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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2017 (expected) **Sociology, McGill University**
Dissertation: *Beyond the “cougar” stereotype: middle-aged women’s experiences of intimate relationships with younger men*
Committee: Elaine Weiner (Supervisor), Jason Carmichael, Eran Shor
Area Exams Completed: *Sex & Gender; Deviance & Social Control*
- M.A. 2011 **Sociology, University of Ottawa**
Thesis: *La bisexualité et les jeunes adultes : représentations, attitudes, identité et vécu sexuel*
Committee: Stéphanie Gaudet (Supervisor), Linda Pietrantonio, Willow Scobie
- B.Soc.Sc. 2008 **International Development and Globalization, University of Ottawa**
- B.Soc.Sc. 2007 **Women’s Studies, University of Ottawa**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender	Intimate Relationships	Family
Sexuality	Aging	Feminist Theories
Media & Popular Culture	Deviance & Social Control	Qualitative Methods

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- (upcoming 2017) **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2016 **Graduate Student Teaching Award**
Prize designed to recognize outstanding teaching
McGill University, Faculty of Arts
- 2016 **Everett C. Hughes Research Award**
Prize given annually to the Ph.D. student with the strongest research record
McGill University, Department of Sociology

- 2014-2015 **IHSP Graduate Award**
Awarded to outstanding graduate students whose work explores how social conditions impact population welfare
 McGill University, Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP)
- 2011- 2014 **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship**
 Doctoral Scholarship
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2014 **Graduate Student Travel Award**
 McGill University, Faculty of Arts
- 2013 **Prix d'excellence de l'ACSALF Georges-Henri-Lévesque (2012) (finalist)**
Awarded to the best master's thesis in sociology
 Association canadienne des sociologues et anthropologues de langue française
- 2012 **Dean's Scholarship**
 University of Ottawa
- 2010- 2011 **Joseph-Armand-Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship**
 Master's Scholarship
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2010-2011 **Excellence Scholarship**
 University of Ottawa
- 2010 **Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (declined)**
 Master's Scholarship
 Government of Ontario
- 2009- 2010 **Admission Scholarship, Master's**
Awarded to students with a GPA of 8.0 or higher
 University of Ottawa
- 2008 **University Silver Medal**
Awarded to the student with the second-highest cumulative GPA upon graduation
 University of Ottawa
- 2004-2007 **Admission Scholarship, Bachelor's**
Awarded to students with a GPA of 8.5 or higher
 University of Ottawa

PUBLICATIONS

Alarie, M. (in press). Vieillesse, sexualité et le mythe de la femme "cougar". In V. Billette, P. Marier & A.-M. Séguin (Eds.) *Le vieillissement sous la loupe : entre mythes et réalités*. Les Presses de l'Université Laval: Québec.

Couture, M., **Alarie, M.**, Israël, S. & Petit, M .P. (in press). Agressions sexuelles chez les femmes âgées: un phénomène inconcevable. In V. Billette, P. Marier & A.-M. Séguin (Eds.) *Le vieillissement sous la loupe: entre mythes et réalités*. Les Presses de l'Université Laval: Québec.

Alarie, M. & Carmichael, J. (2015) The "Cougar" Phenomenon: An Examination of the Factors That Influence Age-Hypogamous Sexual Relationships Among Middle-Aged Women. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 77(5), 1250-1265.

Alarie, M. & Gaudet, S. (2013). "I don't know if she is bisexual or if she just wants to get attention": Analysing the various mechanisms through which emerging adults invisibilize bisexuality. *Journal of Bisexuality*. 13(2), 191-214.

Alarie, M. (2013). James W. Messerschmidt: Gender, heterosexuality, and youth violence: The struggle for recognition. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 42(3), 469-470.

Alarie, M. (2009). Abolir la prostitution. In M. Claude, N. Laviolette & R. Poulin (Ed.), *Prostitution et traite des êtres humains : enjeux nationaux et internationaux*. Ottawa: L'Interligne, pp.281-291.

