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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 & Masculinity Studies; Gender Violence; Governance & Legitimacy; Political Sociology; Media, Culture & Power; Qualitative Methods; Critical Policy Analysis

Dissertation

Title: Masculinity as Bureaucratic Practice: Institutional Responses to 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). <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70101>.

Scheibling, Casey, and **Jillian Sunderland**. 2025. “Compromising Fatherhood: Expansion Versus Constriction in Fathers’ Gender Identities and Role Performances.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.70051>.

Sunderland, Jillian. 2022. “Fighting for Masculine Hegemony: Contestation Between Alt-Right and White Nationalist Masculinities on Stormfront.org.” *Men and Masculinities*. 26(1), 3-23. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X221120664>.

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

Korteweg, Anna, Gökçe Yurdakul, **Jillian Sunderland**, and Marloes Streppel. 2023. “Social Reproduction Gone Wrong? The Citizenship Revocation and Rehabilitation of Young European Women Who Joined ISIS.” *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*. 30(4), 997-1017. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxad015>.

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, funded by Public Safety Canada community resilience fund.

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. "Anomic Masculinity: How Gender Rebuilds the World in Times of Crisis"

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

2025	National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,000)
2025	Canadian Defense and Security Network – Capstone Laureate
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), *Canadian Sociological Association*

2018 CGS-M Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC (\$18,500), *McMaster University*

2018 CGS-M Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC, *Carleton University* (Declined)

2018 Outstanding Graduating Student Award – Undergraduate, *Canadian Sociological Association*

2018 National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)

2017 National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)

Internal Awards

2025-6 Center for Global Social Policy – Op-ed Initiative (\$500), *University of Toronto*

2024-5 Doctoral Completion Award (\$5,700), *University of Toronto*

2023-4 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, (\$500), *University of Toronto*

2023-4 Doctoral Completion Award, (\$9,000), University of Toronto

2023 Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$1,750), *University of Toronto*

2022 Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$2,000)

2020 Barbara Frum Memorial Award in Canadian Scholarship (\$5,000), *University of Toronto*

2020 Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$3,000), *University of Toronto*

2019-24 Faculty of Arts and Sciences Top Doctoral Students Fellowship (\$124,000), *University of Toronto*

2019 Sociology Admission Merit Award (\$2,000), *University of Toronto*

2019 Graduate Student Association Travel Award, *McMaster University*

2018 Valedictorian, spring convocation, awarded to the most outstanding student, *University of Winnipeg*

2018 Gold Medal in Honours Sociology, awarded to the student achieving the highest standing in their major, *University of Winnipeg*

2018 Clem Wyke Prize in English (\$3,000), awarded to the top student in the faculty of Arts *University of Winnipeg*

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 **Annual Visiting Lecture** “Anomic Masculinity: How Gender Rebuilds the World in Times of Crisis,” University of Winnipeg

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

Public Scholarship

Interviewed by Simi on the Manosphere and Performative Men. Mornings with Simi. *CKNW News*,

Global News.

Sunderland, Jillian, “The rise of the ‘performative male:’ How young men are experimenting with masculinity online.” *The Conversation Canada*. <https://theconversation.com/the-rise-of-the-performative-male-how-young-men-are-experimenting-with-masculinity-online-268742>

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-2IXHUb8&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/>

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

2025 Masculinities in “Crisis,” Amherst College, Massachusetts, Course: Social Problems

2025 Gender in Digital Media, MacEwan University, Course: Media and Society

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

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

Teaching Awards

2024 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Sociology Department, University of Toronto

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/
2021-2024	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.

Service Activities

Peer Reviewer:

Journal of Men and Masculinities
University of British Columbia Press
Social Forces
Chinese Journal of Sociology

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

Scholar Strategy Network (SSN)
Canadian Defence and Security Network (CDSN)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)