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## EDUCATION

- 2005- 2012     Sociology, Ph.D., Kent State University, Kent, OH  
                    Specialty: Social Psychology, Identity, Mental Health & Emotions
- 2004 – 2005     Social Science, MA, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA
- 1998 – 2003     Sociology, BA, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA  
                    Minor: Psychology, Concentration: Statistics
- 2021             *Online and Blended Teaching and Learning Postgraduate Certificate, Kent State University, Kent, OH*

## EXPERIENCE

**Aug 2019 – Present             Associate Professor of Sociology, Kent State University at Ashtabula - Ashtabula, OH**

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Analysis
- Adolescence in Society
- Sociology of Gender
- Data Analysis & Data Analysis Lab
- Sociology of Health & Health Care
- Sociology of Mental Health
- Aging in Society
- Career Pathways in Sociology, Criminology, and Justice Studies
- Researching Society
- Sociological Theories

**Aug 2012 – Aug 2019             Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kent State University at Ashtabula – Ashtabula, OH**

- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Problems
- Childhood in Society
- Adolescence in Society
- Aging in Society
- Sociological Analysis
- Sociology of Families
- Sociology of Work
- Sociology of Gender
- Sociology of Mental Health
- Minorities in the United States
- Sociology of Sexualities

**Aug 2009 – Aug 2012             Adjunct Instructor, Lewis University – Romeoville, IL**

- Cultural Diversity & Intergroup Relations
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Applied Sociology
- Sociology of Careers & Emerging Workplace

**Jan 2011 – Dec 2011             Associate Adjunct Faculty, Indiana University Northwest – Gary, IN**

- Marital Relations & Sexuality
- The Family

**May 2008 – Jun 2009             Instructor, Kent State University – Kent, OH**

- Social Problems
- Sociological Analysis
- Introduction to Sociology

## RESEARCH AREAS

- Motherhood and Higher Education
- Sociology of Work and Family
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Social Psychology: Identity & Emotion
- Sociology of Mental Health
- Sociology of Autism & Neurodiversity

## PUBLICATIONS

Leveto, Jessica A., 2022 (*forthcoming*) Invited Review, "Living on the Spectrum," Contemporary Sociology.

CohenMiller, Anna and Jessica A. Leveto. 2022 (*forthcoming*) "Imagining new and innovative practices and policies for a more equitable and inclusive higher education," in Leading change in gender and diversity in higher education internationally from margins to mainstream. Edited by Anna CohenMiller (Nazarbayev University), Tamsin Hinton-Smith (University of Sussex), Fawzia Mazanderani (University of Sussex), Nupur Samuel (OP Jindal University). Routledge.

Leveto, Jessica A. 2021. Embedding Career Readiness Throughout the Curriculum: A Case for Explicit, Transparent Connections. Teaching Learning Matters, American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Section.

Leveto, Jessica A. 2020. "Exploring the Relationships Between Discrepancies in Perceptions of Emotional Performance Among College Students on Self-Esteem and Psychological Distress" Current Psychology. Springer.

Leveto, Jessica A. 2018 "Toward a Sociology of Autism and Neurodiversity" Sociology Compass. Wiley.

Leveto, Jessica A. 2016. "Happiness and Identity Theory" New Directions in Identity Theory and Research. Volume 1. Volume Editors Jan E. Stets and Richard T. Serpe. Oxford University Press.

Leveto, Jessica A. and Will Kalkhoff. 2012. "Biosocial Interaction Rituals of Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Research Agenda for Neurosociology." Advances in Group Processes, Biosociology and Neurosociology Vol. 29. Volume Editor Will Kalkhoff. Series Editors Shane Thye and Edward Lawler. Emerald Books.

## PUBLICATIONS (*IN PROGRESS*)

Leveto, Jessica A., (*in progress*) "Sociology of Autism in Childhood" *Oxford Bibliographies* in Childhood Studies. New York: Oxford University Press.

Leveto, Jessica A. (*in progress*) "A Little Compassion Would Go a Long Way"- Examining Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID19 Pandemic Among Graduate Student Mothers: A Pathway Forward to Creating More Equitable Spaces in Higher Education." in "Making Colleges Supportive Spaces for Pregnant and Parenting Students" edited by Catherine Riley (Wake Forest University). Routledge, 2022

Leveto, Jessica A., COVID19's Impact on Caregivers in Academia (*data collection*)

Leveto, Jessica A. (*in progress*) Scaffolding Career Readiness Learning Outcomes Across the Sociology Curriculum: Providing Curricular Cohesion to Help Students, Faculty, and Institutions Bridge the "Awareness Gap."

## HONORS/AWARDS

2022-23 Faculty Fellow, Kent State University Center for Teaching and Learning, "Addressing Course Accessibility for Parenting/Caregiving Students."

