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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2008
M.A. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2003
B.A. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2000

POSITIONS HELD

Graduate Coordinator, Wichita State University, 2015 – Present
Associate Professor, Wichita State University, 2014 – Present
Assistant Professor, Wichita State University, 2008 - 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Wilkinson, Lindsey, Dara Shifrer, and Jennifer Pearson. Forthcoming. "Educational Outcomes of Gender Diverse Students: A National Population-Based Study." *Gender & Society*.

Erickson, Jacob and Jennifer Pearson. Forthcoming. "Excluding Whom? An Examination of Race, Gender, and Suspension." *Education and Urban Society*.

Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, Jamie Wooley-Snider. 2020. "State-Level Policy, School Victimization, and Suicide Risk among Sexual Minority Youth." *Advances in Medical Sociology*. Volume on Sexual and Gender Minority Health.

Liu, Hui, I-Chien Chen, Lindsey Wilkinson, Jennifer Pearson, and Yan Zhang. 2019. "Sexual Orientation and Diabetes During the Transition to Adulthood." *LGBT Health*, 6:227-34.

Pearson, Jennifer. 2018. "High School Context, Heterosexual Scripts, and Young Women's Sexual Development." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 47: 1469-85.

Wilkinson, Lindsey, Jennifer Pearson, and Hui Liu. 2018. "Educational Attainment of Transgender Adults: Does the Timing of Transgender Identity Milestones Matter?" *Social Science Research* 74:146-60.

Pearson, Jennifer, Lisa Thrane and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2017. "Consequences of Runaway and Throwaway Experiences for Sexual Minority Health during the Transition to Adulthood." *Journal of LGBT Youth* 14: 145-171.

- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2017. "Same-Sex Sexuality and Educational Attainment during the Transition to Adulthood." *Journal of Homosexuality* 64: 538-576.
- Wilkinson, Lindsey and Jennifer Pearson. 2015. "Same-Sex Sexuality and Post-Secondary Outcomes: The Role of High School Locale." *Sociological Perspectives* 58:380-401.
- Shifrer, Dara, Jennifer Pearson, Chandra Muller, and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2015. "College-Going Benefits of High School Sports Participation: Race and Gender Differences over Three Decades." *Youth & Society* 47:295-318.
- Wilkinson, Lindsey and Jennifer Pearson. 2013. "High School Religious Context and Reports of Same-Sex Attraction and Sexual Identity in Young Adulthood" *Social Psychology Quarterly* 76: 180-202.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2013. "Family Relationships and Adolescent Well-being: Are Families Equally Protective for Same-Sex Attracted Youth?" *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 42: 376-393.
- Mueller, Anna Strassman, Jennifer Pearson, Chandra Muller, Kenneth Frank, and Alyn Turner. 2010. "Sizing Up Peers: Adolescent Girls' Weight Control and Social Comparison in the School Context." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51: 64-78.
- Pearson, Jennifer, Sarah R. Crissey, and Catherine Riegle-Crumb. 2009. "Gendered Fields: Sports and Advanced Course-Taking in High School." *Sex Roles* 61: 519-35.
- Wilkinson, Lindsey and Jennifer Pearson. 2009. "School Culture and the Well Being of Same-Sex Attracted Youth." *Gender & Society* 23: 542-68.
- Frank, Kenneth A., Chandra Muller, Kathryn Schiller, Catherine Riegle-Crumb, Anna Strassman Mueller, Robert Crosnoe, and Jennifer Pearson. 2008. "The Social Dynamics of Mathematics Coursetaking in High School." *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1645-96.
- Pearson, Jennifer, Chandra Muller, and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2007. "Adolescent Same-Sex Attraction and Academic Outcomes: The Role of School Attachment and Engagement." *Social Problems* 54:523-542.
- Barrett, Jennifer, Jennifer Pearson, Chandra Muller, and Kenneth A. Frank. 2007. "Adolescent Religiosity and School Contexts." *Social Science Quarterly* 88: 1024-1037.
- Pearson, Jennifer. 2006. "Personal Control, Self-Efficacy in Sexual Negotiation, and Contraceptive Risk among Adolescents: The Role of Gender." *Sex Roles* 54: 615-625.
- Pearson, Jennifer, Chandra Muller, and Michelle Frisco. 2006. "Parental Involvement, Family Structure and Adolescent Sexual Decision Making." *Sociological Perspectives* 49: 67-90.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2018. "School Experiences and Educational Opportunities for LGBTQ Students." In *Handbook of the Sociology of Education in the 21st Century*, edited by Barbara Schneider. Springer.
- Wimberly, George L., Lindsey Wilkinson and Jennifer Pearson. 2015. "LGBTQ Student Achievement and Educational Attainment." in *LGBTQ Issues in Education: Advancing a Research Agenda*, edited by George L. Wimberly. Washington, DC: American Educational Research Association.

