

Laura Kramer

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Laura Kramer's involvement in the ADVANCE program at the National Science Foundation developed out of her interest in higher education, technology, and diversity. Her research on engineering faculty and the retention of undergraduates from traditionally underrepresented groups included interviews with 100 faculty at six engineering schools in the Northeast in "Explaining Faculty Involvement in Women's Retention."

Kramer is a Professor Emerita of Sociology at Montclair State University, where she chaired her department, served as a Special Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, worked with the New Faculty Program, and participated in the governance of interdisciplinary programs (Women's Studies and Honors Programs).

Kramer began writing about gender for college students early in her career, and continues today with the publication of the fourth edition of *The Sociology of Gender: A Brief Introduction* (coauthored with Ann Beutel) from Oxford University Press. Earlier editions (2001, 2004, and 2010) were sole authored by Kramer, following *The Sociology of Gender: A Text-Reader* (1990), and *The Sociology of Gender* (co-authored with Laurie Davidson, 1979).

In addition to her writing and consulting, Kramer has been part of the American Sociological Association's Department Resource Group for almost twenty years. She has served as treasurer of Sociologists for Women in Society, from which she received both the Feminist Activism Award and the Mentoring Award. She was a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Rose Series in Sociology, and served on the Committee on the Status of Women in Sociology of both the American Sociological Association and the Eastern Sociological Society.

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