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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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2022            Assistant Professor  
                 Department of Sociology  
                 Wichita State University

## EDUCATION

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2022            Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University  
                 Dissertation Title: Transnationalizing Gender, Medicine, and Standardization:  
                 Gender-Affirming Healthcare in Thailand and the United States  
                 Committee: Steven Epstein (Chair), Claudio Benzecry, Héctor Carrillo  
                 *Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies; Teaching Certificate*

2018            M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University  
                 Thesis: “Being You is Not Sick”: (De)medicalization of Thai *Kathoey* Identity

2012            B.A., Sociology/Anthropology and English, St. Olaf College  
                 *Summa cum laude; Distinction in Sociology/Anthropology*

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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Medical Sociology	Global and Transnational Sociology
Gender and Sexuality Studies	Southeast Asian Studies (Thailand)
Qualitative Methods	Transnational and Postcolonial Feminism

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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2021            **Lynne, Alyssa** and Jillana B. Enteen. “Thai Trans Women’s Agency and the Destigmatisation of HIV-Related Care.” *Culture, Health & Sexuality*. (Online First)

2021            **Lynne, Alyssa**. “Paired Double Consciousness: A Du Boisian Approach to Gender and Transnational Double Consciousness in Thai *Kathoey* Self-Formation.” *Social Problems* (68)2: 250–266.

- *Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper at 2019 Northern Illinois University Asian Studies Conference*
- *Honorable Mention for 2021 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Professional Paper in the Department of Sociology, Northwestern University*

2012            Effiom, Juan-Ita, Dominick Fields, **Alyssa Lynne** and Phoua Xiong.\* “Attitudes Toward Work Flexibility Across Generations.” *Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research* 2(1): 148–164.

\*All authors contributed equally to this article and are listed alphabetically.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2020 – 2021 Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Dissertation Fellowship (\$33,000)
- 2018 – 2022 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (\$114,000)
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, UW-Madison (\$2500)
- 2016 Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Gender and Sexuality Studies (\$2500)

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

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- 2021 Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published Paper by a Graduate Student, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University, Honorable Mention
- 2021 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award from ASA Section on Sexualities, Honorable Mention
- 2021 SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750)
- 2020 Graduate School Graduate Research Grant (\$3000)
- 2020 Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$4900)
- 2020 SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750)
- 2019 Best Graduate Student Paper, Northern Illinois University Southeast Asian Studies Conference, Honorable Mention
- 2019 SPAN Summer Research Award (\$2500)
- 2018 Buffett Institute Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$400)
- 2018 Mellon Cluster Interdisciplinary Conference Travel Grant (\$1000)
- 2018 SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750)
- 2018 SPAN Conference Travel Award (\$500)
- 2017 SPAN Summer Research Award (\$1299)
- 2017 Buffett Institute Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$2630)
- 2017 Summer Language Grant (\$2000)
- 2012 Distinction in Sociology/Anthropology
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- 2011 Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2022 “Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy: Expertise, Risk, and Trust in Medicine” Spring Speaker’s Series, University of Texas at Arlington, April 29

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2022 “Creating ‘Global’ Standards for Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Evidence-Based Medicine and Diverse Expertise.” Trans Studies Regular Session at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 5-9
- 2021 “Constructing ‘Global’ Standards in Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Thailand and the U.S.” University of Bordeaux Conference on Contentious Science, Tricky Politics: Experts and Scientists in Controversial Policy Debates, Virtual, October 20-22
- 2021 “Constructing ‘Global’ Standards in Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Thailand and the U.S.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, August 6-10
- 2021 “Constructing ‘Global’ Standards in Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Thailand and the U.S.” Queertopia Conference, Virtual, April 24-25

- 2020 “Medical Sociology and LGBTQ Health: Past, Present, and Future Approaches to Studying Gender and Sexuality.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 11-14 (Presented virtually due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Frame Diffusion and Audience Framing in the *Kathoey* Depathologization Movement.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 10-13
- 2019 “Paired Double Consciousness: Thai *Kathoey* Selfhood.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 17-20
- 2019 “Paired Double Consciousness: A Du Boisian Approach to Gender and Globalization in Thai *Kathoey* Self-Formation.” Northern Illinois University Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, DeKalb, IL, March 30
- 2018 “‘Being You is Not Sick’: (De)Medicalization of *Kathoey* Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 10-14
- 2018 “Negotiation and Medicalization of Transgender Identities at a Thai NGO.” International Sociological Association XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 15-21
- 2018 “‘Being You is Not Sick’: (De)Medicalization of *Kathoey* Identity.” Engendering Change Gender and Sexualities Conference, Chicago, April 14
- 2017 “Translating Transgender: Collective Production and Symbolic Boundaries in Thai *Kathoey* Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 11-15
- 2012 “Legislating Women’s Bodies: Health and the Law.” *Distinction Presentation*, St. Olaf College Wellness Center; Northfield, MN, April 12
- 2012 “Attitudes Toward Work Flexibility Across Generations.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Minneapolis, MN, March 29-April 1
- 2011 “The Arts Economy in Northfield: Future Recommendations.” St. Olaf Collaborative Research and Inquiry (CURI) Conference; Northfield, MN, August 6

