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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Faculty Affiliate: Women’s and Gender Studies
- 2013-2016 Assistant Professor of Sociology, St. Norbert College

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. Certificate, Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies
Dissertation: “God, Sex, and the Internet: The Faithful, Virtual, and Sexual Lives of Contemporary Evangelical Christians”
- 2009 M.A., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
Thesis: “Rethinking Social Movement Participation and Non-Participation: How South Dakota Pro-Choice Clergy Perceive, Confront, and Navigate Risk”
- 2006 B.A., Sociology, Eastern Connecticut State University

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Kelsy Burke (2016) *Christians under Covers: Evangelicals and Sexual Pleasure on the Internet*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

- Winner of the 2017 Distinguished Book Award for the American Sociological Association Section on Religion
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *International Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Theology & Sexuality*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Emily Kazyak, Kelsy Burke, and Mathew Stange (2018) “Logics of Religious Freedom: Examining How People Characterize their Opinions of Religious Exemption Legislation.” *Socius* 4: 1-18.

Orit Avishai and Kelsy Burke (2016) “God’s Case for Sex” (feature article). *Contexts*. 15: 30-35.

Kelsy Burke and Amy Moff Hudec (2015) “Sexual Encounters and Manhood Acts: Evangelicals, Latter-day Saints, and Religious Masculinities.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54: 330-344.

Kelsy Burke (2014) "What Makes a Man: Gender and Sexual Boundaries on Evangelical Christian Sexuality Websites." *Sexualities* 17: 3-22.

Kelsy Burke (2012) "Women's Agency in Gender-Traditional Religions: A Review of Four Approaches." *Sociology Compass* 6: 122-133.

Kelsy Burke and Amy McDowell (2012) "Superstars and Misfits: Two Pop-Trends in the Gender Culture of Contemporary Evangelicalism." *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 24: 67-79.

Invited Book Chapters

Kelsy Burke and Brandi Woodell (2018 Forthcoming) "Religion," in *Companion to Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Naples. (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell).

Kelsy Burke and Alexa Trumpy (2016) "Making the Invisible Visible: Shining a Light on Gender and Sexuality in Courses Primarily Focused on Other Topics" in *Teaching Gender and Sex in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristen Haltinner and Ryanne Pilgeram. New York: Springer.

Kathleen Blee and Kelsy Burke (2013) "Teaching about Organized Racism" in *Teaching Race and Anti-Racism in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristen Haltinner. New York: Springer.

Book Reviews

Kelsy Burke (2018) *Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidic Jews* by Lynn Davidman, *Contemporary Sociology* 47: 170-171.

Kelsy Burke (2012) *Making Chastity Sexy: The Rhetoric of Evangelical Abstinence Campaigns* by Christine J. Gardner, *Sociology of Religion* 73: 100-102.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Kelsy Burke and Alice MillerMacPhee, "The Rise of Pornography Addiction: Religious Discourse, Scientific Literature, and Popular Debates."

Kelsy Burke and Amy McDowell, "Equipped to Lead: Mobilizing Race and Gender in a National Evangelical Women's Ministry."

Kelsy Burke, Dawne Moon, and Theresa Tobin, "Shame and Entitlement: Race and the Religious Possibilities for Sexuality in Conservative Christianity."

Laura Simon, Philip Schwadel, and Kelsy Burke, "Born-Again Virgins: An Examination of the Effects of Individual and School-Level Religiosity on Rescinding Reported Sexual Activity."

Online Op-Eds and Blogs

The Conversation (Online magazine publishing news and views from the academic and research community)

- "[Why the Christian right opposes pornography but still supports Trump](#)" *The Conversation* April 5, 2018 (republished in *Newsweek*, *Sojourners*)
- "[Nebraskans who support and oppose 'religious freedom' laws actually share many of the same values](#)" February 28, 2018 (republished in *Salon*)
- "[Christian sex advice websites offer a peek into evangelical politics](#)" May 11, 2017 (republished by *Newsweek*, *Religion News Services*, *SF Gate*, *Tranzgendr*, *The Raw Story*, *Alternet*, *The Independent (Singapore)*)

Girl w/ Pen (Blog hosted by *The Society Pages*, headquartered at University of Minnesota Department of Sociology and supported by W.W. Norton & Co)

