

# Stephanie Anne Nairn, MA

PhD Candidate (Sociology and Social Studies of Medicine,  
McGill University)

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## Major Fields of Scholarly Interest:

- The Sociology and politics of health, illness, medicine and science  
-i.e. food hypersensitivity/allergic disease
- Risk, reflexivity and sociological studies of critical thought
- Biosociology
- Pick-up Artists in North America

## Education:

- McGill University Sept. 2012- present  
Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology (Social Studies of Medicine)  
**Thesis topic:** The revival of immunotherapy for food allergies  
Supervisor: Dr. Alberto Cambrosio
- Queen's University Sept. 2009- Sept.2011  
Master of Arts: Sociology  
**Thesis title:** Learning to Live with Food Allergies: Negotiating Risk and  
Appropriating Expertise in Consumption Practices  
Supervisor: Dr. Martin Hand
- McMaster University Sept. 2005- June 2009  
Bachelor of Arts\* (Honours): Political Science and Sociology  
Major area(s) of interest: Canadian and American foreign policy, American  
politics and the media, the social construction of technology, the sociology of  
gender  
\*Summa cum laude

## **Professional Experience:**

### **Research Position(s):**

#### **Senior Research Assistant**

Sept. 2012- June 2013

McGill University

Research topic: on-line patient networks, patient-to-patient sharing of health information/experiences, 'relational ambivalence'

Sociology Department

Dr. Bobby Das

#### **Research Assistant**

June 2012- August 2012

McGill University

Research topic: the social and ethical consequences of population-wide prenatal Fragile X carrier testing

Bioethics Department

Dr. Jennifer Fishman

#### **Research Assistant**

July 2012- May 2012

McGill University

Research topic(s): Various ethnographic research projects on 'translational' research centres in oncology

Social Studies of Medicine Department

Dr. Alberto Cambrosio and Dr. Nicole Nelson

#### **Research Assistant**

October 2011-April 2012

University of New South Wales

Research topic: The views/practice of sex preselection via assisted reproductive technology in Australia

School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Dr. Juliet Richters

### **Administrative Position(s):**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

March 2012- June 2012

George Clinical (The George Institute)

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Research project: CANVAS study

#### **Administrative Assistant**

February 2012- April 2012

University of New South Wales

Research project: public understanding of Chlamydia

School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Dr. Juliet Richters

**Administrative Assistant** January 2012- April 2012  
University of New South Wales  
Research project: STI risks and sex workers in the pacific  
School of Public Health and Community Medicine  
Dr. Heather Worth

**Teaching Position(s):**

**Teaching Assistant** Sept. 2016- present  
McGill University  
The Sociology of Mental Disorder  
Prof. Robert Whitley

**Teacher of The *GROOVE*  
dance method** Sept. 2016-present  
McGill University Athletics and  
Recreation

**Teaching Assistant** January 2016 – April 2016  
McGill University  
The Sociology of Jews in North America  
Prof. Morton Weinfeld

**Teacher of The *GROOVE*  
dance method** Nov. 2015- April 2016  
McGill University Athletics and  
Other private venues/events

**Teaching Assistant** Sept. 2015- Dec. 2015  
McGill University  
The Sociology of Mental Disorder  
Prof. Robert Whitley

**Teaching Assistant** January 2015 – April 2015  
McGill University  
Health and Illness  
Prof. Amelie Quesnel-Vallee

**Teaching Assistant** Sept. 2014- Dec. 2014  
McGill University  
The Sociology of Culture  
Prof. Amm Quamruzzaman

**Teaching Assistant** January 2014- April 2014  
McGill University  
The Sociology of Mental Disorder

Prof. Erin Denton

**Teaching Assistant**  
McGill University  
Technology and Society  
Prof. Michael Smith

Sept. 2013- Dec. 2013

**Teaching Assistant**  
McGill University  
Socialization  
Prof. Anahi Morales

January 2013- April 2013

**Teaching Assistant**  
McGill University  
Sociology of the Welfare State  
Prof. Nicole Denier

Sept. 2012- Dec. 2012

**Teaching Assistant**  
The University of Sydney, NSW  
The Sociology of Childhood and Youth  
Dr. Amanda Elliot

July 2011-November 2011

**Teaching Assistant**  
Queen's University  
Introduction to Consumer Culture  
Dr. Martin Hand

January 2011- April 2011

**Teaching Assistant**  
Queen's University  
Social Theory  
Dr. Richard Day

Sept. 2010- December 2010

**Teaching Assistant**  
Queen's University  
Introduction to Sociology  
Dr. Rob Beamish

Sept. 2009-April 2010

**Teaching Assistant**  
McMaster University  
Introduction to Sociology  
Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook

