

GeNDeR Studies Program



Research Workshop

Less Need or More Greed?: The Impact of Legal Marriage on LGBTQ Community Life

Most family scholarship stresses the unique benefits people gain from marriage but does not consider community outcomes. That which does emphasize the “greedy” nature of marriage and shows how it reduces community ties, but is limited to research with heterosexuals. The sparse research on same-sex marriage stresses the benefits of increased social integration into mainstream communities, but has not examined if and how this reduces the need for LGBTQ communities. Drawing on interview and survey research with 116 LGBTQ individuals, this study offers some of the first data to examine the impact of marriage on LGBTQ community life.

Thursday, February 23

4-5pm

339 O’Shaughnessy

Presenter:

Abigail Ocobock

Dr. Abigail Ocobock obtained her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 2015, where she was a Center for the Study of Gender and Sexualities Studies Dissertation Fellow. Her research combines gender and sexualities studies with family and institutional sociology. Her current book project focuses on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals who gained access to legal marriage. Drawing on mixed methods research with 116 participants, it examines the institutional mechanisms through which marriage impacts couple, family, and social relationships. Her work has been published in *The Journal of Marriage and Family* and *Current Sociology*. Her research was supported by a National Science Foundation grant, and won American Sociological Association Sexualities and Family Sections Paper Awards.



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