

## Shelly Ronen

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### EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. New York University, Sociology (expected)  
Dissertation Title: “Designing Intimacy: The Taboo of Replacement, Unequal Consumers and the Social Production of Sex Technologies”
- 2013 M.A. New York University, Sociology
- 2009 B.A. Stanford University, Psychology and Feminist Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Academic Articles and Chapters:

- 2016 **Ronen, Shelly**. Forthcoming. “Properly Selling the Improper” *Thresholds* 44, M.I.T. Department of Architecture, SA+P Press.
- 2015 England, Paula and **Shelly Ronen**. 2015. Hooking Up and Casual Sex. *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Science*, Second Edition.
- 2012 **Ronen, Shelly**, 2012. Grinding On the Dance Floor: Gendered Scripts and Sexualized Dancing at College Parties. *Sociological Odyssey: Contemporary Readings in Introductory Sociology*. Wadsworth Cengage. Ed., Adler, Peter & Patti Adler.
- 2010 **Ronen, Shelly**, 2010. Grinding On the Dance Floor: Gendered Scripts and Sexualized Dancing At College Parties. *Gender and Society*. 24:355-377.

#### Book Reviews:

- 2015 **Ronen, Shelly** “Double Dirty Work: Sex Research and Symbolic Contamination” Review of Dealing in Desire by Kimberly Hoang (2015) University of California Press. Public Books. Accessed at <http://www.publicbooks.org/briefs/double-dirty-work> on September 1, 2015.
- 2014 **Ronen, Shelly**. 2014. “Plastic Fantasies.” Review of Erotic Fantasies: A Modern Fetish by Marquard Smith (2014). Yale University. *Public Books*. Accessed at <http://www.publicbooks.org/briefs/plastic-fantasies> on Oct 1, 2014.
- 2013 England, Paula and **Shelly Ronen**. 2013. Sex and Relationships Among Youth: An Intersectional Gender Lens. *Contemporary Sociology*.

#### General Audience:

- 2015 **Ronen, Shelly** “Sex Toy Liberation, The Taboo of Replacement and The Inner Animal” *Cyborgology*. Accessed at <http://thesocietypages.org/cyborgology/2015/04/06/sex-toy-liberation-the-taboo-of-replacement-and-the-inner-animal-a-review-of-beautiful-you-by-chuck-palahniuk/> on April 6, 2015.
- 2015 **Ronen, Shelly** “The Little Dildo that Queered.” *Harvard LGBTQ Policy Journal*. Accessed at <http://www.hkslgbtq.com/the-little-dildo-that-queered/> on April 1, 2015.

#### **Manuscripts Under Review:**

- 2016 **Ronen, Shelly**, Redesigning Difference: Ambivalence, Old Stereotypes, New Idioms and Postfeminist Strategies among Contemporary Designers

#### **Manuscripts in Preparation:**

- 2014 **Ronen, Shelly** and Sam Franklin, The Creativity Dialectic: Social Value, Boundary Work and Solutionism Among Product Designers
- 2014 **Ronen, Shelly**, The Sexbot and Gender Sabotage

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2012- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Recipient, \$90,000  
2015 over three years.

#### **FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS**

- 2014 Graduate Conference Travel Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, \$1,500.
- 2014 Provost’s Graduate Research Initiatives, New York University for preliminary dissertation research at Tel Aviv Overseas Institute, \$2,500 plus ticket to Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2013 Green Grant, Office of Sustainability, New York University: with Superstorm Research Lab for work on sustainability and hurricane Sandy in NYC, \$13,065.
- 2013 Research Grant, Institute for Public Knowledge (IPK), New York University for “Narratives of Need, Aid and Abandonment” with Michael Gould-Wartofsky, as part of Superstorm Research Lab (SRL), \$3,000 for individual project, \$1,500 for SRL.

#### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2016 Workshop Participant, “Object Politics in the Bedroom” at ACM SIGCHI, June
- 2016 Panel Presenter, “Taboo Body Forms” at Doing the Body Conference, March 2016
- 2016 Paper Presenter with Ernesto D. Morales, “Intimatum and Co.: Between the Public and Its Privates” at MLA, January 2016
- 2015 Roundtable Presider, “Body and Embodiment Section: Body Imagery” at ASA, August

- 2015 Roundtable Presenter, “Sex and Gender Section: Embodiment” at ASA, August
- 2014 Panel Presenter, “Embodied Imaginations” at AAA, December
- 2014 Roundtable Presenter, “Redesigning Difference” at ASA, August
- 2014 Panel Presenter, “Redesigning Difference” at City Futures III, June
- 2014 Paper Presenter, with Sam Franklin. “Between Two Tropes” at ACLA, March
- 2013 Roundtable Presenter, “Sexbot and Gender Sabotage” at ASA, August
- 2013 Paper Presenter, “Sexbot and Gender Sabotage” at NYLON annual conference, April
- 2012 Panel Presenter, “Embodiment” at Crossing Boundaries: Workshopping Sexualities, ASA Sexualities Section mini-conference, August

## **EDITORIAL WORK**

- 2010- Peer Reviewer for *Gender and Society*

## **TEACHING**

- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Medicine, Prof. Sarah K. Cowan
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Sexual Diversity in Society, Prof. Judith Stacey
- 2009 Grader, Adolescent Sexuality, Prof. Lisa Medoff
- 2007 Course Administrator, Sex and Love in Modern Society Prof. Paula England. Class of 150 students, managed online system, updated readings, graded essays.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2015 Elected Bargaining Rep. for Graduate Student Union (GSOC-UAW Local 2110).
- 2014 Conference Organizer for New York – London (NYLON) Workshop.
- 2012 Financial Manager for Graduate Student Association at NYU 2012-2013.
- 2012 Student Member for Admissions and Recruitment Committees at NYU.
- 2012 Conference Organizer for New York University Sociology Spring Conference.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 2016 Eveleth, Rose. “Future of Sex Robots” in *Fast Forward* podcast for Boing Boing. (forthcoming)
- 2015 Broderick, Ryan and Katie Notopoulos. “Would You Have Sex With A Robot?” in Internet Explorer podcast for BuzzFeed. Accessed on December 1, 2015 at <https://soundcloud.com/iexplorer/sex-bots>
- 2015 Tayag, Yasmin. Can Great Product Design Save Sex and the Modern Relationship? *Inverse Magazine*. Accessed: <https://www.inverse.com/article/4994-can-great-product-design-save-sex-and-the-modern-relationship> on September 14, 2015.
- 2014 Schmelzer, Elise. “The Language of Grinding” *Vox Magazine*. Accessed: <http://www.voxmagazine.com/2014/03/the-language-of-grinding/> on September 14, 2015.