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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 – Present	Associate Director of the Center for Insecurity and Inequality Research (CIIR), Oklahoma State University (OSU)
2022 – Present	Associate Professor of Sociology, Sociology Department, OSU
2020 – Present	Center for Family Resilience Research Associate, OSU
2019 – Present	Affiliated Faculty with the Gender and Women's Studies Program, OSU
2018 – 2022	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Sociology Department, OSU
2016 – 2018	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Sociology & Anthropology Department, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)
2016 – 2018	Affiliated Faculty with the Gender and Women's Studies Program (UTRGV)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2016, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies Specialization

M.A., 2013, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies Specialization

B.A., 2009, Wayne State College, Summa Cum Laude; Sociology and Spanish, English Minor

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS

Sexualities, Gender, Stratification, Intersectionality, Family, Youth and Young Adults in Homelessness, Health Inequalities, Qualitative Methods

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REVISE AND RESUBMIT

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Schmitz, Rachel M., Heather A. Love, and Jennifer Tabler. "Companion Animals and Ecoexpansive Chosen Kinship in the Lives of LGBTQ+ People." *Family Relations*.

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Schmitz, Rachel M., Alisha Graves, and Habiba Mohammed. "'I Need to Space to Help Me Take Care of Myself and My Child': How Married Adolescent Girls in Northern Nigeria Learn and Practice Birth Spacing Through Safe Spaces."

Schmitz, Rachel M., Alisha Graves, and Habiba Mohammed. "'I Became a Shadow of Myself': Menstruation and Nigerian Girls' Life Constraints."

Schmitz, Rachel M. and Jennifer Tabler. "Communities of Care in the Country: Exploring How Racially Diverse LGBTQ2S+ Young Adults Create Supports in Resource-Deficit Rural Regions"

Tabler, Jennifer, **Rachel M. Schmitz**, and Ken R. Smith. "Investigating the Challenges of Online Data Collection in a World of AI."

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Interviewed in Colette Fountain, “[Inside the anti-feminist world of Honey Badgers, where women put men’s rights before their own](#).” *Screen Shot*, October 8, 2021.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

External

National Science Foundation, Co-PI, 2026-2029: “WxFORGE: Forging New Frontiers in Extreme Weather Resilience and Innovation.” PI University of Oklahoma. *Pending*.

Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI), Co-I, 2024-2026: “Ecoexpansive Kinship and Mental Health.” PI Dr. Heather A. Love (University of Alabama). *Not funded*.

National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Minority Health Disparities, PI, 2023-2026: “Multi-Level Mental Health Dynamics of Resilience and Risk among Sexual and Gender Minority Young Adults of Color Living in Rural Underserved Regions.” PI with Dr. Ruby Charak (UTRGV). *Not funded*.

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National Endowment for the Arts, Co-I Qualitative Methods Team Lead, 2023-2024: “Queer(y)ing the Arts: The Role of LGBTQ+ urban Art Programming in Community & Individual Wellness.” PI Dr. Rosemary Avance (OSU). *Not funded*.

National Science Foundation-funded STEM ADVANCE Graduate Assistant Support Program, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, PI on research study, 2017-2018 (Grant # 1209210):

“Marginalized Identities Out and Online: The Growth of Queer Activism among LGBTQ+ Latinx Young People.” (\$10,000).

National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Graduate Research Assistant, 2014-2016: “Stressors, Protective Factors and Substance Use among Homeless Youth and Young Adults.” (\$408,768).

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National Institutes of Health, Department of Health & Human Services, Graduate Research Assistant, 2014-2016: “Substance use and HIV among Zambian Street Youth.”

American Sociological Association, Student Forum Travel Award, 2014 (travel grant).

National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, Graduate Research Assistant, 2011-2012: “Neglect and Abuse Histories Among Homeless Youth Adults.” (\$659,525).

Internal

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Oklahoma State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2020 Research Award: “Diverse Experiences of Stressors and Mental Health among LGBTQ+ Young Adults of Color Living in Rural Underserved Regions.” (\$8,612).

Oklahoma State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Travel funding to SWS in Denver, CO, 2019: “Family Dynamics and Mental Health among LGBTQ+ Latino/a Young People.” (\$1,000).

Oklahoma State University, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty start-up funding, 2018-2021: “Enhancing LGBTQ+ Homeless Youths’ Wellbeing through their Connections with Companion Animals” & “Native LGBTQ2S+ Young Adults’ Understandings of Violence and Trauma” (\$25,000).

