

Wendy M. Christensen, Ph.D.

Employment:

- 2017- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice
William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey
- 2012-17 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice
William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey
- 2010-12 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

Education:

- 2010 **Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Dissertation: *Mobilizing Military Motherhood: Negotiating Support, Activism and Politics in the U.S. War on Terrorism*
- 2004 **M.S.**, Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2002 **B.A.**, Sociology with Honors (Magna cum Laude)
State University of New York at Stony Brook–Stony Brook, NY

Publications:

Monographs:

Christensen, Wendy M. 2018. *Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics During Wartime*
Rowman & Littlefield Press

Journal Articles and Chapters:

- Christensen, Wendy M. 2020. "Changing Society Through Social Movements." in *Sociology In Action*. Edited by Kathleen Korgen and Maxine Atkinson
- Christensen, Wendy M. 2018. "The Politics of Foot Powder: Depoliticizing Motherhood during the U.S. War on Terrorism" *International Journal of Feminist Politics*. 3 (20), 315-330
- Christensen, Wendy M. 2016. "The Black Citizen-Subject: African American Single Mothers & Military Recruitment." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 39 (14), 2508-2526
- Christensen, Wendy M. 2016. "Recruiting through Mothers: You Made them Strong, We'll Make them Army Strong." *Critical Military Studies*. 2 (3), 193-209
- Christensen, Wendy M. 2009. "Technological Boundaries: Defining the Personal and the Political in Military Mothers' Online Support Forums," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 37:1&2
- Christensen, Wendy M. and Myra Marx Ferree. 2008. "Cowboy of the World? Gender Discourse and the Iraq War Debate." *Qualitative Sociology*, 31:3, pp. 287-306

Other Publications:

Christensen, Wendy M. 2020. Review of *Vexy Thing: On Gender and Liberation* by Imani Perry. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Online First.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2020. Review of *The Rise and Stall of American Feminism: Taking Back a Revolution* by Lynn S. Chancer. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2018. Review of *Digital Sociologies* by Tressie McMillan Cottom and Jessie Daniels. *Contemporary Sociology*, 47, 5.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2016. Review of *Fighting for Peace: Veterans and Military Families in the Anti-Iraq War Movement* by Lisa Leitz. *Contemporary Sociology*, 45, 1.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2013. Review of *Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Kick Their Asses* Eds. Donna King & Carrie Lee Smith. *Gender & Society*, 27:3

Christensen, Wendy M. 2005. Review of *Rampage: The Social Roots of School Shootings* by Katherine Newman. *Qualitative Sociology*, 28:3

Christensen, Wendy M. 2004. "Columbine" in *Men & Masculinities: A Social, Cultural, and Historical Encyclopedia*, Michael S. Kimmel and Amy Aronson (Eds.), ABC-CLIO, Inc.

News Media Publications:

Christensen, Wendy M. "Why Bill Was the Face of Hillary's Historic Nomination." *Pacific Standard Magazine and Sociological Images*. August 2, 2016

Christensen, Wendy M. "The NFL, the Military, and the Problem with Masculine Institutions." *Pacific Standard Magazine*. September 22, 2014.

Online Publications:

Christensen, Wendy M. 2016. "Academic Advisement as Activism." *Conditionally Accepted and Inside Higher Ed*. September 2, 2016

Christensen, Wendy M. 2014. "Advice On Surviving Academic Conferences." *Conditionally Accepted and Inside Higher Ed*. August 7, 2014

Christensen, Wendy M. 2012. "The Kissing Sailor Photograph: An Iconic Image of War, Not Romance." *Sociological Images: Inspiring Sociological Imaginations Everywhere*. Oct. 5.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2012. "Torches of Freedom: Women and Smoking Propaganda." *Sociological Images: Inspiring Sociological Imaginations Everywhere*. Feb. 27.

Christensen, Wendy M. 2011. "United We Buy: Using Patriotism and War to Sell Products." *Sociological Images: Inspiring Sociological Imaginations Everywhere and Boing Boing* Sept.16.

Awards and Grants:

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| Summer 2016 & 2015 | College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Stipend Award (\$1200) William Paterson University |
| Summer 2013 & 2014 | College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Stipend Award (\$4000) William Paterson University |
| August 2013 | SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, American Sociological Association |
| Spring 2011 | Gibbons Summer Research Grant (\$5000), Bowdoin College |
| Spring 2009 | Mary Washburn Willets Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences Department of Gender and Women's Studies, UW–Madison |
| Winter 2007 | Dissertation Research Award, Department of Sociology, UW–Madison |

Selected Presentations:

