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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., SOCIOLOGY, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NYC, NY (2012)

M.A., DEAF STUDIES, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC (2005)

CERTIFICATE, Summer Institute on Sexuality, Culture & Society, Universiteit van Amsterdam International School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Amsterdam, NL (2004)

B.A., LINGUISTICS, University of Texas, Austin, Texas (2001)

## **ARTICLES**

Mauldin, Laura. 2014. "Precarious plasticity: neuropolitics, cochlear implants, and the redefinition of deafness." *Science, Technology and Human Values*. 39(1):130-53.

Mauldin, Laura. 2012. "Parents of deaf children with cochlear implants: a study of technology and community." *Sociology of Health & Illness: A Journal of Medical Sociology*. 34(5): 1-15.

Mauldin, Laura. 2011. "Cochlear implants & the mediated classroom-clinic: communication technologies and co-operations across multiple industries." *Disability Studies Quarterly*.

## **BOOKS**

Mauldin, Laura. 2016. *Made to Hear*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. **(In press)**

## **IN PROGRESS**

Mauldin, Laura and Fannon, Tara. "Sociology of Deafness: A literature review and disciplinary history." (Under review)

Mauldin, Laura. "Intimate circuits: changing technologies affect the care work mothers do" (Under review)

Mauldin, Laura and Stramondo, Joseph. "Medical Sociology, Feminist Theory, and Disability Studies: A three-pronged approach to strengthening bioethics." (In preparation)

Mauldin, Laura. "Culture keeping & raising a child with a disability" (In preparation)

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

### Blogs

Mauldin, Laura. May 19, 2014. "On dialogue: disability studies and science & technology studies" *Somatosphere* URL: <http://somatosphere.net/2014/05/on-dialogue-disability-studies-and-science-technology-studies.html>

### Commentary

Mauldin, Laura. 2008. "Trig or Treat? The 2008 Election and Teaching Disability." *Disability Studies Quarterly*. 28:4.

Mauldin, Laura. 2007. "Go Ahead and DisThis!" *Disability Studies Quarterly*. 27:3.

### Book Reviews

Mauldin, Laura. Forthcoming 2014. "Book Review: *Disability and Identity* by Rosslyn Darling." *Contemporary Sociology*.

Mauldin, Laura. 2011. "Book Review: *Using theory to explore health, medicine, and society* by Peter & Carol Ann Kennedy." *Contemporary Sociology*. 40(3): 372.

Mauldin, Laura. 2011. "Book Review: *Contested Bodies of Childhood and Youth*, edited by Kathrin Hörschelmann and Rachel Colls." *Contemporary Sociology*. 40(3): 374.

Mauldin, Laura. 2008. "Book Review: *Strange Harvest: Organ Transplants, Denatured bodies, and the Transformed Self* by Lesley Sharp." *Sociological Forum*. 23(3): 630-32.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, 2013-present

Undergraduate Courses: Gender & Science; Biotechnology, Disability & the Family; Feminist Disability Studies

Graduate Courses: Qualitative Research Methods

Visiting Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2012-2013

Department of Science, Technology and Society/Public Policy

Undergraduate Courses: Science, Technology & Values; Biomedical Issues in Science and Technology; Biopolitics, Medicine & Bodies

