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Employment

- 2023- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Faculty Affiliate: Center for Research on Inequality and Health; Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies; LGBTQ+ Policy Lab
- 2025- Associate Director, LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, Vanderbilt University

Education

- 2023 Ph.D., Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2018 M.S., Sociology, Florida State University
- 2016 B.S., Neuroscience, B.A., Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State University

Research Interests

Sex and gender, sexuality, health, medical sociology, demography, adverse childhood experiences, family

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

* Indicates graduate student

- Forth. Stacey, Lawrence, and Kristi Williams. "The Intergenerational Reach of Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences: Associations with Children's Emotional Support and Cognitive Stimulation." *Sociological Science*.
- 2025 Stacey, Lawrence, Rin Reczek, Kristi Williams, Jake J. Hays, and Mieke Beth Thomeer. "[An Unbreakable Bond? Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences and Mothers' Relationships with Adult Children.](#)" *Social Forces* 104(1): 224-249.

- 2025 Pao, Christina*, Christopher Julian*, D’Lane Compton, Danya Lagos, and Lawrence Stacey. “[Demographic Differences in Responses to a Two-Step Gender Identity Measure](#).” *Sociological Science* 12: 277-293.
- 2025 Stacey, Lawrence, Wes Wislar, and Rin Reczek. “[The Medical Institution and Transgender Health: The Role of Healthcare Barriers and Negative Healthcare Experiences](#).” *Social Science & Medicine* 365: 117525.
- 2024 Stacey, Lawrence. “[A Data Portrait of Cisgender, Transgender, and Gender Nonconforming Populations in the United States: A Research Note](#).” *Demography* 61(5): 1267-1282.
- 2024 Stacey, Lawrence. “[An Updated Data Portrait of Heterosexuals, Gays/Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Other Sexual Minorities in the United States](#).” *Social Currents* 11(5): 383-400.
- 2023 Stacey, Lawrence, and Wes Wislar. “[Physical and Mental Health Disparities at the Intersection of Sexual and Gender Minority Statuses: Evidence from Population-level Data](#).” *Demography* 60(3): 731-760.
- Media Coverage: [NBC News](#), [Yahoo! News](#).
- 2023 Reczek, Rin, Lawrence Stacey, and Mieke Beth Thomeer. “[Parent-Adult Child Estrangement in the United States by Gender, Race/ethnicity, and Sexuality](#).” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 85(2): 494-517.
- Media Coverage: [Aeon](#), [MSN](#), [Psychology Today](#), [PsyPost](#), [US News](#), [TIME](#), and [Yahoo! News](#), among others.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, Rin Reczek, and R Spiker. “[Toward a Holistic Demographic Profile of Sexual and Gender Minority Well-being](#).” *Demography* 59(4): 1403-1430.
- 2022 Thomeer, Mieke Beth, Rin Reczek, and Lawrence Stacey. “[Childbearing Biographies as a Method to Examine Diversity and Clustering of Childbearing Experiences: A Research Brief](#).” *Population Research and Policy Review* 41(4): 1405-1415.
- 2022 Reczek, Rin, Lawrence Stacey, and Chloe Dunston. “[Friend, Foe, or Forget ‘Em?: The Quality of LGBTQ Adult Sibling Relationships](#).” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 84(2): 415-437.
- 2022 Forbes, TehQuin D., and Lawrence Stacey (equal authorship). “[Personal Preferences, Discursive Strategies, and the Maintenance of Inequality on Gay Dating Apps](#).” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 51(5): 2385-2397.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, and TehQuin D. Forbes (equal authorship). “[Feeling Like a Fetish: Racialized Feelings, Fetishization, and the Contours of Sexual Racism on Gay Dating Apps](#).” *The Journal of Sex Research* 59(3): 372-384.

- Media Coverage: [HuffPost](#), [Yahoo! News](#).

- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence. “(Bio)Logics of The Family: Gender, Biological Relatedness, and Attitudes toward Children’s Gender Nonconformity in a Vignette Experiment.” *Sociological Forum* 37(1): 222-245.
- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence. “The Family as Gender and Sexuality Factory: A Review of the Literature and Future Directions.” *Sociology Compass* 15(4): e12864.
- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence, and Irene Padavic. “Complicating Parents’ Gender and Sexual Expectations for Children: A Comparison of Biological Parents and Stepparents.” *Sexualities* 24(1-2): 191-207.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

- 2021 Spiker, Russell, Lawrence Stacey, and Corinne Reczek. “Sexual and Gender Minority Health: Toward a More Complete Accounting of Social Class.” Pp. 17-37 in *Sexual and Gender Minority Health (Advances in Medical Sociology, Vol. 21)*, edited by A. LeBlanc and B. Perry. Emerald Publishing Limited.

Other Work

- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence, and Kristi Williams. “Why Families Need More Financial Support during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Fact sheet prepared for the Council on Contemporary Families.
- 2020 Stacey, Lawrence. “Book Review: *The Trans Generation: How Trans Kids (and Their Parents) Are Creating a Gender Revolution*, by Ann Travers.” *Teaching Sociology* 48(3): 246-248.

Work in Progress

* Indicates graduate student and † indicates undergraduate student

Under Review

- Stacey, Lawrence, Emma Marlowe†, and Christina Pao*. “The Evolution of Health Disparities between Cisgender and Transgender Populations and the Role of Demographic Change, 2014-2023.”
- Stacey, Lawrence, Joel Mittleman, and Claire Kamp Dush. “Does It Get Better? Age and Life Satisfaction among LGBT Americans.”
- Stacey, Lawrence, Danya Lagos, and Kirsty Clark. “Healthcare Barriers, Negative Healthcare Experiences, and Transgender Suicidality.”

In Progress

Stacey, Lawrence, Haoyi Wang†, and Emma Marlowe†. “Cisgender/Transgender Health Disparities Across the Age Distribution and the Uneven Burden of Stress.”

Stacey, Lawrence, Charlotte Cooper*, and Emma Bosley-Smith. “Toward a Theory of Benevolent Heterosexism.”

Stacey, Lawrence. “Anti-Transgender State Policies and Population Health, 2014-2022.”

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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| 2025-27 | Dean’s Faculty Fellow, Vanderbilt University. |
| 2023 | Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award, Medical Sociology Section, ASA. |
| 2023 | Outstanding PhD Candidate Award, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (\$500). |
| 2023 | Outstanding Departmental Service Award, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Ohio State University. |
| 2022-23 | Presidential Fellowship. The Graduate School, Ohio State University (\$36,000). |
| 2022 | Frank Mott Paper Award for Population and Health Research, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (\$250). |
| 2020 | Elizabeth Menaghan Paper Award for Marriage and Family Research, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (\$500). |
| 2018-19 | University Fellowship. The Graduate School, Ohio State University (\$25,800). |

Research Funding

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| 2025-29 | <p>Co-Investigator, <i>Mental Health Effects of Legal Access to Same-Sex Marriage: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data in New Zealand</i> (terminated under Trump Administration).</p> <p>Funding: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health (1R01MH140023-01). Total costs: \$3,555,024.</p> <p>MPIs: Christopher S. Carpenter, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, and Alexander Plum, Policy Research Institute, Auckland University of Technology.</p> |
| 2021 | Career Development Grant. Council of Graduate Students, Ohio State University (\$350). |

- 2021 Summer Methods Training Award Grant. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (\$1,333).
- 2019 Silverman Research Support Award. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (\$1,800).

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2024 Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 2024 Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2024 Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health, Michigan State University.
- 2024 Center on Aging and Population Sciences, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2024 Invited Panelist, Time Use Conference, Population Research Center, University of Maryland.
- 2023 Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University.
- 2022 Department of Sociology, Florida State University.

