

## Vita: Carter A. Merklinghaus (Anderson)

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### Education

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- **B.A. Sociology- Social Studies** (Cum Laude, Outstanding Graduating Senior);  
*Minor in Spanish*  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 2011-2014
- **M.A. Sociology**  
University of Washington, December 2015  
Drug Use Among Military Men and Women: A Longitudinal Fixed-Effects Approach
- **Ph.D. Candidate Sociology**  
University of Washington, Seattle, December 2016-present

### Honors and Awards

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- 2014 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Sociology, Western Washington University
- Member of Alpha Kappa Delta; International Sociology Honor Society

### Association Memberships

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- Alpha Kappa Delta | International Sociology Honor Society
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
- Pacific Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- American Sociological Association | Peace, War, & Social Conflict subsection

### Professional Experience

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Research Aide, Department of Sociology, Western Washington University

- June 2013 - September 2014
- Job description: Participate in projects funded by a grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, led by Jay Teachman and Lucky Tedrow, Department of Sociology, Center for Social Science Instruction/Demographic Research Laboratory. Collaborate on research, attend conferences, and publish research findings in a journal and or poster format

Research Aide under the guidance of Dr. Alexes Harris, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

- July 2015 – September 2015
- Job description: Proofread and edit final drafts, and update all bibliographic material for Dr. Harris' recent publication, "A Pound of Flesh: Monetary Sanctions as Punishment for the Poor." Draft and submit Institutional Review Board documents and negotiate IRB requests for an upcoming research project on marijuana markets in Seattle. Organize and direct participating undergraduate researchers to begin preliminary data collection, including store and individual recruitment and one-on-one interview sessions.

Academic Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

- March 2016 - Current
- Job description: Meet and correspond individually with sociology majors and prospective majors on matters related to academic progress, major requirements, career planning, etc. Assist with the organization and administration of Office of Student Services events, including quarterly new major orientations and the annual Sociology graduation ceremony. Coordinate with and assist other staff members in the Office of Student Services to ensure excellent service provision for students, faculty, and other staff members. Refer students to relevant departmental and extra-departmental resources for additional support. Maintain the Sociology Department Blog with weekly postings and a weekly e-newsletter to keep students informed of current events, courses, and jobs and internships relevant to sociology.

Web Development, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Washington

- January 2016 - Current
- Job description: Create and maintain webpage for the Freshwater/Mountain to Sea Initiative group within the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. Create distinct pages within the host website, update and post events, maintain personnel pages, and format the structure of the website. Coordinate with Freshwater faculty to add any additional components to the site. Update and manage mailing lists for the group.

Web Development, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS), University of Washington

- August 2016 - September 2016  
Job Description: Short-term position to update, organize, and refresh the affiliated faculty pages on the CSSS website. Update the PhD completion spreadsheets with current information and enter information into the web database. Compare affiliate faculty information on the website vs. faculty websites, download pictures and modify, then upload to the current website. Create spreadsheets with historical enrollments for CSSSS.

## Teaching Experience

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Teaching Assistant for the Department of Sociology, University of Washington

- September 2014 – June 2016
- Job Description: Direct all of the following duties for each of the courses listed below. Instruct during weekly discussion sections (which includes producing and presenting lectures and lecture material, developing and distributing assignments, facilitating discussions and hosting review sessions), create and proctor midterm and final exams, design and administer quizzes, evaluate and generate grades for all assignments and exams, and attend weekly lectures and meetings with the lead professor.
  - Social Problems (SOC 270) Autumn 2014
  - Race and Ethnic Relations (SOC 361) Winter 2015
  - American Society (SOC 211) Spring 2015
  - Intimate Relationships (SOC 351) Autumn 2015
  - Social Problems (SOC 270) Winter 2016
  - Population and Society (SOC 331) Spring 2016