- 2022 "Understanding Decolonization" Community Dialogue Series, William Paterson University
- 2021 "Power and Authority in the Classroom" What Works Conference, William Paterson University
- 2020 "Bursting the Bubble: Women, Race, & Organizing" Roundtable presentation, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 "Qualitative Methods Online" Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
- 2019 "Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics during Wartime" Senior Faculty Research Forum, William Paterson University
- 2019 "Mother's of the Military: A Conversation with Mothers" Sponsored by the Student Veterans Organization, William Paterson University
- 2019 "Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics during Wartime" Book talk and signing. Clifton Public Library, NJ.
- 2019 "Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics during Wartime" Gender Symposium Book Talk, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- 2019 "The Invisible Burden of Caregiving" Military Veterans Symposium, Queens College, New York, NY.
- 2019 "Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics during Wartime" College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senior Faculty Research Forum, William Paterson University
- 2016 "The Gendered Burden of War: Reproducing Inequality in Veteran's Healthcare" *Military Sociology Mini Conference*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2014 "The Black Citizen-Subject: African American Single Mothers and Military Recruitment" Roundtable on Gender & the Military, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 2014 "Maternal Support and the Politics of Veteran's Healthcare" College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research Forum, William Paterson University
- 2011 "The Politics of Foot Powder: Depoliticizing Motherhood During Wartime" *Military Sociology Mini Conference*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, and in the *Families and the Military*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 "Recruiting Mothers: A Feminist Analysis of How Military Motherhood is Defined by the Military and by Mothers Online" Invited Thematic Panel, *Feminism and Web 2.0*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Discussant:

- 2019 *Social Movements & Political Activism*, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2013 *Feminist Theory Panel Session*, American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2010 *Military Control and Regulation* panel at the *Mini Conference on Military Sociology*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Panelist:

- 2021 *Encouraging and Using Feedback from Students* for the Center for Teaching Excellence, William Paterson University
- 2019 *Teaching the 1619 Project Workshop* for the Social Justice Project, William Paterson University

- 2019 *Cell Phones in Class: What Should We Do?* Center for Teaching Excellence Pedagogy Workshop, William Paterson University
- 2019 *Creating Inclusive, Democratic Classrooms* Center for Teaching Excellence Pedagogy Workshop, William Paterson University
- 2018 *Demystifying New Course Development and Proposal Writing* Center for Teaching Excellence Pedagogy Workshop, William Paterson University
- 2017 *Black Women and The Civil Rights Movement* panel for the Africana-World Studies Department, William Paterson University
- 2016 The New "Traditional" Student: Teaching First Generation, Working Class, Diverse Students, Workshop, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2016 *Educating Students About Election Issues*, Social Justice Workshop, William Paterson University
- 2015 *Out in the Night: One Night They Fought Back*, Film screening discussion panel, LGBTQ Taskforce of the NJ Coalition for Battered Women, Wayne, NJ.
- 2015 *Marginalized Faculty and Academic (In)justice*, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2014 *Entering the Job Market: The Effective Use of Social Media*, Workshop, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 *The Marginalized Majority: How Adjunct and Contingent Faculty Can Thrive and How Tenure Faculty Can Ally and Advocate*, Workshop, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Nashville, TN.

Organizer:

- 2021-2022 Academic Affairs Advisement Workshop Series, William Paterson University
- 2021 Twitter for Academics & Activists Workshop, Sociologists for Women in Society, Online
- 2019 Building a Professional Identity Online, Workshop, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2016 Intellectual Activism: Protecting Scholars from Public Attacks and Professional Backlash, Workshop, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- 2016 The New "Traditional" Student: Teaching First Generation, Working Class, Diverse Students, Workshop, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2015 Professional Workshop, *Social Media for Feminist Collaboration*, American Sociological Association and Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. and Washington, DC.
- 2009 Professional Workshop, *Web-based Networking: A New Tool for Success in Graduate School*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 Workshop, *Navigating the Mentor/Mentee Relationship*, Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2008 Roundtable Panels, 4th Annual Student Roundtable: *Emerging Scholarship in Sociology*, SWS/Association of Black Sociologists, Boston, MA.
- 2007 Panel, *Showcasing Feminist Research at UW–Madison*, Midwest Sociological Society, and the Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society Conference, Chicago, IL.

Media Mentions and Interviews:

Interviewed, "Professors See Charlottesville as a Starting Point for Discussions on Race" by Fernanda Zamudio-Suaréz, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 18, 2017.

Interviewed, "Meeting Students Where They Are: William Paterson Harnesses the Power of Social Media" *WP: William Paterson Magazine*, Fall 2015.

Interviewed, "Women have been part of U.S. combat for years, although not on front lines" by Monica Hesse, *Washington Post*, January 24, 2013.

