

Bex (Rebecca) MacFife

Curriculum Vitae

Eugene, Oregon

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EDUCATION

Ph.D Sociology Candidate, University of Oregon, 2019 - Present

Advisors Jocelyn Hollander (Chair)
Ryan Light
Jill Harrison
Cera Smith (Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies, Univ. of Oregon)
Kelly Underman (Sociology, Drexel University)

Dissertation “Do No Harm, Cause No Pleasure”: Dis/Attending to Sexuality, Gender, and Embodiment in Pelvic Physical Therapy. (in process)

Comprehensive Exams Medical Education, Trans Embodiment, Sex as Social Construction: Passed 2022.

Certificate Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies Graduate Certificate (in process)

M.S. Sociology, University of Oregon, October 2021

Thesis Sanitized vs. Humanized Instruction and The Re-Politicalization of Gynecological Teaching Associates

Committee CJ Pascoe (Sociology)
Krystale Littlejohn (Sociology)

M.A. Sexuality Studies, San Francisco State University, May 2019

Thesis The Not-So-Typical Patient: Gynecological Teaching Associates and the Struggle to Queer Medicine

Committee Jessica Fields (Chair, Sociology and Sexuality Studies)
Christoph Hanssmann (Women and Gender Studies)

B.A. Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, 2011

Major Rhetoric and Film Studies
Graduated cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

MacFife, B. (2023). "Your Patients May Look Like Me, FYI": Gynecological Teaching Associates and the Struggle to Queer Medicine. *Sinister Wisdom: A Multicultural Lesbian and Literary Arts Journal*.

DuBois, L.Z., SturtzSreetharan, C, **MacFife, B.**, Puckett, J.A., Jagielski, A. Dunn, T., Anderson, T., Hope, D.A., Mocarski, R., Juster, R.P. (2022) Trans and gender diverse people's experience wearing face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic: Findings from data across 4 states in the U.S. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.

MacFife, B. (2022). "There is No standard vulva": Sanitized vs. contextualized instruction of Hands-on medical skills. *Social Science & Medicine*, 114807.

Fields, J., Johnson, S., **MacFife, B.**, Roach, P., Steinfeld, E. (2021). Embodied Engagements: Mapping Bodies, Difference, and Vulnerability in a Sociology of Sexuality Classroom. *Teaching Sociology Journal: Special Issue on Teaching Sexualities*.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

"Outsized Impacts: Medical Sexual Assault Protections and Prevention for Patient-Consumers" Consumer Protections Research Grant, 2025-2026. (\$18,932) University of Oregon. (PI)

Everett D. Monte Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, 2025-2026. (\$1750) University of Oregon.

Graduate Research Grant, Center for Study of Women in Society, 2024-2025. (\$1500) University of Oregon.

Wasby-Johnson Dissertation Award, Sociology Department, Summer 2023. (\$6,750) University of Oregon.

"Trans Embodiment" Research Interest Group, Center for the Study of Women in Society, 2022-2023. (\$1000) University of Oregon.

Best Sociology Master's Paper Award, 2022. (\$500)

University of Oregon.

Marquina Summer Research Award, 2020. (\$1,900)

Worked with Krystale Littlejohn.

First-Year Fellowship, The Graduate School, 2019-2020. (\$15,134)

University of Oregon.

Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement, 2019.

San Francisco State University.

INVITED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Understanding the Clinical Socialization Process to Prevent Clinical/Sexual Ambiguity in Pelvic Touch” Poster Presentation. World Congress for Pediatric Gynecology/ North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) 40th Clinical and Research Meeting, San Francisco, April 22, 2026.

“Re-examining the Pelvic Exam” Invited workshop on Pelvic examination, equity, gender, and history. With Dr. Frances Grimstad, MD, and Alex Papale, DPT. GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health, San Francisco, October 20, 2022.

“Queering and Contextualizing Patient Representations in Hands-on Healthcare Training” Oral Research Presentation. GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health, San Francisco, October 20, 2022.

"A Wide Range of “Normal and Healthy”: Incorporating and Excluding Trans Embodiment in Medical Training. American Sociology Association Annual Meeting. Medical Sociology Section special session “Bracketed Out: How Medicine Displaces LGBTQ+ People”. Los Angeles, August 7, 2022.

GTAs and the Negotiation of Universal Standards and Individual Diversity, IGMA (International GTA/MUTA Association) Conference CEU Workshop. Virtual, December 5, 2021.

“Your Patients Might Look Like Me, FYI”: Representing Trans in Gynecological Exam Medical Training. TPATH (Trans Professional Association for Transgender Health) 1st Annual Conference Research Presentation. Virtual, July 31, 2021.

Queers in the Institution: Infiltrating Medical Schools as (Non)Standardized Bodies, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Eugene OR, March 2020 ***cancelled due to COVID***

People with this Anatomy: Gender and Sexuality Education by Gynecological Teaching Associates, Health Professions Education in the 21st Century, Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA, March 2019.

Gynecological Teaching Associates as Agents of Gender Inclusive Medicine, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/ GUEST LECTURES

A Sociological Lens on Gendered Body Parts. Queer Healthcare Providers Meetup, Portland OR, July 2023.