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor of Record**

Department of Sociology, *Wichita State University*; Wichita, KS  
 Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2022)  
 Medical Sociology (Fall 2022)

Department of Sociology, *Northwestern University*; Evanston, IL  
 Social Problems (Summer 2022 Virtual Six-Week Session)

International Studies Program, *Northwestern University*; Evanston, IL  
 Integrating Project Seminar: Medicine, Health, and Wellness in Global and Comparative Perspective (Winter 2022; Spring 2022)

### **Invited Guest Lecturer**

Center for Reproductive Science, *Northwestern University*; Chicago, IL

Responsible Conduct of Research (Fall 2019)

Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, *Northwestern University; Evanston, IL*  
Transitions: Medical Tourism & Theorizing Transnational Studies of Sexuality (Fall 2018;  
Winter 2019; Winter 2020; Fall 2020)

### **Teaching Assistant**

Department of Sociology, *Northwestern University; Evanston, IL*  
Sexuality and Society (Spring 2018)  
Environment and Society (Fall 2017)  
Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017, Winter 2018)

### **SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2018     **Research Assistant to Dr. Jillana B. Enteen**, Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies  
and Department of Asian American Studies and Asian Studies; Northwestern University

Developed an updated coding scheme to classify websites related to gender reassignment  
surgery (GRS) and medical tourism in Thailand. Utilized DevonThink Pro software to analyze  
coding patterns.

2011     **Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI) Student Researcher**,  
Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Department of Management Studies, and Department  
of Music; St. Olaf College

Collaborated with a student researcher from the Department of Music to conduct an  
ethnographic study of the arts economy in Northfield, MN under the supervision of  
Management Studies faculty. Collected qualitative data via 40 interviews with leaders and  
community members from other arts and culture destinations in Minnesota. Presented results at  
the Northfield City Council to inform future economic development. ([News Coverage](#))

2010     **Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA) Student Researcher**; Quito,  
Ecuador

Employed interview and archival methods to investigate strategies adopted by LGBTQ rights  
organizations to address discrimination in Quito after the 2008 Constitution. Organized an  
exhibition of media portrayals of LGBTQ people over the past decade for display at the  
Ministry of Culture.

### **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2019 – 2020     Graduate Student Representative to Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

2018 – 2019     Undergraduate Affairs Committee Member, Department of Sociology

2018 – 2019;  
2016 – 2017     Departmental Representative to Graduate Leadership and Advisory Council (GLAC)

2017 – 2018     Mentoring Program Co-Coordinator, Department of Sociology

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2014 – 2016    **MNsure Project Coordinator**, Minnesota AIDS Project (now Rainbow Health)

Planned targeted outreach activities with four grant partners to educate the LGBTQ community and populations disproportionately impacted by HIV about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Minnesota health insurance exchange (MNsure). Trained MNsure insurance navigators from community organizations in LGBTQ cultural competency. Wrote grants to secure funding for insurance navigators, including two \$120,000 grants from MNsure for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 program years.

2012 – 2013    **AmeriCorps VISTA Program Evaluator**, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota

Developed long-term evaluation systems for the Habitat for Humanity State Support Office. Designed surveys to be sent to homeowners, volunteers, and staff to gather data on the impact of Habitat for Humanity's work. Analyzed survey results and crafted reports to be sent to affiliate offices. Collected supplementary qualitative data in interviews with Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association (2016-Present), Buffett Institute for Global Studies (2017-Present), Society for the Social Studies of Science (2018-2019), Midwest Sociological Society (2018-2019), World Professional Association for Transgender Health (2019-Present)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology* and *Qualitative Sociology*

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (native)

Spanish (intermediate proficiency)

Thai (speaking/listening - intermediate proficiency; reading/writing – working proficiency)

## **REFERENCES**

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Professor of Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies

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