Teaching Experience:

Associate/Assistant Professor, William Paterson University:

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| Senior Seminar Capstone Course | F2F: Summer 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023 Online: 2021, Designed for WPOne Summer 2023 |
| Social Work Policy (BSW Program) | Spring 2024, 2025 |
| Interviewing & Focus Groups (graduate) | F2F: Fall 2021 |
| Social Movements | Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014-2023, 2025 Online: Summer 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021 |
| Sociology of Social Inequality | F2F: Fall 2012, 2014-2017 and 2021, 2024, Spring 2020-2024 Online: Fall 2020 |
| Sociology of the Family | F2F: Fall 2021 Online: Summer 2012, Winter 2013, Summer 2014, Winter 2014, Summer 2015-2023, Winter 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 Designed for WPOne Spring 2022 |
| Sociology of War & Media | F2F: Fall 2019 |
| Public Sociology & Civic Engagement | F2F: Fall 2016 |
| Research Methods | F2F: Spring 2014-2016 |
| Social Problems | F2F: Fall 2018 |
| Pioneer Success Seminar | F2F: Fall 2018 |
| Principles of Sociology | F2F: Fall 2013, 2014, 2015 Online: Summer 2019, Winter 2021 |
| Qualitative Methods | F2F: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014 |

Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College:

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| Introduction to Sociology | Spring 2012 |
| War and Media (advanced) | Spring 2012 |
| Sociology of the Family | Spring 2011 |
| Classics of Sociological Theory | Fall 2011 |
| Sociology of Gender | Fall 2010, 2011 |
| Gender and Politics | Spring 2011 |
| War and Media (introductory) | Fall 2010 |

Curriculum Development:

Social Work Policy (BSW Program)
Social Inequality (revised for UCC 2.0)
Sociology of Gender & Sexuality
Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (new UCC 2.0 course)
Career Skills for Sociologists
Sociology of War and Media

Student Supervision:

Joleen Kavaliauskas: *A Balancing Act: Women in Politics & Masculine Military Hegemony* Independent Study, Sociology Department, William Paterson University

Terrancia Holmes: *Teenage Pregnancy: Understanding the Role of Poverty and Determining Effective Methods for Prevention*, Africana Studies Honors Project, Bowdoin College (Committee Chair) and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (Supervisor)

Mariya Ilyas: *Is Dual Identity an Identity? A closer look at what it means to be Pakistani- American living in the diaspora in America*, Sociology Department Honors Project, Bowdoin College (Committee Chair) Davis Project for Peace Award (Supervisor)

Natalia Richey: *Birth Models in a United States Hospital: How Certified Nurse-Midwives and Obstetricians-gynecologists Provide Care*, Sociology Department Honors Project, Bowdoin College (Committee Member)

Research Experience:

- 2009 Project Manager: Transnational Applied Research on Gender Equity Training (TARGET). Project jointly funded by FIPSE and the UW International Institute.
- 2006 Assistant to the Editors: *Global Feminism*, Myra Marx Ferree and Aili Mari Tripp, New York University Press
- 2004 Research Assistant: Professors Myra Marx Ferree and Aili Mari Tripp, Transnational Feminisms Research Circle of the International Institute UW–Madison
- 2003 Research Assistant: Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, Professor Jane Piliavin, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Professional Development:

- 2023 Adult Mental Health First Aid Certification
- 2022 Quality Matters Training Course Development
- 2021 American Association of State Colleges and Universities Conference
- 2021 Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification, National Council for Behavioral Sciences
- 2012-2018 Professional Writing Group, William Paterson University
- 2012, 2017 Writing Across the Curriculum Pedagogy & Critical Thinking Workshop, William Paterson University
- 2015 Discussion Leader, Center for Teaching Excellence Book Discussion, "Teaching to Transgress" by bell hooks
- 2013 ASA Section on Teaching and Learning's pre-conference workshop, "Universal Design: Interrogating Inequality in Learning"
- 2013 New Jersey Campus Compact Faculty Institute on Service Learning: A Course Development Workshop in Civic Engagement
- 2013 Just Publics @365 Op Ed Writing Workshop, CUNY Graduate School of Journalism
- 2012 Diversity and Social Justice Workshop participant, William Paterson University

Professional Service:

- 2024-2025 Consultant, Rebuilding Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2021-current Member, HEAT (Higher Education Action Team), Sociologists for Women in Society

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| 2020-current | Editorial Board, <i>Contemporary Sociology</i> |
| 2012-current | Member, Media Relations Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society |
| 2012-current | Social Media Representative, Sociologists for Women in Society |
| 2019 | Invited Book Reviewer, Routledge Press |
| 2017 | Invited Book Reviewer, Demeter Press |
| 2013-2019 | Lead Administrator, Teaching with a Sociological Lens Facebook Group (~5,000 members) |
| 2015 | Invited Book Reviewer, Lynne Rienner Publishers |
| 2013-2015 | Elected Member, SWS Committee on Academic Justice |
| 2008 | Executive Council Student Representative, Student Concerns Chair, Sociologists for Women in Society |
| Reviewer: | American Journal of Sociology, Armed Forces & Society, Gender & Society, International Studies, Military Populations: Social and Racial Inequality, Qualitative Sociology, Race, Class & Gender, Russian Review of Social Research, Social Problems, and Sociological Forum |