Sept. 2008-April 2009

**Committee Position(s):**

**Departmental Representative**  
Association of McGill University Research Employees (Union)

January 2014- present

AMURE

**Chair of Social and Cultural Committee** Sept. 2013- Sept. 2015  
McGill Sociological Students Association (MGSSA)

**Quebec/Atlantic Regional Director** Jan. 2013- July 2015  
AllerGEN Students and New Professionals Network (ASNPN)  
Leadership Committee

**Hiring/Recruitment Committee Member** Sept. 2012-Sept. 2013  
Department of Sociology, McGill University

**Publications:**

Das, A., & Nairn, S. (2013). Race Differentials in Partnering Patterns among Older U.S. Men: Influence of Androgens or Religious Participation? *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Das, A., & Nairn, S. (2014). Conservative Christianity, Partnership, Hormones and Sex in Later Life. *Archives of Sexual Behaviour*.

Das, A., & Nairn, S. (2014). Religious participation and stress-induced physiological weathering in late life. *Journal of Gerontology- Social Sciences*.

**Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards:**

July 2016	Co-investigator on SSHRC Insight Grant	\$70 000.00
May 2016	AllerGEN Travel Award	\$835.00
April 2015	FRQSC Doctoral Fellowship (Application ranked first place for category in Sociology)	\$60 000.00
May 2015	<b><i>Honourable Mention</i></b> Award from Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Montreal	
October 2014	AllerGEN Travel Award	\$500.00
September 2013	Arts Graduate Student Travel Award (McGill University)	\$1 000.00
April 2013	AllerGEN Travel Award	\$530.00
March 2013	Graduate student travel/conference	\$340.00

	Presentation award (McGill University)	
September 2012	AllerGEN Travel Award	\$400.00
2012-2013	Graduate Excellence Scholarship (McGill University)	\$16 500.00
2010-2011	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	\$15 000.00
September 2010	The New Transparency Travel Award (Queen's University)	\$500.00
April 2010	The New Transparency Travel Award (Queen's University)	\$500.00
2009-2010	The R. Samuel McLaughlin Fellowship (Queen's University)	\$10 000.00
2007-2008	The T.H.B. Symons Prize in Canadian Studies (McMaster University)	\$650.00
2007-2008	The Dr. Harry Lyon Hooker Scholarship (McMaster University)	\$1 500.00
2005-2006	The McMaster Award (Lv. 3)	\$1 200.00

### **Conference Papers/Posters, Seminars and Workshops:**

**Invited Presenter:** Students in Mind Mental Health Conference, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada (October 1-2, 2016).

**Invited Lecturer:** Women's Mental Health, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (September 28, 2016).

**HQP Attendee:** AllerGEN Nce.'s Annual Conference – Connecting and Collaborating: Globalizing Advances in Allergic Disease Research, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver, BC, Canada (May 28-June 1, 2016).

**Invited Lecturer:** The Sociology of Food, Health & Illness, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (November 5, 2015).

**Invited Participant/Discussion Facilitator:** AllerGEN Students and New Professionals Network 10th Annual Trainee Symposium, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (April 29- May 1, 2016).

**AllerGEN Trainee Attendee:** The Canadian Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology Annual Conference, The Delta Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (October 23-26, 2014).

**Paper presenter:** “Tracing the Re-Emergence of Immunotherapy for Food Allergies”, The Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health Annual Conference, The Omni Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May 5-6, 2014).

**Invited Presenter:** “Arts Graduate Student Travel Award Information Session”, Faculty of Arts, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, (April 2, 2014).

**Invited Participant:** AllerGen Students and New Professionals Network 9th Annual Trainee Symposium, Vancouver, BC, Canada (April 30-May 2, 2014).

**Paper presenter:** The Third Annual Food Studies Conference, Austin, Texas, United States (October, 2013).

**Paper presenter:** “Religious participation and stress-induced physiological weathering in late life”, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Hilton and Sheraton New York, NY, United States (August, 2013).

**Paper presenter:** “Contemplating Pleasures and Enacting Tensions: The Everyday Experience of Food Allergy”, Canadian Sociological Association annual meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada (June, 2013).

