**Simon Copland**

PhD Candidate: ANU School of Sociology

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**Education**

2017 – Current **PhD Sociology, Research School Social Sciences, Australian National University**

(Expected submission: 2020)

Title: *Mapping the Manosphere: Understanding Misogyny in Online Male Spaces*

Overview: A critical engagement of the attachment to new online men’s groups and communities, labeled the ‘manosphere’. The study is using a mixed methods approach of on and offline data to understand the ecosystem of men’s rights communities

Panel: Dr. Mary-Lou Rasmussen (Chair), Dr. Timothy Graham, Dr. Helen Keane, Dr. Elizabeth Humphrys

2013 **Masters in Science Communication, Australian National University**

Masters Thesis Title: Turning values into (direct) action. Thesis published online: <http://insidestory.org.au/turning-values-into-direct-action/>

Supervisor: Dr. Will Grant

2010 **Bachelor of Arts (Development Studies)/Science (Geography), Australian National University**

**Research Jobs**

2017 **Research Assistant for the project ‘Building Australian Families’**, School of Sociology, Australian National University. In this role I recruited research participants and conducted two focus groups for the research.

2016 – 2017 **Research Assistant, Flinders University.** In this role I conducted literature reviews and developed case-study summaries for research on systems of abuse within the Australian Defence Forces.

2013 – 2018 **Research Assistant, University of New South Wales.** In this role I have researched and written journal articles based on collected data.

**Teaching Experience**

2019 **Course Co-Convenor: Sex, Gender and Identity: An Introduction to Gender Studies,** School of Sociology, Australian National University

2018 **Tutor: Environmental Sociology,** School of Sociology, Australian National University

2016 **Tutor: Qualitative Research Methods,** School of Sociology, Australian National University

2016 **Tutor: Organisational Behaviour,** University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Campus

2016 **Tutor: Environment and Society and Complex Environmental Problems in Action,** Fenner School for Environment and Society, Australian National University

2016 **Tutor: Elections, Campaigns and Lobbying,** University of Canberra

**Grants, Awards and Scholarships**

2018 ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences internal grant to present at the Space and Surface Conference at Cambridge University in September 2018.

Grant total: Return flights to the United Kingdom and accommodation

2017 The Gender Institute Signature Event Grant to host the conference "Happy Anniversary? One Year Since Marriage Equality" in November 2018. The grant was awarded in conjunction with colleagues from the ANU School of Sociology, The ANU School of Politics and International Relations, and the ANU School of Law.   
Grant total: $10,000.

2017 Postgraduate travel bursary from Monash University for the Australian International Political Economy Network (AIPEN) Conference, held in Melbourne in February 2018.

2017 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) – ANU School of Sociology

**Publications**

**Articles in Refereed Journals**

2018. “The Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey and the limitations of vulnerability-based politics”, *Australian Feminist Studies,* 33(96): 261 - 274

2017. “The infantilized researcher and research subject: ethics, consent and risk.” *Qualitative Research*, 1 – 16. Available online: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1468794117730686>

**Book Chapters**

Forthcoming. “Safe Schools, marriage equality, and LGBT youth suicide.” In Duggan S, Finn K, Gagnon J, Gray E and Kelly P (eds), *Social Justice in Times of Crisis and Hope: Young People, Wellbeing, and the Politics of Education* Peter Lang Publishing (With Professor Mary Lou Rasmussen)

2018. “How We Failed our Bit of a Bent Community” In Eades Q (ed), [*Going Postal: More than Yes or No*](https://www.theliftedbrow.com/going-postal-more-than-yes-or-no) Brow Books: Melbourne

2018. “Building a Household.” In Marsden M (ed), [Queer Stories](https://www.hachette.com.au/maeve-marsden/queerstories) Hachette: United Kingdom.

2017. “Safe Schools, marriage equality, and LGBT youth suicide.” In Jones T (ed), [Bent Street 1 – 2017](https://www.amazon.com/Bent-Street-Australian-LGBTIQA-Writing/dp/192528316X), Clouds of Magellan: Melbourne (with Professor Mary Lou Rasmussen).

