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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2022- 2025 Ph.D., Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Sociology, Family and Social Psychology
Dissertation: Partnered Plurisexual People’s Psychological Well-Being and Relationship
Quality: The Importance of Gender and Sexual Identity Composition.
Committee: Dr. Wendy D. Manning (Chair), Dr. Susan Brown, Dr. Monica Longmore,
Dr. Kei Nomaguchi, and Dr. Julia Halo (Graduate Faculty Representative)
- 2020- 2022 M.A., Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Sociology, Family and Social Psychology
Thesis: Emotional Support Among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Couples During
the COVID-19 Pandemic
Committee: Dr. Wendy D. Manning (Chair), Dr. Monica Longmore, and Dr. Kei
Nomaguchi
- 2016- 2019 B.A., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Major: Sociology; Minors: Legal Studies and Human Services
Summa Cum Laude; Highest Honors, Honors College
Thesis: Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies
Advisor: Dr. Gene Theodori

Research Interests

Family, Health and Well-Being, Mental Health, Parenting, Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals,
LGBTQ+ Community, Social Support, Gender, Plurisexual Identities

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2024 Independent Teaching Instructor of Sociology of the Family (SOC 3610)
Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2023, Invited Guest Lecture on “Gender, Sex, and Sexuality: A Crash Course.”
Fall 2024 Dr. Margaret Weinberger, Introduction to Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2018, Invited Guest Lecture on “Same-Sex Parenting: A Comparison of Media and Reality.”
Spring 2019, Dr. Emily Cabaniss, Gender and Inequality, Sam Houston State University
Fall 2019

Teaching Workshops and Training

- 2021- present Department of Sociology Annual Teaching Workshop Series
Bowling Green State University
Radical Acts of Love: Teaching Sociological Imagination during our Higher
Education Crisis: Dr. Laura Sanchez

- Exploring Ungrading: Dr. Barbara Prince
Effective online and in-person hybrid strategies: Dr. Melinda Messineo
- 2025 Active Learning Certified
“The Active Learning Certificate Program Course is a hybrid course that addresses your professional development needs and promotes pedagogical advancements associated with active learning. Over the course of the program, you will develop knowledge of active learning principles and evidence-based techniques to be applied to your teaching for the purpose of developing inclusive, engaging learning experiences that support student success.”
- 2025 Center for Faculty Excellence Workshops
Navigating AI’s Opportunities and Challenges Responsibly
What is Service Learning?
From Start to Finish: Facilitating an Interactive Conference Session or Workshop
Level Up Your Online & Hybrid Courses with Quality Matters Standards of Best Practice
- 2022 SOC 6600 “Teaching Intro Sociology” Course: Dr. Laura Sanchez
Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Manning, Wendy D., and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. 2025. “Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Couple Parents: A Decade of Change.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. doi: [10.1111/jomf.13065](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.13065).
- Manning, Wendy D., Claire M. Kamp Dush, and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. 2025. “Healthcare Discrimination During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals.” *American Journal of Public Health* 115(3): 425-433. doi: [10.2105/AJPH.2024.307926](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2024.307926).
- Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. “Family Planning and Concerns of Unfair Treatment of (Potential) Children Among Partnered Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals.” *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 21(1): 83-99. doi: [10.1080/27703371.2024.2369114](https://doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2024.2369114).
- Stewart, Susan D., Wendy D. Manning, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. “Sexual and Gender Identities and Alcohol Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *PLoS One* 19(9): e0308935. doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0308925](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0308925).
- Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. “Emotional Support and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identities.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. doi: [10.1177/23780231241247999](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241247999).
- Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2023. “Emotional Support among Partnered Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Individuals during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Social Science Research* 114:102910. doi: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102910](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102910).

Other Published Research

- Gustafson, Kristen E.**, and Wendy D. Manning. 2024. “Large Datasets in LGBTQ Research, Use of.” In A. E. Goldberg (Eds.), *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies* (2nd ed.). SAGE Publications. doi: [10.4135/9781071891414](https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071891414).

Nomaguchi, Kei, Melissa A. Milkie, Amira Allen, and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. 2021. "Racial/Ethnic Variation in Residential Fathers Time in Childcare and Co-Presence with Children." *SocArXiv*. doi: [10.31235/osf.io/xmgfu](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/xmgfu).

Research in Progress

Gustafson, Kristen E., Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Relationship Quality and Sexual and Gender Identity Composition of Couples." Preparing for submission to *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Gustafson, Kristen E., Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Psychological Well-Being and Sexual Identity Composition: A Dyadic-Level Analysis." In Progress.

Gustafson, Kristen E., Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Psychological Well-Being and Relationship Quality: An Examination of Sexual and Gender Identity Composition of Couples." In Progress.

Gustafson, Kristen E., Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Pandemic Era Changes in Depressive Symptoms by Sexual Identity." Preparing for submission.