Manuscripts in Progress

Alarie, M. (in progress). "Oh my God! Am I a Cougar?!" – Women's Agency in the Partner Selection and Early Seduction Process.

Alarie, M. (in progress). Vers un modèle relationnel plus égalitaire? Une analyse féministe de la non-monogamie consensuelle comme format alternatif de relation intime.

Couture, M. & **Alarie, M.** (in progress). Transition of elder abuse cases along the continuum of care within the social and health care system: A systematic mixed studies review.

Couture, M. & **Alarie, M.** (in progress). The social and health care system's response to elder abuse: Defining key care events comprised in the continuum of care.

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Alarie, M. (2016). *Les relations intimes des femmes avec des hommes plus jeunes- Négociations des normes de genre*. 84^e Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS), Montreal (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2016). *Envisager une relation amoureuse avec un homme plus jeune: motifs et attentes des femmes entretenant des relations hypogamiques en termes d'âge*. 84^e Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS), Montreal (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2015). *Beyond the 'cougar' stereotype: Understanding middle-aged women's experiences with age-hypogamous sexual relationships*. 110th American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Chicago (USA).

Alarie, M. (2015). *Consensual non-monogamy and feminism: Contemporary debates*. 50th Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2015). *Middle-aged women dating younger men- Identities, embodiment, and stigma management strategies*. 50th Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (Canada).

Alarie, M. & Carmichael, J. (2015.) *Choisir un homme plus vieux ou plus jeune? Une analyse quantitative des relations intimes des femmes au mitan de leur vie.* 83^e Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS), Rimouski (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2014). *A look at middle-aged women who choose younger men as their sex partners.* 109th American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco (USA).

Alarie, M. & Gaudet, S. (2013). *Bisexuality on the discursive bench: analysing the paradoxical recognition/invisibilisation rapport that emerging adults maintain with bisexuality.* 48th Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Annual Conference, Victoria (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2011). *Les jeunes femmes et la bisexualité.* 11th Women's World (WW), Ottawa (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2011). *Les jeunes et la bisexualité.* 79^e Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS), Sherbrooke (Canada).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Alarie, M. (upcoming 2017). *Amour Cougar : Au-delà du mythe.* Appeared as a subject matter expert on a documentary on age-hypogamous intimate relationships. Vital Productions Inc.

Alarie, M. (2017). *Ménopause/Andropause.* Appeared as a subject matter expert on the television show Sexplora, Season 2. Available online : <http://ici.tou.tv/sexplora>

Couture, M., **Alarie, M.**, & Israël (2016) Outil Synthèse- Éléments-clés du continuum des soins et services pour contrer la maltraitance. Available online : https://www.creges.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Continuum-de-soins-et-de-services-Maltraitance-À-REMPLIR_FINAL.pptx

Couture, M., Israël, S., & **Alarie, M.** (May 17th, 2016). "Contrer la maltraitance envers les personnes âgées : Éléments-clés du continuum de soins et de services". Presentation to the Provincial Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team, Côte Saint-Luc (Canada).

Couture, M., Israël, S., & **Alarie, M.** (May 4th, 2016). "Contrer la maltraitance envers les personnes âgées: Éléments-clés du continuum de soins et de services". Presentation in front of the directors of the elder mistreatment teams of Montreal's Health and Social Services Network agencies (CIUSSS), Côte Saint-Luc (Canada).

Couture, M. & **Alarie, M.** (November 18th, 2015) "Continuum de soins offerts par le système de santé et de services sociaux pour les situations de maltraitance envers les personnes âgées: Identification des événements de soins". Presentation in front of the multidisciplinary team Comité d'Orientation Montréalais de Lutte Contre la Maltraitance, Montreal (Canada).

Alarie, M. (July 22nd, 2014). "Thinking of middle-aged women's sexuality beyond the stereotypes". Presentation at the *Women's Health Initiative (WHI) of the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation*, Montreal (Canada).

