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ACADEMIC & RESEARCH POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, 2014-
Purdue University Northwest, Hammond, IN

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, 2008-2014
Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN

Director of Educational Research 2006-2008
Emory College, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 2006

B.A., Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 1999

SCHOLARLY FOCUS

Sweeney's research examines how structural level disparity shapes everyday life looking at how race, class, and gender inequities are perpetuated and challenged in various institutions including the family, higher education, and the media. She teaches Social Problems, Sociology of the Family, Social Inequality, and Gender Roles in Modern Society.

ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

Surachman, A., Edwards, A. B., Sweeney, K. A., & Cherry, R. (2018) "Mothers Selection of Future Primary Caregivers in Rural West Java, Indonesia," *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 33(3):247-263. DOI: 10.1007/s10823-018-9352-x

Love, H. A., Nalbone, D. P., Hecker, L. L., Sweeney, K. A., & Dharnidharka, P. (2018). Suicidal risk following the termination of romantic relationships. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 39(3), 166-174. DOI: 10.1027/0227-5910/a000484

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2017) "How White Parents of Black and Multiracial Transracially Adopted Children Approach Racial Exposure and Neighborhood Choice." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 3, 2: 236-252. DOI:10.1177/2332649216661851

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Rachel Pollack. (2017) "Colorblind Individualism and Color Consciousness: Representations of Adoptee Best Interest in Newspaper Coverage of the Baby Veronica Case." *The Sociological Quarterly*, 58, 4:701-720.
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Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2016) "Cultural Naming Practices in Children's Literature on Adoption." *Children's Geographies*, 14, 5: 497-512. DOI: 10.1080/14733285.2015.1121538

Jerome, Kelly and Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2014). "Birth Parent Portrayals in Children's Adoption Literature," *Family Issues*, 35, 5: 677-704. DOI: 10.1177/0192513X13493278

Jackson, O. Regine, Sweeney, Kathryn A., and Adria Welcher. (2014). "It Just Happens: Colorblind Ideology and Undergraduate Explanations for Lack of Interaction Across Race Lines." *Education, Citizenship and Social Justice*, 9, 3: 191-208.
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Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2013). "Race-Conscious Adoption Choices, Multiraciality, and Colorblind Racial Ideology." *Family Relations*, 62, 1: 42-57. DOI: 10.1111/j.1741-3729.2012.00757.x

Soloski, K., Pavkov, T., Sweeney, K., and Wetchler, J. (2013). "The Social Construction of Love Through Intergenerational Processes," *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 35, 1: 773-792.
DOI: 10.1007/s10591-013-9247-5

Sweeney, Kathryn. A. (2012). "The Culture of Poverty and Adoption: Adoptive Parent Views of Birth Families." *Michigan Family Review*, 16, 1: 22-37. DOI: 10.3998/mfr.4919087.0016.102

Hyejin Kim, Anne B. Edwards, Kathryn A. Sweeney & Joseph L. Wetchler (2012) "The Effects of Differentiation and Attachment on Satisfaction and Acculturation in Asian-White American International Couple Relationships: Assessment With Chinese, South Korean, and Japanese Partners in Relationships With White American Partners in the United States," *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 40, 4: 320-335. DOI: [10.1080/01926187.2011.616409](https://doi.org/10.1080/01926187.2011.616409)

González, Belisa and Kathryn A. Sweeney. (2010). "The Color of Affirmative Action: Exploring Contemporary Racial Ideologies through Public Responses to Affirmative Action Policies in Michigan," *Journal of Race and Policy*, 6, 1: 106-122.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Anne L. Borden. (2009). "Crossing the Line Online: Racial Preference of Internet Daters," *Marriage and Family Review*, 45, 6-7: 1-21.
DOI: 10.1080/01494920903224335

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2008). "Contact and the Continuum of White Women's Racial Awareness", *Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal*: 1, 1: Article 5.
http://repositories.cdlib.org/ucsb_ed/spaces/vol1/iss1/art5

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2006). "The Blame Game: Racialized Responses to Hurricane Katrina." *DuBois Review*, 3, 1: 161-174. DOI: 10.1017/s1742058x06060115

PUBLICATIONS: CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (In Press). "Racial and Gender Preferences Among Potential Adoptive Parents," Chapter 10 in *Handbook of Modern Adoption: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice*, Edited by Gretchen Wrobel, Emily Helder, and Elisha Marr. Routledge. (Invited)

