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PhD Candidate (ABD), Sociology  
Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2022- present Ph.D. (expected Summer 2025), Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
Sociology, Family and Social Psychology  
Dissertation: Partnered Plurisexual People's Psychological Well-Being and Relationship Quality: The Importance of Gender and Sexual Identity Homophily.  
Committee: Dr. Wendy D. Manning (Chair), Dr. Susan Brown, Dr. Monica Longmore, Dr. Kei Nomaguchi, and Dr. Julia Halo (Graduate Faculty Representative)
- 2020- 2022 M.A., Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
Sociology, Family and Social Psychology  
Thesis: Emotional Support Among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Couples During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Committee: Dr. Wendy D. Manning (Chair), Dr. Monica Longmore, and Dr. Kei Nomaguchi
- 2016-2019 B.A., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
Major: Sociology; Minors: Legal Studies and Human Services  
*Summa Cum Laude*; Highest Honors, Honors College  
Thesis: Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Gene Theodori

### Research Interests

Family, Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals, LGBTQ+ Community, Same-Gender Parenting, Mental Health, Social Support, Gender, Plurisexual Identities

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. "Family Planning and Concerns of Unfair Treatment of (Potential) Children Among Partnered Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals." *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. [10.1080/27703371.2024.2369114](https://doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2024.2369114)

Stewart, Susan D., Wendy D. Manning, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. "Sexual and Gender Identities and Alcohol Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Forthcoming in *PLOS One*.

**Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2024. "Emotional Support and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identities." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. doi: [10.1177/23780231241247999](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241247999)

**Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. 2023. "Emotional Support among Partnered Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Individuals during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Social Science Research* 114:102910. doi: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102910](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102910).

## Other Published Research

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**Gustafson, Kristen E.**, and Wendy D. Manning. 2024. "Large Datasets in LGBTQ Research, Use of." In A. E. Goldberg (Eds.), *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). SAGE Publications. doi: [10.4135/9781071891414](https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071891414).

Nomaguchi, Kei, Melissa A. Milkie, Amira Allen, and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. 2021. "Racial/Ethnic Variation in Residential Fathers Time in Childcare and Co-Presence with Children." *SocArXiv*. doi: [10.31235/osf.io/xmgfu](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/xmgfu)

## Research in Progress

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Manning, Wendy D., Claire M. Kamp Dush, and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. "Healthcare Discrimination During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals." – Revise and Resubmit at *American Journal of Public Health*

Manning, Wendy D., and **Kristen E. Gustafson**. Attitudes Toward Lesbian and Gay Parents: A Decade of Change – Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Marriage and Family*

**Gustafson, Kristen E.**, Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire M. Kamp Dush. "Relationship Quality and Mental Health: An Examination of Sexual and Gender Identity Homophily Among Partnered Plurisexual People." In Progress.

## Employment

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Graduate Assistant for Dr. Wendy D. Manning, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
 Summer 2021- present on NICHD funded grant projects  
 Responsibilities include reviewing literature, conducting preliminary analyses, assisting in reference work, preparing papers for conferences and publications.

Graduate Assistant for Dr. Kei Nomaguchi, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
 Fall 2020-Summer 2021  
 Responsibilities included collecting race and parenting research and teaching assistant duties (grading papers and assignments) for Sociology of the Family (SOC 3610).

Research and Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
 Fall 2017- Fall 2019  
 Analyzed academic literature in a code-a-thon; Assisted in editing a book for republishing; Assessed an SPSS file and cleaned the data sheet; Led classes when needed.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Emily Cabaniss, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
 Fall 2019  
 Graded weekly reflection papers for a Gender and Inequality Course; Led a class discussion on same-gender parenting.

## Conference Presentations

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2024 "Relationship Quality Among Partnered Plurisexual People: A Sexual Identity as Relational Perspective."  
**Kristen E. Gustafson**, Wendy D. Manning, Alexandra VanBergen, and Claire Kamp Dush  
 Presented as a poster presentation at 2024 Population Association of America Meeting in Columbus, OH.

