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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Toronto Exp.2027
Dissertation: Masculinity as Bureaucratic Practice: Institutional Responses to Sexual Violence in the RCMP
Committee: Dr. Anna Korteweg (Chair), Dr. Tim Bryan, Dr. Paula Maurutto

M.A., Sociology, McMaster University 2019

B.A., Sociology, University of Winnipeg 2018
Valedictorian, Honours

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:** *CBC Ideas, U of T News, CBC Gem Documentary*

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. Review of *Good Guys, Bad Guys: The Perils of Men's Gender Activism* by Emily Carian. *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.

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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Sunderland, Jillian. "When Hierarchy Feels Like Repair: Anomic Patriarchy, Misogyny, and the Racial-Colonial Moralization of Crisis." (*Under Review, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, submitted 1 April 2026)

Sunderland, Jillian. "Masculinity After Hegemony: Gender in the Interregnum." (Working Paper)

Foster, Jordan and **Jillian Sunderland.** "'LooksMaxxing' Goes Mainstream: Analyzing Youtube Influencer's Uptake of Incel Discourse." (Working Paper)

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)

INVITED TALKS

Annual Visiting Lecture: "How the Internet is Teaching Boys What It Means to Be a Man," Social Science Week, Dawson College, Montréal	2026
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, University of New Brunswick	2025
Invited Panelist: "Masculinities and Hate in Authoritarian Times," Plenary, Canadian Sociological Association Conference	2024
Invited Panelist: "Methodological Dialogue: Digital Sociology," Canadian Sociological Association	2024
Invited Panelist: "Redefining National Security: Justice, Borders, and Transnational Movements," Carleton University	2022

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Interviewed by Gary Barnes. "What Looksmaxxing Says about Modern Masculinity." <i>The Early Edition</i> , AM1150, March 23, 2026. https://www.am1150.ca/show/the-early-edition/	2026
Sunderland, Jillian and Jordan Foster. "From Gym to Jawline: What Looksmaxxing Says About Modern Masculinity." <i>The Conversation</i> , March 19, 2026. — Republished: <i>The Tyee</i> (March 24); <i>Cyprus Mail</i> (April 3); and in French.	2026
Interviewed by Simi on the Manosphere and Performative Men. <i>Mornings with Simi</i> , CKNW News, Global News.	2025
Sunderland, Jillian. "The Rise of the 'Performative Male:' How Young Men Are Experimenting with Masculinity Online." <i>The Conversation</i> . — Republished in French.	2025
Interviewed expert in Verity Stevenson (CBC). 2026. "Charlie Kirk's Appeal to Young Conservatives." CBC News.	2024
Interviewed by Dr. Caulfield. "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: Welcome to the Manosphere." CBC Gem Documentary, Leo Award Winner.	2023
Interviewed by John Oakley. "No Jail Time for the Hamilton Police Officer Who Sexually Assaulted a Woman He Was Mentoring." <i>Toronto 640 – The John Oakley Show</i> , CTV News Radio.	2023
Interviewed by Nahlah Ayed. "Man Up!: Examining the Push to Bring Back Traditional Masculinity." <i>CBC Ideas</i> , June 16, 2023.	2023
Interviewed by Nahlah Ayed". "Man Up! Masculinity in Crisis, Part Three." <i>CBC Ideas</i> Podcast. June 15, 2023.	2023
Sunderland, J. "Princess Anne's CBC Interview Makes British Headlines." <i>CBC The National</i> , May 2, 2023.	2022
"Will Increased Police Presence Reduce TTC Violence? Researchers Say the Solution Lies in Social Supports." <i>The Varsity</i> , February 5, 2023.	2022
"PhD Student Examines Clash of Masculine Identities on Internet Hate Site." <i>U of T News</i> , September 26, 2022.	2022
"The Monarchy – Explained." <i>CBC Kids News</i> , October 11, 2022.	2022
Sumanac-Johnson, Deanna, and Jillian Sunderland. <i>CBC News: The World at Six with Susan Bonner</i> , September 9, 2022.	2021
Wong, Jessica. "In the Caribbean Diaspora, Some Mourn the Queen While Others Challenge the Monarchy." <i>CBC News</i> , September 10, 2022.	2021
Gervais, Dalainey and Jillian Sunderland. "The Effectiveness of Social Media Activism." <i>The Medium</i> , September 2021.	2021
"Masculinities and the Female Gaze." <i>Research Revealed</i> , University of Toronto.	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"From Policy to Pitfall: The Limits of RCMP Sexual Harassment Reforms," International Institute on Social Policy, Munk School, University of Toronto	2024
"From Culture to Complicity: RCMP Response to Gender Violence," American Sociological Association Conference, Montréal	2024
"Culture as Rhetoric: State Narratives in Tackling Gender Violence within the RCMP," Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal	2023
"Framing Blame: Masculinity and Violence in News Discourse of St. Mike's Elite Boys," SSSP, Philadelphia	2022
"The RCMP, Colonization, and Gender," Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto	2022
"New Fathers' Gender Identities versus Gender Roles," Sociologists for Women in Society, Winter Meeting	2022
"Elite Boys, Sexual Assault, and the Media," American Sociological Association (online)	2020
"Media Narratives and the Shield of Privilege," Canadian Sociological Association (online)	2019
"Digital Hegemony: Theorizing Masculinities on Stormfront.org," American Sociological Association (online)	
"Exploring Masculine Dilemmas in the Therapeutic Context," Canadian Sociological Association, Vancouver	

