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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2017- Assistant Professor, Tulane University  
*Department of Sociology*
- 2015 – 2017 NSF Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University  
*Department of Sociology and Science in Human Culture Program*
- 2013 – 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University  
*Science in Human Culture Program and Department of Sociology*
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**EDUCATION**

- 2013 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Dissertation: "Embodied expertise: The science and affect of psychotherapy"*  
*Committee: Jason Owen-Smith (chair); Renee Anspach; John Carson (History); George Steinmetz; Genevieve Zubrzycki*
- 2009 M.A. Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Preliminary Examination: Culture and Knowledge*
- 2005 B.A. Sociology (Anthropology Minor), University of California, Los Angeles  
*Summa cum laude*
- 2003 Completed the Transfer Alliance Honors Program, Los Angeles Valley College
- 1998 – 1999 Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania
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**RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS**

Expertise, Professions and Organizations, Medicine and Mental Health, Science, Knowledge, and Technology, Qualitative Methods, Cultural Sociology, Immigration

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

Craciun, Mariana. *From Skepticism to Competence: How American Psychiatrists Learn Psychotherapy*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. (Forthcoming, Spring 2024)

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Craciun, Mariana. 2019. "The place of therapy: Between lab and field in the psychoanalytic office." *Sociology of Health and Illness*. 41(8): 1652-1666.

Craciun, Mariana. 2018. "Emotions and knowledge in expert work: A comparison of two psychotherapies." *American Journal of Sociology*. 123(4): 959-1003. (Lead Article)

Craciun, Mariana. 2017. "Time, knowledge, and power in psychotherapy: A comparison of psychodynamic and cognitive behavioral practices." *Qualitative Sociology*. 20(2): 165-190.

Craciun, Mariana. 2016. "The cultural work of office charisma: Maintaining professional power in psychotherapy." *Theory and Society*. 45(4): 361-383.

Craciun, Mariana. 2013. "Moral bricolage and immigrant identification: The case of Romanian Americans." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 36(5): 729-746.

### Book Reviews

Craciun, Mariana. 2021. Review of *Acid Revival: The Psychedelic Renaissance and the Quest for Medical Legitimacy* by Danielle Giffort. *Social Forces*. (99)4: e17.

Craciun, Mariana. 2019. Review of *Pain* by Elaine Denny. *Contemporary Sociology*. 48(2): 158-159.

Craciun, Mariana. 2016. Review of *Misbehaving Science: Controversy and the Development of Behavior Genetics* by Aaron Panofsky. *New Genetics and Society*. 36(1): 91-93.

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## IN PROGRESS

### Articles

Craciun, Mariana. “You won’t get shocked: The social organization and collective management of professional skepticism.” (Manuscript in preparation)

Craciun, Mariana. “Ambivalent experts: Psychotherapists’ negotiations of knowledge and authority.” (Manuscript in preparation)

Craciun, Mariana. “Normal: How mental health professionals define health.” (Manuscript in preparation)

Craciun, Mariana and Jason Owen-Smith. “Morality plays in science policy making: The human embryonic stem cells debates in U.S. Congress.” (Manuscript Completed)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

### External

- 2021 Louisiana Board of Regents Office of Sponsored Programs, ATLAS Subprogram. “Managing the Self: Professional Vision and Uncertainty Psychotherapy.” \$43,205. (Tied for first; Funded, \$26,000)
- 2019 National Library of Medicine Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (G13). “The Science of Talk: Constructing ‘Evidence-Based’ Psychotherapy.” \$99,246. (Impact Score 25; Not funded)
- 2015 National Science Foundation, Science and Technology Studies Program. “The Science of Talk: Constructing “Evidence-Based” Psychotherapy.” (Funded, \$176,572)

### Internal

- 2023 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Travel Grant, Tulane University. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting participant (Author Meets Critics; *The Quest for Sexual Health* by Steven Epstein). \$1,300.
- 2022 Faculty Book Manuscript Workshop, “Managing the Self: Professional Vision and Uncertainty in Psychotherapy,” Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, Tulane University. \$4,915.

