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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

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

- 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

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

- 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. (Forthcoming). "A Little Compassion Would Go a Long Way" Transforming Higher Education through Equitable Policy and Practice for Parenting Graduate Students." in Making Colleges Supportive Spaces for Pregnant and Parenting Students edited by Catherine Riley. Routledge.
- CohenMiller, Anna and Jessica A. Leveto. 2023. "Centering voices of motherscholars during the COVID-19 pandemic shows overwhelming responsibilities, ingrained gender roles, and blurred boundaries." in **Leading change in gender and diversity in higher education internationally from margins to mainstream** edited by Anna CohenMiller, Tamsin Hinton-Smith, Fawzia Mazanderani, and Nupur Samuel. Routledge.
- Leveto, Jessica A., 2022. "Living on the Spectrum" (Book Review). Contemporary Sociology.
- 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 Newsletter.
- 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" in **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., "COVID-19's Impact on Caregivers in Academia"
- Leveto, Jessica A., "Creating Access, Equity and Belonging for Pregnant, Parenting and Caregiving Students"
- Leveto, Jessica A. "Scaffolding Career Readiness Learning Outcomes Across the Sociology Curriculum: Providing Curricular Cohesion to Help Students, Faculty, and Institutions Bridge the "Awareness Gap."

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2023 Featured Faculty, March 2023, Kent State University Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2022 Nominee, North Central Sociological Association, Council Member-at-Large
- 2022-23 Faculty Fellow, Kent State University Center for Teaching and Learning, "Addressing Course Accessibility for Parenting/Caregiving Students." Course Release AY22-23
- 2022 Kent State University 2022 Faculty Summer Professional Development, Coaching Program Recipient
- 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 Award-Winning Poster, "Work Smarter, Not Harder" Integrating Instructional Videos into our Classes., 20th Annual Teaching 2013 Council Conference, Celebrating College Teaching at Kent State University "Sage/Pine Forge Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award," ASA Teaching & Learning Section & Sage/Pine 2011 Forge 2010 Recipient, "Lewis-Benson Award for Outstanding Teaching" Kent State University 2009 Nominee, Department of Sociology "Graduate Student Teaching Award" Kent State University
- Alpha Kappa Delta, National Sociology Honor Society 2006 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

2023

- Awarded, \$750, Kent State University, University Research Council Travel Funding (NCSA, Grand Rapids, MI) 2022 Awarded \$6566, Kent State University's Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) 2022 Awarded, \$2400, University Research Council, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Mothers in Academia." 2021 Awarded, \$200, Mini-Grant for Educational Technology, University Teaching Council
- 2020 Unfunded, \$2500, Howery 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."
- Awarded, \$10,000, Summer Teaching Development Grant, University Teaching Council, Center for Teaching and Learning, 2020 Kent State University, "Embedding Support of Career Readiness Competency Throughout the Sociology Curriculum."
- Awarded: \$600, University Teaching Council, Teaching Grant, "Flipping the Classroom, Introduction to Sociology." 2012

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Mar 2023	"Equity and Access for Parenting and Caregiving Students: Focus on the Regional System" Kent State University Regional Campus Mentoring Retreat. <i>Virtual</i>
Mar 2023	"Celebrating Our Successes" Mothering and Motherhood on the Home/Front, International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (IAMAS)
Sept 2022	"Beating Burnout Workshop" International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (IAMAS)
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). https://tinyurl.com/LevetoPostitionalityWorkshop
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	"COVID-19 Impact on Mothers in Academia", International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (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
Apr 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

Mar 2023	"The 'Great Resignation' Meets the 'Demographic Cliff' Lessons Learned and Lost from COVID-19's Impact on Parents and Caregivers in Academia" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Grand Rapids, MI.
Mar 2023	"Pedagogical Practices for Equity and Access: Parenting and Caregiving Students," Workshop developed and facilitated for Mothering and Motherhood on the Home/Front, International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (IAMAS) Virtual/Chicago, IL.
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 COVID-19 on Academic Mothers: Stressors, Strains & the Evolution of Emotion 2020-2021." Sociologists for Women in Society, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (<i>virtual due to COVID-19</i>)
Oct 2021	"Embedding Support of Career Readiness Competency Throughout the Sociology Curriculum," Kent State University, University Teaching Conference. Kent, OH (<i>virtual due to COVID-19</i>)
Sept 2021	"Continuing the Conversation: Supporting Graduate Student Moms in the Academy," 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 (<i>virtual due to COVID-19</i>)
Mar 2020	"Faculty Experiences on the Frontlines of Crisis: College Student Mental Health & Our Role as Faculty" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings Cleveland, OH (canceled due to COVID-19)
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
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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
Apr 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" the 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

2022 – Present	Council on Contemporary Families
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, Families, 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 American College Health
- Journal of Aging Studies

- Symbolic Interaction
- The Sociological Quarterly
- Social Psychology Quarterly
- Social Problem
- Social Forces

Books or Book Chapters

- Corsaro, The Sociology of Childhood, 6e
- Furr, The Sociology of Mental Health and Illness, 1e
- Corrigall-Brown, Imagining Sociology, 1e

- Sweet and Meiksins, Changing Contours of Work: Jobs and Opportunities in the New Economy, 3e
- Medley, Rath, The Sociology Toolbox: Essential Skills and Core Concepts, 1e

Tenure & Promotion

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

Grants

Apr 2022 External Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF)

SERVICE

Bold indicates current service responsibilities.

