

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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University of Illinois at Chicago  
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### EDUCATION

- In Progress     Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Dissertation: Bisexuality in the post gay marriage era  
Committee: Lorena Garcia (chair), Claire Decoteau, Laurie Schaffner, Kristen Schilt, J.E. Sumerau
- 2015             Master of Arts, Sociology  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Thesis: Repairing cracked gender frames: Gender panics, individualism, and the politics of “holding it”
- 2012             Bachelor of Arts, Sociology  
Florida State University  
Thesis: “This isn’t just another gay group”: Identity work among parents and allies in a mixed-sexuality LGBT advocacy group

### TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequalities	Sociological Theory	Symbolic Interactionism
Intersectionality	Gender	Sexualities
LGBTQ Organizations	Transgender Studies	Religion & Nonreligion
Allies	Medical Sociology	Bisexualities

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

##### *Published:*

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A. B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2018. “Incorporating Transgender Experience Toward a More Inclusive Gender Lens in the Sociology of Religion.” *Sociology of Religion* DOI: 10.1093/socrel/sry001.

Mathers, Lain A. B., J.E. Sumerau, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2018. "The Limits of Homonormativity: Constructions of Bisexual and Transgender People in the Post-gay Era." *Sociological Perspectives* DOI: 10.1177/0731121417753370.

Mathers, Lain A.B. 2017. "Bathrooms, Boundaries, and Emotional Burdens: Cisgendering Interactions Through the Interpretation of Transgender Experience." *Symbolic Interaction* 40(3): 295-316.

Mathers, Lain A.B. 2017. "Expanding on the Experiences of Transgender Nonreligious People: An Exploratory Analysis." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(3): 1-10.

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. "Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality." *Social Currents* 3(3): 293-311.

*\*Winner of the 2016 Distinguished Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Religion.*

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, and Lain A. B. Mathers. 2016. "'I Found God in the Glory Hole:' The Moral Career of a Gay Christian." *Sociological Inquiry* 86(4): 618-640.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A. B. Mathers, Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "Helping Quantitative Sociology out of the Closet." *Sexualities* 20(5-6): 644-656.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C. H., J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A. B. Mathers. 2016. "Building a Bright Future for Diabetes Care and Management by Writing Where It Hurts." *PLAID: People Living with And Inspired by Diabetes* 2(1): 64-67.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'Can't put my finger on it': On the non-existence and meaninglessness of sin." *The Qualitative Report* 21(6): 1132-1144.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C. H., J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A. B. Mathers. 2016. "None of the Above: Strategies for Inclusive Teaching with 'Nationally Representative' Data". *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 96-105.

Mathers, Lain A.B., J. Edward Sumerau, and Koji Ueno. 2015. "'This Isn't Just Another Gay Group': Privileging Heterosexuality in a Mixed-sexuality LGBTQ Advocacy Group." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* DOI: 10.1177/0891241615578905.

### **Book Chapters**

Mathers, Lain A.B. Invited. "Sibling Relationships and the Bi+ Coming Out Process." In *Expanding Relationships in the Rainbow: Bi+, Poly, Trans, Intersex, and Kink Relationships*, edited by Brandy Simula, Andrea Miller, and J.E. Sumerau. Boston, Massachusetts: Sense Publishers.

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2017. "Navigating Genderqueer Existence Within and Beyond the Academy." Pp. 125-134 in *Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of Conducting Deeply Personal Research in Health*, edited by A.C.H. Nowakowski and J.E. Sumerau. New York: Routledge.

### **Other Publications**

#### ***Blog Posts:***

Mathers, Lain. 2016. "The Anxiety Inscriptions." Published online March 23, 2016. <http://www.writewhereithurts.net/the-anxiety-inscriptions/>.

Mathers, Lain. 2015. "What "Team"? Some thoughts on navigating monosexism." Published online July 16, 2015 <http://www.writewhereithurts.net/what-team-some-thoughts-on-navigating-monosexism/>.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2017.

University of Illinois at Chicago Honors College – Graduate College Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring Award, \$750, 2017.

The Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award presented by University of Illinois Campus Housing, 2017.

Distinguished Article Award for "Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality" (with J.E. Sumerau and Ryan T. Cragun) American Sociological Association Section on Religion, 2016.

University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Sociology David P. Street Outstanding Master's Paper Award, \$500, 2016.

Nominated for the Southern Sociological Society Odum Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, 2013.

Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, Member, Florida State University, 2009-2012.

### **GRANTS**

University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Student Council Travel Award \$275, 2017.

University of Illinois Department of Gender and Women's Studies Kegan Travel Award \$250, 2015-2016.

University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Sociology Travel Grant \$250, 2016, 2017.

Fichter Grant from the Association for the Sociology of Religion for *The Transgender Religious Survey* (with J.E. Sumerau & Ryan T. Cragun) \$3,000, 2015.

University of Illinois Chicago at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Travel Award \$500, 2015.

