

# Eliza Brown

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## EMPLOYMENT

2021-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

## EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Sociology, New York University  
*Dissertation:* Doubling Down: How Fertility Patients and Providers Negotiate the Risk of Twins  
*Committee:* Iddo Tavory (Chair), Sarah K. Cowan, Paula England, Kathleen Gerson, Stefan Timmermans
- 2018 M.A., Sociology, New York University
- 2013 A.B. with honors, Sociology, University of Chicago

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couples Trying to Become Pregnant." *Sociological Forum* (37)2: 465-485
- 2021 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. "Projected Diagnosis, Anticipatory Medicine, and Uncertainty: How Medical Providers 'Rule Out' Potential Pregnancy in Contraceptive Counseling." *Social Science & Medicine* 258.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily Disentangling Romance and Reproduction." *American Sociological Review* 83(5):959-982
- 2019 ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award – Honorable Mention

## BOOK PROJECT

*Gaming Health: How Doctors and Patients Weigh Risk and Chance in Fertility Clinics* (under review)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Switching Clinics: Exercising Patient Autonomy in Consumer Medicine (Second R&R at *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*)
  - Numericalization: The Classed Discourse and Meaning of Price at Three Fertility Clinics
  - Disentangling Pregnancy and Fertility Intentions: A New Perspective on Personal Uncertainty, Risk Behavior, and Patterned Flexibility
  - Selling Medical Niches: How Fertility Providers Differentiate their Clinics from the Competition in Patient Consults
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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Brown, Eliza. Sex for Pregnancy as a ‘Chore’: Policy Recommendations that Go Beyond a Diagnosis of Infertility. *Sociological Insights for Development Policy* 7(2)
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. “What the End of Roe Means for Fertility Patients.” Essay in *ASA Sex and Gender Newsletter*.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. “The ‘Chore’ of Having Sex to Try to Get Pregnant.” Essay in *The Society Pages*, Council on Contemporary Families.
- 2021 Brown, Eliza. Book Review of *Freezing Fertility: Oocyte Cryopreservation and the Gender Politics of Aging*. By Lucy van de Wiel, *Gender & Society*.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza and Paula England. “Sexual Orientation Versus Behavior – Different for Men and Women?” p. 200-2015 in *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy: A Contexts Reader*. Eds Jodi O’Brien and Arlene Stein. Sage Publications.
- 2017 Caudillo, Mónica L., Paula England, and Eliza Brown. “Class Differences in Women’s Cohabitation in Early Adulthood.” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/class-differences-in-womens-cohabitation-in-early-adulthood/>
- 2016 England, Paula and Eliza Brown. “An unequal distribution of partners: gays versus straights.” *Contexts*. Available at: <http://contexts.org/blog/an-unequal-distribution-of-partners-gays-versus-straights/>
- 2016 England, Paula. and Eliza Brown. “Who has how many sexual partners?” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/who-has-how-many-sexual-partners/>
- 2016 Brown, Eliza and Paula England. “Sexual orientation versus behavior-different for men and women?” *Contexts*. Available at: <https://contexts.org/blog/sexual-orientation-versus-behavior-different-for-men-and-women/>
- 2015 Brown, Eliza and Paula England. “College men having sex with men: are they exclusively tops or bottoms? (no).” *Contexts*. Available at: <http://contexts.org/blog/college-men-having-sex-with-men-are-they-exclusively-tops-or-bottoms-no/>
- 2015 Ramos, Manica, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, and Shelby Hickman. *Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher’s Cultural Sensitivity with Families: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations*. OPRE Report 2015-55. Washington, D.C.: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2015 Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, Manica Ramos, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, Nicole Forry, Toni Porter, and Christine Nord. *The Family and Provider/Teacher Relationship Quality Measures: Filling Gaps for Research and Practice*. OPRE Report

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2015-37. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

- 2015 Scott, Mindy, Shelby Hickman, Eliza Brown and Bianca Faccio. *A Guide to Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs for Hispanic Couples and Families*. The National Research Center for Hispanic Children and Families. Publication #2015-16.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza and Brigitte Vaughn. "Health Insurance for Hispanic Families: Gains and Gaps." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "Increasing Visibility of Low-Income LGBTQ Hispanic Families." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "What R Teens Learning from Sext-Ed?" *Trend Lines Blog*.
- 2014 Brown, Eliza. "Declines in the U.S. Abortion Rate: A Look into the Role of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives." *Trend Lines Blog*.
- 2013 Brown, Eliza. "Homelessness Among LGBT Youth: A National Concern." *Trend Lines Blog*.

