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**EDUCATION**

2020-Present Ph.D. in Sociology (in progress) Oklahoma State University (ABD as of May 2023)

Dissertation title: *“Healthcare Practitioners’ Participation and Experiences in the Weight-Inclusive Healthcare Movement”*

Committee: Dr. Jonathan Coley (chair), Dr. Rachel Schmitz, Dr. Monica Whitham, Dr. Allison Hepworth

2020 M.A. in Sociology, Lehigh University

Graduate Certificate, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Thesis Title: “*Becoming a Health at Every Size Practitioner: An Examination of Dietitian Role Exit”*

Committee: Dr. Jackie Krasas (chair), Dr. Danielle Lindemann, Dr. Heather Johnson

2015 B.A. in Sociology, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Minors: Psychology; Women & Gender Studies

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Health and medicine; social inequalities; social movements; social psychology; gender and sexuality

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

2024 Coley, Jonathan, **Gabby Gomez**, AJ Kurtz, and Anna Baeth. “Promoting Equality in College Sports: LGBTQ+-Inclusive Policies in NCAA Division I Athletic Departments.” *Sexuality Research & Social Policy.* Online first.

2024 Coley, Jonathan, Dhruba Das, **Gabby Gomez**, Jericho McElroy, and Jessica Schachle-Gordon. “How Educational Opportunity Structures Shape the Presence, Forms, and Outcomes of Campus Activism.” *Sociological Focus.* Online first.

2024 **Gomez, Gabby**. “Practicing Weight-Inclusive Healthcare in a Weight-Centric Field: An Examination of the Barriers Faced by Weight-Inclusive Healthcare Practitioners in the U.S.” *Fat Studies*, 13(2): 153-166.

2023 Coley, Jonathan, Daniel Morrison, Lexie Taylor, Jessica Schachle-Gordon, and **Gabby Gomez**. “Gendered Organizations as Heterosexualized Organizations: The Case of Housing, Roommate, and Visitation Policies at Christian Colleges and Universities.” *Socius*, 9(1): 1-17.

2023 **Gomez, Gabby**, Rachel M. Schmitz, Eve Nance, Jennifer Tabler, and Ruby Charak.

““Sometimes We Just Need to Sit Down and Breathe”: LGBTQ+ People’s Views on the Unexpected Benefits Stemming from COVID-19 Pandemic Life Changes.” *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research,* 17(2): 113-131.

2022 Schmitz, Rachel M., **Gabby Gomez**, Aidan Probst, Jennifer Tabler, and Ruby Charak. “Queer Politics of a Pandemic: LGBTQ+ People’s Conceptions of COVID-19’s Politicization.” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 20: 751–765.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

2024 Schachle-Gordon, Jessica, **Gabby Gomez**, Jonathan S. Coley, and Dan Morrison. “Why Do So Many Christian Colleges and Universities Maintain Gendered Residence Life Policies?” *Council on Contemporary Families*.

2024 **Gomez, Gabby**, Jessica L. Schachle-Gordon, and Jonathan S. Coley. “Concept Spotlight: New Directions in the Study of Occupational Activism.” *Critical Mass Bulletin.*

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

2023-2024 Dr. Jonathan Coley, National Science Foundation grant

* *Local Government Officials and the Management of Religion-State Relationships*, #2148554
  + Conducted interviews with local government leaders across the United States
  + Coded qualitative interviews using ATLAS.ti

2021-2024 Dr. Kelley Sittner, National Institutes of Health grants

* *Family-Based, Culturally-Centered Diabetes Intervention with Ojibwe Communities,* #5R01DK091250-10 (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases)
  + Data management
* *Indigenous Pathways of Substance Use Risk and Resilience across Three Generations, #*5R01DA039912-09 (National Institute on Drug Abuse)
  + Produced technical reports for Community Research Councils

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2024 Community Partner Paper Award, The Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Community Research and Development Division, Honorable Mention.

2024 Richard Dodder Scholarship, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University.

2024 Faculty Council for Gender Equity Student Research Award, Oklahoma State University

2023 Sarah Belusko Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University

2023 Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award, American Sociological Association

2022 Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Paper Competition, *Becoming an “Anti-Diet” Dietitian: Dietitians’ Mobilization into the Health at Every Size Movement* (3rd place)

2022 Passed social movements comprehensive exam with distinction

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2025 **Gomez, Gabby.** “Pathways to Occupational Activism: The Role of Resocialization.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2025 **Gomez, Gabby.** “Weight-Inclusive Healthcare: A Means of Enhancing Health, Equity, and Social Justice.” American Sociological Association Virtual Mini-Conference.

2024 **Gomez, Gabby.** “”Even If It's Not Super Radical or Direct Action, It All Still Matters:” Occupational Activism in the Weight-Inclusive Healthcare Movement.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Nashville, TN.