- "[Bad Religion? Reactions to the Pulse Massacre](#)" June 22, 2016
- "[Of the Unborn and Born Again: The Relationship between Religion and Abortion Politics](#)" (co-authored with Alexa Trumpy) December 16, 2015
- "[Evangelicals After Same-Sex Marriage: Learning from Kinky Sex](#)" July 15, 2015
- "[Feminists and Anti-Feminists: The Curious Case of Conservative Religious Women](#)" June 5, 2015

Religion Dispatches (Online magazine headquartered at University of Southern California)

- "[Why Beth Moore Walked It Back: This Election Season, It's Tough Being an Evangelical Woman](#)" October 19, 2016
- "[The Porn Workaround: How Christian Sexuality Websites Avoid Sin](#)" January 26, 2016

UC Press Blog (The official blog of the University of California Press, highlighting the work of its authors and their reactions to contemporary events.)

- "[Gender, Sexual Politics, and the Religious Presidency of Mr. Trump](#)" August 28, 2017
- "[Q&A: Christians under Covers](#)" August 19, 2016

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Department of Sociology Haas Faculty Summer Research Award (with Emily Kazyak), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5000)
2017	Department of Sociology Haas Faculty Summer Research Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5000)
2016	College of Arts & Sciences ENHANCE Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5000)
2015	Faculty Development Grant for Summer Scholarship, St. Norbert College (\$2500)
2015	Student Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, "Religious Campus Climate for LGBTQ Community" with Jessi Wightman, St. Norbert College (\$1500)

- 2014 Faculty Development Grant for Summer Scholarship, St. Norbert College (\$2500)
- 2012-2013 Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$19610)
- 2011-2012 Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$18980)
- 2011 Fichter Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion (\$1100)
- 2010 Women’s Studies Student Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh (\$850)
- 2009 Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$3000)
- 2008 Women’s Studies Student Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh (\$1000)
- 2007-2008 Sociology Social Movements Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$17162)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Distinguished Book Award for *Christians under Covers: Evangelicals and Sexual Pleasure on the Internet*, American Sociological Association Section on Religion
- 2012 Graduate Student Paper Prize co-winner for “Making ‘Bad’ Sex ‘Good’: Gender and Sexual Boundaries on Evangelical Christian Sexuality Websites,” American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities
- 2011 Selected participant in Summer Seminar on Debates over Religion and Sexuality, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
- 2010 Tamara Horowitz Graduate Student Paper Prize for “Superstars and Misfits: Two Pop-Trends in the Gender Culture of Contemporary Evangelicalism” (co-authored with Amy McDowell), University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 Norman P. Hummon Graduate Research Award for “Activism and Risk: A Case Study of South Dakota Pro-Choice Clergy,” University of Pittsburgh

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2018 “Evangelical Christianity and the Logic of Heterosexuality,” Department of Sociology, University of Mississippi
- 2017 “Christians under Covers: Evangelicals and Sexual Pleasure on the Internet,” College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2017 “Oh, God! The Religious Right to Sexual Pleasure on Christian Sexuality Websites,” Center for Right Wing Studies, University of California – Berkeley

- 2017 “What God Knows: Sexual Subversion and Evangelical Christianity on the Internet,” University of San Francisco
- 2016 “Author Meets Critic for *Christians under Covers: Evangelicals and Sexual Pleasure on the Internet*,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference
- 2015 “Is God Bad for Sex?” (with Orit Avishai), Invited Session on Religion and Sexuality, American Sociological Association (co-sponsored with the Association for the Sociology Religion) Annual Meeting
- 2014 “Gender and Qualitative Methods in Religion Research,” Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November
- 2014 “Making ‘Bad’ Sex ‘Good:’ Religion, Masculinity, and Kinky Sex on Christian Sexuality Websites,” Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

Conference Papers

- 2018 “White Women who Lead: Mobilizing Race and Gender in a National Evangelical Women’s Ministry,” (with Amy McDowell) American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Queer Citizenship: Debating Discrimination and Religious Exemption,” (with Emily Kazyak and Alice MillerMacPhee) American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “The Value of Pornography Addiction: Religious Discourse, Scientific Literature, and Popular Debates” (with Alice MillerMacPhee), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2017 “Nondenominational Evangelical Churches and the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System” (with Amy McDowell), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2017 “Different Sides, Same Logic: Examining Support for and Opposition to Religious Freedom Laws” (with Emily Kazyak and Mathew Stange), American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Que.
- 2017 “The Value of Pornography Addiction: Religious Discourse and Scientific Literature” (with Alice MillerMacPhee), Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Montreal, Que.