Visiting Lecturer, Yale University, Summer 2011

Summer Intensive Program in Bioethics, Course: Disability & Bioethics

Writing Fellow, City University of New York School of Law 2010-2011

Courses: Disability Discrimination Law; Special Education Law

Teaching Fellow, Queens College, 2007-2009

Courses: Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Death & Dying

Instructor, Texas School for the Blind

Lead Residential Instructor & staff educator: Deaf/blind communication practices

Freelance Sign Language Interpreter, 2005-present

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Sustained Access: Accounting for bodies and technologies in time  
National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2014
- Culture keeping & raising a child with a disability  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2014
- Who are the well spouses? Mapping the experiences of spousal caregivers  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, 2014
- Situating deafness in sociology: theoretical dialogues with feminist theory & medical sociology  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2014
- Beyond decision-making: maternal labor imperatives in pediatric implantation  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2014
- Constructing Deafness: the cultural work of neuroscientific discourse  
Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, 2013
- Upgrade, Please – Views on social mobility for Cochlear Implant Users  
Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, 2011
- Consequences of Creating the Hybrid: Bone Marrow Transplants and 'Wellness'  
Making Sense of Health, Illness & Disease, Oxford University, 2011
- Sociological consideration of debates between disability studies & bioethics  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2011
- The impact of ethical & neuropolitical discourse on healthcare practices & public policy  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, 2011
- Disability and STS Panel: STS & Disability Studies: The Case of Cochlear Implantation  
Society for Social Studies of Science, Annual Meeting, 2010
- From Clinic to Community: The Sociotechnical Matrix of Cochlear Implantation  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2010
- Transformed Bodies, Transformed Politics: The Cochlear Implant, Enhancement & Disability  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, 2010
- The Hear & Now: Deafness, Biotechnology & the Family  
Canadian Disability Studies Association, Annual Meeting 2010
- Ethopolitics & the Family: Bioethics, Health Policy and Disability Rights  
Disability & Ethics through the Life Cycle Conference, 2010
- Healthcare & Technology Panel: Man + Machine - Disability & the Culture of Biotechnology  
Eastern Sociological Society, 2009

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- Responder/Discussant - Screening of the film *Sound and Fury*  
Yale University, Whitney Humanities Center February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Social Determinants of Health – What are they and why are they important?  
The John and Valerie Rowe Health Professions Scholars Program  
University of Connecticut, Spring 2014

## **Laura Mauldin**

A better health policy? Cochlear implants, Deaf culture, and parents of deaf children  
Enforcing Normalcy, Deaf Studies (DST 712), Gallaudet University, 15 March 2013

Medical Technologies & their impact on Deaf culture  
Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the National Technical Institute of the  
Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology, May 7, 2012

A better health policy? Cochlear implants, Deaf culture, and parents of deaf children  
Enforcing Normalcy, Deaf Studies (DST 712), Gallaudet University, 23 March 2012

Responder/Discussant, Cyborg Theory & Practice, presentation by Michael Chorost  
Gender & Sexuality Series at the CUNY Graduate Center, 8 March, 2012  
Cosponsored by The Center for the Study of Women and Society and The Sociology  
Program.

Neural narratives & labor imperatives: Moral motherhood in pediatric implantation  
Social Justice & the Family (PHI 214), Long Island University, 7 February 2012

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Samuel Bloom Award for Scholarship in Medical Sociology, 2010  
CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology

Visiting Scholar in Bioethics, 2010  
Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics & The Hastings Center

Writing Fellowship, CUNY School of Law, 2010-2011

Sponsorship Grant from the European Science Foundation, 2009  
The Perfect Body: Between Normativity & Consumerism Conference, Linkoping, Sweden

Visiting Scholar in Deaf Studies, Centre for Deaf Studies, 2005  
University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Graduate Fellowship, 2004-2005  
Department of ASL & Deaf Studies, Gallaudet University, Washington DC

Graduate Fellowship, 2003-2004  
University Endowment, Gallaudet University, Washington DC

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Co-Chair, 2014-2016  
Disabilities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Chair, Publicity Committee, 2014-2015  
Disability & Society Section of the American Sociological Association

Ad hoc journal article peer reviewer  
*Sociology of Health and Illness*  
*Neuroethics*

Conference Paper Submission Reviewer, 2014, 2015  
Society for Disability Studies

Paper Award Committee Member, 2013-2014  
Disability & Society Section of the American Sociological Association

**Laura Mauldin**

- Panel Organizer, Special Mini-Conference on Deafness Research in Sociology  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2014
- Special Session Co-Organizer (with Monica Casper)  
Special Session, Technologies and Marginalized Bodies  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2013
- Member, Liaison Committee  
Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology, American Sociological Association  
2011-2014
- Panel Organizer  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, 2012
- Editor of Division Newsletter  
Disabilities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2011-2012
- Representative  
Research and Publications Committee, Society for Disability Studies, 2009-2010
- Representative  
Sociology Faculty Membership Committee, CUNY Graduate Center, 2009-2010
- Cultural Commentator  
*Disability Studies Quarterly*, 2007-2009

**RESEARCH AREAS**

medicine | health/illness | science/technology studies | disability studies | feminist theory

**LANGUAGES**

American Sign Language, National Interpreter Certification, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association
- American Society for Bioethics & Humanities
- Society for Social Studies of Science
- Society of the Study of Social Problems
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Society for Disability Studies
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- National Women’s Studies Association