2024 Coley, Jonathan, Gary Adler, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, Eric Plutzer, and **Gabby Gomez**. “Religion and Occupational Activism among Local Government Officials in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, Quebec.

2024 **Gomez, Gabby**, Kelley Sittner, and Crystal Greensky. “Healthcare Discrimination, Healthcare Avoidance, and Self-Rated Health in a Sample of American Indians with Type 2 Diabetes.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Quebec.

2024 Coley, Jonathan, **Gabby Gomez**, AJ Kurtz, and Anna Baeth. “Queering College Sports: LGBTQ-Inclusive Athletic Department Policies at U.S. Colleges and Universities.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Quebec.

2024 **Gomez, Gabby**. “Helping Patients Navigate Medical Weight Stigma: Weight-Inclusive Providers as Occupational Activists.” Annual International Weight Stigma Conference. Colchester, UK. (Virtual Presentation).

2024 Coley, Jonathan, **Gabby Gomez,** AJ Kurtz, and Anna Baeth. “Queering College Sports: LGBTQ-Inclusive Athletic Department Policies at U.S. Colleges and Universities.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Des Moines, IA.

2023 Coley, Jonathan and **Gabby Gomez**. “Legacies of Exclusion: Racial Segregation and

Discrimination against LGBTQ Students at Christian Colleges and Universities.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA

2023 **Gomez, Gabby**, Rachel M. Schmitz, Eve Nance, Jennifer Tabler, and Ruby Charak.

““Sometimes We Just Need to Sit Down and Breathe”: LGBTQ+ People’s Views on the Unexpected Benefits Stemming from COVID-19 Pandemic Life Changes.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.

2023 **Gomez, Gabby**. ““‘Finding Purpose in All of That Pain’: Anti-diet Activism as a Means of Biographical Repair.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.

2023 **Gomez, Gabby**. “Repairing Biographical Disruption via Social Movement Participation: An Examination of The Anti-Diet Movement.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Myrtle Beach, SC.

2023 Coley, Jonathan, Dhruba Das, **Gabby Gomez**, Jericho McElroy, and Jessica Schachle. “How Educational Opportunity Structures Shape the Presence, Form, and Outcome of Campus Activism.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN.

2022 Schmitz, Rachel M. and **Gabby Gomez**. “Queer Politics of a Pandemic: LGBTQ+ People’s Conceptions of COVID-19’s Politicization.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2020 **Gomez, Gabby.** “Negotiating the Role of the Registered Dietitian: From Weight Management Expert to Health at Every Size.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA.

2015 **Gomez, Gabby**. “Measuring Cultural Adherences: A Study of Female Scale Use.” National Undergraduate Conference on Body Image. Cabrini College, Radnor, PA.

**LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND INVOLVEMENT**

2024-present President, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology, Oklahoma State University

2024-present Graduate Feedback Provider, Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Research Symposium

2024-present Secretary, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Oklahoma State University

2024-present Parliamentarian, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Oklahoma State University

2023-2024 Vice President, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology, Oklahoma State University

2023-2024 President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Oklahoma State University

2022-2024 Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Oklahoma State University

2022-2023 President, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology,

Oklahoma State University

2022-2023 Vice President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Oklahoma State

University

2021-Present Member, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honors Society

2020-2023 Graduate Student Faculty Liaison, Oklahoma State University

2020-Present Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Oklahoma State University

2018-2020 Representative, Graduate Student Senate, Lehigh University

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2024 **Preparing Online Instructors Workshop, Oklahoma State University**

**Presented by Kushal Jha**

2023 ASA Section on Teaching and Learning’s pre-conference workshop, “Sociology - Now More Than Ever”

2023 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Workshop, Oklahoma State University

Presented by Kushal Jha

2019 Diversity and Inclusion Workshop for Graduate Students, Lehigh University

Presented by Dr. Donald Outing and Dr. Henri Odi

2019 Teacher Development Series (levels 1 & 2), Lehigh University

Presented by Dr. Greg Reihman

**EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

2024-present Managing Editor, *The Sociological Quarterly*

2022-present Ad-hoc peer reviewer: *Sociology of Religion*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2024 Guest Lecture, *Weight-Inclusive Care*

NSCI Maternal & Child Nutrition, Dr. Allison Hepworth, Oklahoma State University

2022-23 Instructor of Record, Oklahoma State University

* Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

2020-21 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oklahoma State University

* Juvenile Delinquency, Dr. Kelley Sittner (Spring 2021)
* Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Monica Whitham (Spring 2021)
* Environmental Sociology, Dr. Jared Fitzgerald (Fall 2020)
* The Sociology of Race & Ethnicity, Dr. Kevin Johnson (Fall 2020)

2018-20 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Lehigh University

* Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Hugo Ceron-Anaya (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
* Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Ziad Munson (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Medical Sociology

Social Psychology

Sociology of Body and Embodiment

Sociology of Emotions

Teaching and Learning in Sociology

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Association for Size Diversity and Health (ASDAH)