**Invited Participant:** AllerGen Students and New Professionals Network 8th Annual Trainee Symposium, Montreal, QC, Canada (May 2-4, 2013).

**Poster Presenter:** “Race Differentials in Partnering Patterns Among Older Men: Influence of Androgens or Religious Participation?” Population Association of America annual meeting, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, LA, United States (April, 2013).

**Guest Lecturer:** “What is Socialization? A Review”, Socialization 305, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (February, 2013).

**Presenter:** "Why Risk It?": (de)constructing diagnoses and negotiating food allergy in everyday life,” Third Biennial Bilingual CSSH Conference Sociological - Contributions to Health Equity, The National Hotel and Suites, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (October, 2012).

**Presenter:** “Negotiating Food Allergy/Intolerance in Contemporary Consumer Culture,” British Sociological Association Food Study Group Conference 2012: Food and Society, The British Library Conference Centre, London, United Kingdom (July, 2012).

**Participant:** “Turbo charge your writing- Writing workshop for PhD students- presented by Maria Gardiner,” The Department of Gender, Work and Social Inquiry, University of Adelaide, South Australia, (February 2012).

**Presenter:** “Learning to Live With Food Allergies: Negotiating Dangers and Deconstructing Risks,” University of New South Wales (The Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society) Dangerous Consumption Colloquium, Sydney, NSW, (November, 2011).

**Participant:** “Orientation Program for Undergraduate Tutors,” Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney Teaching and Learning Network, (July 2011).

**Presenter:** “An Introduction to Understanding the Everyday Experience of Food Allergy,” Queen’s University Department of Sociology Graduate Symposium, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, (April, 2011).

**Presenter:** “Surveillance as Symbolic Resources: On the Representations of Surveillance in the Culture Industries,” Queen’s University Department of Sociology Seminar Series, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, (February, 2011).

**Presenter:** “The Visibility and Trivialisation of the Trojan Horse? Surveillance Representation in Advertising and Popular Culture,” A Research Workshop: The Political Economy of Surveillance, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom, (September 2010).

**Presenter:** “Problematizing 'surveillance': Exploring Subjectivities,” The Fourth Biannual Surveillance and Society/SSN Conference, London, United Kingdom, (April 2010).

**Presenter/Delegate:** “Student Safety in Public Space,” City Council Meeting No. 11- 2010, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, (April 2010).

**Professional Affiliations:**

**Ambassador/Co-chair** January 2014- present  
The Youth Movement (The Royal Victoria  
Hospital Foundation)  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Student Member** May 2013- present  
American Sociological Association

**Student Member** March 2013-present  
Canadian Sociological Association

**Member** July 2012- present  
AllerGen Students and New  
Professionals Network (ASNPN)

**Student Trainee** February 2013- Sept. 2015  
Center on Population Dynamics  
McGill University



**Quebec/Atlantic Regional Director** January 2013- July 2015  
(AllerGen Students and New Professionals Network)

**Student Member**  
Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health January 2011- present

**Student Member**  
The Surveillance Studies Centre September 2009- Sept. 2012  
(Queen's University)

**Other Work Experience:**

**Guest Blogger** June 2016- present  
Miscellaneous Blogs On-line

**Instagram Content Provider** June 2016- present  
McGill University  
GradLife McGill

**Deputy Returning Officer** October 2007  
Ontario Provincial Election

**Deputy Returning Officer** November 2006  
Hamilton Municipal Election

**Deputy Returning Officer** January 2006  
Canadian Federal Election

**Volunteer Experience:**

Volunteer/Mentor September 2014-present  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Montreal  
Westmount Park Elementary School  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Volunteer/Mentor December 2013-June 2014  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Montreal  
F.A.C.E School  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Student Life Ambassador September 2013  
McGill University

Volunteer/Mentor October 2012- June 2012  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Montreal  
Westmount Park Elementary School

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Volunteer  
Participation House/Able Living  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

September 2008- August 2009

Volunteer  
New Democratic Party of Canada (Chris Charlton MP)  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

June 2008- September 2008

**Media Experience:**

Interviewee – Student safety in public space  
The Kingston Whig Standard  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

February 2010

Interviewee – Student safety in public space  
Local Radio Interview  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

February 2010

Delegate- Student safety in public space  
City Council Meeting  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

April 2010

Interviewee – Food allergy and university ‘life’  
The Hamilton Spectator  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

September 2006