Gynecological Teaching Associates, Institutionalized Normativity, and Queering Medicine, California Institute of Integral Studies Human Sexuality Guest Lecture, September 2021.

Body as a Training Tool: Gynecological Teaching Associates and Queer Medicine, Science and Technology Studies Hub Collaborative Meeting, San Francisco CA, November 2018.

Gynecological Teaching Associates and the Sociology of Gender, Sociology Department, Kingsborough Community College-City University of New York, November 2018.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Research Assistant: Examining Health and Resilience in Trans People Across Geopolitical Locations, 2020 - Present.

Zachary DuBois and Jae Puckett (principal investigators), Teams at University of Oregon, Michigan State University, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Nebraska

Graduate Research Assistant: Sexual Politics of HPV, 2018 - 2019

Laura Mamo (principal investigator), Health Equity Institute, San Francisco State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, SOC 385: Medical Sociology, University of Oregon, Winter 2023

Instructor of Record, SOC 455: Special Topics in the Sociology of Gender: Sex Education, University of Oregon, Fall 2021

Graduate Employee, University of Oregon Cinema Studies, September 2025 - Present.
CINE 265: History of the Motion Picture I (Discussion Sections)

Graduate Employee, University of Oregon Sociology Department, September 2020 - 2025

SOC 311: Research Methods

SOC 330: Sociology of the Family

SOC 204: Intro to Sociology (Discussion Sections)

SOC 207: Social Inequalities (Discussion Sections)

SOC 455: Social Movements and Issues

SOC 199: American High School

SOC 385: Medical Sociology

SOC 399: Social Epidemiology

Gynecological Teaching Associate, October 2014 - Present

Project Prepare, San Francisco Bay Area

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2018

SXS 320: Sex & Relationships (Instructor: Ivy Chen), San Francisco State University

Sexual Health Educator, August 2015 - July 2017

Mendocino Coast Clinics and AmeriCorps, Fort Bragg, CA

Health Educator, April 2015 - August 2015

SHE Project with Homeless Women's Services, Berkeley, CA

Sex Educator, October 2012 - March 2015

San Francisco Sex Information (SFSI) Resource Hotline, San Francisco, CA

TRAININGS OFFERED

Medical Simulation and Patient Autonomy: Standardized Patient Program Informed Consent Training, December 2022

University of Louisville Medical School, Virtual.

Don't Fear the Pap Smear: A Pelvic Health Workshop for All Bodies, April 2022
University of Oregon Sex Week/ Sexual Assault Awareness Month, University of Oregon

Don't Fear the Pap Smear Workshop, September 2018
Education and Referral Organization for Sexuality (EROS), San Francisco State University
Associated Students, San Francisco CA

Trans Inclusive Health Care, 2017
co-presented with Barbara Killian, MD
Mendocino Coast District Hospital Staff Meeting, Fort Bragg CA

Trans Inclusive Health Care, 2017
Mendocino Coast Clinics, Fort Bragg CA

Gender 101 and Trans Youth in School, 2017
Fort Bragg Middle School Staff Meeting

Gender 101 and Trans Youth in School, 2017
Fort Bragg High School Staff Meeting

Gender 101 and Trans Youth, 2016
Project Sanctuary Staff Meeting, Fort Bragg CA

Workshop Host, July 2015, July 2016
Gender Spectrum Conference, Moraga CA

Adolescent Sexual Development: What You Need to Know, 2015
Kaiser Permanente, Oakland CA

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

Reviewer for the academic journals: Social Science and Medicine, Sex Education, and
Feminist Pedagogies

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Gynecological Teaching Associate, October 2014 - Present

Project Prepare, San Francisco Bay Area

501(c)3 Board President, Black Thistle Street Aid, Eugene OR 2023- present

Insurance Management Member, Health and Welfare Trust, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, Eugene OR, 2022- Present

501(c)7 Non-Profit Board President, Students Cooperative Association, Eugene OR, 2020 - 2021.

Board Speaker/ Vice- President, Students Cooperative Association, Eugene, OR, 2019- 2020.

Graduate Liaison Committee Member, PSA Conference and Sociology Department 115th Anniversary, 2020

Participating Member, 2018 - 2019
Science and Technology Studies Hub, San Francisco State University

Graduate Student Organization Representative, 2017 - 2019
Sexuality Studies MA Program, San Francisco State University

Director, 2017-2018
EROS (Education Referral Organization for Sexuality), San Francisco State University
Associated Students

Continuing Education Intern, March - June 2017
CREGS Summer Institute on Sexuality, San Francisco State University

501(c)3 Board of Directors, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, 2012 – 2014
San Francisco Sex Information (SFSI)

GLBTQ Intern, 2009 – 2011
Whitman College Intercultural Center, Walla Walla, WA

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Spanish:

Plateros Advanced Language Classes, Guanajuato, Mexico, Summer 2017

Spanish, Letra Hispanica Language School, Salamanca, Spain, Summer 2007

Chinese (Mandarin):

Beijing Institute of Education, Fall 2009

Whitman Summer Studies in China, Kunming, Summer 2008

Total of 39 credit hours in Chinese from Whitman College

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Sex Educator Advanced Training Program, San Francisco Sex Information (SFSI), Fall 2012

Family Planning Health Worker Certification Course, California Family Health Council, 2016