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Diversity, Junior Faculty Travel Grant to NWSA, 2017: “Beyond Riesgo y Vulnerabilidad: LGBTQ+ Latinx Young Adults’ Health Autonomy in Resisting Cultural Stigma” (\$600).

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Office of Global Engagement, Travel funding to ASA in Canada, 2017: “‘Life Has Actually Become More Clear’: An Exploration of Resilience among LGBTQ Young Adults.” (\$500).

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Office, Faculty start-up funding, 2016-2017: “LGBTQ Latino/a Young Adults and Understandings of Health in the Rio Grande Valley” (\$10,000).

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Diversity, Junior Faculty Travel Grant to NCFR, 2016: “The Complexity of Family Reactions to Identity

among Homeless and College Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Young Adults” (\$1,000).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Joyce O. Hertzler Award, Dissertation data collection funding, 2015-2016: “Diverse Life Experiences of LGBT Young Adults” (\$2,000).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Graduate Studies, Warren & Edith Day Dissertation Travel Award, Dissertation data collection funding, 2015-2016: “Diverse Life Experiences of LGBT Young Adults” (\$500).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, Karen Dunning Paper Award, 2015: “Constructing Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines” (\$500).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Dany Hoyt Graduate Student Paper Award, 2015: “Homeless Young People’s Experiences of Caregiver Rejection” (\$500).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Graduate Studies, Travel Award, 2015 (travel grant).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Graduate Student Paper Award, 2014: “Constructing Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines” (\$500).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Graduate Studies, Travel Award, 2014 (travel grant).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Strategic Research Cluster Grant, Graduate Research Assistant, 2013-2014: “A Survey of Undergraduate Students’ Attitudes and Experiences” (\$90,330).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Nicholas Babchuk Award, original research support, 2014-2015: “Men and Gender Studies Project” (\$1,000).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Nicholas Babchuk Award, Master’s thesis publication support, 2013-2014: “Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness” (\$1,000).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, Karen Dunning Paper Award, 2013: “Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness” (\$500).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Research and Economic Development, Layman Award, Graduate Research Assistant, 2012-2013: “Making Laws Matter: How Families Navigate Legal Uncertainty” (\$10,000).

FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty

National Institutes of Health-funded Texas Center for Health Disparities (TCHD) Steps Towards Academic Research (STAR) Fellowship Program, 2017-2018, University of North Texas – Ft. Worth.

Graduate

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Presidential Fellow, 2015-2016 (9-month salary).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Fellow, 2015-2016 (9-month salary; declined due to Presidential Fellow status).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Alice Frost Howard Fellow, 2014 (travel grant).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dean's Fellow, 2013 (9-month salary supplement).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Fellow, 2012 (Summer salary).

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Chancellor's Fellow, 2011 (9-month salary supplement).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Long, Michael A., Kelley Sittner, Andrew S. Fullerton, and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2024. "Publishing Tips from the Editors of *Social Problems*." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada. August 9-11.

Schmitz, Rachel M., Heather A. Love, and Jennifer Tabler. 2024. "Ecoexpansive Kinship: A Model for Expanding Conceptualizations of Family to Include Companion Animals." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada. August 9-11.

Schmitz, Rachel M., Kelva Hunger, Kendria Cost, and Ryan Chung. 2024. "For the Love of Dogs: Exploring the Impacts of an Integrated Pet Therapy Program on a College Campus." Colloquium on Qualitative Health Sciences Research. Oklahoma City, OK. April 3.

Schmitz, Rachel M., Paola Sainz Sujet, Kelva Hunger. 2024. "For the Love of Dogs: Exploring the Impacts of an Integrated Pet Therapy Program on a College Campus." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Des Moines, IA. April 4-7.

Beaumont, Marcella A.*, Julie M. Koch, and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2024. Common Grounds: Plant Caregiving and LGBTQ+ People's Well-Being. National Multicultural Conference & Summit. Santa Fe, NM. January 18-19

Tabler, Jennifer and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2023. "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard: Rural Queer Erasure and the Lives of Rural LGBTQ+ Young Adults." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. August 17-21.

Carlisle, Zachary T. and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2023. "I am a Man. How Could I Possibly Have Been Raped?": Men Making Sense of their Experiences with Sexual Violence." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 23-26.

