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## Academic Appointments

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2019- **Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Virginia**  
Biocomplexity Institute & Initiative, Social and Decision Analytics Division

## Education

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2019 **Ph.D. Sociology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**  
*Dissertation: 'Molecularization at the Intersections: Testosterone, Prostate Cancer and the Construction of Racial Difference'*  
*Committee: Kristen Springer (Chair), Joanna Kempner, Catherine Lee, Rebecca Jordan-Young (Barnard College)*

2014 **M.A. Sociology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**

2010 **B.A. Sociology, University of Iowa**

## Research Interests

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Science & Technology Studies  
Computational Social Science

Sex, Gender & Sexuality  
Race & Ethnicity

Medical Sociology  
Social Neuroscience

## Publications

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Himmelstein, M., Kramer, B. L. & Springer, K. (2019). 'Stress in Strong Convictions: Precarious Manhood Beliefs Moderate Cortisol Reactivity to Masculinity Threats.' *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 20(4), 491-502. ([OSF Link](#))

Kramer, B. L., Himmelstein, M. S., & Springer, K. W. (2017). 'Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task.' *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 51(6), 846-855. ([OSF Link](#))

## Papers Under Review

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Kramer, B. L. 'The Molecularization of Race in Testosterone Research.' *Under Review*.

Carlin, L. & Kramer, B. L. 'Hair, Hormones & Ghosts: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.' *Revise and Resubmit for Special Issue of Science, Technology & Human Values.*

### Select Works in Progress

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Kramer, B. L. 'T/racing Controversy through Consensus: A Historical Network Analysis of Testosterone, Race and Prostate Cancer.' *Draft Available.*

Kramer, B. L. 'The Sensitive Subjects of Personalized Sexual Medicine.' *Draft Available.*

Kramer, B. L., Weber, M., & Yanovitzky, I. 'Networks of Evidence Use in the Context of Federal Childhood Policymaking.' *Draft Available.*

Wotecki, C. E., Kramer, B. L., Lancaster, V. & Cohen, S. 'Impacts and Echoes: The Lasting Influence of the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health.' *Draft in Preparation.*

Kramer, B. L., Calderón, J.B.S., & Korkmaz, G. 'Open-Source Software Development: A Historical Network Analysis of International Collaboration on GitHub.'

Kramer, B. L. & Lee, C. 'Using Computational Methods to Examine the Growth of Diversity in Biomedical Research.'

### Grants, Awards & Fellowships

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2018-19	<i>David Mechanic Scholar Award, \$4000, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University</i>
2018-19	<i>Graduate Fellowship, School of Comm. &amp; Information, Rutgers University</i>
2018	<i>Sociology Small Grant Award, \$500, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2018	<i>Graduate Fellowship, School of Comm. &amp; Information, Rutgers University</i>
2018	<i>TA/GA Professional Development Fund, \$1055, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2015	<i>Special Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2014-15	<i>Excellence Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2013-14	<i>Graduate Assistantship, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University</i>
2013	<i>Matilda White Riley Term Paper Award, \$350, Dept. of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2012-13	<i>Excellence Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University</i>
2010	<i>J. Richard Wilmeth Award for Excellent Honors Thesis, University of Iowa, Dept. of Sociology</i>
2010	<i>Manford Kuhn Award for Best Undergraduate Junior-Senior Paper, Iowa Sociological Association</i>
2010	<i>Award for Distinguished Poster Presentation in Social Sciences, University of Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, University of Iowa</i>
2010	<i>Honors Program Participant, American Sociological Association Meeting</i>
2010	<i>Outstanding Senior Award, University of Iowa, Dept. of Sociology</i>
2010	<i>Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Travel Grant, University of Iowa</i>
2010	<i>Honors Program Travel Grant, American Sociological Association</i>

2010            *Annual Conference Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society*  
2009-10        *ICRU Fellowship, Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, \$2500, University of Iowa*  
2008            *Alpha Kappa Delta National Honors Recipient, University of Iowa*

### **Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations**

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Kramer, B. L. "Tracing Change in Scientific Consensus: Testosterone, Race and Controversy in Prostate Cancer Research." Society for Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, LA, August 2019.

Kramer, B. L. "The Molecularization of Race in Testosterone Research." American Sociological Association, New York, NY., August 2019.

Weber, M., Kramer, B. L., & Yanovitzky, I. "Networks of Evidence Use in the Context of Federal Childhood Policymaking." International Communication Association, Washington, D.C., May 2019.

Greene, K., Choi, HJ., Ray, A., Hecht, M., Glenn, S., Kramer, B. L., Peña-Alves, S., Lyons, R., Miller-Day, M., & Banerjee, S. "Short-term Effects of the REAL media Curriculum in a Sample of 4-H Youth. International Communication Association, Washington, D.C., May 2019.

