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## **EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D.** Sociology. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Expected completion May 2018.

Dissertation Title: "Health in Rural Communities: Variation in Resource Utilization by Sexual Orientation and Gender."

Graduate Specialization in Women's and Gender Studies. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.  
Expected completion May 2018.

**M.A.** Sociology. University of New Orleans. 2013.

Thesis Title: "The Intersecting and Integrating Identities of Rural Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Christians."

**B.A.** Sociology and Philosophy, Minor in Women and Gender Studies. Centenary College of Louisiana. 2011.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Sexuality	Social Psychology	Health Disparities
Gender	Religion	Spatial Inequality

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Swendener, Alexis and **Brandi Woodell**. (Forthcoming) "Predictors of Family Support and Well-being Among Black and Latina/o Sexual Minorities." *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*.

\* Winner of the 2016 Outstanding Student Paper Award by the LGBTQ Research Symposium: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on LGBT Research in the Social Sciences.

\* Winner of the 2016 Karen Dunning Scholarly Paper Award through the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

\* Winner of the 2016 Graduate Student Course Research Paper Award through the Sociology Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kazyak, Emily and **Brandi Woodell**. 2016. "Law and GLBQ-Parent Families." *Sexuality & Culture* 20(3): 749-768.

**Woodell, Brandi**, Emily Kazyak, and D’Lane Compton. 2015. “Reconciling LGB and Christian Identities in the Rural South.” *Social Sciences* 4:859-878 (Special Issue on LGBTQ Lives in Context: The Role of Place).

### **Book Chapters**

**Woodell, Brandi**. 2014. “Negotiating Gay Male Christian Identities in Rural Places.” Pp. 29-42 in *Illuminating How Identities, Stereotypes and Inequalities Matter through Gender Studies*, edited by D. N. Farris, M. Davis, and D. R. Compton. New York, NY: Springer Press.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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**Woodell, Brandi**. “Sexual Minority Health Disparities: Rural/Urban Differences.” *Revised and Resubmitted*

Kazyak, Emily, **Brandi Woodell**, Kristin Scherrer, and Emma Finken. “Law and Family Formation Among LGBQ-Parent Families” *Revise and Resubmit*

Burke, Kelsy and **Brandi Woodell**. “Religion,” chapter to *Companion to Sexuality Studies* (Wiley-Blackwell), edited by Nancy Naples. *Under Review*

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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**Woodell, Brandi** and Christina Falci. “Sexual Identity and Well Being: Comparing Differences by Religious Identity and Coping.”

**Woodell, Brandi** and Philip Schwadel. “Religiosity among Sexual Minorities: Differences by Gender.”

Schmitz, Rachel M. and **Brandi Woodell**. “Religious Resiliency among Midwestern LGBTQ Homeless Young Adults.”

Love, Tony P., D’Lane R. Compton, and **Brandi Woodell**. “LGBT Youth and Health Related Risk.”

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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2017 Presidential Fellowship, awarded by the Office of Graduate Studies on behalf of the University of Nebraska Foundation.

2017 Alice Frost Howard Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2015 J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2014 J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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2017 Cheryl Applegate Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2017 Nicholas Babchuk Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2015 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Research and Economic Development and Office of Graduate Studies Graduate Student Poster Competition winner, Business and Social Sciences division.

2015 Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Travel Award.

2014 Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Travel Award.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2017 “Examining the Role of Religious Social Support Resources on the Mental Health of Adults by Sexual Orientation.” Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 13-14, 2017.

2016 “Sexual Identity and Depression: Comparing Differences by Discrimination and Religious Involvement.” American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA, August 20-23, 2016.

2016 “Family Support, Health and Happiness among Black and Latino/a Sexual Minorities” (with Alexis Swendener). 4<sup>th</sup> Annual LGBT Research Symposium: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on LGBT Research in the Social Sciences. Champaign, IL, May 19-20 2016.

2016 “Predictors and Consequences of Family Support Among Racial and Sexual Minorities” (with Alexis Swendener). Sociologists for Women in Society. Memphis, TN. February 4-7, 2016.

2015 “Sexual Identity and Well Being: Comparing Differences by Religious Identity and Coping.” Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. March 25-28, 2015.