Gustafson, Kristen E., Gabrielle Juteau*, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Fertility Intentions and Desires by Sexual Identity." Preparing for submission to *Population Studies*.

*Graduate Student Co-Author

Manning, Wendy D., **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Relationship Instability: A Focus on Sexual Identity." In Progress.

Manning, Wendy D., **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Discrimination and Depression: A Couple-Level Perspective." In Progress.

Employment

Graduate Assistant for Dr. Wendy D. Manning, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Summer 2021- present on NICHD funded grant projects

Responsibilities include analyzing data, contributing to papers for conferences and publication, reviewing literature, contributing to grant applications, and assisting on development of longitudinal questionnaire.

Graduate Assistant for Dr. Kei Nomaguchi, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Fall 2020-Summer 2021

Responsibilities included collecting race and parenting research and teaching assistant duties (grading papers and assignments) for Sociology of the Family (SOC 3610).

Research and Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Fall 2017- Fall 2019

Analyzed academic literature in a code-a-thon; Assisted in editing a book for republishing; Assessed an SPSS file and cleaned the data sheet; Led classes when needed.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Emily Cabaniss, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Fall 2019

Graded weekly reflection papers for a Gender and Inequality Course; Led a class discussion on same-gender parenting.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Relationship Quality and Mental Health Among Partnered Plurisexual People: An Examination of Sexual and Gender Identity Homophily.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire M. Kamp Dush.
 Presented at 2025 Population Association of American Meeting in Washington D.C.
- 2024 “Relationship Quality Among Partnered Plurisexual People: A Sexual Identity as Relational Perspective.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2024 Population Association of America Meeting in Columbus, OH.
 Presented at 2024 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Bowling Green, OH.
- 2023 “Sexual Identity Centrality and Health Across Age Cohorts.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, Monica A. Longmore, and Claire Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2023 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- 2023 “Family Planning and Concerns of Unfair Treatment of (Potential) Children Among Partnered Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2023 IAPHS Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
 Presented at 2024 Social, Behavioral, and Economic COVID Coordinating Center (SBE CCC) Consortium in Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2023 “Couples’ Fertility Plans in an Era of Uncertainty”
 Wendy D. Manning, Karen B. Guzzo, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, Claire Kamp Dush, and Alexandra VanBergen
 Presented at 2023 American Sociological Association Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “Using Alcohol to Cope with the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identity.”
 Susan D. Stewart, Wendy D. Manning, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2023 Population Association of America Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 “Social Support and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identity.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2022 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Bowling Green, OH.
 Presented at 2023 Population Association of America Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 “Social Support for Sexual Minority Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush
 Presented at 2022 Population Association of America Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
 Accepted to 2021 Southern Demographic Association Meeting, but meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.
 Presented at 2021 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Columbus, OH.
- 2020 “Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies.”
Kristen E. Gustafson and Gene L. Theodori
 Presented at 2020 Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA) Meeting in Louisville, KY
 Received the Outstanding Professional Paper Award at 2020 SRSA Meeting.

Presented at 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX

2018 “Gay Parenting: An Exploratory Study.”

Kristen E. Gustafson and TzeLi Hsu

Presented at 2018 Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, LA

Service

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| 2020- present | Member, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) |
| 2021- 2024 | Mentor, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Mentorship Program |
| 2023 | Session Chair, “Policy and Social Supports” at 2023 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Columbus, OH |
| 2022- 2024 | Historian, BGSU SGSA |
| 2025- present | Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate Course (SQL, R, Tableau, Excel) |
| 2025- present | Complete 2025 Python Bootcamp: Learn Python from Scratch Course via Udemy |
| 2025- present | Certified Human Rights Consultant U.S. Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights |
| 2022- present | Certified in Mental Health First Aid USA National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) |
| 2021-2022 | Graduate Faculty Representative (SGSA) |
| 2016-2019 | Member, SHSU American Sign Language Association 2017-2018 Vice President 2018-2019 President |
| 2019 | Ambassador, SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Ambassador Program |
| 2017-2019 | Sexual Assault and Abuse Free Environment (SAAFE) House Volunteer, Huntsville, TX |

Awards and Honors

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| 2023 | BGSU Graduate College Distinguished Thesis Award |
| 2020- present | Recipient of GA Stipend and Full Tuition Scholarship |
| 2020 | Outstanding Professional Paper Award (2020 SRSA Conference in Louisville, KY) |
| 2019 | Recipient of Augusta Lawrence Scholarship- The Augusta Lawrence Scholarship is a scholarship selected by the Honors College recognizing top Honors students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement. |
| 2018 | Raven Scholar- Only awarded to 100 students per year, the Raven Scholar award recognizes academic success as well as integrated campus-life service and leadership skills. |

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, Population Association of America, and Southern Sociological Society

Communication Skills

Language Skills: American Sign Language (full professional proficiency)

Professional References

Dr. Wendy D. Manning
Dr. Howard E. and Penny Daum Aldrich Distinguished Professor
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