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Education

Exp. 2026	Ph.D. Sociology , University of Toronto
2019	M.A. Sociology , McMaster University
2018	B.A. Sociology , University of Winnipeg, <i>Valedictorian, Honours</i>

Research & Teaching Interests

Gender; Violence; Organizations; State Institutions; Police; Law; Colonization and Indigeneity; Race and Ethnicity; Qualitative Methods, Families

Dissertation

Title: From Culture to Command: Masculinity, State Power, and the Management of Sexual Violence in the RCMP

Committee: Dr. Anna Korteweg (Chair), Dr. Tim Bryan, and Dr. Paula Maurutto

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Sunderland, Jillian. 2025. "From 'Bad Apples' to 'Toxic Masculinity': Framing Blame in Media Narratives of Elite Boy Violence." *Sociology Compass* 19(8). doi:[10.1111/soc4.70101](https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70101).

Sunderland, Jillian. "Fighting for Masculine Hegemony: Contestation Between Alt-Right and White Nationalist Masculinities on Stormfront. org." *Men and Masculinities* (2022): <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1097184X221120664>

- Media Exposure: [[CBC Ideas](#)] [[U of T News](#)]

Korteweg, Anna; Gökçe Yurdakul; **Jillian Sunderland**, Marloes Streppel. Social Reproduction Gone Wrong? The Citizenship Revocation and Rehabilitation of Young European Women Who Joined ISIS, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* (2023); <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxad015>

Manuscripts Under Review

Scheibling, Casey and **Jillian Sunderland**. “New Fathers’ Gender Identities versus Gender Roles: Exploring the Limits of Hybrid Masculinity and Involved Fatherhood” (Revise and Resubmit, February 18th 2025)

Book Reviews

Sunderland, Jillian. 2024. Good guys, bad guys: The perils of men's gender activism By Emily Carian, New York: New York University Press. 2024. pp. 272. \$30 (pbk). ISBN: 1479821004. *Sociological Forum*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.13031>

Publications- Reports

Sunderland, J. 2019. Turning the Tide on Online Extremism: A Guide for Canadian Law Enforcement. Edmonton Police Service in partnership with REACH Edmonton.

Atienza, A., Tejpar, S., Shulman, T., & **Sunderland, J.** 2019 A halfway house for Indigenous men: Moving towards individual healing and public safety. McMaster Office of Community Engagement. <http://hdl.handle.net/11375/24854>

Manuscripts In Preparation

Sunderland, Jillian. “Culture as Rhetoric: State Narratives in Tackling Gender Violence within the RCMP” (Working Paper)

Sunderland, Jillian. and Anna Korteweg. Age, Agency, and Culpability: An Analysis of “Stateless” Children in Europe (Working Paper)

Foster, Jordan and **Jillian Sunderland**. “‘LooksMaxxing’ Goes Mainstream: Analyzing Influencer’s Uptake of Incel Discourse.” (Working Paper)

Honours, Awards, & Fellowships

External Awards

2024	National Endowment Fund (\$2,850)
2024-5	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
2023-4	National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,000)
2023-4	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)

2020-21	National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,750)
2020-23	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000)
2020	Outstanding Graduating Student Award -Masters (MA), <i>Canadian Sociological Association</i>
2018	CGS-M Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC (\$18,500), <i>McMaster University</i>
2018	CGS-M Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC, <i>Carleton University</i> (Declined)
2018	Outstanding Graduating Student Award – Undergraduate, <i>Canadian Sociological Association</i>
2018	National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)
2017	National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)

Internal Awards

2024-5	Doctoral Completion Award (\$5,700), University of Toronto
2023-4	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, (\$500), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2023-4	Doctoral Completion Award, (\$9,000), University of Toronto
2023	Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$1,750), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2022	Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$2,000)
2020	Barbara Frum Memorial Award in Canadian Scholarship (\$5,000), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2020	Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$3,000), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2019-24	Faculty of Arts and Sciences Top Doctoral Students Fellowship (\$124,000), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2019	Sociology Admission Merit Award (\$2,000), <i>University of Toronto</i>
2019	Graduate Student Association Travel Award, <i>McMaster University</i>
2018	Valedictorian, spring convocation, awarded to the most outstanding student, <i>University of Winnipeg</i>
2018	Gold Medal in Honours Sociology, awarded to the student achieving the highest standing in their major, <i>University of Winnipeg</i>
2018	Clem Wyke Prize in English (\$3,000), awarded to the top student in the faculty of Arts <i>University of Winnipeg</i>

- 2018 Dan A. Chekki Prize for Excellence, awarded to the student writing the best honours thesis, *University of Winnipeg*
- 2018 Deans Honour Roll: Student of Highest Distinction, *University of Winnipeg*
- 2017 University of Winnipeg Retirees Association Scholarship (\$4,000), *University of Winnipeg*
- 2017 Deans Honour Roll: Student of Highest Distinction, *University of Winnipeg*
- 2017 Academic Proficiency Scholarship (\$1,000), *University of Winnipeg*
- 2017 Press Radio Bursary, *University of Winnipeg*
- 2016 Dr. Kenneth Truman Memorial Scholarship in Sociology (\$1,500), awarded to a promising student in Sociology, *University of Winnipeg*
- 2016 Robert Bruce Fund Scholarship (\$2,000), awarded for academic excellence. *University of Winnipeg*
- 2016 Deans Honour Roll: Student of Highest Distinction, *University of Winnipeg*

