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## Education

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- 2005- 2012      Sociology, Ph.D.  
                         Kent State University, Kent, OH  
                         Specialty: Social Psychology, 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

## Teaching Experience

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

- Introduction to Sociology (15, 7, 5 & 3-week courses prepared)
- Adolescence in Society, ELR (online) (15 & 7-week courses prepared),
- Sociology of Gender (face to face) (15-week course prepared)
- Data Analysis & Data Analysis Lab (online, 15-week courses prepared)
- Sociology of Health & Health Care (online 7-week courses prepared)
- Sociology of Mental Health (Face to face 15-week courses prepared)
- Career Pathways in Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies (online 15 week)
- Researching Society, ELR (online & 1 face to face) (15 & 5-week courses prepared)
- Sociological Theories (online)

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

- Introduction to Sociology (15, 7, 5 & 3-week courses prepared)
- Social Problems (online & face to face) (15 & 5-week courses prepared)
- Childhood in Society (online) (15, 7 & 5-week courses prepared)
- Adolescence in Society, ELR (online) (15 & 7-week courses prepared),
- Sociology of Families (online & face to face) (15-week course prepared)
- Sociology of Work (online) (15, 7 & 5-week courses prepared)
- Sociology of Gender (face to face) (15-week course prepared)
- Minorities in the United States (online) (15, 7 and 5-week courses prepared)
- Sociology of Sexualities (face to face) (15-week courses prepared)

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

- Cultural Diversity & Intergroup Relations (online & face to face)
- Introduction to Sociology (online and face to face)
- Introduction to Applied Sociology (face to face)
- Sociology of Careers & Emerging Workplace (face to face)

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

Jan 2008 – May 2008 Teaching Assistant, C. Andre Christie Mizell, Kent State University

Jan 2008 – May 2008 Research Assistant, Dr. Timothy Gallagher, Kent State University

Aug 2005 – Jan 2008 Managing Editor, Sociological Perspectives, Pacific Sociological Association

## Research Interests

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Scholarship of Teaching and Learning  
 Social Psychology: Identity & Emotion  
 Sociology of Mental Health  
 Sociology of Autism & Neurodiversity

## Publications

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

Leveto, Jessica A. 2018. "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. 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

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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"

Leveto, Jessica A. (in progress) Cohesion Across the Curriculum: Career Readiness and the Mastery of Skillsets in an Online Career Pathways in Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies Course

Leveto, Jessica A. (in progress) "The Relationship Between Perceived Discrepancies in Happiness Enactment within the Family Identity on Self-Esteem, Depression and Anxiety."

## Honors

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2020 Nominee, American Sociological Association, Teaching and Learning Section, Chair-Elect  
2014 "Mothers, Mentors & Muses" Honoree  
2013 Award Winning Poster, Work Smarter, Not Harder" Integrating Instructional Videos into our Classes. 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## Presentations

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

Mar 2020 *Forthcoming, "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.

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 2016 "An Interdisciplinary Conversation About Performative Gender" Kent State University at Ashtabula

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. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching Council Conference, Celebrating College Teaching. Kent, OH
- Oct. 2013 "The Benefits of Using Emotion to Build Significant Learning Experiences" 20<sup>th</sup> 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 "Fifty Shades of Commodification" Invited panelist, "Popular Culture, Capitalism and Feminist Perspectives on the Subjugation of Women" Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
- 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 Salience" 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 Conference.  
Pittsburgh, PA

## Professional Affiliations

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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

## Grants

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2012 University Teaching Council, Teaching Grant, ""Flipping the Classroom, Introduction to Sociology""  
(\$600 materials)

## Service

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Aug 2019 – Present Kent State University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Aug 2019 Co-Editor, American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Section Newsletter Editor  
May 2018 - Present Board Member, Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum, Ashtabula, OH  
Apr 2019 – Present Ashtabula County Complete Count Census Committee, Ashtabula County, OH  
Apr 2018 Organizer, North East 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 2017 – Present Administrator/Organizer Online Forum, "PhD Mamas"  
April 2015 Organizer, Panel on Parenthood & the Academy, North Central Sociological Association,  
Cleveland, OH  
Aug 2013 - Present Founding member, North East Ohio Protégé Project  
Aug. 2012 – Present Sociology Honor Societies Coordinator, Kent State University at Ashtabula  
Aug. 2012 - Present Faculty Advisor, Kent State University at Ashtabula Sociology Club  
Aug. 2013 –15 Representative, University Diversity Action Council (UDAC)  
Aug 2013 – 15 Newsletter Editor, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Emotions Section  
Nov. 2013 Organizer, North East Ohio Protégé Project: Mentoring Symposium, Kent State University,  
Ashtabula, OH  
Feb 2013 – 14 Steering Committee, North East 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 2011 "Formalized Discussion Boards in an Online Diversity Course" invited participant, Faculty Teaching  
Conference Lewis University, Oak Brook, IL.  
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  
Aug 2006 – 08 Graduate Student Representative, Committee for Interdisciplinary Scholarship  
Aug 2006 – 08 Student Complaint Committee, Kent State University Department of Sociology  
Aug 2006 – 07 Graduate Student Department of Sociology Senator, Kent State University Graduate Student Senate  
Aug 2006 - 07 Graduate Student Senate Colloquium Committee  
Aug 2006– 07 Treasurer, Sociologists for Women in Society, Kent Chapter  
Aug 2006– 07 Fundraising Chair, Sociologists for Women in Society, Kent Chapter  
Aug 2007 Organizer, “Kent/Akron Mini Symposium” Sociology Graduate Student Symposium, Kent, OH  
Mar. 2006 Organizer, “Overcoming Disciplinary Boundaries” Graduate Student Senate Annual Colloquium, Kent, OH