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2013. "Adolescent Sexual Experiences." in *International Handbook on the Demography of Sexuality*, edited by Amanda K. Baumle. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.

Pearson, Jennifer and Catherine Riegle-Crumb. 2006. "Gender and Education." In *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

Other Publications

Pearson, Jennifer. 2017. *WSU Climate Study: Similarities and Differences in Experiences and Perceptions of the Campus Climate by Race and Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Religion*. Wichita State University.

Muller, Chandra, Jennifer Pearson, Catherine Riegle-Crumb, Jennifer Harris Requejo, Kenneth A. Frank, Kathryn S. Schiller, R. Kelly Raley, Amy G. Langenkamp, Sarah Crissey, Anna Strassmann Mueller, Rebecca Callahan, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Samuel Field. 2007. *National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health: Wave III Education Data*. Chapel Hill: Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Hui Liu. "Correlates of Suicide Risk among Binary and Non-Binary Transgender Young Adults." Under Review.

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2020. "School Supports, Community Context, and the Educational Experiences of LGBTQ Youth." In preparation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2020. "School Supports, Community Context, and the Educational Experiences of LGBTQ Youth." Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Jamie Lyn Wooley. 2019. "State-Level Policy, School Victimization, and Suicide Risk among Sexual Minority Youth." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City.

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2019. "State-Level Variation in LGBQ Student Experiences of Bullying and Harassment: Findings from the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.

Pearson, Jennifer. 2019. "Increasing Knowledge and Awareness of Queer Issues in the Classroom and Beyond." Presentation as part of the Queer in the Classroom panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society Chicago, IL.

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2018. "Statewide LGBTQ Equality and the School Experiences of Sexual Minority Youth." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Hui Liu. 2018. "Transgender Identity Development and Attempted Suicide: A Life Course Perspective." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.

- Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Hui Liu. 2017. "Timing of Transgender Identity Milestones and Attempted Suicide." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec.
- Pearson, Jennifer. 2017. "High School Context, Heterosexual Scripts, and Young Women's Sexual Development." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- Erickson, Jacob and Jennifer Pearson. 2017. "Excluding Whom? An Examination of Race, Gender, and Suspension." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- Wilkinson, Lindsey, Jennifer Pearson, and Hui Liu. 2016. "Educational Attainment of Transgender Adults: Does the Timing of Transgender Identity Development Matter?" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lisa Thrane. 2016. "Impact of Running Away on Young Adult Health." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Michael Gottfried. 2015. "Advanced Math and Science Course-taking among Sexual Minority High School Students." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bey, Alissa and Jennifer Pearson. 2015. "Religiosity and Sexual Shame among Young Women." Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO.
- Pearson, Jennifer, Lindsey Wilkinson, and Lisa Thrane. 2014. "Sexual Orientation, Runaway and Throwaway Experiences, and Health during the Transition to Adulthood." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2013. "Sexual Orientation and Health during the Transition to Adulthood." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Pearson, Jennifer. 2012. "Positive Sexual Development among Young Women: The Role of Adolescent Sexual Attitudes and Experiences." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2012. "Integrating Research on Adolescent Sexual Development and Sexual Minority Youth." Invited presentation at Crossing Boundaries: Workshopping Sexualities, American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities, Denver, CO.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2011. "Same-Sex Sexuality and Educational Attainment during the Transition to Adulthood." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Pearson, Jennifer. 2011. "Same-Sex Sexuality and Educational Attainment: Possible Long Term Effects of Bullying in High Schools." Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV.
- Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2010. "The Family Relationships of Sexual Minority Youth: Sources of Stress and Support." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Wilkinson, Lindsey and Jennifer Pearson. 2010. "The Impact of School Religiosity on Young Women's Same-Sex Attraction and Well-Being in Adulthood." Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO.

Pearson, Jennifer and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2007. "School Climate and the Well Being of Sexual Minority Youth." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.

