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CURRENT POSITION

2016 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
Faculty Affiliate, Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, Appalachian State University

Previous Academic Appointments

2014 - 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University
2013 - 2013 Visiting Instructor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Cornell College
2011 - 2014 Instructor, Department of Sociology, The University of Iowa

EDUCATION

2009 - 2014 Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Iowa
Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

2007 - 2009 M.A. Sociology, The University of Iowa

2000 - 2004 B.A. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington
Minor in Human Development/Family Studies

SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed

shuster, stef. 2016. "Uncertain Expertise and the Limitations of Clinical Guidelines in Transgender Healthcare." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(3): 319-32.

shuster, stef and Celeste Campos-Castillo. Forthcoming. "Measuring Resonance and Dissonance in Social Movement Frames With Affect Control Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

Non-refereed

shuster, stef. 2015. Book Review of *Blind to Sameness: Sexpectations and the Social Construction of Male and Female Bodies* by Asia Friedman. *Contemporary Sociology* 44:796-98.

Works In Progress

shuster, stef. *Treating Gender: Transgender Medicine and Uncertain Expertise* [book manuscript]

shuster, stef. "Sticks and Stone Break Our Bones and Words Are Damaging: How Discursive Aggression Regulates Transgender People."

shuster, stef. "From Pathology To Progress? The Politics of "Evidence" in U.S. Transgender Medicine since the 1950s."

shuster, stef, and Ellen Lamont. "How Language Erases the Existence of Non-binary People in Social Interactions"

shuster, stef and Grayson Bodenheimer. "A Labor of Love? How Healthcare Providers Negotiate Emotion Norms with Conflicting Professional Expectations."

Campos-Castillo, stef shuster, and Denise Anthony. "Privacy Expectations and Gender Ideology: Cultural Influences on Communicating Personal Information."

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

- 2016 **Research Proposal Development Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$5000)
Research Grant, Center for Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University (\$250)
- 2015 **Research Grant**, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (\$1660)
- 2013-2014 **Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship**, Graduate College, University of Iowa
- 2012 **Jane A. Weiss Memorial Dissertation Scholarship**, Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa (\$3000)
Fellowship, Obermann Institute on Civic Engagement and the Academy, University of Iowa
- 2011 **Writing Fellowship**, Graduate College, University of Iowa

Awards

- 2016 **Outstanding Faculty Award**, Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity, Duke University
- 2014 **National Center for Institutional Diversity Emerging Scholar Recognition**, University of Michigan
- 2012 **Diversity Catalyst Award**, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and Chief Diversity Office, University of Iowa
Distinguished Student Leader Certificate, Hancher-Finkbine Committee, University of Iowa
- 2011 **Hawkeye Award for Outstanding Diversity Awareness Program for TransWeek!**, Office of Student Life, University of Iowa
- 2010 **Carl J. Couch Graduate Student Teaching Award**, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2008-2009 **Graduate and Professional Student Award for Dedication and Enrichment of the Cultural and Resource Centers**, Office of Student Life, University of Iowa

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Appalachian State University

- Medical Sociology (Fall 2016)
- The Sociological Perspective (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
- Senior Seminar Capstone course (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)

Lecturing Fellow, Duke University

Composing the Internship Experience with Social Media* (Summer 2016)
Qualitative Methods (Spring 2016)
Making Meaning of “Madness”: Social Aspects of Mental Illness (Fall 2015)
Constructing Transgender Identities (Spring 2015)
Gender Diversities (Fall 2014)

Visiting Instructor, Cornell College

Gender Diversity (Winter 2013)

Instructor, The University of Iowa

Gender and Society (Summer 2013)
Classical Social Theory (Fall 2012)
Sexuality Studies (Spring 2011)
Social Inequalities* (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2011)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National

- 2016 Campos-Castillo, Celeste, stef shuster, and Denise Anthony. “Privacy Expectations and Gender Ideology: Cultural Influences on Communicating Personal Information” Roundtable for the section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2014 shuster, stef. “Managing Ambiguity While Working in a Glass House: Provider Perspectives on Transgender Healthcare.” Regular Session Presentation for Health Care and Care Delivery at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 shuster, stef. “Microaggressions as Systemic Violence Against Transgender Communities.” Regular Session Presentation for Sex and Gender at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY.
- 2012 shuster, stef and Donna Lancianese. “Get ‘em Thinking, Get ‘em Talking: Two Class Activities for Unpacking Gender.” Regular Session Presentation for Teaching and Learning at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- shuster, stef. “Bringing the Sexuality Back In: Sexuality in Social Stratification Research.” Works-in-Progress Panel Presentation at the Crossing Boundaries: Workshopping Boundaries Sexualities Mini-conference, Denver, CO.
- shuster, stef. “Medicine and Meaning-Making: A Historiography of Psychological Research on Transgender People.” Roundtable for Sexualities section at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2010 shuster, stef. “Penetrating the Ivory Tower: How Queer Social Movements Impact Universities in Establishing Queer Student Resource Centers.” Regular Session Presentation for Collective Action at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 shuster, stef. “Resolving Feminist Dilemmas Within Ethnography: A Case for Photoethnography.” Roundtable for Sex and Gender at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

· * Denotes on-line course.