Invited Talks

- 2025 **Invited Panelist** (Named as Laureate) “Culture as Containment: Gender Violence, Institutional Crisis, and RCMP Reform,” *CDSN Capstone Conference*, Canadian Defense and Security Network, University of New Brunswick, Gregg Centre
- 2024 **Invited Panelist** “Masculinities and Hate in Authoritarian Times,” Plenary Session/Conference Highlights, *Canadian Sociological Association Conference*. Online.
- 2024 **Invited Panelist** “Methodological Dialogue: Digital Sociology,” *Canadian Sociological Association*. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXn5C6_dwKA
- 2022 **Invited Panelist** “Redefining National Security: Justice, Borders, and Transnational Movements,” *The Year Ahead 2023 Conference*, Center for Security, Intelligence and Defense Studies, Carleton University

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- 2024 “From Policy to Pitfall: The Limits of RCMP Sexual Harassment Reforms,” *27th annual International Institute on Social Policy: Social Policy in Unsettled Times*, Munk School of Social Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- 2024 “From Culture to Complicity: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Response to Gender Violence,” *American Sociological Association Conference*. Montreal, QC
- 2024 “Culture as Rhetoric: State Narratives in Tackling Gender Violence within the RCMP,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference*. Montreal, QC.
- 2023 “Framing Blame: Masculinity and Violence in News Discourse of St. Mike’s Elite Boys,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2023 “The RCMP, Colonization, and Gender: Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Canada's National Police Force.” *Canadian Sociological Association Conference*. Toronto, ON
- 2022 “New Fathers’ Gender Identities versus Gender Roles: Exploring the Limits of Hybrid Masculinity and Involved Fatherhood” *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Winter Meeting
- 2022 “Elite Boys, Sexual Assault, and the Media: How Privilege Shapes Allocation of Blame,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, online.
- 2022 Media Narratives and the Shield of Privilege: The Role of Elite Institutions in Sexual Assault Blame Dynamics, *Canadian Sociological Association Meeting*. Online.
- 2022 Discourses of Blame and Absolution Concerning Sexual Violence at Elite Schools, *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Summer Meeting. Online.
- 2020 “Digital Hegemony: Theorizing Masculinities on Stormfront.org,” *American Sociological Association Conference*, online.
- 2019 “Exploring Masculine Dilemmas in the Therapeutic Context,” *Canadian Sociological Association Conference*, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 “The Rising Tide of Hate: Constructions of Race and Gender in the White Nationalist Movement,” *Canadian Sociological Association Conference*, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 “Racialized Masculinity in the Digital Realm: A Study of White Nationalist Discourse on Stormfront.org,” *36th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference*, Fredericton, NB

Guest Lectures

- 2024 White Supremacism and Male Supremacism –Exploring Ruptures and Interconnections of Far-Right Masculinities, Middlesex University London, UK (online)

- “White Supremacism and Male Supremacism –Exploring Ruptures and Interconnections of Far-Right Masculinities” University of Toronto, Mississauga, Course: Masculinities
- 2023 “The development of gender and sexual identities, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Gender Identities (F),
- 2022 “Masculinities, Femininities, and Relations of Domination” University of Toronto, Mississauga, Gender Identities (S), University of Toronto
- 2022 “Gender as Constituted Through Anti-Black Racism and Colonization” Course: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, University of Toronto, St George
- 2022 “Sport Culture, Masculinities, and Violence” Course: Masculinities, University of Toronto Mississauga
- 2022 “Structure and Agency and Accounting for Elite Boy’s Violence in the Media” Course: Social Control, University of Toronto
- 2022 Angela Davis, Anti-Black racism, and Prison Abolition” Race, Ethnic & Aboriginal Relations, University of Winnipeg
- 2021 The History and current reality of gendered violence in the RCMP” Crime, Deviance, and Society, University of Winnipeg

Public Scholarship

Interviewed by Dr. Caulfield. “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: Welcome to the Manosphere,” Documentary. *CBC Gem*.

Interviewed by John Oakley. No jail time for the Hamilton police officer who sexually assaulted a woman he was mentoring. *Toronto 640 - The John Oakley Show*. CTV News Radio.

