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EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D. Anticipated, University of Iowa, Department of Sociology
2019 M.A., University of Iowa, Department of Sociology
2012 B.A., Warren Wilson College, Sociology & Anthropology

CERTIFICATIONS

2021 Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa
2025 Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, University of Iowa

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Masculinities, Femininities and Femme Theory, Gender, Sexualities, Transgender Studies,
Qualitative Research Methods, Media and Popular Culture, Drug Use and Harm Reduction

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019 University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate Research Grant (\$550)
2022 University of Iowa Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship (\$10,700)
2024 University of Iowa Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,700)

NON-REFERRED PUBLICATIONS

2019 “Micro-Level Gender Inequality: A Transgender Man’s Perspective.” Pp. 161-165 in *Gender Inequality: A Reference Handbook*, by David Newton. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 James F. Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference, University of Iowa
““*Stereotypical gay guys are feminine, stereotypical trans guys are masculine*”: *Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Transgender Men and Masculinity*”

2019 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Regular Session
““*Stereotypical gay guys are feminine, stereotypical trans guys are masculine*”: *Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Transgender Men and Masculinity*”

2020 Summer PPE: A Productive Presentation Environment Virtual Conference Series, University of Iowa
“*Not as dangerous as I could be*”: *Discursive & Behavioral Strategies of Transgender Men & Transmasculine Individuals Constructing Masculine Identity*

2021 “Fitting in & Sticking Out: Queer (In)visibilities & the Perils of Inclusion,”
University of North Carolina Asheville Queer Studies Conference, co-sponsored by Davidson College

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- 2021 *"Masculinity is a loaded gun": Gay, Bisexual, & Queer Transgender Men Navigating Hegemonic Masculinities*
- 2021 "Fitting in & Sticking Out: Queer (In)visibilities & the Perils of Inclusion," University of North Carolina Asheville Queer Studies Conference, co-sponsored by Davidson College
- 2021 *"Politics of Disclosure: Grappling with Queer and Trans Identities in Research & the Classroom," panel discussion with Kathryn Rittenhour, Hannah Espy, & Carolyn Hoemann*
- 2021 American Men's Studies Association Annual Men & Masculinities Conference, University of Northern Colorado
- 2022 *"Masculinity is a loaded gun": Gay, Bisexual, & Queer Transgender Men Navigating Hegemonic Masculinities*
- 2022 Sociology and Criminology Department Colloquium, University of Iowa
- 2024 *"I didn't find anything that showed me drag was for me": Cisgender Women in Drag Performance & Fandom" (Invited Presentation)*
- 2024 ASA Annual Meeting, Gender through Social Performance & Relations Session, American Sociological Association
- 2025 *"Boys' (Who Dress Like Girls) Club: Cisgender Women & AFAB Individuals in Drag Queen Performance*
- 2025 James F. Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference, University of Iowa
- 2025 *"Boys' (Who Dress Like Girls) Club: Cisgender Women & AFAB Individuals in Drag Queen Performance (abstract submitted)*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Iowa

Department of Sociology & Criminology

Introduction to Sociology (SOC:1010) Fall 2017, 2019; Summer 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (online)

- Introductory level lecture course
- Taught 3-5 discussion sections (25-35 students ea.)

Gender & Society (SOC:1310), Spring 2018, Fall 2021, 2023; Summer 2022, 2023 (online)

- Introductory-level cross-listed lecture course
- Taught discussion sections (25-30 students ea.) for entire class (80-90 students total)
 - o Teaching practicum in Fall 2021 with Dr. Jennifer Haylett

Contemporary Social Problems (SOC:1030), Spring 2019

- Introductory-level lecture course
- Taught discussion sections (25-30 students ea.) for entire class (86 students total)

Contemporary Social Problems (SOC:1030), Fall 2022; Spring 2023 (online)

- Introductory level seminar course
- Independent course prep, newly qualified as Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Gen. Ed
 - o First-year and transfer student restricted course (30 students total)

Capstone Course in Sociology & Criminology (SOC:4910), Fall 2020

- Upper-level capstone course for graduating seniors
- Coordinated and managed independent study plans for 38 students

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- Transitioned online in September & took over as primary instructor

Honors Seminar (SOC:4997), Spring 2025

- Upper-level seminar course for students to develop research questions and prepare honors thesis proposals
- Advised students preparing qualitative research projects
- Teaching practicum with Dr. Jennifer Haylett

Medical Sociology (SOC:3510), Spring 2021 (online)

- Upper-level lecture course
- Moderated online discussion forums and assignments for 45 students; supplemented lectures with additional instruction

Crime & Public Policy (CRIM:3600), Spring 2020

- Intermediate-level lecture course
- Grading teaching assistant (38 students total)

GUEST LECTURES

“Sociology of Gender,” Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Michael Lovaglia, Fall 2019

“Masculinities,” Gender & Society, Dr. Jennifer Haylett, Fall 2021

“Sexualities,” Gender & Society, Dr. Jennifer Haylett, Fall 2021

“Literature Reviews & Using Zotero,” Honors Seminar, Dr. Jennifer Haylett, Fall 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

“The Sociology of Luck,” Dr. Michael Sauder, University of Iowa, 2019-2020

A qualitative study examining how Americans view the role of luck in their lives, in the lives of others, and the concept of luck overall. My tasks include interviewing, transcription, and preliminary data analysis. I was appointed as an official research assistant in the Fall of 2019 but continued to consult on analysis throughout 2020.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer: *Contemporary Sociology*

Reviewer: *Journal of Lesbian Studies*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (Sociology of Sex and Gender, Sociology of Sexualities sections)

Midwest Sociological Society

American Men’s Studies Association

RESEARCH/COMPUTER SKILLS

MAXQDA (Advanced)

Atlas.Ti (Advanced)

STATA (Intermediate)

Python (Intermediate)

R (Intermediate)