- 2020 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Research Grant, Tulane University. "Beyond Empathy: Expertise and Uncertainty in Psychotherapy." \$7,500.
- 2019 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Research Grant, Tulane University. "The Science of Talk: Constructing 'Evidence-Based' Psychotherapy." \$9,800.
- 2019 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Travel Grant, Tulane University. "The Science of Talk: Constructing 'Evidence-Based' Psychotherapy." \$1,969.
- 2018 Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, Tulane University. Faculty Networking Seminar with Stefan Timmermans. \$3,500.
- 2018 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Travel Grant Program, Tulane University. "The Science of Talk: Constructing 'Evidence-Based' Psychotherapy." \$1,443.
- 2018 Committee on Research Fellowship, Tulane University. "The Science of Talk: Constructing 'Evidence-Based' Psychotherapy." \$8,132.
- 2014 Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University. "The Science of Talk: Constructing 'Evidence-Based' Psychotherapy." \$5,000.
- 2013 Mellon Dissertation Seminar in the Humanities, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Embodying expertise and establishing authority: A qualitative study of psychotherapy." (Declined)
- 2012 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Embodying expertise and establishing authority: A qualitative study of psychotherapy." \$28,800.
- 2011 Mary Malcomson Raphael Fellowship, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Embodying expertise and establishing authority: A qualitative study of psychotherapy." \$22,000
- 2010 Sociology Dissertation Research Grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Embodying expertise and establishing authority: A qualitative study of psychotherapy." \$1,500.
- 2010 Graduate Student Research Grant, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Constructing Professional Expertise: The Case of Psychotherapy." \$3,000.
- 2007 Graduate Student Research Grant, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Moral bricolage and immigrant identification: The case of Romanian Americans." \$3,000.

- 2007 Spring/Summer Research Grant, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Co-PI with Jason Owen-Smith). "Stem Cell Science in the U.S. Congress." \$3,000.
- 2005 LS&A Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "New directions in the sociology of health professions education." American Sociological Association Pre-Conference: The Social Transformation of the Sociology of Health Professions Education. Philadelphia, PA.
- "'You won't get shocked': The social organization and collective management of professional skepticism." 23rd Davis Ethnography Conference, UC Davis Graduate School of Management, Davis, CA.
- 2022 "Expertise, ambivalence, and epistemic friction." Invited panel at the Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University, Department of Sociology.
- 2016 "In search of evidence: Science and emotion in psychotherapy." SUNY Buffalo, Department of Sociology.
- 2015 "Beyond the couch: Time and place in psychoanalytic psychotherapy." Making knowledge and the problem of place: A Midwest conference for Science and Technology Studies, Northwestern University.
- "The affect and science of psychotherapy: A comparison of psychoanalytic and 'evidence-based' approaches."
- Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute (2015)
  - University of Illinois, Chicago, Health and Society Working Group (2014)
  - Northwestern University, Science in Human Culture Program (2013)
- 2012 "Emotions as vehicles of expertise: A comparison of psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapists." Northwestern University Ethnography Workshop.
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**REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 “Skepticism and its management: American psychiatrists learn psychotherapy.” American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Organizer comments on “Author Meets Critics: *On the Heels of Ignorance: Psychiatry and the Politics of Not Knowing* by Owen Whooley,” Social Science History Association. Philadelphia, PA. (Virtual Event).
- 2020 “Inference in psychotherapy: Building models and constructing treatable patients.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (Virtual Event).
- 2020 “Learning the craft by building patient models: Acquiring knowledge in psychotherapy training.” Eastern Sociological Society Mini-Conference: Sociology of Health Professions’ Education, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Does psychotherapy work? Debating psychotherapy’s value and the role of RCTs in assessing it.” Society for the Social Study of Science, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 “The place of therapy: Between lab and field in the psychoanalytic office.” American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 2018 “Beyond the couch: Constructing truth-spots in psychoanalytic psychotherapy.” Social Science History Association. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2016 “Morality plays in science policy-making: The human embryonic stem cells debate in U.S. Congress.” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 “The time of psychotherapy: A comparison of psychoanalytic and evidence-based approaches.” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Discussant comments, “Debating the biologization of mental illness,” Social Science History Association, Toronto, ON.
- 2014 “Charismatic practices: Power and affect in psychotherapy.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Discussant comments, “Knowledge, expertise and systems production,” 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Evanston, IL.