Schmitz, Rachel M. 2022. "Over the Rainbow: Celebrating Pets as Families." Zarrow Mental Health Symposium. Tulsa, OK, Virtual. September 28-30.

- Tabler, Jennifer and **Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2022. "Queer on the Frontier: Growing up LGBTQ+ in the Rural West." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles. August 5-9.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Gabby Gomez, Aidan Propst, Jennifer Tabler, and Ruby Charak. 2022. "Queer Politics of a Pandemic: LGBTQ+ People's Conceptions of COVID-19's Politicization." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago. April 13-16.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Jennifer Tabler, and Ruby Charak. 2021. "LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Stress, Health, and Technology in a Pandemic." National LGBTQ Health Conference Poster Session. Virtual. May 20-21.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Zachary T. Carlisle, and Jennifer Tabler. 2020. "Four-Legged Mental Health Resources: The Power of Pets in The Lives of LGBTQ+ Young People Experiencing Homelessness." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. COVID-19 cancellation.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2019. "Strength of Spirit: Native LGBTQ2S+ Young Adults and Conceptions of Trauma." International Gender and Sexuality Studies Conference. Edmond, OK. October 3-5.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2019. "The Cyber Power of Marginalized Identities: Intersectional Representations of Online Queer Latinx Activism." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York. August 10-13.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2019. "Traversing the Liminality of Young Adulthood: Conceptualizations of Identity, Family, Religion, and Resilience among LGBTQ+ Homeless Youth." Invited Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York. August 10-13.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Jennifer Tabler. 2019. "Health Services and the Intersections of Accessibility: Promises and Pitfalls Experienced by LGBTQ+ Latino/a Emerging Adults." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 17-20.
- Tabler, Jennifer and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2019. "Does it Get Better? Change in Depressive Symptoms from Late-Adolescence to Early-Adulthood, Disordered Eating Behaviors, and Sexual Identity." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 17-20.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Brandon Andrew Robinson, and Julissa Sanchez. 2019. "Intersectional Family Systems Approach: LGBTQ+ Latino/a Youth, Family Dynamics, and Mental Stressors." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Denver, CO. February 7-10.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2018. "Navigating Risk Discourses and Reimagining Minority Health: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Care among LBQ+ Latina College Students." National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 8-11.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2018. "LGBTQ+ Latinx Young People's Interpretations of Stigma and Mental Health: An Intersectional Minority Stress Perspective." RaceSexPower Conference. Chicago, IL. April 6-7.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2017. "Beyond *Riesgo y Vulnerabilidad*: LGBTQ Latinx Young Adults' Health Autonomy in Resisting Cultural Stigma." National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 16-19.

- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2017. “‘Life Has Actually Become More Clear’: An Exploration of Resiliency among LGBTQ Young Adults.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada. August 12-15.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2016. “The Complexity of Family Reactions to Identity among Homeless and College Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Young Adults.” National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. November 2-5.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2016. “LGBTQ Young Adults on the Street and on Campus: Identity as a Product of Social Context.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Trenton M. Haltom. 2016. “‘I Wanted to Raise my Hand and Say I’m Not a Feminist’: Men’s Use of Hybrid Masculinities to Negotiate Attachments to Feminism and Gender Studies.” Making A “Man”: 2016 Men at Nebraska Conference on Men and Masculinities. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. April 9.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2016. “LGBTQ Young Adults on the Street and on Campus: Identity as a Product of Social Context.” No Limits Student Conference. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. March 11.
- Tyler, Kimberly A., **Rachel M. Schmitz**, and Scott A. Adams. 2015. “Alcohol Expectancy, Substance Use and Sexual Victimization among Female and Male College Students.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- Tyler, Kimberly A. **Rachel M. Schmitz**, and Elizabeth A. Richardson. 2015. “Protective Behavioral Strategies and Alcohol Use among Female and Male College Students.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Emily Kazyak, and Elizabeth A. Richardson. 2015. “Checking Privilege at the Door: Men’s Reflections on Masculinity in Women’s and Gender Studies Courses.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2015. “Masculinities in Cyberspace: An Analysis of Portrayals of Manhood in Men’s Right’s Activist Websites.” Understanding Masculinities: 2015 Men at Nebraska Conference on Men and Masculinities. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. April 10.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2014. “Homeless Young People’s Experiences of Caregiver Rejection.” Alpha Kappa Delta Qualitative Symposium. University of Nebraska-Omaha. October 30.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2014. “Reshaping Constructions of Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Elizabeth A. Richardson. 2014. “Transcending Gender: Men’s Experiences Taking Women’s and Gender Studies Courses.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.

- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2014. "Homeless Young People's Gendered Experiences of Caregiver Rejection." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2014. "Transcending Gender: Men's Experiences Taking Women's and Gender Studies Courses." American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Tacoma, WA. March 27-29.
- Tyler, Kimberly A. and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2013. "Effects of Abusive Parenting, Caretaker Arrests, and Delinquent Behavior on Dating Violence Perpetration among Homeless Young Adults." American Society for Criminology Meetings. Atlanta, GA. November 20-23.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2013. "In the Numerical Minority: Men's Experiences Navigating Women's and Gender Studies Courses." Men at Nebraska Poster Presentation. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. November 7.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2013. "Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness." Research Fair Poster Presentation. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. April 10.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2013. "Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 27-30.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2013. "'Forging Elite Fitness': Exploring the CrossFit Phenomenon Through a Gendered Lens." No Limits Student Conference. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. March 1-2.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Patrick Habecker, Alexis Swendener, and Sarah Malone. 2012. "Transforming Introductory Sociology Discussion Sections to a Mixed Mode Electronic Format." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. March 21-24.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2012. "All You Need is Sex: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Feminist Pragmatism and Contemporary Mass Media." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Patrick Habecker, Alexis Swendener, and Sarah Malone. 2012. "A Comparison of Recitation Section Delivery Methods: Classroom vs. Online." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- Melander, Lisa A., Kimberly A. Tyler, and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. 2012. "Substance Use Behavior among Homeless Youth and Their Social Networks." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** 2009. "Living Latino/a in the Midwest: An Analysis of Cultural Perspectives Through the Lens of Latino-owned Businesses." Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium. University of Nebraska-Kearney.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

Schmitz, Rachel M. 2019. "LGBTQ+ Latinx Young Adults and Health: Navigating Stigma, Social Relationships, and Services." Women's Faculty Council Poster Symposium, OSU.

Schmitz, Rachel M. 2018. "LGBTQ+ Latinx Young People's Intersectional Interpretations of Stigma and Mental Health." Gender and Women's Studies Brown Bag Series Event "LGBTQ in the RGV and Beyond: Diverse Lives and Experiences", UTRGV.

Schmitz, Rachel M. 2012. "Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness." Sociology Departmental Poster Session, UNL.

Schmitz, Rachel M. 2012. "All You Need is Sex: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Feminist Pragmatism and Contemporary Mass Media" Sociology Departmental Colloquium, UNL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Awards

American Sociological Society, SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, 2016.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Cheryl Applegate Instructor Award, 2014.

Courses Taught

Sociology 4723 Sociology of Families (OSU)

Sociology 4213 Sociology of Sexualities (face-to-face and online) (OSU)

Sociology 4153 Sociology of Health and Illness (online) (OSU)

Sociology 5643 Gender and Society (OSU)

Sociology 5283 Advanced Qualitative Methods (OSU)

Sociology 5273 Qualitative Research Methods (OSU)

Sociology 3223 Social Psychology (online) (OSU)

Sociology 4365 Sexuality and Society (UTRGV)

Sociology 4310 Sociology of Gender (face-to-face and online) (UTRGV)

Sociology 200 Gender in Contemporary Society (UNL)

Sociology 225 Contemporary Families (face-to-face and online) (UNL)

Sociology 101 Introduction to Sociology recitation instructor (UNL)

Guest lecturer on qualitative methods for undergraduate senior seminars (UNL)

Graduate Advising

Ph.D. Students

Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Current: Sarvi Amjadi, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Current: Gabby Gomez, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Current: Lexi Almy, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Current: Fernanda Ramirez Saenz, Department of Geography (OSU)

Current: Dannie Klooster, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU)

Current: Dillon Federici, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU)

Current: Bek Urban, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU)

Current: Jules Soper, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU)

Current: Casey Lewis, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU)

Current: Maritza Leon Cartagena, Human Development and Family Science (OSU)

Current: Shanovia Forbes, Human Development and Family Science (OSU)

Chair or Committee Member for Comprehensive Exams (OSU)

Current Member: Sarvi Amjadi

Completed: Lexi Almy, Eden Nay; Lexi Almy; Gabby Gomez; Martha Sibley; Jericho McElroy; Christine Thomas

Completed 2024, Member: Hann Bingham Brunner, Department of English, linguistics track (OSU):

“Crip Linguaging: A Linguistic and Rhetorical Analysis.”