Instructor: Department of Sociology, University of Washington

- June 2016 - August 2016
- Job Description: Lead instructor of course SOC 201c: Introductory Topics in Sociology. Create stimulating and challenging coursework, projects, exercises, and lecture, while utilizing media and other active-learning techniques to effectively engage and increase student learning. Craft syllabi, lecture outlines, slides, exams, and all assignments. Present lecture material to students for two hours per day, two days per week for the entire quarter. Evaluate all assignments and exams
  - Introductory Topics in Sociology: The Self, Emotions, & Society (SOC 201)
- Will teach the above course again in Summer 2017

Instructor: Department of Sociology, Western Washington University

- March 2017 - June 2017
- Job Description: Lead instructor of core sociology course SOC 304: Statistics for Sociology. Create stimulating and challenging coursework, projects, exercises, and lecture, while utilizing media and other active-learning techniques to effectively engage and increase student learning. Craft syllabi, lecture outlines, slides, exams, and all assignments. Present lecture material to students for two hours per day, two days per week for the entire quarter. Evaluate all assignments and exams.
  - SOC 304: Statistics for Social Science

## Current and Previous Research

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- Participation in projects regarding the investigation of the short- and long-term effects of military service on the lives of young men and women using data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997. This project was funded by a grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, led by Jay Teachman and Lucky Tedrow, Department of Sociology, Center for Social Science Instruction / Demographic Research Laboratory at Western Washington University.
- MA Thesis research on the effects of military service on the life course, looking specifically at drug use, and whether or not any gender differences are prevalent. This project was a quantitative approach to analyzing military service.
- Early data gathering, IRB application, and miscellaneous research assistant duties with Dr. Alexes Harris and several other graduate and undergraduate students, focusing on the changing legalization of the marijuana market and its effects on consumers and sellers in all markets (recreational, medical, and legal), particularly for people of color. June 2015 through June 2016.

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Involved in the preliminary stages of dissertation research on the effects of military service (looking at substance use and identity formation) on the life course. I am taking a mixed methods approach (survey and in-depth interviews) to elaborate and expand upon on the project instigated by my MA thesis, looking for any gender differences or similarities in substance use and identity formation. Collaborating on the project with Daniel Nolan III, under the advisement of Dr. Kyle Crowder.

Successfully completed and defended the Dissertation Prospectus in December 2016. Elevated to Ph.D. Candidate. Will be All But Dissertation at the end of Winter Quarter 2017. I am in the beginning stages of recruitment for the surveys and interviews as of 2/22/17.

### Research Interests

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- Gender (masculinity)
- Identity
- Substance use/abuse
- Social-Psychology
- Military service
- Ritual solidarity
- Qualitative work
- Veterans
- Media (music, film, television, print)

## **Professional Presentations**

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The 2013 Annual Conference for the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

Portland, OR October 3-5, 2013

**Poster Presentation**

Author: Carter Anderson (Merklinghaus)

Paper Title: Alcohol Use across Veteran Status and Gender

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association

Portland, OR March 27-30, 2014

*Funded by Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society*

**Poster Presentation**

Authors: Jay Teachman, Lucky Tedrow, and Carter Anderson (Merklinghaus)

Paper Title: A Note on the Relationship between Military Service and Childbearing

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America

Boston, MA May 1-3, 2014

**Poster Presentation**

Authors: Jay Teachman, Lucky Tedrow, and Carter Anderson (Merklinghaus)

Paper Title: A Note on the Relationship between Military Service and Alcohol Use

## **Publications and Papers**

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- Jay Teachman, **Carter Anderson (Merklinghaus)** and Lucky Tedrow. (2014). Military Service and Alcohol Use in the United States. *Armed Forces and Society*, 1-14.
- Jay Teachman, Lucky Tedrow, and **Carter Anderson (Merklinghaus)**. (2015). The Relationship between Military Service and Childbearing for Men and Women. *Sociological Perspectives*, 1-14.

## **Papers under Review or In Progress**

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- Currently reviewing solo authored MA thesis, Drug Use Among Military Men and Women: A Longitudinal Fixed-Effects Approach, for possible future publication.

## Book Chapters

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- Jay Teachman, **Carter Anderson (Merklingshaus)**, and Lucky Tedrow. "Demographic Changes: Age at First Marriage." Forthcoming in L. Ganong, M. Coleman, and J. Golson. *The Social History of the American Family*