- 2015 “Pornography, Piety, and Precarity: How Evangelical Christianity Defines and Contests the Erotic,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 “Overcoming the Obscene: How Evangelicals Use Religion to Talk about Sex Online,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2015 “TV Ethnography: Using Pop Culture to Teach Gender and Sexuality,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 “Does this religion make me look straight? How theories of heterosexuality can inform the study of religion and gender,” Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 2014 “Bodies of Christ: Women, Sexual Pleasure, and (what looks like) Feminism in Evangelical Christianity,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 “Pleasure, Pain, and Piety: Examining Sexual Narratives on Christian Sexuality Websites,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2013 “Teaching about Organized Racism” (with Kathleen Blee), Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2012 “Making ‘Bad’ Sex ‘Good’: Gender and Sexual Boundaries on Christian Sexuality Websites,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2012 “Sexual Encounters for Evangelical and Latter-day Saint Men: A Theory of Men’s Sexual Agency in Gender-Traditional Religions” (with Amy Moff Hudec), American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2011 “Let’s (Not) Talk about Sex: Justifying Intimate Conversations among Evangelicals,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 “Virtual and Virtuous: How Evangelicals Use the Internet to Promote Sexuality,” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Eastern Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 “Sex, Sales, and Salvation: An Exploration of Online Christian Sex Toy Stores,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “The Gendered Differences between God and Body: Two Pop-Trends from Evangelical Culture” (with Amy McDowell), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

- 2010 “Causation Complication: Lessons from Non-Joiners on Why People Join Social Movements,” North Central Sociological Association/Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2009 “God’s Whistleblowers: How Pro-Choice Clergy Navigate Activism in a High-Risk Environment,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 2008 “Activism and Risk: Reflections on Interviewing Progressive South Dakota Clergy,” Oral History Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2008 “Beyond Marriage: Christian Right Claims and Gay Rights Gains,” with Kimberly Dugan, North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

Campus Talks

- 2017 “An Introduction to NVivo and Qualitative Methods,” Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium, University of Nebraska—Lincoln
- 2016 “Queerly Straight: Gender, Jesus, and the Sexually Normal in Evangelical Christianity,” Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- 2015 “Teaching with Technology: What do Faculty Do?” T3: Transformative Teaching and Technology, St. Norbert College
- 2015 “The Rights of Free Speech,” Panelist for Norman Miller Peace and Justice Center at St. Norbert College
- 2015 “Selling Sex Toys and Religion Online,” 20x20x6 (Pecha Kucha Style) Teaching and Learning Workshop, St. Norbert College
- 2014 “On (Not) Getting By in America,” Junior Knights and Days classroom presentation, St. Norbert College
- 2013 “Bodies of Christ: Women, Sexual Pleasure, and (what looks like) Feminism in Evangelical Christianity,” Social Sciences Research Forum, St. Norbert College
- 2013 “Resources and issues for graduate students who are parents or are thinking about Becoming parents,” Panelist for College of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

- 2013 “Encountering Difficult Situations in the classroom,” Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education New Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 “Teaching about Organized Racism” (with Kathleen Blee), Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education No Time for Diversity Series, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 “Using NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis,” Qualitative Methods Graduate Seminar, University of Pittsburgh

TEACHING

Published Teaching Activities

Kelsy Burke (2016) “Learning and Unlearning a Feminine Voice: Dimensions of Cisgender Privilege and Gender Oppression,” Appendix Teaching Activity in *Teaching Gender and Sex in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristen Haltinner and Ryanne Pilgeram. New York: Springer.

Kelsy Burke (2013) “This is Organized Racism: A Classroom Activity for Teaching about Racist Groups.” Appendix Teaching Activity in *Teaching Race and Anti-Racism in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristen Haltinner. New York: Springer.