2022 Kent State 2022 Faculty Summer Coaching Program

2022 Platinum Teaching Recognition Award, "Career Pathways in Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies" Kent State University Center for Teaching and Learning

2020 Nominee, American Sociological Association, Teaching and Learning Section, Chair-Elect

2014	Honoree, “Mothers, Mentors & Muses” Kent State University Women’s Center
2013	Award-Winning Poster, “Work Smarter, Not Harder” Integrating Instructional Videos into our Classes., 20th Annual Teaching Council Conference, Celebrating College Teaching at Kent State University
2011	“Sage/Pine Forge Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award,” ASA Teaching & Learning Section & Sage/Pine Forge
2010	Recipient, “Lewis-Benson Award for Outstanding Teaching” Kent State University
2009	Nominee, Department of Sociology “Graduate Student Teaching Award” Kent State University
2006	Alpha Kappa Delta, National Sociology Honor Society
2006	Pi Gamma Mu, International Sociology Honor Society
2005	Iota Iota Iota, Women Studies Honor Society, Edinboro University of PA
2005	Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Graduate Student Honor Society, Edinboro University of PA

## GRANTS

2022	Awarded \$6566, Kent State University’s Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)
2022	Awarded, \$2400, University Research Council, “The Impact of COVID19 on Mothers in Academia.”
2021	Awarded, \$200, Mini-Grant for Educational Technology, University Teaching Council
2020	Unfunded, \$2500, Howerly Teaching Enhancement Grant, “Scaffolding Career Readiness Learning Outcomes Across the Sociology Curriculum: Providing Curricular Cohesion to Help Students, Faculty, and Institutions Bridge the “Awareness Gap.”
2020	Awarded, \$10,000, Summer Teaching Development Grant, University Teaching Council, Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University, “Embedding Support of Career Readiness Competency Throughout the Sociology Curriculum.”
2012	Awarded: \$600, University Teaching Council, Teaching Grant, “Flipping the Classroom, Introduction to Sociology.”

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Apr 2022	“You Don’t Know, What You Don’t Know” Introduction to Positionality.” Special presentation for the College of Education, Health and Human Services (EHHS Climate Committee).
Mar 2022	“Sociology of Neurodiversity” Perspectives on Neurodiversity, The Multicultural and Diversity Committee, Kent State University
Mar 2022	“Cultivating Spaces, Curating Resources, and Building Networks for Academic Mothers throughout Kent State University (and beyond),” KSU-Tuscarawas Hybrid Mentoring Retreat
Mar 2021	“Women, Power & Progress,” Keynote at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Women’s History Month.
Mar 2021	“Creating Equitable Spaces for Academic Mothers: Surviving A Pandemic” KSU-Tuscarawas Virtual Mentoring Retreat, (virtual)
July 2020	“COVID19 Impact on Mothers in Academia”, International Association of Maternal Action Scholars (IAMAS).
Mar 2018	“Utilizing the Social Sciences for Social Justice,” Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA.
Apr 2016	“An Interdisciplinary Conversation About Performative Gender” Kent State University at Ashtabula
April 2013	“Fifty Shades of Commodification” Invited panelist, “Popular Culture, Capitalism and Feminist Perspectives on the Subjugation of Women” Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA.

Aug 2011 "Formalized Discussion Boards in an Online Diversity Course" invited participant, Faculty Teaching Conference Lewis University, Oak Brook, IL.

## PRESENTATIONS

Apr 2022 "Development and Implementation of a Career Pathways Course in Sociology" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Indianapolis, IN

Feb 2022 "It's a fucking nightmare." Examining the Impact of COVID19 on Academic Mothers: Stressors, Strains & the Evolution of Emotion 2020-2021." Sociologists for Women in Society, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (virtual)

Oct 2021 "Embedding Support of Career Readiness Competency Throughout the Sociology Curriculum," Kent State University, University Teaching Conference. Kent, OH (virtual)

Sept. 2021 "Continuing the Conversation: Supporting Graduate Student Moms in the Academy," International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (IAMAS)

Aug 2021 "Supporting Graduate Student Mothers in Academia," Voices, Visionaries & Advocacy Series, Panel Presentation, International Association of Maternal Action, and Scholarship (IAMAS)

Aug 2020 Developing and Implementing Career Pathways in Sociology to the Undergraduate Curriculum, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA

Mar 2020 *Canceled due to COVID*, "Faculty Experiences on the Frontlines of Crisis: College Student Mental Health & Our Role as Faculty" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings Cleveland, OH

Oct 2018 "Temporarily Childless: Salience and Prominence of the Parental Identity among Anticipatory Parents: The Relationships to Self-Concept and Symptoms of Psychological Distress." Presentation at the Third Biennial Conference on Identity Theory and Research: University of Massachusetts Boston, MA.