Greene, K., Ray, A. E., Hecht, M. L., Glenn, S., Kramer, B. L., Peña-Alves, S., Banerjee, S. C., Choi, H. J., Lyons, R., & Miller-Day, M. "Implementing and disseminating REAL media through 4-H clubs and D.A.R.E.: Peer-to-peer delivery of messages through websites and social media." Annual Conference on Dissemination and Implementation, Washington, D.C., December 2018.

Kramer, B. L. "Visualizing the Racialization of Testosterone in Biomedical Studies." Society for Social Studies of Science, Sydney, Australia, August 2018.

Carlin, L. & Kramer, B. L. "Hair, Hormones & Ghosts: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome." Society for Social Studies of Science, Sydney, Australia, August 2018.

Kramer, B. L. "The Sensitive Subjects of Personalized Sexual Medicine." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA., August 2018.

Carlin, L. & Kramer, B. L. "Unveiling the Ghosts of the Post-Genomic: How Race is Submerged in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA., August 2018.

Kramer, B. L., Springer, K. W., & Himmelstein, M. S. "Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD., February 2018.

Kramer, B.L. & Carlin, L. "Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable in Testosterone Research." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD., February 2018.

Kramer, B. L. 'Making Multitasking Matter: Using Object-Oriented Ontology to Study Human Drone Systems.' Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.

Carlin, L., Kramer, B. L. 'Tracing Race as a Ghost Variable: Submerging Race in Biomedical Studies of Testosterone.' Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA., August 2017.

Springer, K. W., Kramer, B. L., & Himmelstein, M. S. "Getting to the Heart of Masculinity Stressors: Masculinity Threats Induce Pronounced Vagal Withdrawal During a Speaking Task." American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. August 2017.

Kramer, B. 'The Pharmaceuticalization of Emotional Brains: Tracing the Emergence of Personalized Sexual Medicine.' Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA., February 2017.

Kramer, B., Springer, K.W., & Himmelstein, M. S. 'Unpacking the Black Box: Using Psychophysiology to Better Understand Men and Masculinities.' American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL., August 2015.

Kramer, B.L. 'Using Developmental Systems Theory and Social Neuroscience in the Sociology of Culture and Cognition.' Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY., February 2015.

Kramer, B.L. 'The Critical Neuroscience of Media Multitasking.' Invited Speaker for Culture Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., September 2014.

Kramer, B.L. 'Polychronic Technology Usage: Understanding Intra/Intergenerational Variation of Media Multitasking in Diverse Groups.' University of Iowa Department of Sociology Social Psychology Horseshoe, Iowa City, IA, March 2010. Revised version presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL., March 2010, Iowa Sociological Association Meeting, Cedar Falls, IA., April 2010, and American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA., August 2010.

## Teaching Experience

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Fall 2017	<i>Instructor, Sociology of Medicine &amp; Health Care, Rutgers University, Sociology</i>
Spring 2017	<i>Instructor, Sociology of Medicine &amp; Health Care, Rutgers University, Sociology</i>
Fall 2016	<i>Teaching Assistant, Soc. Research Methods, Rutgers University, Sociology</i>
Spring 2016	<i>Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Soc. Theory, Rutgers University, Sociology</i>
Fall 2008	<i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Soc. Theory, University of Iowa, Sociology</i>

## Academic Service

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2019	<i>Advisory Board, Jason B. Phillips Memorial Scholarship</i>
2018	<i>Conference Co-Organizer, Symbioses Biosocial Network, New Brunswick, NJ</i>
2017-18	<i>Job Search Committee Graduate Representative, Rutgers, Dept. of Sociology</i>
2016	<i>Reviewer, Sociological Forum</i>
2013-17	<i>Mentor, Rutgers Sociology Multigenerational Mentoring Program</i>
2013-14	<i>Colloquium Committee Representative, Rutgers, Department of Sociology</i>
2012	<i>Reviewer, Rutgers Journal of Sociology</i>

## Professional Memberships

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2017- Society for Social Studies of Science  
2015- Eastern Sociological Society  
2010- American Sociological Association  
2008- Alpha Kappa Delta

## Technical & Language Skills

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*Technical Skills:* Statistics (R, SPSS, STATA); Networks (R, Gephi, Sci2); Text Analysis (R, NVivo, Dedoose); Agent-Based Modeling (NetLogo); Repository & Web Hosting (Git, Github); Relational Databases (PostgreSQL); Cloud Computing (AWS EC2 Web Services, UVA's Rivanna Supercomputer); Survey Design (Qualtrics); Online Databases (ISI Web of Science, Scopus, Google Scholar, PubMed); Reference Platforms (EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley); Psychophysiology Software & Acquisition (AcqKnowledge, E-Prime, CNAP 500at BP acquisition, BIOPAC Systems including electrocardiograph, heart rate variability, respiration, & blood pressure; Mindware HRV/BPV); Biomarker Acquisition (Cortisol & Testosterone via saliva)

*Language Skills:* English (native, fluent); Spanish (proficient speaker, reader, and writer)

## References

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