2015 “Interviewing Gay Christians in the Rural South.” Invited Panel Discussion on Small Samples, Secret Societies, and Studying Sexualities. Sociologists for Women in Society. Washington, D.C. February 19-22, 2015.

- 2014 “Integrating Identities: Rural Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Christians.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19, 2014.
- 2013 “Negotiating Gay Male Christian Identities in Rural Places.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 10-13, 2013.
- 2013 “The Intersecting Identities of LGBT Christians in Rural Spaces.” Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA. April 24-27, 2013.
- 2012 “The Intersecting Identities of LGBT Christians.” Southwestern Social Science Association. San Diego, CA. April 4-7, 2012.

### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2016 “Predictors and Consequences of Family Support Among Racial and Sexual Minorities” (with Alexis Swendener). University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Fair. Lincoln, NE. April 12, 2016.
- 2015 “Predictors of Family Support and Well-being among Sexual Minorities of Color” (with Alexis Swendener). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Department of Sociology Colloquium Series October 7, 2015.
- 2015 “Sexual Identity and Well Being: Comparing Differences by Religious Identity and Coping.” University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Fair. Lincoln, NE. April 14, 2015.
- 2014 “Sexual Identity and Well Being: Comparing Differences by Religious Identification and Coping.” University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Department of Sociology Colloquium Series Poster Presentation. October 24, 2014.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department, Instructor of Record**

Gender in Contemporary Society | Spring 2016  
 Introduction to Sociology | Summer 2014, Spring 2015  
 Social Problems | Fall 2014

#### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Program of Women’s and Gender Studies, Instructor of Record**

Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies | Spring 2017  
 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Sexuality Studies | Fall 2015, Fall 2016

#### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Online, Instructor of Record**

Introduction to Sociology | Summer 2016  
 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies | Summer 2016

#### **Teaching Assistant**

## **SERVICE**

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### **National**

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for *Social Currents* and *Gender & Society*.

Student Caucus Member. Sociologists for Women in Society. 2017.

Student Caucus Member and Social Media and Survey Research Subcommittee. Sociologists for Women in Society. 2016.

Presider: American Sociological Association. Sexual Geographies Roundtable Session. Chicago, IL. August 22-25, 2015.

Discussant: Southwestern Social Science Association. Gender and Identity Session. New Orleans, LA. March 27-30, 2013.

### **University**

Proposal reviewer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's UCARE, undergraduate research program. April 2016.

LGBTQA+ and Research Ethics Brown Bag Invited Speaker. Ethics Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. March 7, 2016.

### **Department of Sociology**

Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students Member. 2013-Present.

Research Working Group Committee Member. 2015- Present.

Teaching Committee Member. 2017-2018.

Research Working Group Committee Coordinator. 2016-2017.

Teaching Committee Coordinator. 2016-2017.

Internal Graduate Committee Representative. 2015-2016.

Activities Committee. 2014-2015.

Graduate Representative to the Undergraduate Committee. 2014-2015.

Mentoring of undergraduate student through the Undergraduate Sociology Teaching and Research (USTAR) program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Summer 2017.

Supervising Honors Credit for Gender in Contemporary Society (2 students) Spring 2016.

Invited Panel Presenter for the Undergraduate Sociological Association's Graduate Student Panel on "The Graduate School Experience." March 16, 2015.

Undergraduate Sociological Association Coordinator, University of Nebraska- Lincoln, Department of Sociology. 2014.

### **Program of Women's and Gender Studies**

Women's and Gender Studies Program Advisory Board. Graduate Student Representative.  
Spring 2017.

Supervising Honors Credit for Introduction to LGBTQ/Sexuality Studies (1 student) Fall 2016  
and Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (2 students) Spring 2017.

Co-Author, with Alexis Swendener, an article in Women's and Gender Studies Fall 2013  
Newsletter entitled "WGS Colloquium Series 'In the Shadow of Sexuality: Social Support and  
Health Challenges in the Lives of Older African American Sexual Minorities'"; University of  
Nebraska- Lincoln.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

Section Member: Mental Health; Religion; Sex and Gender; Sexualities; Social  
Psychology

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Sociologists for Women in Society

Southern Sociological Society

Midwest Sociological Society