Current Position: TBD

Completed 2023, Member: Marcella A. Beaumont, School of Counseling Psychology (OSU): “Common Grounds: A Phenomenological Study of Plant Parenting and the Well-Being of LGBTQ+ Individuals.”

Current Position: Postdoc at Michigan State University

Completed 2020, Member: Zachary Carlisle, Department of Sociology (OSU): “Hidden in Plain Sight: Men’s Lived Experiences with Sexual Violence as College Students.”

Current Position: Assistant Professor, St. Ambrose University.

M.A. Students

Member, Master’s Thesis Committee

Current: Claire Hsieh, Department of Psychological Sciences (UTRGV)

Completed 2024, Member: Tabitha Addom, Madison Scott, Diamond Russell, Jonathan Ishoy, Reagan Cole, Taline Da Silva, Golasa sadat Haji Mirzaei, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Completed 2023, Chair: Sarvi Amjadi, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Completed 2022, Member: Taylor Godsey, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Completed 2021, Chair: Annie Bowen, Eden Nay, Summer Graham, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Completed 2021, Member: Andrew O’Neil, Master of Public Health Program (OSU)

Completed 2020, Member: Lexi Almy, Department of Sociology (OSU)

Completed 2018: Bianca C. Lopez, Department of Sociology (UTRGV): “Generational Status and Views on Nonconforming Gender Expression Among Individuals of Mexican Origin.”

Current position: Lecturer, Sociology Department, UTRGV.

Completed 2017: Brett Welch, Department of Communication Science & Disorders (UTRGV): “The Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist when Working with Clients who are Transgender: A Guide of Gender Identity and Cultural Competency.”

Current position: Ph.D. student in Dr. Leah Helou’s research lab in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh.

Undergraduate Advising

Current:

Completed (2022):

Senior Capstone Project, Mentor, Lexi Austin (OSU)

Completed (2021):

Honors Contract Sociology of Sexualities, Kaitlyn Morin (OSU)

Completed (2020):

Honors Thesis (Sociology Department), Thesis Reader, Abigail Bailey (OSU)

Freshman Research Scholars program, Research Mentor, Phoenix Bird (OSU)

Honors Contract Sociology of Families, Irene De La Torre (OSU)

Completed (2019):

Senior Capstone Project, Mentor, Linsey Graeber (OSU)

Freshman Research Scholars program, Research Mentor, Jadyn Powell (OSU)

Honors Thesis (Sociology Department), Thesis Director, Breann Barfield (OSU)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research

2021 *Ms. Magazine*/NWSA's "Writing for the Popular Press: A Workshop for Feminist Scholars" Workshop

2021 MAXQDA Mixed Methods Workshop hosted by the University of Michigan

2020 "Careers for PhDs in User Experience (UX) Research" hosted by Beyond the Professoriate

2018 "Write Winning Grants Workshop: Navigating NIH Mechanisms" (OSU)

2017 "Meet NVivo: Using NVivo as a Research Tool" Online Webinar (UTRGV)

2016 "Moving on with NVivo for Mac" Online Course (UTRGV)

2016 CITI Training Refresher Course (UTRGV)

2016 Qualitative and Mixed Methods Interest Group (UNL)

2015 Research Administration Management Program "Using Social Media" workshop (UNL)

2012 New Investigator Collaborative Series grant workshop (UNL)

2012 Professional Development Seminar (UNL)

2011 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) (UNL)

2011 Responsible Conduct in Research Training (UNL)

2009 Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center Undergraduate Internship

Teaching

2024 Course Hero's AI Academy Certification in Teaching with AI

2019 Pilot participation for Learning Management System Canvas (OSU)

2018 College of Arts and Sciences New Faculty Teaching Orientation (OSU)

2018 Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence Online Teaching Course (OSU)

2017 Undergraduate Research Cohort with the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Engaged Scholarship & Learning (UTRGV)

- 2017 Faculty workshops for developing the Gender and Women's Studies program (UTRGV)
- 2017 Apply the Quality Matters Rubric (APQMR) Workshop (UTRGV)
- 2016 ASA Pre-conference Teaching Workshop
- 2015 25th Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants (UNL)
- 2014 MSS Gender Diversity and Sexuality Studies Certificate
- 2013 MSS Preparing Future Faculty Certificate
- 2012 22nd Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants (UNL)
- 2011 21st Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants (UNL)
- 2011 Teaching Sociology Seminar (UNL)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline

- 2024-present Co-editor for *Social Problems*
- 2024 Presenter for NIMH's virtual workshop "Promoting Mental Health for Sexual and Gender Minority Youth: Evidence-Based Developmental Perspectives"
- 2024 Member of The National Alliance to End Homelessness's Research Network
- 2024 Mentor for the Midwest Sociological Society's Mentorship Program
- 2023-present Chair of [LGBTQ Research and Engagement Collective's](#) Research Committee
- 2021-present Editorial Board member for *Society and Mental Health*
- 2021-present Editorial Board member for *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*
- 2021-2023 Associate Editor for *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*
- 2023 Member on the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee of SSSP
- 2023 Reviewer for the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities (SBPC) Division of SSSP's Graduate Student Paper Competition
- 2021 Presented with Dr. Ruby Charak at UTRGV research colloquium "Health Challenges among Marginalized Groups: Applications of Mixed Methods and Interdisciplinary Research"
- 2020 Editorial Board member for the *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*

- 2019 Mentoring support of three advanced PhD Sociology graduate students through the American Sociological Association's Mentoring Across Specializations
- 2019 Discussant for Session on Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL. April 17-20.
- 2018 Sally Hacker Best Graduate Student Paper Award committee member
American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section
- 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Award committee member
American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities
- 2014 Discussant for Invited Session on Homelessness. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Elizabeth A. Richardson. Organizer of formal paper session "Towards the Inclusion of Men and Masculinities in Gender Studies." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.
- 2014 Moderator for Session on Masculinities. American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Tacoma, WA. March 27-29.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. Organizer of formal paper session. "Exploring the Realm of Dating and Partner Violence and its Social Ramifications." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 27-30.

University & Department

- 2023-present Chair of the Pete's Pet Posse Research Committee with University Assessment and Testing (UAT) for 10-year evaluation project (OSU)
- 2023-present Member of Pete's Pet Posse Governing Board (OSU)
- 2023-2024 Formal mentor to junior Sociology faculty (OSU)
- 2023-2024 Chair of the Personnel Committee for the Sociology Department (OSU)
- 2023 Panel participant on the "EQuAL-i-Tea Time" Event hosted by EQuAL and the Sociology Department (OSU)
- 2023 Initial Inquiry Committee Member for Research Integrity case (OSU)
- 2022-present College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council subcommittee Policy & Procedures member
- 2022 Sociology Department representative for the College of Arts and Sciences focus group workshop on transdisciplinary research strategic initiatives (OSU)

- 2022 Invited reviewer for the Center for Family Resilience's Chautauqua Conference on Family Resilience 2022 published Volume (OSU)
- 2021 Invited guest speaker to discuss LGBTQ+-focused research with student group Oklahoma State Queers & Allies (OSU)
- 2020 Center for Family Resilience invited speaker for monthly research presentation series, "Intersectional Family Systems Approach: Multifaceted Dynamics of Family Relationships, Identity, and Mental Health among Young Adults" (OSU)
- 2020-present Faculty advisor for student organization Oklahoma State University Leftist Union (OSU)
- 2020-present Sociology Graduate Committee member (OSU)
- 2020-2023 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council representative; WFC representative (OSU)
- 2020 Panel participant for the Employee Queers & Allies League and Women's Faculty Council-sponsored virtual event "LGBTQ+ Research and Advocacy at OSU" (OSU)
- 2020 Facilitated feedback session for 4th-year architecture students collaborating with a non-profit organization serving youth experiencing homelessness (OSU)
- 2019-2024 Pete's Pet Posse Pet Therapy Program member (OSU)
- 2019 Safe Zone Ally Training (OSU)
- 2019 Presenter for diversity training for housing staff "Understanding Intersectionality Through a Roll of the Dice" (OSU)
- 2019 Women's Faculty Council Faculty Award committee member (OSU)
- 2019 Sociology Department Advisor Search committee member (OSU)
- 2019 Sociology Department Head Search committee member (OSU)
- 2019 Faculty judge for the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association's Research Gala poster competition (OSU)
- 2019 Panel participant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs-sponsored event "Queer Conversations" (OSU)
- 2019-present Presented to the Sociology Department Sociology Teaching Colloquium on "Teaching Gender, Race, and Sexuality" (OSU)
- 2018-present Sociology Inequality Comprehensive Exam committee member (OSU)
- 2018-present Sociology Graduate Student Association advisor (OSU)
- 2018-present Women's Faculty Council member (OSU)