2016.“Labor or Green: The left and the crisis of politics.” In Altman D and Sclamer S (eds), [How to vote progressive in Australia: Labor or Green?](http://www.publishing.monash.edu/books/hvp-9781925377149.html) Monash University Publishing: Melbourne.

**Selected Presentations**

2018

* *November: Mapping the Manosphere: analysing the network structure of men’s groups on Reddit:* Australian Social Network Analysis Conference, Australian National University
* *November: Precarious masculinity: understanding gender roles in the online manosphere*: Precarity, Rights and Resistance: The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) Conference, Deakin University
* *September: Community, connection and misogyny in the online ‘manosphere’:* Space and Surface: The Third Annual Cambridge AHRC DTP Conference, Cambridge University, United Kingdom
* *May: Marriage equality, capitalism, and gay identity*: Guest lecture in GEND1001 Gender, Sex and Identity: An Introduction to Gender Studies
* February: *The Rise of the Anti-Cosmopolitans: Identity Politics, Populism, and the State*: Australian International Political Economy Network (AIPEN) Conference, Monash University

2017

* *November: Anti-Politics and the carbon pricing debate in Australia:* Mundane Governance Conference, Australian National University
* *November: Fertility and Family Formation Intentions Among Young Male Tradies*: Reproduction and Family Planning Symposium, Australian National University
* *October: Social Movements and Political Parties:* *How do they relate?* Everything is Connected Conference, The Green Institute
* *August: Writing as a form of public sociology:* Guest lecture in SOCY3124 Transforming Society: Toward a Public Sociology, Australian National University
* *August: Poly love and great sex:* Queer Stories, Sydney. Podcast available: <http://simoncopland.com/2017/10/25/queer-stories/>

**Media**

I have been regularly published in outlets including [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/profile/simon-copland), BBC Online, [SBS Sexuality](http://www.sbs.com.au/topics/person/simon-copland) and [SBS News and Current Affairs](http://www.sbs.com.au/news/person/simon-copland), [The Overland Journal](https://overland.org.au/author/simon-copland/), [ABC The Drum](http://www.abc.net.au/news/simon-copland/2805148) and more (access to all articles available at links). Selected articles:

2018.

* “Exiting the Far Right: Why Men Join and Leave White Supremacist Organisations” *BBC Online (forthcoming)*
* “[Racists on Speaking Tour: Rethinking Our Response](https://overland.org.au/2018/08/racists-on-speaking-tour-rethinking-our-response/)” *Overland Journal*

2017.

* “[The many reasons people are having less sex?](http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170508-the-many-reasons-that-people-are-having-less-sex)” *BBC Online*

Statistics: over 500,000 readers

* “[Anxiety is a way of life for Gen Y. In an insecure world is it any surprise?](https://www.theguardian.com/society/commentisfree/2017/feb/25/anxiety-is-a-way-of-life-for-gen-y-in-an-insecure-world-is-it-any-surprise)” *The Guardian Australia*

**Podcasts:**

2016 - Current. “[Queers](http://queers.podomatic.com/)”

I co-produce and star in the podcast about queer politics and culture.

Statistics: approximately 500 listeners per week

2017.

* Guest: Generation Anxiety: [The big gay episode](https://generationanxiety.com/11-the-big-gay-episode/)
* Guest: Living the Dream: [Living the Dream amidst a non-binding postal survey on marriage equality](https://thewordfromstrugglestreet.wordpress.com/2017/10/07/living-the-dream-amidst-a-non-binding-postal-survey-on-same-sex-marriage/)

**Other**

2016 – Current: Co-editor, [Green Agenda](https://greenagenda.org.au/)*.* Green Agenda is an online publishing site for green thoughts and ideas

**Social Media**

Facebook: [@SimonCoplandWriter](https://www.facebook.com/SimonCoplandWriter/). A page for writing and academic work with 1,076 likes.

Twitter: [@SimonCopland](https://twitter.com/SimonCopland). 4,074 followers

Website and blog: <http://simoncopland.com>

**Referees:**

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