MALEAH FEKETE

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EDUCATION

Harvard University
- M.A. Sociology, 2020
- Secondary Field. Computational Science and Engineering, 2021
- Ph.D. Sociology, Expected 2024

University of California, Berkeley
- B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor in German, 2017

High Distinction in General Scholarship, Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Mental Health, Gender, Social Networks, Culture, Social Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Fekete, Maleah. Forthcoming. "Updating A Social Cognitive Model of PTSD: Implications for Cross-Group PTSD Research." *Current Psychology*.

Rosenfield, Sarah, Dawne Mouzon, and **Maleah Fekete**. Invited. "Gender and mental health." *The Sociological Study of Mental Health: Theories, Contexts and Systems* (4th ed.).

Fekete, Maleah. 2022. "Confluent Love and the Evolution of Ideal Intimacy: Romance Reading in 1980 and 2016." *Journal of Popular Romance Studies*.

Marsden, Peter V., **Maleah Fekete**, and Derek S. Baum. 2021. "Contributions of the General Social Survey to Egocentric Network Research." in *Personal Networks: Classic Readings and New Directions*.

Small, Mario and **Maleah Fekete**. 2019. "Social Networks." In "State of the Union: The Poverty and Inequality Report," ed. Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, special issue, *Pathways Magazine*.

Fekete, Maleah. 2016. "Social Differences in Taste: Investigating Romance Reading." *2016 SURF Conference Proceedings Journal.*

WORK IN PREPARATION

Small, Mario, Kristina Brant, and **Maleah Fekete**. Revise and Resubmit. "The Avoidance of Strong Ties." *American Sociological Review.*

Fekete, Maleah. Under Review. "The Meaning of Despair: A Qualitative Study of Deaths of Despair." *Sociology of Health and Illness.*

Fekete, Maleah. In Preparation. "The Social Structuring of Sense of Agency: Drawing on Mentalizing Theory to Extend Symbolic Interactionism."

Finkelstein-Fox, Lucy, **Maleah Fekete**, Zeba N. Ahmad, Sharon Bober, Lorraine C. Drapek, Areej R. El-Jawahri, Christina Psaros, and Elyse Park. In Preparation. "The Use of Natural Language Processing to Assess Sexual Health Communication Between Cancer Survivors and Providers."

Fekete, Maleah. In Preparation. "Comparing Depression Rates Across Nations."

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2021	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Graduate Student Affiliate Dissertation Research Grant
2021	GSAS Emergency Support Initiative, Academic Progress Award
2020	Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Travel Grant
2019	Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Research Grant
2019	Graduate Student Travel Funding, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
2017	Institute of International Studies Junior Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley
2016-2017	Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2023   American Sociological Association, Health and Well-Being Regular Session

2021	27th International Conference of Europeanists, Culture and Health Policy Paper Panel
2021	Harvard Institute for Applied Computational Science, CSE Secondary Field Presentation
2020	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Friday Lunch Seminar
2019	American Sociological Association, Gender and Sexuality Roundtable
2019	Personal Networks: Frontiers of Ego-Network Analysis Conference at Northwestern University
2019	Culture and Social Analysis Workshop at Harvard University
2016	Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Conference at University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Loyola Marymount University, Criminal Justice Reform Lab, Research Fellow, (September 2023 – Present)

- Conducted data analysis on the first nationally representative survey of public attitudes about mens rea. Used analysis results to inform research papers on the influence of culpable mental states on moral judgment. Worked in collaboration with a law researcher, a criminologist, and a philosopher.

Massachusetts General Hospital, Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatric Oncology, Research Intern, (Summer 2023 – Present)

- Worked with a team of clinical psychologist researchers at the Health Promotion and Resiliency Intervention Research Center. Conducted computational analysis (natural language processing) for a research paper investigating the frequency and correlates of sexual health discussions between patients and health care providers.

Harvard University, Research Assistant, (Summer 2017 – Summer 2022)

- Provided research assistance to Professor Peter Marsden on a research project about cross-national loneliness. Work requires survey analysis.
- Provided research assistance to Professor Mario Small on two research projects about discrimination in social networks. Work required survey development and statistical data analysis.
- Provided research assistance to Professor Gary King on a non-disclosed research project requiring computational data analysis.
- Provided research assistance to Professor Peter Marsden on the paper, "Egocentric Network Research Using the General Social Survey."
- Provided research assistance to Professor Mario Small on the paper, "Social Networks." Work required statistical data analysis.

- Provided research assistance to Professor Michele Lamont on her paper, "Addressing recognition gaps: Destigmatization and the reduction of inequality." (*American Sociological Review*, 83.3 (2018): 419-444.)

Facebook Inc., Social Science Researcher, (Summer 2021)

- Conducted longitudinal survey data analysis of user survivorship based on sentiment scores. Designed linear mixed model survey weights to assess possible improvement in population representation over prior weighting technique.
- Received a return offer.

University of California, Berkeley, Research Assistant, (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

- Provided research assistance to Professor Winnie Wong on her book project *Learning from Shenzhen: China's Post-Mao Experiment from Special Zone to Model City.* (U of Chicago Press, 2017).
- Worked on the research project "The History of 'Habitus': From Aristotle to Bourdieu" with Professor Niklaus Lagier.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND ADVISING

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, *Senior Thesis Advisor*
2023-24: Devine Bauman, To Be Titled Project on Race Differences in Plus-Sized Women's Understanding of Their Body Image Development
2022-23: Margaret Comentale, Pandora's Pill Box: Gendered ADHD Patienthood, Past and Present

Harvard University, Harvard College Writing Program, *Preceptor in Expository Writing*
2022 EXPOS 20: The Social Construction of Gender

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, *Teaching Fellow*
2021 SOC 1127: Media and Society
2020 SOC 1067: Sociology of Law
2020 SOC 1025: Introduction to the Sociology of Organizations
2019 SOC 1046: Death by Design, Health Inequalities from a Global Perspective

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND INTERNSHIPS

2023 Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness Summer Internship, Massachusetts General Hospital Dept. of Psychiatric Oncology, *Research Intern*

2021	Pennsylvania State University, *Visiting Scholar*
2021	Facebook, Inc., *Research Scientist Intern (return offer)*
2020-2021	Council for European Studies, *Member*
2019-2020	American Sociological Association Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, *Member*
2018-Present	Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, *Graduate Student Affiliate*
2018-Present	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, *Graduate Student Affiliate*
2017-Present	American Sociological Association, *Member*

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

2023-2024	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Student Center, *Public Service Fellow*
2023	Harvard Sociology Department, *Senior Faculty Search Committee Student Representative*
2018, 2023	National Collegiate Research Conference, *Judge*
2022-2023	Harvard LGBTQ@Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, *Volunteer*
2020-2021	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Student Center, *Athletics Fellow*
2017-2020	Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University, *Co-Coordinator*

SKILLS

Advanced survey data analysis using R, STATA.
Advanced computational data analysis using PYTHON.
Proficient in German.