

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- In Progress Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology
University of Illinois Chicago
Dissertation: Interpretations of 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 Chicago
Thesis: Repairing cracked gender frames: Gender panics, individualism, and the politics of “holding it”
Committee: Barbara Risman, Lorena Garcia
- 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
Committee: Koji Ueno, Douglas Schrock, Petra Doan

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

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Qualitative Methods

Feminist & Queer Theory

LGBTQ Organizations

Allies

Symbolic Interactionism

Gender

Transgender Studies

Critical Pedagogy

Intersectionality

Sexualities

Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles:

Mathers, Lain A.B. 2017. "Bathrooms, Boundaries, and Emotional Burdens: Cisgendering Interactions Through the Interpretation of Transgender Experience." *Symbolic Interaction* DOI: 10.1002/symb.295.

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

Sumerau, J.E., Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Lain A. B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "Helping Quantitative Sociology out of the Closet." In *Sexualities*.

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.

Other Publications:

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/>.

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

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mathers, Lain A. B. 2017. “Navigating Genderqueer Existence Within and Beyond the Academy”. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montreal, 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, Motreal, 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.

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.

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 Alaina 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.

Mathers, Alaina 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, Alaina. 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

Marriage and Family
Human Sexuality

Gender and Society

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Illinois Chicago (2012 – Present)

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

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Southern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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.

Occasional manuscript referee for *International Journal of Communication, The
Sociological Quarterly*

REFERENCES

Available upon request