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Academic Position

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Fall 2024 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Core Faculty, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program

Education

University of Kansas
2024 Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation: Rescripting Courtship in Unsettled Times: The Gendered Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic

University of Pennsylvania, 2023–2024
Population Studies Center, Courtesy Appointment

University of Kansas
2019 M.A., Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Concentration: Sociology

University of Rochester
2014 M.A., English

William Jewell College
2013 B.A., English with honors, summa cum laude

Research Interests

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

Publications

Books

2027 Kendrick, Sam. *Love in the Time of Covid: Gendered Dating in Unsettled Times*. New York, NY: New York University Press (Under Advance Contract)

PEER-REVIEWED

- 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.
- 2023 Kendrick, Sam. “Courtship, 1950–2000.” Pp.113-15 in *Marriage and Divorce in America: Issues, Trends, and Controversies*, edited by Jaimee L. Hartenstein. New York, NY: 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.

Works in Progress

Kendrick, Sam. "Empowering Strategies in Unsettled Times: The Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women's Navigation of Courtship in the US." (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."

Grants & Awards


UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

2023–2024	Dissertation Year University Graduate Fellowship (\$26,000)
2023	Summer Research Scholarship (\$6,000)
2023	Carroll D. Clark Award for Teaching Excellence (\$1,000)
2023	Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$750)
2022	Christopher Gunn Scholarship for Innovative Research (\$2,000)
2022	Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$750)
2022–2023	Institute for Policy & Social Research Doctoral Fellow (\$500)
2021	Helen Waddle Roofe Research Scholarship (\$1,800)
2021	Morris C. Pratt & Carroll D Clark Graduate Student Scholarship (\$500)
2019	Research Excellence Initiative (\$2,000)

Presentations

 scheduled

INVITED TALKS

-  2026 **Love in the Time of COVID: The Pandemic's Unsettling of Gendered Dating**
Department of Sociology @ Portland State University | 10 April
- 2022 **Sexual Scripts in Unsettled Times: How the Pandemic is Shaping Courtship**
Close Relationships Interest Group @ University of Kansas | 06 May

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

- Bodies and Students that Matter: The Politics of Critical Embodiment in the WGSS Classroom**
Kendrick, Sam and Corinne Schwarz
2019 *Annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association*. November @ San Francisco, CA
- The Racial Politics of Hooking Up: Policing Racial Boundaries in Sex and Courtship**
Kendrick, Sam
2019 *Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society*. April @ Chicago, IL

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD (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 OF RECORD (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

DEPARTMENT

- 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

COLLEGE

- 2025- Member, Climate, Culture, and Community Committee
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2025- Member, WGS Steering Committee
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2025 Organizer, 'Policing Victimhood and Beyond: Future Directions in Anti-Trafficking Scholarship'
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Tennessee

DISCIPLINE

- 2024 Reviewer, *Sexuality & Culture*

Professional Organization Membership

- American Sociological Association (ASA)
– *Section Membership*: Sex and Gender · Family · Sexualities
- Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Reference

Available upon request