Academic Conferences

- 2025 Stacey, Lawrence, Emma Marlowe, and Christina Pao. "The Evolution of Health Disparities between Cisgender and Transgender Populations and the Role of Demographic Change, 2014-2023." Poster presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- 2025 Pao, Christina, Christopher A. Julian, D'Lane Compton, Danya Lagos, and Lawrence Stacey. "Demographic Differences Between Gender Diverse Populations: Evaluations from the Two-Step Gender Measure in the Household Pulse Survey." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Stacey, Lawrence, Danya Lagos, and Kirsty Clark. "Barriers to Healthcare, Negative Healthcare Experiences, and Suicidal Ideation and Suicide Attempts among Transgender Americans." Paper presented at ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, CA.
- 2024 Stacey, Lawrence. "Anti-Transgender State Policies and Population Health, 2014-2020." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH.
- 2024 Stacey, Lawrence, Wes Wislar, and Rin Reczek. "The Medical Institution and Transgender Health: Examining the Role of Barriers to Care and Negative Healthcare Experiences in the US Transgender Survey." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH.
- 2023 Stacey, Lawrence, and Wes Wislar (presenting author). "Physical and Mental Health Disparities at the Intersection of Sexual and Gender Minority Statuses: Evidence from Population-level Data." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, Rin Reczek, Kristi Williams, Jake J. Hays, and Mieke Beth Thomeer. "Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences and Mother-Adult Child Relationship Estrangement, Contact, and Closeness." Paper presented at Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Annual Meeting. Cleveland, OH.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence and Emma Bosley-Smith. "Benevolent Homophobia: How Parents' Reactions to Adult Children's Non-Heterosexuality Creates Inequality." Paper presented at ASA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, Rin Reczek, Kristi Williams, Jake J. Hays, and Mieke Beth Thomeer. "Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences and Mother-Adult Child Relationship Contact, Closeness, and Estrangement." Paper presented at ASA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, Drexler James, Claire Kamp Dush, Miranda Berrigan, and Wendy Manning. "Misery Loves Company, but Does Adversity? Individual and Partner Adverse Childhood Experiences, Health, and Life Satisfaction." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Reczek, Rin, Lawrence Stacey, and Mieke Beth Thomeer. "The Prevalence of Estranged Parent-Child Ties: Variations by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Socioeconomic Status." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Stacey, Lawrence, and Kristi Williams. "Intergenerational Consequences of Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences for Children's Emotional Support and Cognitive Stimulation." Poster presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence, Drexler James, Claire Kamp Dush, Miranda Berrigan, and Wendy Manning. "Misery Loves Company, but Does Adversity? Individual and Partner Adverse Childhood Experiences, Health, and Life Satisfaction." Paper presented at 15th Annual OSU/BGSU Conference. Columbus, OH.
- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence and Kristi Williams. "Intergenerational Consequences of Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences for Parenting and Children's Emotional Support." Roundtable presentation at 15th Annual OSU/BGSU Conference. Columbus, OH.
- 2021 Reczek, Rin, Lawrence Stacey, and Chloe Dunston. "Friend, Foe, or Forget 'Em?: A Case Study of LGBTQ Adult Sibling Relationships." Paper presented at ASA Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2021 Stacey, Lawrence, Rin Reczek, and Russell Spiker. "Sexual and Gender Minority Well-being: Toward a More Complete Understanding of Well-being." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2021 Spiker, Russell, Rin Reczek, and Lawrence Stacey. "Psychological Distress at the Intersections of Sexual Orientation and Socioeconomic Status." Paper presented at PAA Annual Meeting. Virtual.