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2018. "Nonbinary Sexualities and Avenues for Social Change in the Social Sciences and Beyond." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA.

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2018. "Generic Processes in the Reproduction of Monosexist Inequality: How Bi+ People Relate to LGBT Communities." The Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA.

Hensley, Todd, Peter Scheu, Lain A. B. Mathers, and Josh Grossman. 2018. "Gender Accommodation in the Performing Arts Facility Planning." United States Institute for Theater Technology Annual Meetings, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

*\*Invited Panelist*

Jones, Angela, Eric Anthony Grollman, Angie Pamela Mejia, and Lain A. B. Mathers. 2017. "Beyond the Ivory Tower: Combining Social Theory with Politics and Service." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC.

*\*Invited Panelist*

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2017. "Navigating Genderqueer Existence Within and Beyond the Academy." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montréal, QC

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A. B. Mathers and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. "The Pope Compared Transgender People to Nuclear Weapons": Exploring Transgender Religious Experience in Contemporary American Society. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montréal, QC.

Lain A.B. Mathers, J.E. Sumerau and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "Transgender Religious People's Experiences with Cisgender Religious People." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryan T. Cragun, J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. "What does the transgender (non)religious population look like in demographic terms?" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Henke, Jacqueline, Eric Anthony Grollman, Lain A. B. Mathers, Brittney Dennis, Gulcin Con, Elle Rochford. 2016. "All My Friends are Stressed: Mental Health, Social Support, and Self-

Care in Graduate School.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

*\*Invited Panelist*

Mathers, Lain A. B., J. E. Sumerau, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. “Transgender Religious People’s Experience with Cisgender Religious People.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2016. “Cisgendering Interactions through the Interpretation of Transgender Experience.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Scheu, Peter, Todd Hensley, and Lain Mathers. 2016. “Gender Accommodation in Performing Arts Facility Planning.” North American Theatre Engineering and Architecture Conference, New York, New York.

*\*Invited Panelist*

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. ““I found God in the glory hole”: The Moral Career of a Gay Christian.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, Kristy Money, Brent D. Beal, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2015. ““As Revealed by His Prophets”: Justifying religious inequality in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.

Mathers, A.A.B. 2015. “We call it the trans\* bladder: Public restrooms and the politics of holding it.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Long Beach, California.

Mathers, A.A.B. 2015. “Cisnormativity, public restrooms, and the politics of holding it.” Engendering Change Annual Symposium, Chicago, Illinois.

Sumerau, J.E. and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2015. “Reflexive reciprocity: Ethnographic education as a collaborative conversation.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Couch Stone Symposium, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Klein, Jesse, Haley Cutler and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2014. “In the academy and the community: Collaborative research on gendered constructions through community participation.” Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Meetings, Nashville, Tennessee.

*\*Invited Panelist*

Mathers, Lain and J. Edward Sumerau. 2013. “The social construction of interpersonal and community narratives in a southeastern LGBTQ organization.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, New York, New York.

Mathers, Lain. 2012. “This isn’t just another gay group”: Identity work among parents and allies in Allied Pride.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans,

Louisiana.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Teaching Assistantships, University of Illinois Chicago, 2012 - 2015:*

Sociology of Health and Medicine  
Introduction to Sociology  
Gender and Society

Marriage and Family  
Human Sexuality

*Instructor, University of Illinois Chicago, 2016-Present:*

Introduction to Sociology    Gender and Society    Social Problems  
Human Sexuality

*Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University 2016*

Men and Masculinities

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Invited Session Organizer, “Trans and Non-Binary Sexualities” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

Member of Sociologists for Transgender Justice Committee on Promoting Trans and Intersex Inclusion at Sociology Conferences, 2017-present

Member of Sociologists for Transgender Justice Committee to Address and Eliminate Transphobia and Cissexism in Sociology, 2017.

Presided for a Special Session at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2016: “Intersecting Identities” (Co-Sponsored with Association for the Sociology of Religion), Seattle, Washington.

Assistant Editor for the blog Write Where It Hurts, 2015-present.

Occasional manuscript referee for *Sociology Compass*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Gender & Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, and *International Journal of Communication*.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*University of Illinois at Chicago (2012 – Present)*

Panelist, *How to Successfully Approach Preliminary Exams in Sociology at UIC* 2017  
GAP Advocates at UIC (Gender Affirming Procedure Advocates) – Student Advocate,

2016

Co-Organizer, Engendering Change Conference, 2016

Graduate representative, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology 2015 – 2016

Panelist, *Graduate Student Life at UIC* 2014, 2015, & 2016

Recruitment day planning, Department of Sociology 2013

Engendering Change Publicity Committee 2012-2013.

*Florida State University (2009 – 2012)*

Chapter member, Sociologists for Women in Society FSU Chapter 2009 – 2012

Peer Tutor, Academic Center of Excellence 2010

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Sections: Sexualities; Sex & Gender; Teaching and Learning; Human Rights

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Southern Sociological Society