2018-2020	Sociology Undergraduate Committee member (OSU)
2018-present	Presented to Proseminar for new graduate students on “Preparing to Teach” (OSU)
2018	Panel participant for the Gender and Women’s Studies-sponsored event “LGBTQ in the RGV and Beyond: Diverse Lives and Experiences” (UTRGV)
2017-2018	Faculty advisor to student-led Intersectional Feminist Book Club (UTRGV)
2017-2018	Faculty advisor to UTRGV chapter of student organization Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity (URGE)
2017	Panel participant for the Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention-sponsored event “Let’s Talk about Consent” (UTRGV)
2017	Safe Zone Ally Training (UTRGV)
2016-2018	Gender and Women’s Studies Program committee member (UTRGV)
2016-2018	Co-chair of Alpha Kappa Delta committee (UTRGV)
2016	Undergraduate Recommendation for Teach for America (UTRGV)
2016	Ethics Center Brown Bag on Ethics in Research with LGBTQ Populations panel participant (UNL)
2015	Graduate student representative on Sociology search committee for Sexualities position (UNL)
2015	Pi Gamma Mu Invited Speaker at Wayne State College “Research, Reflections, Rewards: The Graduate School Journey”
2014	Academic Undergraduate Letter of Recommendation (UNL)

AD HOC JOURNAL REVIEWS

2023	<i>Journal of Marriage and Family, Family Relations, Society and Mental Health, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Gender & Society, Social Forces, Journal of Family Theory & Review, Children and Youth Services Review, Sociology Compass, Psychology and Sexuality, International Journal of Transgender Health, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, The Sociological Quarterly, Journal of Homosexuality, LGBTQ+ Family</i>
2022	<i>Journal of Homosexuality, Society and Mental Health, Journal of LGBT Youth, Sexualities, Society & Animals, Qualitative Health Research</i>
2021	<i>Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Homosexuality, Family Relations, Journal of LGBT Youth, Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services</i>

- 2020 *Journal of Marriage and Family; Social Problems; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Journal of LGBT Youth; Journal of Family Issues; Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health; Sociology Compass; Journal of Public Health*
- 2019 *Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of LGBT Youth; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Forum; Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services; Journal of Homosexuality; Sociology Compass*
- 2018 *Sociological Inquiry; Social Sciences; Journal of Adolescent Research; PLOS ONE; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Feminist Media Studies; Journal of Adolescence; Youth & Society*
- 2017 *Community Mental Health Journal; Journal of Interpersonal Violence*
- 2016 *Journal of Adolescent Research; American Sociological Review; Journal of Adolescent Health; Sociological Perspectives; Journal of Interpersonal Violence*
- 2015 *Journal of LGBT Youth; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Children and Youth Services Review*
- 2014 *World Medical & Health Policy*
- 2013 *Sociological Inquiry; Sex Roles*
- 2012 *Qualitative Sociology*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SERVICE

2022 Norman (OK) Public Schools "Get Fit" presenter "Gender Pronouns 101" with Drs. Meredith Worthen and Jenny Sperling (OU)

2020-2024 Research Team Lead and Program Evaluation for Center for Girls Education in Northern Nigeria

2021-2023 Youth mentor ("Big") at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma

- 2020 Effi Barry Training Institute service provider training module development “Holistically Supporting LGBTQ2S+ Young People: Care Guidance for Understanding Experiences of Homelessness and Mental Health Challenges”
- 2019 Invited panelist for The Justice Collaborative webinar “Juvenile Justice and Homelessness: The Role of Poverty in Youth Incarceration”
- 2019 Presentation for Homeless Alliance Lunch and Learn service providers “The Continuum of Gender and Sexual Diversity,” Oklahoma City, OK
- 2018-present Volunteer, Turning Point Therapy Horse Ranch, Stillwater, OK
- 2018-present Volunteer, Youth Services Tulsa (YST), Tulsa, OK
- 2017-2018 Member, South Texas Equality Project (STEP), McAllen, TX
- 2015-2016 Volunteer, Street Outreach worker for at-risk youth agency, Lincoln, NE