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Speaker, "Two for the Price of One: Twins, Class, and Price at Three Fertility Clinics" The Demography Department, Berkeley Population Center and the Center for Economics and Demography of Aging Brown Bag Series.
- 2019 Panelist, "Demography Meets Ethnography" at the University of Texas - Austin

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *The Multiclinic Patient Career: Revising, Relearning, and Exercising Autonomy by Switching Fertility Clinics*. Paper session on Medical Authority and Patient Autonomy. American Sociological Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex for the Purpose of Pregnancy Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couple*. Presentation in Couple and Intergenerational Fertility Dynamics session. Population Association of America Annual Meeting Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 Brown, Eliza. *Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes Work for Other-Sex Couples Trying to Become Pregnant*. Fertility and Reproductive Labor Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. *Money, Morals, and Medicine: Patient Class and Organizational Pragmatics at Three Fertility Clinics*. Paper session in Culture and Economic Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
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- 2020 Brown, Eliza. *Fertility Intentions and Attitudes towards Twins from Fertility Treatments*. Population Association of America Annual Conference. Washington, DC (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 Brown, Eliza. *"You Should Just Do It": Women Propelling Each Other into the Future by Promoting Egg Freezing*. Panel Presentation. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference in Boston, MA.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza. *Diagnosis without the Body: Stunted Multiplicity and Specters of Disease*. Roundtable Discussion, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Rejecting Mr. Right Now: Egg Freezing as a Means to Disconnect the Romantic from the Reproductive Project*. Remaking Reproduction Conference at the University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing*. Paper presentation in Population. Montreal, Canada. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Brown, Eliza and Mary Patrick. *Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing*. Workshop presentation in New York, NY. NYLON conference.
- 2016 Brown, Eliza. *Opening the Pregnancy Closet: An Assessment of Pregnancy Risk for Sexual Minority Female Youth*. Paper session in Fertility. Seattle, WA. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2016 Brown, Eliza. *Adolescent Pregnancy among Lesbian and Bisexual Females*. Paper Session. Boston, MA: Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference.
- 2014 Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, Eliza Brown. *Introducing New Measures of Family and Provider/Teacher Relations*. New Orleans, LA: National Head Start Association Parent Conference.
- 2014 Guzman, Lina, Elizabeth Wildsmith, Eliza Brown, and Shelby Hickman. *The Meaning of Cohabitation Among Latino Parents*. Baltimore, MD: National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference.
- 2014 Ramos, Manica, Lina Guzman, Eliza Brown, and Nicole Forry. *Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher-Facilitated Cultural Sensitivity with Families in Early Care and Education Settings: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations*. Washington, D.C.: Head Start Research Conference.

#### AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Best Student Paper Award

- 2019 ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award - Honorable Mention
- 2019 NYU Sociology Department Supplemental Dissertation Funding
- 2017-2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2017, 2018 NYU Sociology Department Pre-Dissertation Funding
- 2015-2020 NYU MacCracken Fellowship
- 2013 University of Chicago Ruth Murray Memorial Essay Prize in Women's Studies, Feminist Criticism, and Gender Studies

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2022 Guest Lecturer, "Sex as a Chore," Theories and Perspectives on Sexuality and Health (Graduate), Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, "Abductive Methods," Evaluation of Evidence (Undergraduate), UC Berkeley
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily Disentangling Romance and Reproduction," Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate), Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
- Summer 2019 Instructor of Record, Sex and Gender (Undergraduate), New York University
- Spring 2019 Guest Lecturer, "Same-Sex Marriage," Sociology of the Family (Undergraduate), New York University
- Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Methods (Undergraduate), with Prof. Ann Morning

### RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2015 Research Assistant, Reproductive Health and Family Formation, Child Trends, Bethesda, MD
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), NORC at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Interviewed by Grace Browne. "The Ramifications of *Roe v. Wade*'s Fall Won't Stop at Abortion Bans." *Wired*. May 9, 2022. <https://www.wired.com/story/ramifications-of-post-roe-world/>

Interviewed by Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman "The Paradox of Slow Love." *The Atlantic*. February 14, 2022. <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/02/taking-it-slow-true-love-relationships/622043/>

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Interviewed by Natalie Lampert. “The Unexpected Freedom that Comes with Freezing Your Eggs.” *The New York Times Magazine*. December 11, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/11/magazine/egg-freezing-fertility.html>

Panelist, “Gendered Harassment in Higher Ed: A Panel Discussion and Forum.” February 20, 2018. Hosted by GSOC-UAW Local 2110.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-2023      Organizer for Reproduction Regular Session for ASA 2023 Annual Conference

2022            ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member

2020            PhD candidate speaker at GSAS Alumni Day Celebration, NYU Alumni & Parents Weekend 2020

2018-2019      NYLON workshop coordinator

2018            Mentor, Regeneron Science Talent Search

2017-2019      GSOC -UAW Local 2110 Steward

2016-2018      ASA Population Section Elected Student Member

2016-2017      NYU Sociology Department Graduate Student Association Co-Chair

### MANUSCRIPT REFEREE:

*American Journal of Sociology* (x4), *American Sociological Review* (x3), *Culture, Health & Sexuality* (1), *Gender & Society* (x3), *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (x1), *Population Research and Policy Review* (x1), *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (x1), *Social Science & Medicine* (x1), *Social Forces* (x1), and *Sociological Forum* (x1)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Population Association of America (PAA)  
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

### REFERENCES

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