- 2020 Stacey, Lawrence, Claire Kamp Dush, and Corinne Reczek. "It Gets Better?: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Americans' Life Satisfaction and Sense of Hope." Paper to have been presented at the PAA Annual Meeting (cancelled). Washington, D.C.
- 2020 Spiker, Russell, Corinne Reczek, and Lawrence Stacey. "Social Class Among Sexual Minorities: A New Approach to Understanding Health Disparities." Paper to have been presented at the PAA Annual Meeting (cancelled). Washington, D.C.
- 2019 Stacey, Lawrence, and TehQuin D. Forbes. "'I Don't See It As a Fetish, I See It As an Attraction': Fetishization, Personal Preferences, and the Reproduction and Disruption of the Sexual Hierarchy on Gay Apps." Paper presented at MSS Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Forbes, TehQuin D., and Lawrence Stacey. "'As Long as it's Respectful': Personal Preferences, Social Desirability, and the Reproduction of Inequality on Gay Apps." Paper presented at SSS Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Stacey, Lawrence, and Irene Padavic. "Emotional Investments of Biological Parents and Stepparents in Children's Gender Displays and Acquisitions of Heterosexuality." Roundtable presentation at ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Forbes, TehQuin and Lawrence Stacey. "'All Bodies, Shapes, and Sizes Welcome': Inclusive Identity Management on Exclusive Gay Apps." Paper presented at SSS Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Stacey, Lawrence. "Comparison of Biological Parents' and Stepparents' Emotional Investments in their Children's Gender and Sexual Identities." Roundtable presentation at SSS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Research and Professional Experience

- 2025-27 External Fellows Program, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2024 Fellow, Workshop on U.S. State Policies, Population Health, and Aging, Center on Aging and Policy Studies and Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University (not able to attend).
- 2021-22 Research Assistant, *Motherhood Biographies and Midlife Mother's Health*. Funding: National Institute of Aging, National Institutes of Health (1R01AG069251-01A1). Total costs: \$1,062,216. Co-PIs: Rin Reczek, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, and Mieke Beth Thomeer, Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

- 2020-21 Research Assistant, *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Parenting*. Funding: Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University.
PI: Kristi Williams, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.
- 2019 Research Consultant, *Equality Ohio*.
- 2019-20 Research Assistant, *Mechanisms Underlying Sexual Minority Health Disparities in the United States*.
Funding: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, National Institutes of Health (1R01HD094081-01A1). Total costs: \$2,350,545.
PI: Claire Kamp Dush, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate

Contemporary Social Issues: Sex and Sexuality in Society, Vanderbilt University
Gender Identities, Interactions, and Relationships, Vanderbilt University
Statistics for Social Scientists, Vanderbilt University
Sociology of the Family, Denison University

Recitation Leader

Research Methods in Sociology, Ohio State University
Statistics in Sociology, Ohio State University

Teaching Assistant

Alcohol and Drug Problems, Florida State University
Deviance and Social Control, Florida State University
Families and Social Change, Florida State University
Marriage and Families, Florida State University
Methods of Social Research, Florida State University
Sociological Theory, Florida State University

Guest Lectures

- 2024 "Sexual and Gender Minority Health Disparities," LGBTQ Rights, Health, & Wellness, Vanderbilt University.
- 2023 "Gender in the Workplace," Introduction to Sociology, Vanderbilt University.
- 2021 "Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Sociology of Gender," Sociological Theory, Ohio State University.
- 2021 "Intersectionality: Race, Cyberspace, and Sexuality," Sexualities, Denison University.
- 2020 "Families, Parenting, and Sexuality," Sexualities, Ohio State University.

- 2019 "The Role of the Family in Children's Acquisitions of Heterosexuality," Sexualities, Ohio State University.
- 2018 "Queering the Hookup," Families and Social Change, Florida State University.
- 2017 "African American Families and Marriage Trends," Marriage and Families, Florida State University.
- 2017 "Michel Foucault's *Discipline and Punish*: The Phases of Punishment and New Forms of Technology," Sociological Theory, Florida State University.

Formal Advising

Graduate Advising at Vanderbilt University

- 2023-25 Research Collaboration (RC1), Charlotte Cooper.

Undergraduate Advising at Vanderbilt University

- 2025 Research Assistant Mentor, Haoyi Wang.
- 2024-25 Honors Thesis Reader, Saksham Saksena.
- 2024-25 Honors Thesis Advisor, Solmin Kim.
- 2024-25 Research Assistant Mentor, Emma Marlowe.
- 2023-24 Honors Thesis Reader, Nitya Kari.
- 2023-24 Honors Thesis Advisor, Alyxis Smith.