July 2017 "Congruence vs. Discrepancy in Emotion Norms Within the Family Identity," International Society Research Emotion (ISRE), St. Louis, MO

Sept. 2016 "Identity Salience, Expressivity, Emotional Self-Discrepancy, and Anxiety: A Contextual Extension of Cooley's Looking-Glass Self" "Second Bi-Annual Conference on Identity Theory and Research (Kent, OH)

Apr 2015 "Navigating Parenthood and the Academy" North Central Sociological Association. Cleveland, OH

Nov. 2014 "Examining the Relationship Between Structural Identity Theory and Emotion: Multidimensional Emotion Across Three Identities" invited presentation, Advances in Identity Theory Conference. Riverside, CA

Mar 2014 Investigating the Relationship between Emotion and Structural Identity Theory: Identity Anger & Aggression. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Portland, OR.

Feb 2014 Examining Gender Variation in the Relationship of Happiness, Anger and Aggression: A Structural Identity Theory Application. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meetings, Nashville, TN

Oct. 2013 "Work Smarter, Not Harder" Integrating Instructional Videos into our Classes. 20th Annual Teaching Council Conference, Celebrating College Teaching. Kent, OH

Oct. 2013 "The Benefits of Using Emotion to Build Significant Learning Experiences" 20th Annual Teaching Council Conference, Celebrating College Teaching. Kent, OH

Oct. 2013 "Pinterest Pedagogy: Ways to Utilize Pinterest in Higher Education and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning" International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Raleigh, NC

April 2013 "Happiness and Identity Theory" North Central Sociological Association Meetings, Indianapolis, IN

Mar. 2011 "Integrating Pop Culture into an Introductory Diversity Course" North Central Sociological Association Meetings, Cleveland, OH

Mar. 2011 "Specific Emotions and Structural Identity Theory" Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Seattle, WA

Aug. 2010	"Testing the Relationship between Strength of Specific Emotions, Commitment and Identity Saliency" American Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA
Apr. 2010	Integrating Affect into Structural Identity Theory Shared Meaning and Commitment" North Central/Midwest Sociological Association Joint Meetings. Chicago, IL
Apr. 2010	"Using Video Montage as a Pedagogical Tool for Introductory Sociology Courses" North Central/Midwest Sociological Association Joint Meetings. Chicago, IL
Aug. 2009	"Integration of Affect into Structural Identity Theory: A Preliminary Analysis" American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA
Aug. 2007	"Biosocial Interaction Rituals and Autism: A Sociological Perspective" American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Neuroscience and Evolutionary Sociology Session. New York, NY
Apr. 2007	"Household Structure, Family Identity, Mastery and Self Esteem" with Richard Serpe, North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Association Joint Meetings, Chicago, IL
Mar. 2007	"Toward a Sociology of Autism: Construction of Self and Biosocial Interaction Rituals" Kent State University, Graduate Student Senate Colloquium, Kent, OH
Apr. 2006	"The Need for Gender-Specific Treatment of Adolescent Females in Residential Treatment Centers" University of Akron, CROW Gender Symposium, Akron, OH
Aug. 2005	"Residential Treatment of Juvenile Offenders: Institutionalizing Children" Regular Session, Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference. Philadelphia, PA
Aug. 2005	"Racial Impersonations in Ethnographic Research" Regular Session, Study for Symbolic Interactionism Society Conference. Philadelphia, PA
Apr. 2005	"Ethnic Impersonations and Taking the Role of the Other" North Central Sociological Society. Pittsburgh, PA

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020- Present	International Association of Maternal Action Scholars (IAMAS) Board Member, Public Relations Committee, University Life Task Force
2002 – Present	American Sociological Association Sections: Social Psychology, Mental Health, Emotions, and Teaching & Learning
2012 - Present	North Central Sociological Association
2012 – Present	Sociologists for Women in Society

## EXTERNAL REVIEWER

### Ad hoc Reviewer

- Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Contemporary Sociology
- Current Psychology
- Journal of Sociology
- Journal of Aging Studies
- Symbolic Interaction
- The Sociological Quarterly
- Social Psychology Quarterly
- Social Problem

### Books or Book Chapters

- Corsaro, The Sociology of Childhood, 6e
- Furr, The Sociology of Mental Health and Illness, 1e
- Corrigan-Brown, Imagining Sociology, 1e
- Sweet and Meiksins, Changing Contours of Work: Jobs and Opportunities in the New Economy, 3e

### Tenure & Promotion

Apr 2021 Medical University of South Carolina, Tenure & Promotion Review with Academic Affairs Faculty

### Grants

Apr 2022 External Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF)

