

Kristen E. Gustafson

PhD Student, Sociology
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2022- present Ph.D. (expected Spring 2025), Bowling Green State University
Sociology, Family and Social Psychology

2020- 2022 M.A., Bowling Green State University
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
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, Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals, LGBTQ+ Community, Same-Gender Parenting, Mental Health, Social Support, Gender

Research and Employment

Graduate Assistant for Dr. Wendy D. Manning, Bowling Green State University
Summer 2021- present
Responsibilities include collecting literature, conducting preliminary analyses, assisting in reference work

Graduate Assistant for Dr. Kei Nomaguchi, Bowling Green State University
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 3160)

Research and Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University
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
Fall 2019
Graded weekly reflection papers for a Gender and Inequality Course; Led a class discussion on gay parenting

Conference Presentations

- 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.
- 2021 “Social Support for Sexual Minority Families Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
Kristen E. Gustafson, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush
Accepted to 2021 Southern Demographic Association Meeting, but meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies.”
Kristen E. Gustafson and Gene L. Theodori
Presented at 2020 Southern Rural Sociological Association Meeting in Louisville, KY
Received the Outstanding Professional Paper Award
- 2019 “Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies.”
Kristen E. Gustafson and Gene L. Theodori
Presented at 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sam Houston State University
- 2018 “Gay Parenting: An Exploratory Study.”
Kristen E. Gustafson and TzeLi Hsu
Presented at 2018 Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, LA

Service

- 2020- present Member, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA)
- 2021- present Mentor, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Mentorship Program
- 2022- present Historian, BGSU SGSA
- 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

- 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.

Communication and Analysis Skills

Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel

SPSS 25; Stata

Language Skills: American Sign Language