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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:

Christensen, Wendy M. 2018. "The Politics of Foot Powder: Depoliticizing
Motherhood during Wartime" *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. Forthcoming. 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. 2017. "Changing Society Through Social Movements." in *Sociology In Action*. Edited by Kathleen Korgen and Maxine Atkinson

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 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:

Summer 2016 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Stipend Award (\$1200)
& 2015 William Paterson University

Summer 2014 & 2013	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

Ongoing Research:

Ethnography and Interviews, *Bursting the Bubble: Women, Race, & Grassroots Organizing*. (Assigned Release Time 2018-2020)

Selected Presentations:

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" 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, Clifton, 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 MiniConference, 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" *Miniconference on Military Sociology*, 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.
- 2008 "The Gendered Homefront: U.S. Military Mothers and the Work of Separating the War from the Warrior," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2008 "The Online World as Problematic: Bringing Institutional Ethnography to the Internet," Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2007 "The Online World as Problematic: Feminist Internet Methodology," Midwest Sociological Society annual conference, Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 "Military Mothers Online: Negotiating Support, Activism and Politics in the U.S. War on Terrorism," Christina Conference on Women's Studies, European Gender and ICT Symposium, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2006 "Our Families, Your Freedom: Constructing Military Motherhood in the U.S. War on Terrorism," Gender & Political Transformations Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and the Feminism & War Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- 2005 "The Cowboy of the World: Gendering Iraq War Discourse," *Gender & Sexuality in the Global U.S. Military Empire*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA and at Midwestern Sociological Society conference, Minneapolis, MN.

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 *Miniconference on Military Sociology*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Panelist:

- 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, LGBT 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:

- 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:

Senior Seminar	Summer 2018, 2019
Public Sociology & Civic Engagement	Fall 2016
Research Methods	Spring 2014-2016
Social Problems	Fall 2018
Pioneer Success Seminar	Fall 2018
Principles of Sociology	Fall 2013, 2014, 2015 Online: Summer 2019
Social Movements	Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014-2020 Online: Summer 2015, 2016
Sociology of Social Stratification	Fall 2012, 2014-2017
Qualitative Methods	Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014
Sociology of the Family	Online: Summer 2012, Winter 2013, Summer 2014, Winter 2014, Summer 2015-2019, Winter 2020

Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College:

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

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)
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:

- 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 SecRon 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
- 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:

- 2020 Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2019 Invited Book Reviewer, Routledge Press
- 2017 Invited Book Reviewer, Demeter Press
- 2012-current Media Relations Taskforce, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2012-current Social Media Representative, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 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 Committee Chair, Sociologists for Women in Society
Ongoing	Contributing Blogger: <i>Sociological Images</i> , <i>Conditionally Accepted</i>
Ongoing	<i>Reviewer</i> 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:

2019-2020	President's LGBTQIA+ Needs Assessment Taskforce
2018-current	Co-Facilitator, Diversity & Justice Training for Faculty
2018-current	Member, Gandhian Forum Steering Committee
2017-current	Faculty Advisor, Pride Alliance student group
2014-current	Member, Social Justice Project (formerly the Race & Gender Project)
2016-current	Committee to Support Undocumented Students and Workers
2014-current	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:

2020	Co-Facilitator, Safe Space LGBTQIA+ Training for Faculty
2019-current	Chair, HSS Curriculum Committee
2018-current	Chair, HSS Student Retention Committee
2013-2018	Chair and Member, HSS Curriculum Committee
2013-2016	Social Media Representative, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
2013-2016	Member, Student Retention Committee
Fall 2014	Discussion Leader, Center for Teaching Excellence Book Discussion, "Teaching to Transgress" by bell hooks

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice:

2019-current	Chair, Department Curriculum Committee
2016-current	Assistant Department Chair
2013-2018	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	Planning Committee, Sociology Career Day

Community Service:

Lecturer

2019	<i>How Mass Media Influences Our World</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions
2019	<i>Gender and Politics</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions
2018	<i>Collective Action & Social Change</i> , The Institute for New Dimensions
2017	<i>The Politics of Gender and Sexuality</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

Workshops

2019	<i>Inclusive Organizing Practices</i> , NJ 11 for Change
2012-2014	<i>Using Technology in the K-12 Classroom</i> , and <i>Diversity in the Classroom</i> , 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

Professional References:

Available upon request.