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Aug 2022 – Present Aug 2021 – Present Jan 2015 – Present	Vice President, Academic Mamas Foundation Board of Trustees, International Association of Maternal Action + Scholarship (IAMAS) Director, Founding Member & Administrator, Global Online Support Community, Ph.D. Mamas
National	
Aug 2019 – 22 Aug 2017 – 18 Aug 2015 – 17 Apr 2015 Aug 2013 – 15 Apr 2012 Aug 2010 –15 Aug 2010 –15 Mar. 2010 Aug 2008 – 09	Co-Editor, American Sociological Association Teaching and Learning Section Newsletter Editor American Sociological Association, Sociology of Emotions, Chair ad hoc Membership Committee Council, American Sociological Association Emotions Section Organizer, Panel on Parenthood & the Academy, North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH Newsletter Editor, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Emotions Section Organizer, "Enabling and Promoting Creativity in Sociology Classes, Alternatives to the Traditional Paper" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA Webmaster, American Sociological Association Emotions Section Social and Digital Media Coordinator, Emotions Section, American Sociological Association Invited discussant "Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in the Workplace" Lewis University, Romeoville, IL President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Kent State University
University	
August 22- Present Aug 2022 – Present	Regional Campus Promotion Provost Advisory Committee (AY 22-23) Learning in the Family Environment (LIFE) Program Mentor, Center for Adult and Veteran Services (CAVS),

Kent State University

Aug 2022 – Present Kent State University Ashtabula Representative, University Diversity Action Council (UDAC) (AY 22-23)

2022 - Present Kent State University College of Arts & Sciences, College Curriculum Committee (CCC)

2022 - Present Kent State University, Parenting Student Task Force

Aug 2021-22 Regional Campus Promotion Provost Advisory Committee (AY 21-22)

Nov 2021 – 22 Anti-Racism Task Force Transition Team, Review of Human Resources Hiring and Search Committee

Aug 2020 – 21	Kent State University Ashtabula Campus Representative, University Diversity Action Council (AY20-21)
Aug 2020 – 21	Regional Campus Promotion Provost Advisory Committee (AY 20-21)
Aug. 2013 –15	Kent State University Ashtabula Representative, University Diversity Action Council (UDAC) (AY13-14, 14-15)

Campus or Department

Aug 2022 – Present Aug 2021 – Present Aug 2021 – Present	Ad hoc Kent State University at Ashtabula Faculty Handbook Advisory Committee Chair, Kent State University at Ashtabula Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategic Planning Committee Vice Chairperson, Faculty Council Kent State University at Ashtabula
Aug 2019 – Aug 2021	Kent State University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Apr 2018	Organizer, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project: Mentoring Symposium 2018, Kent State University at Ashtabula
Aug 2017 – Present	Co-Advisor, Kent State University at Ashtabula College Democrats
Aug 2013 – 23	Founding member, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project
Aug. 2012 - Present	Faculty Advisor, Kent State University at Ashtabula Sociology Club
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
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

Community

Aug 2022 – Present May 2018 – Mar 2023	Ashtabula Area City Council, ad hoc Racial Equity as Public Health Committee Board of Trustees, Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum, Ashtabula, OH
May 2018 – Present	Vice-President, Executive Board, League of Women Voters Ashtabula County
May 2018 – Present	Webmaster League of Women Voters Ashtabula County
May 2018 – Present	Newsletter Editor, League of Women Voters Ashtabula County
Jan 2020 - 2022	Founder & Coordinator, "Black History and Me" Art & Writing Contest (NAACP Ashtabula)
Jan 2020 - 2022	Voter Engagement Chair, NAACP Ashtabula
Oct 2018 – Mar 2021	Secretary, NAACP Ashtabula
Apr 2019 – Aug 2020	Ashtabula County Complete Count Census Committee, Ashtabula County, OH
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
May 2017	Organizer, OH-14 Public Town Hall "Immigration, Healthcare & Opioids" Jefferson, OH

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

- Lilly Chevalier (2023) Independent Research, "Case Study of the Rising Scholars Program: Examining Inequities in Higher Education in Appalachian Communities"
- Stephanie Caudill (2022) Independent Research, "Assessing Ashtabula Downtown Development Association Business & Community
- 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, Podcast: https://tinyurl.com/KSUSURECaregivingStudents

- 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

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP/MEDIA

- Monitor on Psychology, APA, 2023. Stringer, H. "More psychologists are exploring alternative careers outside of academia"
- Nature, 2022. Gewin, V. "Has the great resignation hit academia?" https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-01512-6
- **John Hopkins: Global Health Now**. 2022. Silberner, J. "How Covid Slowed Basic Science." https://globalhealthnow.org/2022-07/how-covid-slowed-basic-science
- Science Magazine, 2022. Langin, K. (Associate Editor, Careers), "COVID-19 Policies in Higher Ed and impact on Mothers in STEM."