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EMPLOYMENT

2023– Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
2021–2023 Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Sociology, New York University
2018 M.A., Sociology, New York University
2013 A.B. with honors, Sociology, University of Chicago

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2026 Brown, Eliza. "Conceptive Risk-Taking: Personal Uncertainty, Flexible Fertility Intentions, and Twins from Medically Assisted Reproduction." *Social Science & Medicine* 118743.
- 2025 Altomonte, Guillermina, and Eliza Brown. "Morals, Markets, and Medicine." *Sociological Forum*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.70037>
Brown, Eliza. "Doctor, How Much Does it Cost?: Moral Values and Price Talk in a Stratified Consumer Medical Market." *Socio-Economic Review* 23(4): 1637–1659.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwaf025>
▪ Editor's Choice
▪ Winner of 2026 SER Best Article Award
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. "Switching Clinics: Patient Autonomy over the Course of their Careers in Consumer Medicine." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 64(2): 228–242.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465231154956>
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couples Trying to Become Pregnant." *Sociological Forum* 37(2): 465–485.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12803>
▪ 2021 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2020 Brown, Eliza. "Projected Diagnosis, Anticipatory Medicine, and Uncertainty: How Medical Providers 'Rule Out' Potential Pregnancy in Contraceptive Counseling." *Social Science & Medicine* 258.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113118>
- 2018 Brown, Eliza, and Mary Patrick. "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily Disentangling Romance and Reproduction." *American Sociological Review* 83(5): 959–982.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418796807>
▪ 2019 ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award — Honorable Mention

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Gambling on Fertility: How Doctors and Patients Weigh Stratified Risks in Consumer Medicine
(Under contract, University of Chicago Press)

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, AND SYMPOSIA

- 2026 Brown, Eliza. "Promoting Genetic Testing to Prevent non-Genetic Conditions: PGT-A and Solving the Problem of Twins in US Fertility Clinics." In *Mundane Genomics*, edited by Vincenzo Pavone, Mauro Turrini, and Ayo Wahlberg.
- 2024 Brown, Eliza, and Iddo Tavory. "Pragmatism and Medical Sociology: Three Precepts." *Social Science & Medicine* 345. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116640>
- Brown, Eliza. Review of *Making Multiple Babies: Anticipatory Regimes of Assisted Reproduction*, by Chia-Ling Wu. *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal (EASTS)*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/18752160.2024.2302711>
- 2021 Brown, Eliza. Review of *Freezing Fertility: Oocyte Cryopreservation and the Gender Politics of Aging*, by Lucy van de Wiel. *Gender & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08912432211060725>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "Sex for Pregnancy as a 'Chore': Policy Recommendations that Go Beyond a Diagnosis of Infertility." *Sociological Insights for Development Policy* 7(2).
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "What the End of Roe Means for Fertility Patients." Essay in *ASA Sex and Gender Newsletter*.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. "The 'Chore' of Having Sex to Try to Get Pregnant." Essay in *The Society Pages*, Council on Contemporary Families.
- Reprinted in Joffe, Carole, and Jennifer Reich, eds. 2025. *Reproduction and Society: Interdisciplinary Readings*, 2nd ed., pp. 383–384. Routledge.
- 2017 Caudillo, Mónica L., Paula England, and Eliza Brown. "Class Differences in Women's Cohabitation in Early Adulthood." *Contexts*. contexts.org/blog/class-differences-in-womens-cohabitation-in-early-adulthood
- 2016 England, Paula, and Eliza Brown. "An Unequal Distribution of Partners: Gays versus Straights." *Contexts*. contexts.org/blog/an-unequal-distribution-of-partners-gays-versus-straights
- 2016 England, Paula, and Eliza Brown. "Who Has How Many Sexual Partners?" *Contexts*. contexts.org/blog/who-has-how-many-sexual-partners
- 2016 Brown, Eliza, and Paula England. "Sexual Orientation versus Behavior — Different for Men and Women?" *Contexts*. contexts.org/blog/sexual-orientation-versus-behavior-different-for-men-and-women
- Reprinted in O'Brien, Jodi, and Arlene Stein, eds. *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy: A Contexts Reader*. Sage Publications.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza, and Paula England. "College Men Having Sex with Men: Are They Exclusively Tops or Bottoms? (No)." *Contexts*. contexts.org/blog/college-men-having-sex-with-men-are-they-exclusively-tops-or-bottoms-no
- 2015 Ramos, Manica, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, and Shelby Hickman. *Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher's Cultural Sensitivity with Families: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations*. OPRE Report 2015-55. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2015 Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, Manica Ramos, Eliza Brown, Lina Guzman, Nicole Forry, Toni Porter, and Christine Nord. *The Family and Provider/Teacher Relationship Quality Measures: Filling Gaps for Research and Practice*. OPRE Report 2015-37. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2015 Scott, Mindy, Shelby Hickman, Eliza Brown, and Bianca Faccio. *A Guide to Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs for Hispanic Couples and Families*. The National Research Center for Hispanic Children and Families. Publication #2015-16.

- 2015 Brown, Eliza, and Brigitte Vaughn. "Health Insurance for Hispanic Families: Gains and Gaps." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "Increasing Visibility of Low-Income LGBTQ Hispanic Families." *Hispanic Voices Blog*.
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "What the Same-Sex Marriage Ruling Means for LGBTQ Youth." *Trend Lines Blog*. childtrends.org/publications/what-the-same-sex-marriage-ruling-means-for-lgbtq-youth
- 2015 Brown, Eliza. "What R Teens Learning from Sext-Ed?" *Trend Lines Blog*. childtrends.org/publications/what-r-teens-learning-from-sex-ed
- 2014 Brown, Eliza. "Declines in the U.S. Abortion Rate: A Look into the Role of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives." *Trend Lines Blog*. childtrends.org/publications/declines-in-the-u-s-abortion-rate-a-look-into-the-role-of-long-acting-reversible-contraceptives
- 2013 Brown, Eliza. "Homelessness Among LGBT Youth: A National Concern." *Trend Lines Blog*. childtrends.org/publications/homelessness-among-lgbt-youth-a-national-concern

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "Against All Odds: Negotiating the Risk of Twins in Fertility Medicine"
Brown Bag, ANSIRH, Oakland, CA
- 2022 "Two for the Price of One: Twins, Class, and Price at Three Fertility Clinics"
Brown Bag, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Demography, Berkeley, CA
- "Gaming Health: How Patients and Doctors Weigh Chance and Risk in Fertility Clinics"
Colloquium, Indiana University, Department of Sociology, Bloomington, IN
Colloquium, Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, Evanston, IL
Colloquium, Brown University, Department of Sociology, Providence, RI
Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology, Berkeley, CA
- 2019 "Demography Meets Ethnography"
Panel, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Brown, Eliza. *When the Heart Can't Take Poor Odds*. Eastern Sociological Society, Reproduction Mini Conference. Washington, DC.
- 2025 Brown, Eliza. *From Practice Guidelines to Clinical Outcomes Governance: Surveillance and Discipline in the Fertility Medicine Field*. Paper session on Shifting Contexts of Clinical Work. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2024 Book Writing Workshop. Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. *Genetic Testing to Prevent non-Genetic Disabilities: PGT and the Problematicization of Twins in US Fertility Clinics*. 4S Conference. Honolulu, HI. (Virtual)
- 2023 Brown, Eliza. *Field Guides: Establishing Organizational Status through Clinic Competition in Patient Consults*. Paper session on Culture and Markets. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *The Multiclinic Patient Career: Revising, Relearning, and Exercising Autonomy by Switching Fertility Clinics*. Paper session on Medical Authority and Patient Autonomy. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Brown, Eliza. *Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex for the Purpose of Pregnancy Becomes a Third Shift for Women in Heterosexual Couples*. Couple and Intergenerational Fertility Dynamics session. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

2021	Brown, Eliza. <i>Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes Work for Other-Sex Couples Trying to Become Pregnant</i> . Fertility and Reproductive Labor Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Virtual)
2020	Brown, Eliza. <i>Money, Morals, and Medicine: Patient Class and Organizational Pragmatics at Three Fertility Clinics</i> . Paper session on Culture and Economic Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Virtual)
2020	Brown, Eliza. <i>Fertility Intentions and Attitudes towards Twins from Fertility Treatments</i> . Population Association of America Annual Conference. Washington, DC. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
2019	Brown, Eliza. <i>"You Should Just Do It": Women Propelling Each Other into the Future by Promoting Egg Freezing</i> . Panel presentation. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
2018	Brown, Eliza. <i>Diagnosis without the Body: Stunted Multiplicity and Specters of Disease</i> . Roundtable discussion. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
2018	Brown, Eliza, and Mary Patrick. <i>Rejecting Mr. Right Now: Egg Freezing as a Means to Disconnect the Romantic from the Reproductive Project</i> . Remaking Reproduction Conference, University of Cambridge.
2017	Brown, Eliza, and Mary Patrick. <i>Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing</i> . Paper presentation in Population. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
2017	Brown, Eliza, and Mary Patrick. <i>Disjoining the Romantic from the Reproductive Project: An Examination of Egg Freezing</i> . Workshop presentation. NYLON Conference. New York, NY.
2016	Brown, Eliza. <i>Opening the Pregnancy Closet: An Assessment of Pregnancy Risk for Sexual Minority Female Youth</i> . Paper session in Fertility. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
2016	Brown, Eliza. <i>Adolescent Pregnancy among Lesbian and Bisexual Females</i> . Paper session. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
2014	Kim, Kwang, Valerie Atkinson, and Eliza Brown. <i>Introducing New Measures of Family and Provider/Teacher Relations</i> . National Head Start Association Parent Conference. New Orleans, LA.
2014	Guzman, Lina, Elizabeth Wildsmith, Eliza Brown, and Shelby Hickman. <i>The Meaning of Cohabitation Among Latino Parents</i> . National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
2014	Ramos, Manica, Lina Guzman, Eliza Brown, and Nicole Forry. <i>Understanding and Measuring Provider/Teacher-Facilitated Cultural Sensitivity with Families in Early Care and Education Settings: Lessons Learned and Measurement Recommendations</i> . Head Start Research Conference. Washington, DC.

CONFERENCE MODERATION

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AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026	2026 SER Best Article Award
2024–2025	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) Grant
2023–2024	Abigail Hodgen Publication Award
2021	ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Best Student Paper Award
2019	ASA Section on Sociology of Population Article Award — Honorable Mention
2019	NYU Sociology Department Supplemental Dissertation Funding
2017–2020	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP)
2017, 2018	NYU Sociology Department Pre-Dissertation Funding
2015–2020	NYU MacCracken Fellowship

2013 University of Chicago Ruth Murray Memorial Essay Prize in Women's Studies, Feminist Criticism, and Gender Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023 Sociology of Medicine (Graduate Seminar), University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2026

Summer 2019 Sociology of Gender (Undergraduate Lecture), University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2024
Spring 2026

Fall 2025 Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate Lecture), University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2027

Fall 2023 Reproductive Health, Politics, and Inequalities (Undergraduate Seminar), University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2026

Guest Lectures

Spring 2024 Guest Lecturer, "Sex as a Chore," Theories and Perspectives on Sexuality and Health (Graduate),
Fall 2025 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, "Abductive Methods," Evaluation of Evidence (Undergraduate), UC Berkeley

Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, "Time, Anticipation, and the Life Course: Egg Freezing as Temporarily
Disentangling Romance and Reproduction," Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate), Columbia
University Mailman School of Public Health

Spring 2019 Guest Lecturer, "Same-Sex Marriage," Sociology of the Family (Undergraduate), New York
University

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013–2015 Research Assistant, Reproductive Health and Family Formation, Child Trends, Bethesda, MD

2012–2013 Research Assistant, National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), NORC at the
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

June 2026 Interviewed on the SER podcast "SER on Tap"

May 2024 Interlocutor, "Equal Partners? How Dual-Professional Couples Make Career, Relationship, and
Family Decisions," with Jaclyn Wong. Green Apple Books. San Francisco, CA.

