community Presentations

"Rethinking the Creative Economy" (with the Rethinking the Creative Economy Research Team). Creative Economy Summit II, Shelburne Falls, MA (2011).

"Rethinking the Creative Economy: Fostering Art and Culture in the Greater Franklin County" (with Leo Hwang). The Fostering Art and Culture Project, Buzz Event Two, Deerfield, MA (2010).

"Rethinking the Creative Economy: Participatory Action Research with Artists and Artisan in the Greater Franklin County" (with Leo Hwang). Faculty Professional Development Day, Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA (2010).

SERVICE

Professional

Reviewer, American Sociological Review
Reviewer, Gender and Society
Reviewer, Journal of STEM Education: Innovations and Research
Reviewer, Social Currents
Reviewer, Sociological Forum
Mentor, One-on-one research meeting, Community Economies Institute Summer/Winter School: Researching Postcapitalist Possibilities, virtual (2024)
Session Presider, Round Table, Economic Sociology Roundtable: Places and Economy, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (2024).
Co-Organizer, Critical Dialogue, *How to be More Solutions Oriented in the Classroom,* Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, CA (2022)
Session Presider, Round Table, *Sociologists on the Present and Future of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics),* Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL (2022)
Session Presider, Paper Session, *Impact of and Within Career and Occupational Pathways,* Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Virtual (2021)
Co-Organizer and Session Presider, Critical Dialogue*, Fostering Healing, Hope, and Revolution in the Classroom,* Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Virtual (2021)
Organizer, Paper Session, *Arts, Creatives, and Community: Bringing the Hope Back In,* Annual

Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA (2020) *Canceled due to COVID-19*

Committee member, Society for the Study of Social Problems Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2020)

Steering Committee Member, Community Economies Collective (2012-2013)

Organizer, Panel, *For Julie Graham: Politics in Process—Developing and Enacting Community Based Research,* Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Seattle, WA (2011)

Organizer and Chair, Paper Session, *Visions of Community Economies*, Seventh International Rethinking Marxism Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2009)

University & Departmental

Committee Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology, Missouri State University (2025 –)

Committee Member, Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology, Missouri State University (2025 – 2026)

Faculty Advisor, Planned Parenthood Generation Next, Missouri State University, (2024 –)

Coordinator, Gender Studies Minor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology Missouri State University, (2024 –)

Faulty Advisor, Advocates and Allies, Missouri State University, (2024 – 2025)

Chair, Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2022 – 2024)

Co-Chair, Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2021 – 2022)

Senator, Faculty Senate, Missouri State University (2021 – 2024)

Interviewer, Career Services Mock Interview Day (2021)

Committee Member, Search Committee for Sociology Fulltime Instructor position, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2021)

Committee Member, Scholarship Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2021)

Evaluator, Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Missouri State University (2020 –2021)

Committee Member, Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2019 –2020)

Faculty Reviewer, Logos: A Journal of Undergraduate Research, Missouri State University (2019 –)

Committee Member, Sociology Program Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (2018 –)

Graduate Student Representative, Committee for Intellectual Affairs, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2012-2013)

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2011-2012)

Department Steward, Graduate Employee Organization, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2007-2008 & 2009-2010)

Community

Troop Helper, Troop 72135 Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Springfield, MO (2026)

Volunteer, Humane Society of Southwest Missouri, Springfield, MO (2025 – 2026)
Volunteer, Rountree Elementary, Springfield Public School District R-XII, Springfield, MO (2024 –)
Volunteer, Missouri Jobs With Justice, Springfield-Ozarks Region, Springfield, MO (2024 –)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Community Economies Research Network
Bowman Center Scholars Network

LANGUAGES

Portuguese: conversational, reading and writing with use of dictionary.