## SERVICE

2022 – Present	Ashtabula Area City Council, ad hoc Racial Equity Committee
2022 – Present	Kent State University College of Arts & Sciences, College Curriculum Committee (CCC)
2022 – Present	Kent State University, Parenting Student Task Force
Aug 2021 – Present	Chair, Kent State University at Ashtabula Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategic Planning Committee
Aug 2021 – Present	Faculty Council Kent State University at Ashtabula, Vice-Chairperson
Aug 2021- 22	Regional Campus Promotion Provost Advisory Committee (AY 21-22)
Nov 2021 – Present	Anti-Racism Task Force Transition Team, Review of Human Resources Hiring and Search Committee
Aug 2021 – Present	Board of Trustees, International Association of Maternal Action Scholars (IAMAS)
Aug 2020 – 21	Regional Campus Promotion Provost Advisory Committee (AY 20-21)
Aug 2020 – Present	Ashtabula Campus Representative, University Diversity Action Council, Kent State University
Aug 2019 – Aug 2021	Kent State University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Aug 2019 - Present	Co-Editor, American Sociological Association Teaching, and Learning Section Newsletter Editor
May 2018 - Present	Board of Trustees, Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum, Ashtabula, OH
Apr 2019 – Aug. 2020	Ashtabula County Complete Count Census Committee, Ashtabula County, OH
Apr 2018	Organizer, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project: Mentoring Symposium 2018, Kent State University at Ashtabula
Jan 2018	Organizer, History of Activism in Ashtabula County, Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum, Ashtabula, OH
Nov. 2017	Organizer, Ohio Democratic Party Gubernatorial Town Hall at Kent State University at Ashtabula
Aug 2017 – 18	American Sociological Association, Sociology of Emotions, Chair ad hoc Membership Committee
Aug 2017 – Present	Co-Advisor, Kent State University at Ashtabula College Democrats
May 2017	Organizer, OH-14 Public Town Hall “Immigration, Healthcare & Opioids” Jefferson, OH
Jan 2015 – Present	Administrator/Organizer Online Forum, “Ph.D. Mamas”
Aug 2015 – 17	Council, American Sociological Association Emotions Section
April 2015	Organizer, Panel on Parenthood & the Academy, North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH
Aug 2013 - Present	Founding member, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project
Aug. 2012 - Present	Faculty Advisor, Kent State University at Ashtabula Sociology Club
Aug. 2013 –15	Kent State University Ashtabula Representative, University Diversity Action Council (UDAC)
Aug 2013 – 15	Newsletter Editor, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Emotions Section
Nov. 2013	Organizer, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project: Mentoring Symposium, Kent State University, Ashtabula, OH
Feb 2013 – 14	Organizer, Planning Committee, Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEO-USS)
Dec 2012	Organizer, “Researching Society - Sociology Symposium” Kent State University at Ashtabula

Apr 2012	Organizer, “Enabling and Promoting Creativity in Sociology Classes, Alternatives to the Traditional Paper” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA
Aug 2010 –15	Webmaster, American Sociological Association Emotions Section
Aug 2010 –15	Social and Digital Media Coordinator, Emotions Section, American Sociological Association
Mar. 2010	Invited discussant “Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in the Workplace” Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
Aug 2008 – 09	President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Kent State University
Aug 2008 – 09	President, Pi Gamma Mu, Kent State University
Aug 2006 – 09	Graduate Student Representative, Student Health Advisory Committee, Kent State University
Aug 2007 – 08	Vice President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Kent Chapter
Aug 2007	Organizer, “Kent/Akron Mini-Symposium” Sociology Graduate Student Symposium, Kent, OH
Aug 2006 – 08	Graduate Student Representative, Joint Faculty Executive Committee, University of Akron-Kent State University Joint Program

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

- Kristen Patterson (2022) Kent State University Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), “The Impact of COVID-19 on Mothers in Academia,” Mentee
- Lilly Chevalier (2022) Kent State University Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), “The Impact of COVID-19 on Mothers in Academia,” Mentee
- Lisa Everson (2020-22), “The ADHD Diagnosis Gender Gap: An autoethnographic investigation of ADHD underdiagnosis in girls.” North Central Sociological Association 2022, Kent State University Undergraduate Symposium 2022
- Michelle Lambert (2020-22), “How Does Socioeconomic Status Affect Health Outcomes?” Kent State University Undergraduate Symposium 2022
- Patricia Gaines (2020-22), “Frequent Photo Manipulation on Social Media and Teenagers' Self-Esteem: Examining the Relationship Between Selfie Filters and Self Image” Kent State University Undergraduate Symposium 2022
- Nicholas Gregg (2020-22), “Technology Literacy’s Impact on Online Learning Outcomes, Engagement and Attitudes Toward Online Learning” Kent State University Undergraduate Symposium 2022