Interviewed by Nahlah Ayed. “Man Up!': Examining the push to bring back traditional masculinity” CBC Ideas, June 16, 2023 <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/man-up-masculinity-crisis-part-three-1.6876116>

Sunderland, J. (2023). “Man Up! Masculinity in Crisis, Part Three” *CBC Ideas* with Nahlah Ayed, June 15th, 2023 <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-23/clip/15991594>

Sunderland, J. (2023). “Princess Anne's CBC interview makes British headlines,” *CBC The National*, May 2nd, 2023. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ekMZQwAySg>

“Will increased police presence reduce TTC violence? Researchers say the solution lies in social

supports,” *The Varsity*, February 5th 2023 <https://thevarsity.ca/2023/02/05/will-increased-police-presence-reduce-ttc-violence/>

“PhD Student Examines Clash of Masculine Identities on Internet Hate Site,” *U of T News*, September 26, 2022. <https://www.utoronto.ca/news/phd-student-examines-clash-masculine-identities-internet-hate-site>

“The Monarchy- Explained.” *CBC Kids News*, October 11, 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y-2IXHUbY8&feature=youtu.be>

Sumanac-Johnson, Deanna, and Jillian Sunderland. *The World at Six*, Season CBC News: The World at Six with Susan Bonner, episode September 9, 2022, Sept. 2022. <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-8-cbc-news-the-world-at-six>

Wong, Jessica. “In the Caribbean Diaspora, Some Mourn the Queen While Others Challenge the Monarchy | CBC News.” *CBC news*, CBC/Radio Canada, 10 Sept. 2022, www.cbc.ca/news/canada/elizabeth-caribbean-communities-1.6577222

Gervais, Dalainey and Jillian Sunderland, September 2021. The Effectiveness of Social Media Activism. *The Medium*. <https://themedium.ca/the-effectiveness-of-social-media-activism/>

Masculinities and the Female Gaze, Research Revealed, University of Toronto. <https://researchrevealed.utoronto.ca/masculinities-the-female-gaze/>

Professional Experience

2020-Present	Research Assistant , Dr. Anna Korteweg, <i>Project: Border, Boundaries, Belonging the Case of European Women Who Join ISIS</i> https://bordersboundariesbodies.org/
2021-Present	Research Assistant , Dr. Casey Scheibling, University of Toronto, <i>Project: Fathering, Masculinity, and Mental Health</i>
2022	Research Assistant , Dr. Kathy Liddle, University of Toronto Scarborough, <i>Project: Building Community in Large Undergraduate Online Classrooms</i>
2018	Research Associate , Research Shop, McMaster University, John Howard Society
2018	Research Associate , REACH Edmonton and Edmonton Police funded by Public Safety Canada Community Resilience Fund.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record: Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, St. George

SOC499: Sociology of Masculinities (Fall 2024)

SOC427: Families and Health (Fall 2024)

SOC212: Sociology of Family (Winter 2023)

Teaching Assistant: Sociology, University of Toronto, St George

SOC388: Sociology of Everyday Life (Winter 2025)

SOC354: Gender, Violence, and the State (Summer 2024)

SOC395: Intimate Relationships (Winter 2024)

SOC353: Family, Race, and Adoption (Winter 2024)

SOC100: Introduction to Sociology I: Sociological Perspectives (Fall 2023)

1000 student class

SOC367: Race, Class, and Gender (Fall 2021)

SOC365: Gender Relations (Fall 2020)

SOCC04: Social Movements (Winter 2020)

SOC212: Sociology of Crime and Deviance (Fall-Winter 2019)

SOC100: Introduction to Sociology (Fall -Winter 2019)

Teaching Assistant: Sociology, University of Toronto, Mississauga

SOC363: Sexuality and Crime (Winter 2025)

SOC455: Comparative Indigenous Politics (Winter 2025)

SOC327: Drugs in the Morden World (Summer 2024)

SOC303 White Collar and Corporate Crime (Winter 2023)

SOC109: Introduction to Crime, Law & Society (Fall 2022)

SOC347: Sociology of Masculinities (Winter 2021)

Teaching Assistant: Sociology, University of Toronto, Scarborough

SOCC25: Ethnicity Race and Migration (Summer 2024)

Teaching Assistant: Sociology, McMaster University

SOCIOL 1Z03: Introduction to Sociology (Fall, 2018)

SOCIOL 2PP3: Sociology of Families (Winter, 2019)

Teaching Assistant: Sociology, University of Winnipeg

SOC-2108: Sociology of Deviance (Fall, 2017)

Teaching Training

2024	Course Design Fundamentals, University of Toronto
2022	Seminar in Teaching, University of Toronto
2022	TATP -Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, University of Toronto

Service Activities

Peer Reviewer:

Journal of Men and Masculinities
University of British Columbia Press

Graduate Sociology Student Association (GSSA)

University of Toronto

2023-24 Indigenous Initiatives Co-ordinator
2023-24 Social Co-ordinator
2021-22 Member at Large
2020-21 Co-President
2020-21 Social Co-ordinator
2019-20 Faculty Liaison

Race and Ethnicity Research Cluster,

Canadian Sociological Association

2020-21 Social Media Manager

Student Caucus,

McMaster University

2018-19 Equity Action Committee
2018-19 Social Committee

Sociology Action Students (S.A.S)

University of Winnipeg

2017-18 Founder and Co-Chair of Student Group

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)