Teaching Grants and Initiatives

- 2017-2018 Peer Review of Teaching Project, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$1000)
- 2015 Sturzl Center Faculty Fellowship for Community Engagement, St. Norbert College (\$750)
- 2015 Digital Learning Initiative Summer Course Redesign Grant for “Sociology in Cyberspace,” St. Norbert College (\$2500)
- 2014-2015 Faculty Digital Fellow for Digital Learning Initiative, St. Norbert College (\$3500)
- 2014 Faculty Development Grant for Pedagogical Development, St. Norbert College (\$750)

Courses Taught at University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)
 Gender in Contemporary Society (undergraduate)
 Sociology of Sexualities (undergraduate/graduate)

Courses Taught at St. Norbert College (all undergraduate)

Introduction to Sociology
 Social Research Methods
 Intersections of Privilege
 Feminist Theory

Sociology of Cyberspace

Courses Taught at University of Pittsburgh (all undergraduate)

Marriage

Wealth and Power

Basic Applied Statistics (TA)

Deviance and Social Control (TA)

Sociology of Everyday Life (TA)

Guest Lecture based on *Christians under Covers*

Sociology of Sexualities (Illinois Wesleyan University with Dr. Courtney Irby, Summer 2018)

Graduate Seminar in Sexualities (SUNY Stony Brook with Dr. Michael Kimmel, Fall 2017)

Sociology of Sexuality (Wake Forrester University with Dr. Kimberly Creasap, Fall 2017)

Senior Seminar in Sociology (Salem College with Dr. Elroi Windsor, Fall 2017)

Religion, Gender, & Sexuality (University of Mississippi with Dr. Amy McDowell, Spring 2017)

Research Methods (Grinnell College with Dr. Sharon Quinsaas, Spring 2017)

Sexuality, Intimacy, & God (St. Norbert College with Dr. Bridget Burke Ravizza, Fall 2013)

Graduate and Undergraduate Advising at University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Ph.D. Co-Chair: Alice MillerMacPhee, Trenton Haltom

M.A. Advisor: Jessica Morrow (2018)

Ph.D. Committee: Rosalind Kichler, Kristen Horton, Lorri Merchant (2018)

Undergraduate Sociology Teaching and Research (USTAR) Faculty Sponsor:

Eliza Thor (2016-2017), Claire Bartels, Erika Llano (2017-2018), Jordan Malzer

Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience (UCARE) Faculty Sponsor:

Eliza Thor (2017-2018)

Undergraduate Advising at St. Norbert College

Primary Advisor for 9 students

McNair Scholar Faculty Mentor: Nicole Zellner

Directed Research Advisor: Heidi Leiterman; Jenny Patton

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Lincoln – Nebraska Department of Sociology

Executive Committee (2016-2017)

Graduate Committee (2016-present)

Social Inequality Area Committee Member (2016-present)

Religion Comprehensive Exam Committee Member (ad hoc, 2016-2017)

University of Lincoln – Nebraska Women’s and Gender Studies Program

Awards and Scholarship Committee (2017-present)

St. Norbert College

Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Board (2014-2016)

Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, sub-chair of Gender and Sexuality (2014-2016)

Cassandra Voss Center (Gender Center) Advisory Board (2014-2016)

Academic Technology Advisory Committee (2014-2016)
Digital Learning Initiative (2014-2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Sessions Organized or Moderated

- 2018 Organizer, “Dialogues on Feminism and Sociology of Religion,” Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Co-Organizer and Moderator (with Amy McDowell), “Ethnography, Religion, and Reflexivity: A Panel Discussion,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Que.
- 2015 Co-Organizer and Presider (with Kimberly Creasap), “Gender, Pedagogy, and Popular Culture,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2013 Moderator, “Rethinking Lesbian Identity in Rita Mae Brown’s Rubyfruit Jungle,” Wisconsin Women’s Studies LGBTQ Conference, Madison, WI
- 2013 Organizer, “Sustaining Religion, Sustaining Sexualities,” session at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2011 Organizer, “Bringing Sexy Back: How Conservative Religions Promote Sexuality,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 Organizer (with Amy McDowell), “Communities and Methodological Quagmires,” North Central Sociological Association/Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Editorial Boards and Committees

- 2017-present *Sociology of Religion* Editorial Board
- 2017-2018 Distinguished Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Religion
- 2012-2013 Sociologists LGBTQ Caucus, American Sociological Association
- 2013 Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Sexualities
- 2012 Simon & Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award, ASA Section on Sexualities

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)—Religion, Sex & Gender, and Sexualities
Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

Referee

American Journal of Sociology; Gender & Society; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Men and Masculinities; Qualitative Sociology; Religions; Sexualities; Social Currents; Social Problems; Sociological Focus; Sociology of Religion; Sociological Spectrum; Sociology Compass; Symbolic Interaction