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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. *Dating Interrupted: Gender and Courtship during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. 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)

Boyd, Christopher and Sam Kendrick. "Caught Between Fairness and Inclusion: The Structural Tension in Sex-Segregated Sport." (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

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

- 2026 Member, Best Article Award Committee
 Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association
 2026 Moderator, "Gendered Encounters with Institutions of Care and Control"
 Winter Conference, Sociologists for Women in Society

OCCASIONAL REFEREE

Sociological Forum · 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