William Paterson University Service:

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| 2022-2025 | Chair, Faculty Senate |
| 2023-2024 | Chair, Blue Ribbon Inclusive Teaching Task Force |
| 2022-2023 | Co-Chair, Faculty Mentors Task Force |
| 2022-2025 | Elected At-Large Representative, Faculty Senate |
| 2018-current | Co-Facilitator, Diversity & Justice Pedagogy 2-Day Workshop for Faculty |
| 2021-2022 | Vice Chair, Faculty Senate |
| 2021-2022 | Founding Member, Council for Equity and Justice |
| 2018-2022 | Steering Committee Member, The Gandhian Forum for Peace & Justice |
| 2022 | Member, Student Success Task Force |
| 2021 | Organizer, Tools & Techniques for Faculty Advisors |
| 2021 | Organizer, Dr. Shamus Kahn "Sexual Citizens" book talk |
| 2020-2021 | At-Large Representative, Faculty Senate Executive Council |
| 2020-2021 | Member, Taskforce to form University Equity & Justice Council (created charges and bylaws) |
| 2020-2021 | Team Member, Campus Climate Survey |
| 2020 | Co-Facilitator, Campus Conversation on Racism |
| 2019-2020 | Member, President's LGBTQIA+ Needs Assessment Taskforce (collected institutional data and formulated recommendations for improvement in campus climate and curriculum) |
| 2017-2019 | Faculty Advisor, Pride Alliance student group |
| 2014-current | Steering Committee Member, Social Justice Project |
| 2016-current | Committee to Support Undocumented Students and Workers |
| 2014-2018 | Member, Veteran's Taskforce |
| 2012-2017 | Member, University LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board |
| 2013-current | HSS Representative, University IT Advisory Board |
| 2012-2014 | Mentor, University Mentoring Network |
| Fall 2015 | Interim Director, American Democracy Project |
| Summer 2013 | Planning Committee, LGBTQIA College Leadership Conference |

College of Humanities and Social Science Service:

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| 2013-2020 | Co-Chair, HSS Curriculum Committee |
| 2019-2020 | Co-Facilitator, Safe Space LGBTQIA+ Training for Faculty |
| 2018-2020 | Chair, HSS Student Retention Committee |
| 2013-2016 | Social Media Representative, College of Humanities and Social Sciences |
| 2013-2016 | Member, Student Retention Committee |

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Service:

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| 2025 | Range Adjustment Committee |
| 2023-current | Student Mentor |
| 2013-2023 | Academic Advisor |
| 2020-2022 | Elected Department Representative, Faculty Senate |
| 2016-2021 | Assistant Department Chair |
| 2013-2020 | Chair, Department Curriculum Committee |
| 2014-current | Co-Organizer, Department Teaching Circles |
| 2018-2019 | Hiring Committee, 1 tenure track position |
| 2017-2018 | Hiring Committee, 2 tenure track positions |
| 2015-2016 | Hiring Committee, 2 tenure track positions |
| 2013-2014 | Advisor, Sociology Club |
| 2014-2015 | Planning Committee, Sociology Career Day |

Community Service:**Workshop Leader:**

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| 2023-2025 | Mental Health First Aid certified trainer |
| 2021 | "Civil Rights: Memory, Lessons & Connections" as a part of <i>Race Together: Learning about Race & Racism in America</i> , for the Community Peace and Justice Network |
| 2021 | "Conspiring Against Racism: How to Become an Activist" for the Institute for New Dimensions |
| 2021 | Participant, Labor Notes Troublemakers School Conference, Philadelphia, PA |
| 2020 | "Just Mercy Virtual Screening & Discussion" for Montville Township, NJ |
| 2020 | "Seeing Bias and Inequity" a 2-part Community Conversation Series for Bloomfield City Council, Bloomfield, NJ |
| 2019 | <i>Inclusive Organizing Practices</i> , NJ 11 for Change |
| 2019 | <i>How Mass Media Influences Our World</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions |
| 2019/2017 | <i>The Politics of Gender and Sexuality</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions |
| 2018 | <i>Collective Action & Social Change</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions |
| 2015 | <i>What's Love Got to Do with It? Changing Practices for Dating and Marriage</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions |
| 2014 | <i>The U.S. Media and War</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions |

2012-2014 *Using Technology in the K-12 Classroom, and Diversity in the Classroom*, The American Institute
for Creative Education

Professional Affiliations:

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems