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### ***Current Academic Appointments***

2019 – Present Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
2016 – Present Graduate Program Director  
Department of Sociology  
Virginia Commonwealth University

### ***Previous Academic Appointments***

2015 – 2019 Instructor of Sociology  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
2010 – 2015 Graduate Instructor of Sociology  
Florida State University

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### ***Education***

Florida State University  
PhD in Sociology; May 2015  
Dissertation: Just wait until the baby comes: time, “reality”, and teen motherhood  
  
Florida State University  
M.S. in Sociology; May 2012  
Thesis: Home environments and educational inequality: does reducing the digital divide improve academic performance?  
  
University of North Florida  
M.A. in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics; December 2007  
Thesis: The necessity of core values in analyzing commensurability  
  
University of North Florida  
B.A. in English Literature/Religious Studies; May 2005

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### ***Areas of Expertise***

Contemporary Theory | Education | Adolescence & Youth | Media | Digital Sociology | Content Analysis

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### **Key Administrative Accomplishments**

As Graduate Program Director of Sociology in the College of Humanities and Sciences (2016 – Present)

- Develop and implement Digital Sociology curriculum
- Work closely with faculty to plan and organize the first fully online M.S. in the College of Humanities and Sciences
- Work through the SCHEV and bulletin process to get the official concentration approved so that it appeared on student transcripts

- Represented the department at college and university committees to garner support.
- Secured non-traditional marketing funds for the sociology department from the college (totaling \$50k+ in in-kind marketing)
- Continue to work closely with Robertson School faculty on creative marketing initiatives
- Participated in recruitment and hiring of first digital sociologist faculty member
- Revised and strengthened the graduate program curriculum to account for student needs and faculty experiences
- Mentor and advise 20+ graduate students each semester
- Worked with Chair to use online funds to hire communications support
- Managed support personnel to develop data collection tools, surveys, reports, marketing strategy, wiki's, and document tracking
- Organize and lead the department Graduate Program Committee meetings to develop new initiatives and expand faculty support for the graduate program
- Faculty representative for VCU RVA chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society
- Teach the required Contemporary Theory graduate course
- Work closely with other committees support and fund student activism and public events
- Developed ELPoDs (e-learning portfolio development series) as an integral part of the graduate student experience
- Work closely with the Dean's office to ensure proper records and transcripts for graduating students
- Recruit and admit all new graduate students
- Workshop leader for Building Inclusive Communities for 2 years

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### ***Publications***

- 2019 Rohlinger, Deana, Rebecca Redmond, Tara Stamm. "Gender, Age, and Political Legitimacy: Activist (In)visibility in Broadcast News, 1970-2012". *Journal of Women & Aging*. DOI: [10.1080/08952841.2019.1593774](https://doi.org/10.1080/08952841.2019.1593774) Published online: 20 Mar 2019
- 2018 Rohlinger, Deana, Rebecca A. Redmond, Haely Gentile, Tara Stamm, Alexandra Olsen. "Power and Representation: Activist Standing in Broadcast News, 1970-2012", in Apryl A. Williams, Ruth Tsuria, Laura Robinson, Aneka Khilnani (ed.) *Media and Power in International Contexts: Perspectives on Agency and Identity (Studies in Media and Communications, Volume 16)* Emerald Publishing Limited. pp.9-34
- 2018 Cottom, Tressie M., Jennifer A. Johnson, Tara M. Stamm, Julie Honnold. "A Vision Among Challenges: Lessons About Online Teaching From The First Online Master's Degree in Digital Sociology". *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*.
- 2016 Kennedy, Stephanie C., Tara Stamm, and Casey Yu. "Mothers of Honor: Intentional Construction of Pregnancy, Birth, and Postpartum Support". *Taking the Village Online: Mothers, Motherhood, and Social Media* edited by Lorin Basden Arnold and BettyAnn Martin.
- 2014 Rohlinger Deana, Jesse Klein, Tara Stamm, and Kyle Rogers. "Constricting Boundaries: Collective Identity in the Tea Party Movement" in *Border Politics, Social Movements and Globalization* edited by Nancy Naples and Jennifer Bickham-Mendez. New York: New York University Press.

2013 Rohlinger, Deana., Tara Stamm. "Acting Contentiously: Simulating Social Movements"  
*Academic Exchange Quarterly* Volume 17, Issue 2.

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### ***Conference Presentations***

2019 Panelist "Preparing for and Applying to Graduate School". Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

2018 Cottom, Tressie M., Jennifer A. Johnson, Tara M. Stamm, Julie Honnold. "A Vision Among Challenges: Lessons About Online Teaching From The First Online Master's Degree in Digital Sociology". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

2015 Stamm, Tara "Time Use of Teen Mothers Compared to their Non-Mother Counterparts: ATUS results" Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA

2014 Stamm, Tara. "Contemporary Teen Mothers in Popular Media" Media Sociology Preconference at Mills College, Oakland, CA.

2011 Stamm, Tara, Amanda Poling, and John Reynolds. "Charter School Growth in Florida: Founders, Frames, and Implications for Educational Inequality" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

2011 Stamm, Tara. "Home Environments and Educational Inequality: Does Reducing the Digital Divide Improve Academic Performance?" Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.

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### ***Teaching (\*online and traditional)***

#### Undergraduate

- Introduction to Sociology
- Media and Society
- Adolescents in Society
- Research Methods\*
- Contemporary Theory\*
- Gender and Sexuality
- Social Problems

#### Graduate

- Digital Social Problems\*
- Contemporary Theory\*

#### Professional

- Building Inclusive Communities
- News Editor, Sociology Lens (associated site for Sociology Compass)