Alarie, M. (2010). Les médias au banc des accusés. *Gazette des femmes*, 31(5), 35.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014- 2016 **Research Assistant, Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology Integrated Health and Social Services University Network for West-Central MTL**
* *Supervisor Dr. Mélanie Couture* --- Conducting a systematic review of the literature on the factors influencing the screening, reporting and management of elder abuse cases within the social and health care system; participating in the development of a government-mandated policy intended to guide Quebec's health care and social services professionals on how to detect and manage elder abuse cases.
- 2010 **Research Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology University of Ottawa**
* *Supervisor Dr. Stéphanie Gaudet*--- Assisted with preliminary research on the effect of widowhood on one's mental and physical health, financial situation and relationships with children and friends.
- 2008 **Research Assistant HOPE International**
* Conducted research on human rights in Cambodia; prepared an orientation guide for volunteers working abroad.
- 2005- 2006 **Research Assistant Public Policy Forum**
* Conducted a research project on Canada's water sovereignty; conducted interviews with federal and provincial directors of various departments; assisted with the distribution of surveys; wrote analytical reports.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- 2014 **Course Lecturer, Department of Sociology McGill University**
- SOCI270 – Sociology of Gender
 - SOCI388 – Crime
- 2014- 2016 **Guest Lecturer, Department of Sociology McGill University**
- "Alternative Partnering Formats- Same-Sex Unions, Polyamory, and Age-Hypogamous Intimate Relationships" in SOCI250- Social Problems
 - "Preparing for your area exam", in SOCI625- Professional Development Seminar
 - " Heterosexism, Homophobia, and the Construction of the Homosexual Subject" in SOCI250- Social Problems
 - "Sexual Diversity", in SOCI250- Social Problems
 - "The Challenges of Working in International Development", in SOCI370- Gender & Development

2004- 2012 **Substitute Teacher**
Commission Scolaire des Draveurs
* Taught various courses at the primary and secondary school levels

Assistant

2013- 2015 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology**
McGill University
• SOCI 247- Family & Modern Society
• SOCI370 - Gender & Development
• SOCI385 - Sociology of Human Sexuality

2013-2014 **MyResearch Graduate Student Facilitator**
McGill University
* Showed students how to advance their library research skills; taught participants how to use *EndNote*, a citation software package; provided guidance to students interested in publishing their scholarly work.

2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology**
University of Ottawa
• SOC3517 “Laboratoire de recherche qualitative”
• SOC2106 “Introduction to Deviance & Social Problems”
• SOC3330 “Globalization, Identities & Social Ties”
• SOC1101 “Principles of Sociology”

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2008- 2009 **Gender Equality Advisor**
Oxfam-Québec, location: Bolivia
* Planned and conducted an awareness campaign concerning domestic violence; taught workshops to women of underprivileged neighborhoods; contributed to the reforming of the women’s empowerment program; wrote numerous status reports on project delivery and results.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2014 **Intensive Workshop on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research**
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
Syracuse University, USA

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015- present **Reviewer for Peer Reviewed Journals**
• *Sexualities*
• *Journal of Sociology*

- 2014-2015 **Student Representative, Graduate Hiring Committee**
McGill University
 * Represented graduate students at faculty meetings; participated in the hiring process of a new faculty member; interviewed candidates; reported to graduate students on the salient points coming out of interviews and job talks.
- 2012 **Coordinator, Sociological Theory Reading Group**
McGill University
 * Created a monthly reading group to analyze the work of important theorists; created a reading list; coordinated the event; facilitated the discussion between the speaker and graduate students.
- 2006- 2012 **Co-Founder and President of *La CLAP- feminist group***
 * Organized a week-long symposium on prostitution and sex trafficking; conducted preliminary field research regarding the resources available to assist sex workers in Ottawa; managed the liaison with the media; managed the finances and developed cost projections for various initiatives.

LANGUAGES

French

*Fully fluent

English

*Fully fluent

Spanish

*Intermediate working proficiency

REFERENCES

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