2023 "Sexual Identity Centrality and Health Across Age Cohorts."  
**Kristen E. Gustafson**, Wendy D. Manning, Monica A. Longmore, and Claire Kamp Dush  
 Presented at 2023 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

- 2023 “Family Planning and Concerns of Unfair Treatment of (Potential) Children Among Partnered Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush  
 Presented as a poster at 2023 IAPHS Meeting in Baltimore, MD.  
 Presented as a poster 2024 Social, Behavioral, and Economic COVID Coordinating Center (SBE CCC) Consortium in Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2023 “Couples’ Fertility Plans in an Era of Uncertainty”  
 Wendy D. Manning, Karen B. Guzzo, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, Claire Kamp Dush, and Alexandra VanBergen  
 Presented at 2023 American Sociological Association Meeting in Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 “Using Alcohol to Cope with the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identity.”  
 Susan D. Stewart, Wendy D. Manning, **Kristen E. Gustafson**, and Claire M. Kamp Dush  
 Presented at 2023 Population Association of America Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 “Social Support and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Gender and Sexual Identity.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush  
 Presented at 2022 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Bowling Green, OH  
 Presented at 2023 Population Association of America Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 “Social Support for Sexual Minority Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson**, Wendy D. Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush  
 Presented at 2022 Population Association of America Meeting in Atlanta, GA.  
 Accepted to 2021 Southern Demographic Association Meeting, but meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.  
 Presented at 2021 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Columbus, OH
- 2020 “Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson** and Gene L. Theodori  
 Presented at 2020 Southern Rural Sociological Association Meeting in Louisville, KY  
 Received the Outstanding Professional Paper Award
- 2019 “Religious Participation and Happiness: Data from Two Texas Studies.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson** and Gene L. Theodori  
 Presented at 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX
- 2018 “Gay Parenting: An Exploratory Study.”  
**Kristen E. Gustafson** and TzeLi Hsu  
 Presented at 2018 Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, LA

### **Teaching Experience**

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- Spring 2024 Independent Teaching Instructor of Sociology of the Family (SOC 3610)  
 Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2023 Invited Guest Lecture on “Gender, Sex, and Sexuality: A Crash Course.”  
 Dr. Margaret Weinberger, Introduction to Sociology, Bowling Green State University

Fall 2018, Invited Guest Lecture on “Same-Sex Parenting: A Comparison of Media and Reality.”  
 Spring 2019, Dr. Emily Cabaniss, Gender and Inequality, Sam Houston State University  
 Fall 2019

### **Service**

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2020- present Member, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA)  
 2021- 2024 Mentor, BGSU Sociology Graduate Student Mentorship Program  
 2023 Session Chair, “Policy and Social Supports” at 2023 BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference in Columbus, OH  
 2022- 2024 Historian, BGSU SGSA  
 2022- present Certified in Mental Health First Aid USA  
 2021-2022 Graduate Faculty Representative (SGSA)  
 2016-2019 Member, SHSU American Sign Language Association  
 2017-2018 Vice President  
 2018-2019 President  
 2019 Ambassador, SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Ambassador Program  
 2017-2019 Sexual Assault and Abuse Free Environment (SAAFE) House Volunteer, Huntsville, TX

### **Awards and Honors**

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2023 BGSU Graduate College Distinguished Thesis Award  
 2020- present Recipient of GA Stipend and Full Tuition Scholarship  
 2020 Outstanding Professional Paper Award (2020 SRSA Conference in Louisville, KY)  
 2019 Recipient of Augusta Lawrence Scholarship- The Augusta Lawrence Scholarship is a scholarship selected by the Honors College recognizing top Honors students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement.  
 2018 Raven Scholar- Only awarded to 100 students per year, the Raven Scholar award recognizes academic success as well as integrated campus-life service and leadership skills.

### **Professional Memberships**

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American Sociological Association, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, Population Association of America, and Southern Sociological Society

### **Communication Skills**

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Language Skills: American Sign Language (full professional proficiency)

## Professional References

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