"The Rising Tide of Hate: Constructions of Race and Gender in the White Nationalist Movement," Canadian Sociological Association, Vancouver	2019
"Racialized Masculinity in the Digital Realm," 36th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference, Fredericton	2019

HONOURS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,000)	2025
Canadian Defense and Security Network – Capstone Laureate	2025
Center for Global Social Policy – Op-ed Initiative (\$500), University of Toronto	2025–26
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)	2024–25
Doctoral Completion Award (\$5,700), University of Toronto	2024–25
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (\$500), University of Toronto	2024
National Endowment Fund (\$2,850)	2024
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)	2023–24
Doctoral Completion Award (\$9,000), University of Toronto	2023–24
National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,000)	2023–24
Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$1,750), University of Toronto	2023
Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$2,000), University of Toronto	2022
SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000)	2020–23
National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$3,750)	2020–21
Sociology Department Summer Level Fellowship (\$3,000), University of Toronto	2020
Outstanding Graduating Student Award – Masters, Canadian Sociological Association	2020
Barbara Frum Memorial Award in Canadian Scholarship (\$5,000), University of Toronto	2020
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Top Doctoral Students Fellowship (\$124,000), University of Toronto	2019–24
Sociology Admission Merit Award (\$2,000), University of Toronto	2019
Graduate Student Association Travel Award, McMaster University	2019
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
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) — top student in the Faculty of Arts, University of Winnipeg	2018
Dan A. Chekki Prize for Excellence — best honours thesis, University of Winnipeg	2018
Dean's Honour Roll: Student of Highest Distinction, University of Winnipeg	2018
National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)	2018
National Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$2,500)	2017
University of Winnipeg Retirees Association Scholarship (\$4,000)	2017
Dean's 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	2017
Dr. Kenneth Truman Memorial Scholarship in Sociology (\$1,500) — promising student in Sociology, University of Winnipeg	2016
Robert Bruce Fund Scholarship (\$2,000) — academic excellence, University of Winnipeg	2016
Dean's Honour Roll: Student of Highest Distinction, University of Winnipeg	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Fall 2024 · SOC499: Sociology of Masculinities

Fall 2024 · SOC427: Families and Health

Winter 2023 · SOC212: Sociology of Family

Teaching Assistant — University of Toronto (St. George, Mississauga, Scarborough)

SOC388: Sociology of Everyday Life (W2025) · SOC363: Sexuality and Crime (W2025) · SOC455: Comparative Indigenous Politics (W2025)

SOC354: Gender, Violence, and the State (Su2024) · SOC327: Drugs in the Modern World (Su2024) · SOC395: Intimate Relationships (W2024)
SOC353: Family, Race, and Adoption (W2024) · SOCC25: Ethnicity Race and Migration (Su2024) · SOC100: Introduction to Sociology I (F2023)
SOC303: White Collar and Corporate Crime (W2023) · SOC109: Introduction to Crime, Law & Society (F2022) · SOC367: Race, Class, and Gender (F2021)
SOC365: Gender Relations (F2020) · SOCC04: Social Movements (W2020) · SOC347: Sociology of Masculinities (W2021)
SOC212: Sociology of Crime and Deviance (F–W2019) · SOC100: Introduction to Sociology (F–W2019)

Teaching Assistant — McMaster University

SOCIOL 1Z03: Introduction to Sociology (F2018) · SOCIOL 2PP3: Sociology of Families (W2019)

Teaching Assistant — University of Winnipeg

SOC-2108: Sociology of Deviance (F2017)

TEACHING TRAINING & AWARDS

2024 · Course Design Fundamentals, University of Toronto
2024 · Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Sociology Department, University of Toronto
2022 · Seminar in Teaching & TATP Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, University of Toronto

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant – Dr. Anna Korteweg, <i>Borders, Boundaries, Belonging: European Women Who Join ISIS</i> , University of Toronto	2020–Present
Research Assistant – Dr. Casey Scheibling, <i>Fathering, Masculinity, and Mental Health</i> , University of Toronto	2021–2024
Research Assistant – Dr. Kathy Liddle, <i>Building Community in Large Undergraduate Online Classrooms</i> , U of T Scarborough	2022
Research Associate – Research Shop, McMaster University / John Howard Society	2018
Research Associate – REACH Edmonton & Edmonton Police Service, Public Safety Canada Community Resilience Fund	2018

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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: Co-President (2020–21) · Faculty Liaison (2019–20) · Member at Large (2021–22) · Indigenous Initiatives Co-ordinator (2023–24)

Professional Memberships: American Sociological Association · Canadian Sociological Association · Sociologists for Women in Society · Society for the Study of Social Problems · Scholar Strategy Network · Canadian Defence and Security Network