- 2014 “Affect and expertise in psychotherapy: A comparison of psychoanalytic and ‘evidence-based’ practices.” Eastern Sociological Society, Mini-Conference on “Invisible Work,” Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 “A case for charisma as skill: The affective and relational underpinnings of psychotherapeutic authority.” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Temporal practices in psychotherapy: A comparison of ‘evidence-based’ and psychoanalytic approaches.” Society for Social Studies of Science, San Diego, CA.
- 2013 “The science of mental illness: inscription and quantification in the work of psychotherapists.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2012 “Emotions as vehicles of expertise: A comparison of psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapists.” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Beyond clock and couch: The role of time and place in psychotherapeutic expertise.” 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 “Immigrant identity within a ‘spectrum’ of Americanness: The case of Romanian immigrants.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 “Immigration as a boundary-drawing cultural process: The case of Romanian immigrants.” American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

## TEACHING

### Tulane University

#### Graduate

##### *Courses*

Qualitative Methods

##### *Area exam committees*

Hanora Tracy. 2020. “The Sociology of Immigration.”

##### *Dissertation committees*

Hanora Tracy. (In Progress) “Race, place, and schools: Black families’ belonging in the suburban South.”

Sarah Werman. (In Progress) “The moral economy in homeless communities.”

#### Undergraduate

##### *Courses*

Lower division lecture: Sociology of Medicine  
Upper division seminar: Mental Health and Illness

*Honors Thesis Committees:*

Annie Thai. 2019. "Does socioeconomic status and sex affect the relationship between cardiovascular disease and cognition? A moderation analysis from the Bogalusa heart study" (Third Reader)  
Lauren Nguyen. 2019. "The experience of caregivers during maternal incarceration" (Second Reader)  
Karin Videlefsky. 2019. "Adults with developmental disabilities and the arts" (Second Reader)  
Katherine Byrnes. 2021. "The Role of microRNA24 in Ocular Fibrosis." (Third Reader)  
Brooke Benjamin. 2021. "Exploring the Relationship Between Comprehensive Knowledge and Support for Mental Health Policy in The United States." (Third Reader)

Northwestern University

Undergraduate  
Courses

Lower division lecture: Mental Health and Society  
Upper division seminar: Expert Knowledge and the Social World

*Honors Thesis Adviser in Science in Human Culture:*

Stephanie Jeewan Hong. 2015. "Truth in Advertising? Owing 'Public Interest' in Congressional Debates over Direct-to-Consumer Advertising (DTCA)."

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**UNIVERSITY AND COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Tulane University

2019 – 2023	Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology
2022	Invited Speaker, Tulane Research Ambassadors.
2019	Organizer, "Book writing and publication" with Prof. Stefan Timmermans
2017	Invited Panelist, SLA Graduate Students Annual Grant Writing Workshop
2017	Invited Speaker, Undergraduate Biology Enthusiast Association at Tulane



Northwestern University

2013 – 2015 Klopsteg Lecture Series Co-Organizer, Science in Human Culture Program  
 2015 “Making knowledge and the problem of place: A Midwest conference for science and technology studies,” Co-Organizer, Evanston, IL, May 8-9.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2009 – 2010 Culture, History and Power Workshop, Co-Organizer  
 2009 – 2010 Ethnographic Interviewing Workshop, Founding Member  
 2008 – 2009 Power, History and Social Change Workshop, Co-Organizer  
 2008 – 2009 Graduate Admissions Committee, Student Representative  
 2007 – 2008 Sociology Graduate Students’ Organization, Co-Chair

**ACADEMIC NETWORKS**

2022 Reviewer, Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin  
 2019 - 2022 Culture Section Council Member (elected), American Sociological Association.  
 2021 – 2022 Chair, Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Article in the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association  
 2021 Reviewer, G13 NLM Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health Study Section, NIH  
 2019 – 2020 Chair, Geertz Award for Best Article in the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association  
 2020 Panel Organizer “Author Meets Critics: *On the Heels of Ignorance: Psychiatry and the Politics of Not Knowing* by Owen Whooley,” Social Science History Association.  
 2019 Panel Organizer “Randomized controlled trials: The ‘gold standard’ between theory and practice,” Society for Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, LA.  
 2018 Presider, “Neglected topics in mental health research.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.  
 2015 – 2016 Member, Hacker-Mullins Award Committee, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association.  
 2013 Panel co-organizer, “Revolution, routine, and remedy: New work on charisma, culture and power” at the Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ad hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Theory and Society*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Sociological Theory*, *Qualitative*

*Sociology Review, Sociological Methods and Research, Social Currents, Sociology  
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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Society for Social Studies of Science  
Social Science History Association

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### **LANGUAGES**

*Romanian* native fluency.

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### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

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