Pearson, Jennifer, Chandra Muller, and Lindsey Wilkinson. 2005. "Adolescent Sexual Orientation and Academic Success: The Role of School Attachment and Engagement." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Pearson, Jennifer. 2003. "Personal Control, Sexual Self-Efficacy and Contraceptive Risk among Adolescents: The Role of Gender." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Pearson, Jennifer, Michelle Frisco, and Chandra Muller. 2002. "Adolescent Sexual Decision Making: Parental Involvement, Family Structure and Academic Achievement." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Award for Research/Creative Projects in Summer, Wichita State University, 2019. \$3,999.

Faculty Sabbatical Leave, Wichita State University, Fall 2017.

Harvey Milk Award inaugural recipient, Wichita State University, Spring 2017.

Tilford Diversity Fellowship, Wichita State University, 2015. \$4,000.

Award for Research/Creative Projects in Summer, Wichita State University, 2014. \$4,000.

American Educational Research Association Research Grant (with Lindsey Wilkinson), 2010. \$35,000.

Award for Research/Creative Projects in Summer, Wichita State University, 2009. \$3,000.

Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (with Lindsey Wilkinson), American Sociological Association, 2009. \$6,500.

Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2007. \$6,000.

COURSES TAUGHT

SOC 111: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 306: Introduction to Gender Studies

SOC 312: Introduction to Social Research

SOC 319: Sociology of Sexualities

SOC 328: Sociology of Education

SOC 528: Schools & Society (online)

SOC 811: Advanced Research: Quantitative Methods

SOC 860: Graduate Proseminar

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ongoing Graduate Coordinator, Sociology Department, Wichita State University, 2015-present.

Co-Chair and Co-Founder, LGBTQ+ Task Force, Midwest Sociological Society, 2018-present.

Research Coordinator, GLSEN Kansas, 2017-present.

Faculty Advisor, Spectrum: LGBTQ & Allies (formerly *That Gay Group!*) Registered Student Organization, 2009-present.

Co-Faculty Advisor, SOC Club Registered Student Organization, 2012-present.

Co-Organizer, Gender & Sexuality Conference, Wichita State University, 2013-present.

Co-Organizer, Sociology Symposium, Wichita State University, 2013-present.

Member, LGBTQ Task Force, Wichita State University, 2016-present.

Co-Investigator, LGBTQ Campus Climate Study, Wichita State University, 2014-present.

Guest Speaker, "Gender and Sexuality: A Focus on Social Context," Seminar for Psychology Ph.D. Interns, Wichita State University, 2011-present.

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Gender & Society*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Journal of Homosexuality*; *Journal of Marriage & Family*; *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*; *Psychology & Sexuality*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Sex Roles*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Sociology of Education*; 2003-present.

2020 Kansas State Director, Midwest Sociological Society, 2017-2020.

2019 Deputy Editor, *Sociological Perspectives*, 2015-2019.

Member, Committee on Advancing Trans/Non-binary Sociologists, Sociologists for Transgender Justice, American Sociological Association, 2016-2019.

2017 Member, Campus Climate Survey Task Force, Wichita State University, 2016-2017.

2014 Session Organizer, Sociology of Education Roundtables, American Sociological Association.

Guest Speaker, "Educational Experiences of Transgender Students," TransKansas Conference, Wichita, KS.

Member, College Council, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-2014.

2012 Selected Participant, "Reboot Camp" (workshop on online teaching), Wichita State University, May 2012.

Workgroup Participant, "Demographics of Sexualities/Quantitative Approaches," ASA Section on Sexualities, Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities, August 2012.

2011 Invited Mentor, AERA Faculty Institute for the Teaching of Statistics, Stanford University, CA.

Presider, Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association roundtable, "Sociology of Education: Schools and Social Context"

Member, Stevenson Award (Best Graduate Student Paper) Committee, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association.

Guest Speaker, "Gender and Sexuality 101," Resident Advisor Training, Wichita State University.

Organizer, Sociology Brown Bag Series, 2009-2011.

2010 Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation.

2009 Presider, Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association roundtable, "Sociology of Education: Sexism and Sexuality."

2007 Selected Participant, Williams Institute Empirical Research Training, University of California at Los Angeles, CA.

Member, Gender and Sexuality Center Advisory Board and Working Group, The University of Texas at Austin, 2006-2007.

Sexual Assault Hospital Advocate, SafePlace, Austin, 2006-2007.