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Aldridge, Delores P. (2013). "Blocked Opportunities and Gendered Power: Inability to Attain Preferred Gender Roles." Pages 29-48 in *Notions of Family: Intersectional Perspectives*, Co-edited by Marla H. Kohlman, Dana B. Krieg, and Bette.J. Dickerson. Emerald Press.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Anne L. Borden. (2012). "Crossing the Line Online: Racial Preference of Internet Daters," in *The Psychology of Love*, edited by Michele Pauldi. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. Reprint.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (2008). "Exercising Social Power: The Case of Marriage." Pages 125-148 in *Advances in Gender Research*, Volume 12. Co-edited by Marcia Texler Segal and Vasilikie Demos. Emerald Group Publishing: 125-148.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Belisa González. (2008). "Affirmative Action Never Helped Me: Response to Ending Affirmative Action in Michigan." Pages 135-148 in *Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions*, peer reviewed, edited by Charles A. Gallagher. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Social Forces.

PUBLICATIONS: OTHER

Sweeney, Kathryn A. (Winter, 2018) "White Parents of Transracial Adoptees Navigating Race," NCFR Report Magazine, Family Focus. National Council on Family Relations (Invited)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2008-)

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Kimberly M. Baker (2019). "How do Adoptees Use and Understand DNA Ancestry Testing?" Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) meeting, Chicago, IL.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. July 2016. "Racial Exposure and Neighborhood Choices of White Parents of Black and Multiracial Transracially Adopted Children in the United States," International Sociological Association (ISA) meeting, Vienna, Austria.

Pollack, Rachel, Kathryn Sweeney, Elsa Weber, and Ralph Cherry. March 2016. "Gender and Race Portrayal in Doc McStuffins and Sofia the First," Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) meeting, Chicago, IL.

Surachman, A., Edwards, A. B., Sweeney, K. A., & Cherry, R. (2016, November). Intergenerational solidarity and the congruence of future caregiving role among mother-child dyads. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Surachman, A., Edwards, A. B., Sweeney, K. A., & Cherry, R. (2016, November). Selection of future caregivers by elderly women in rural West Java, Indonesia. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Pollack, Rachel. August, 2015. "What's Best for Baby Veronica: Differences in Mainstream Versus Native American Newspaper Portrayals," Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) meeting, Chicago, IL.

Sweeney, Kathryn A. and Jerome, Kelly. August 2013. "Culture Keeping, Race, and Adoption in Children's Books," American Sociological Association (ASA) meeting, New York, NY.

Jerome, Kelly and Sweeney, Kathryn A. March 2013. "Incompetent and Irresponsible: How Birth Parent Portrayals in Children's Adoption Literature Support and Contradict Stereotypes," Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) meeting, Chicago, IL.

Sweeney, Kathryn A., Adria Welcher, and Regine O. Jackson. August 2010. "Colorblind Ideology and Undergraduate Explanations of Lack of Interaction Across Race Lines," Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Sweeney, Kathryn A., Adria Welcher, and Regine O. Jackson. June 2009. "Identifying and Addressing Higher Education Climate Concerns," International Faculty Workshop at Western Galilee College (WGC), Akko, Israel.

Sweeney, Kathryn A., Adria Welcher, and Regine O. Jackson. March 2009. "Improving Experiences of Undergraduate International Students," Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), Lublin, Poland.

González, Belisa and Kathryn A. Sweeney. August, 2008. "The Color of Affirmative Action: What Public Responses to Affirmative Action Policies Tell Us about Racial Ideologies in the U.S.," Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) meetings, Boston, MA.

GRANTS

2019 Indiana Academy of Social Sciences (IASS) Faculty Award (\$500)

2019 PNW CHESS Summer Scholarship Award (\$7500)

2017 Purdue Summer Faculty Grant (PRF) (\$8000)
PNW CHESS Summer Scholarship Award (\$7500) (declined)

2015 PUC research sabbatical (Fall semester)

2010 PUC faculty summer research grant (\$2000 in professional funds)

2009 PNW proposal development award

2009 Awarded grant to attend the PNW Faculty Research Abroad Program at Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), Lublin, Poland, in March of 2009

2009 Awarded grant to attend the International Faculty Workshop at Western Galilee College (WGC), Akko, Israel in June of 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Indiana Academy of Social Sciences (IASS)