May 2022 Interviewed by Grace Browne. "The Ramifications of *Roe v. Wade*'s Fall Won't Stop at Abortion
Bans." *Wired*. [wired.com/story/ramifications-of-post-roe-world](https://www.wired.com/story/ramifications-of-post-roe-world)

Feb. 2022 Interviewed by Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman. "The Paradox of Slow Love." *The Atlantic*.
[theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/02/taking-it-slow-true-love-relationships/622043](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/02/taking-it-slow-true-love-relationships/622043)

Dec. 2019 Interviewed by Natalie Lampert. "The Unexpected Freedom that Comes with Freezing Your Eggs."
The New York Times Magazine. [nytimes.com/2019/12/11/magazine/egg-freezing-fertility.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/11/magazine/egg-freezing-fertility.html)

Feb. 2018 Panelist, "Gendered Harassment in Higher Ed: A Panel Discussion and Forum." Hosted by GSOC-
UAW Local 2110.

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

2025 Adele E. Clarke Book Award Committee Member

2022–2023 Organizer, Reproduction Regular Session, ASA 2023 Annual Conference
2022 ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member
2016–2018 ASA Population Section, Elected Student Member

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley

2023–2024 Graduate Admissions Committee Member
2025–2026 Graduate Placement

MENTORSHIP

University of California, Berkeley

Dissertation Committees, Member, Completed

Skyler Wang (Sociology — Assistant Professor of Sociology, McGill University)
Emily Ruppell (Sociology — Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Davis)

Dissertation Committees, Member, Current

Farnam Mohebi (Haas)
Natalie Pasquinelli (Sociology)
Emily Martin (History)

MA Committees, Member, Completed

Farnam Mohebi (Haas)

MA Committees, Member, Current

Colby Fortin (Sociology)
Nikkollette Lee (Sociology)

Qualifying Exams Committee, Member, Completed

Emily Martin (History — Medical Sociology exam)
Natalie Pasquinelli (Sociology — Theory exam)

Qualifying Exams Committee, Member, Current

Anthony Palafox (Sociology — Family exam)
Alex Torrez (Sociology — Medical Sociology exam)
Colby Fortin (Sociology — Medical Sociology exam)
Eiji Isa (Sociology — Medical Sociology exam)
Elena Amaya (Sociology — Theory exam)

Primary Advisor

Maddie Kerr
Colby Fortin

New York University

2020 PhD candidate speaker, GSAS Alumni Day Celebration, NYU Alumni & Parents Weekend
2018–2019 NYLON Workshop Coordinator
2018 Mentor, Regeneron Science Talent Search
2017–2019 GSOC-UAW Local 2110 Steward
2016–2017 NYU Sociology Department Graduate Student Association Co-Chair

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Acta Sociologica (1), *American Journal of Sociology* (6), *American Sociological Review* (5), *BioSocieties* (2), *Contemporary Political Theory* (1), *Culture, Health & Sexuality* (3), *European Journal of Women's Studies* (1), *Gender & Society* (4), *Journal of Gender Studies* (1), *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (8), *Population Research and Policy Review* (1), *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (2), *Social Forces* (3), *Social Politics* (1), *Social Problems* (2), *Social Psychology Quarterly* (2), *Social Science & Medicine* (3), *Social Science & Medicine — Qualitative Research in Health* (2), *Sociological Focus* (2), *Sociological Forum* (3), *Sociological Theory* (1), and *Sociology Compass* (1)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Population Association of America (PAA)

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

REFERENCES

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