Departmental and University Service

Vanderbilt University

- 2025-26 Member, Speakers, Website, and Publicity Committee, Department of Sociology.
- 2024 Panelist, Transitioning to a Tenure-Track Job, Department of Sociology.
- 2024-25 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Medicine, Health, and Society.
- 2024 Reviewer, Health Equity Student Scholars Program, School of Nursing.
- 2024-25 Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology.
- 2024 Panelist, Successful CVs, Department of Sociology.
- 2023- Faculty Advisor, Pride Serve.
- 2023-24 Member, Speakers, Nominations, Website, and Publicity Committee, Department of Sociology.

Ohio State University

- 2023 Panelist, The Academic Job Market: Getting a Job, Department of Sociology.
- 2023 Panelist, Sociology Recruitment Event for Prospective Students, Department of Sociology.
- 2023 Panelist, Writing a Teaching Statement, Teaching Working Group.
- 2022-23 Vice President of Research, Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2020-23 Undergraduate Research Assistant Advisor, Department of Sociology.
- 2021-23 Organizer, SocPOP (Demography Working Group), Department of Sociology.

- 2022 Moderator, “A Panel on Positionality in Qualitative Research,” Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2022 Panelist, Book salon for *Families We Keep: LGBTQ People and Their Enduring Bonds with Parents* by Rin Reczek and Emma Bosley-Smith, Department of Sociology.
- 2021-22 Undergraduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology.
- 2020-22 Member, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2021 Panelist, Demystifying Graduate School Series: Choosing a School, Department of Sociology.
- 2019-20 Member, Mentorship Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2019-20 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology.
- 2018-19 Member, Research Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2018-19 Member, Recruitment Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association.

Florida State University

- 2017-18 Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.
- 2017-18 Representative, Information Resources Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Union.

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Work

- 2025-27 Member, Editorial Board, *Sex & Sexualities*
- 2025-26 Member, Editorial Board, *Population Research and Policy Review*

Ad-hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review, Behavior & Information Technology, Canadian Studies in Population, Demography, Gender & Society, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Homosexuality, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Population Research and Policy Review, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Spectrum, Socius, The Journals of Gerontology: B Series, The Journal of Sex Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Work and Occupations

Service to Professional Organizations

- 2025 Annual Meeting Guide, ASA.
- 2025 Roundtable Presider, Sex and Gender Section, ASA.
- 2025 Graduate Student Mentor, Population Section, ASA.
- 2025 Graduate Student Mentor, Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Section, ASA.
- 2025 Co-Discussant, “Sexual and Gender Minority Health” Session, PAA.
- 2024-25 Co-Chair, Advancing Scholarship Committee, Sociologists for Trans Justice (S4TJ).
- 2024-25 Nominations Committee, Family Section, ASA.
- 2024 Panelist, “Applying to MA/PhD Programs,” Mid-South Sociological Association.

2024	Presider and Discussant, “Queer Dating, Relationships, and Families in the US and Globally” Session, ASA.
2024	Chair, “Transgender and Gender Expansive Demography” Session, PAA.
2023-24	Member, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Sex and Gender Section, ASA.
2023-24	Member, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Section on Sexualities, ASA.
2023	Discussant, “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Measurement and Nonresponse” Session, PAA.
2022-23	Newsletter Editor, Family Section, ASA.
2022	Session Organizer, “Queer Family Demography” Session, PAA.
2021-23	Student Representative, Family Section, ASA.
2021-23	Member, Distinguished Career Award Committee, Family Section, ASA.
2020-21	Member, Social Media Committee, Family Section, ASA.
2020	Roundtable Presider, Family Section, ASA.
2020	Influencer, Social Media Team, Sex and Gender Section, ASA.
2018-20	Member, Membership Committee, Sex and Gender Section, ASA.
2018-20	Member, Mentorship Committer, Sexualities Section, ASA.
2018	Influencer, Social Media Team, Sexualities Section, ASA.

Service to the Public

Interviews for Print and Internet Media

Deseret News. Lois Collins. [Mitt Romney’s Child Allowance Plan: Love it or Hate it, It’s Hard to Ignore](#). 2/9/2021

Professional Memberships

2019-	Population Association of America (PAA).
2018-	American Sociological Association (ASA).

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