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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2024– UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

2024 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Department of Sociology, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Rescripting Courtship in Unsettled Times: The Gendered Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 2023-2024
Population Studies Center, Courtesy Appointment

2019 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Master of Arts in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Concentration: Sociology

2014 UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
Master of Arts in English

2013 WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE
Bachelor of Arts in English with honors, summa cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Courtship & Marriage · Gender & Sexuality · Sexual Scripts · Cultural Studies

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2025 KENDRICK, SAM and Joane Nagel. “Gender, Climate Change, and the Production of Scientific Knowledge. Pp.330-49 in *Research Handbook for the Sociology of Knowledge*, edited by Fran Collyer. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2023 KENDRICK, SAM. “Dating & Courtship, 1950-2000.” Pp.113-15 in *Marriage and Divorce in America: Issues, Trends, and Controversies*, edited by Jaimee L. Hartenstein. New York: Bloomsbury Academic.

- 2022 KENDRICK, SAM and Nancy Kepple. "Scripting Sex in Courtship: Predicting Genital Contact in Date Outcomes." *Sexuality & Culture*. 26:1190-1214. doi: 10.1007/s12119-021-09938-2 (Media Coverage: KU Today; The Telegraph; MSN; The Daily Mail UK)
- 2020 KENDRICK, SAM and Joane Nagel. "The Cowboy Scientist Saves the Planet: Hegemonic Masculinity in Cli-Fi Films." *Masculinities: Journal of Identity and Culture* 14(Autumn): 5-34.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- KENDRICK, SAM. "From Passive to Empowered: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women's Navigation of U.S. Courtship" (Under Review)
- KENDRICK, SAM. "Unsettling Masculinity: Men's Fractured Responses to Pandemic Courtship Script Collapse"
- KENDRICK, SAM. "Dating as Adulting: Reconceptualizing the US Courtship Process."

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 KENDRICK, SAM. "Sexual Scripts in Unsettled Times: How the Pandemic is Shaping Courtship." *Close Relationships Interest Group (CRIG)*, University of Kansas. 06 May.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 KENDRICK, SAM. "Unsettling Masculinity: Men's Fractured Responses to Pandemic Courtship Script Collapse." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*. August, Chicago, IL.
- 2025 KENDRICK, SAM. "Unsettling Masculinity: Men's Fractured Responses to Pandemic Courtship Script Collapse." *Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. April, Charlotte, NC.
- 2021 KENDRICK, SAM. "Quarantined Courtship: The Cultural Implications of Dating during the Pandemic." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*. August, Virtual.
- 2021 KENDRICK, SAM. "Scripting Sex in Courtship: Predicting Genital Contact in Date Outcomes." *Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society*. March, Virtual.
- 2020 KENDRICK, SAM and Joane Nagel. "Girls Only: Menstruation and Gender-Segregated Sex Education." *Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society*. April, Omaha, Nebraska. (Canceled)
- 2020 KENDRICK, SAM and Joane Nagel. "The Cowboy Scientist Saves the Planet: Climate Change and Masculinity in Mainstream Climate Fiction Films." *Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society*. April, Omaha, Nebraska. (Canceled)

- 2019 KENDRICK, SAM and Corinne Schwarz. “Bodies and Students that Matter: The Politics of Critical Embodiment in the WGSS Classroom.” *Annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association*. November, San Francisco, California.
- 2019 KENDRICK, SAM. “The Racial Politics of Hooking Up: Policing Racial Boundaries in Sex and Courtship.” *Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society*. April, Chicago, Illinois.

AWARDS, HONORS, & GRANTS

- 2023–24 Dissertation Year University Graduate Fellowship (\$26,000)
Office of Graduate Studies, University of Kansas
- 2023 Summer Research Scholarship (\$6,000)
Office of Graduate Studies, University of Kansas
- 2023 Carroll D. Clark Award for Teaching Excellence (\$1,000)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2023 Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D. Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$750)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2022 Passed Oral Comprehensive Examination with Honors
- 2022 Christopher Gunn Graduate Student Scholarship (\$2,000)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2022 Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D. Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$750)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2021 Helen Waddle Roofe Scholarship (\$1,800)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2021 Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D. Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$500)
Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2019 Research Excellence Initiative (\$2,000)
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas

COURSES TAUGHT

INSTRUCTOR (IN PERSON)

- SOCI 699 Sociology of Gender
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- SOCI 400 Sexualities
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- SOCI 375 Gender in Society
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- SOC 160 Social Problems & American Values
University of Kansas
- WGSS 333 The Politics of Physical Appearance
University of Kansas
- WGSS 101 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of Kansas

INSTRUCTOR (ONLINE)

- SOCI 375 Gender in Society
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- SOC 220 Sociology of Families
University of Kansas
- WGSS 333 The Politics of Physical Appearance
University of Kansas
- WGSS 101 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of Kansas
- WGS 2000 Approaches to the Study of Gender
Rockhurst University
- WGS 1000 Women in Culture
Rockhurst University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024- Member, Graduate Studies Committee
Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- 2025 Discussant, 'When and How to Apply for IRB Approval'
Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- 2024 Reviewer, *Sexuality & Culture*