Regional

- 2017 shuster, stef and Ellen Lamont. "How Non-binary People are Challenged by, and Challenge, Binary Language Systems in Social Interaction" Regular Session Presentation for the Sociologists for Women in Society-South sponsored session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 shuster, stef. "From Pathology To Progress? Challenging Perceptions of "Progress" and the Standardization of Normalcy in U.S. Transgender Healthcare." Regular Session presentation for the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 shuster, stef. "Building Transgender Communities Through Digital Media." Presentation for the James F. Jakobsen Graduate Student Conference, Iowa City, IA.
- shuster, stef. "Oh s#!T We Forgot the "T": Creating Inclusive Spaces for Trans* Folk." Presentation for the Midwestern Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Ally College Conference, Ames, IA.
- 2010 shuster, stef. "How Queer Social Movements Impact Organizational Processes: The Creation of Queer Student Resource Centers." Regular Session presentation for the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 shuster, stef. "Mobilizing in the Midwest: The Deployment of Strategies in Establishing Queer Student Centers." Regular Session presentation for the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.
- Civettini, Nicole, Rengin Firat, and stef shuster. "The Effects of Same-Sex Unions on Mental Well-Being." Mental Health Roundtable for the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invited Lectures and Panels

- 2016 Invited Panelist, "Plenary on LGBTQ Scholarship." After Marriage Conference, CLAGS: Center for LGBTQ Studies, New York City, NY.
- shuster, stef. "Training for Trans Medicine." Invited Talk for Phi Chi medical fraternity, Appalachian State University.
- shuster, stef. "Epistemic Clashes in the Treatment of Gender in Trans Medicine." Invited Talk for the Social Medicine Faculty Forum, Department of Social Medicine, UNC – Chapel Hill.
- shuster, stef. "Treating Gender and the Politics of Evidence." Invited Talk for Friday Faculty Forums, Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Duke University.
- shuster, stef. "It's like Spidey Sense: Provider Decision-making in the Moral Economy of Trans Medicine." Invited Talk for Bioethics Group, Duke University.
- 2015 shuster, stef. "Applied Research in Transgender Medicine and Systems of Healthcare." Invited Talk for the Brown Bag Series, Department of Anthropology, UNC – Chapel Hill.
- shuster, stef. "Policy Implications for Paradoxes in Transgender Medicine." Invited Lecture for Amanda Flaim's Qualitative Methods graduate seminar, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University.
- 2014 shuster, stef. "A Labor of Love? Emotional Dissonance Among Healthcare Workers in Transgender Medicine." Invited Presentation for Nursing Grand Rounds, UI Hospitals and Clinics, The University of Iowa.
- 2013 shuster, stef. "Gender Dysphoria or Gender Diversities? Exploring the Role of Therapists in Affirming Transgender Clients." Invited Lecture for the University Counseling Services, The University of Iowa.

- shuster, stef. “A Non-Binary What?: Non-Binary Identified People Navigating Systems of Healthcare and Common Areas of Tension with Providers.” Invited Lecture for the Iowa River Landing LGBTQ Health Clinic, Iowa City, IA.
- 2012 Keynote Address. “Social Impacts of Stigma and Oppression on Queer and Trans* Student Populations.” College of Education’s Beyond Tolerance Conference, The University of Iowa.
- shuster, stef. “Check That!: Working with Trans* Communities and Unpacking Cisprivelege.” Invited Lecture for Motier Haskin’s Discrimination, Oppression, and Diversity graduate seminar, School of Social Work, The University of Iowa.
- 2011 shuster, stef. “Bifurcating Narratives, Contested Meaning: A Historiography of Psychological Research on Transgender People. Social Theory Colloquim, Department of Sociology, The University of Iowa.

Workshops

- 2016 Smith, Lindsey and stef shuster. “How to Write a Successful Research Grant Proposal.” Workshop for the Undergraduate Research Support Office, Duke University.
- 2015 shuster, stef. “Making Feminist Spaces More Inclusive for Trans Folk.” Women’s Housing Option, Duke University.
- 2014 Nordmarken Sonny and stef shuster. “Teaching Trans* Issues While Feminist?: Creating Trans Feminist Pedagogies and Homeplaces.” Workshop during the annual conference of the National Women’s Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- shuster, stef. “Transgender Awareness and Competency Training.” Invited Workshop for the Department of Correctional Services, Waterloo, Iowa.
- 2013 shuster, stef. “Creating Safer Spaces in Housing for Trans* & Gender Variant People.” Invited Workshop for the River City Housing Collective, Iowa City, IA.
- 2012 shuster, stef. “Working with Transgender Populations: Pedagogy, Education, and Co-Constructing Culturally Competent Practices.” Presentation for the College of Education’s Beyond Tolerance Conference, Iowa City, IA.
- shuster, stef. “Trans* Oppression in Service-Provision for Social Work.” Invited Workshop for School of Social Work faculty, The University of Iowa.
- Thompson, Kelly and stef shuster. “Working with Transgender & Genderqueer Populations: Co-Constructing Culturally Competent Practices for the UI Library Systems.” Workshop for Libraries Staff Development and Diversity Program, The University of Iowa.
- 2011 shuster, stef. “Overcoming Stigma: Working with Trans Populations.” Staff Training for the LGBT Resource Center, The University of Iowa.

SELECTED SERVICE

Department

- 2016 **Survey Design and Implementation**, Assessment of Proposed Certificate in Health, Work, and Families, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.
- 2015-2016 **Faculty Representative**, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University
- Committee Member**, Writing 101 Course Goals and Practices Assessment, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University

Institution

- 2017 **Facilitator**, INTERSECT Social Justice Retreat, Office of Multicultural Student Development, Appalachian State University.
- 2014-2016 **Faculty Mentor**, Spectrum, Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Duke University
- 2013 **Facilitator**, Graduate Student Teaching Orientation, Center for Teaching, The University of Iowa
- 2012-2014 **Advisory Board Member**, Women's Resource & Action Center, The University of Iowa
- 2011 **Search Committee Member** for the Assistant Director for Diversity Programs, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, The University of Iowa
- 2010-2012 **President**, Graduate Student Senate, The University of Iowa
- Social Sciences & Education Delegate**, Graduate Council, The University of Iowa
- 2009-2013 **Co-Organizer**, The University of Iowa's TransWeek!
- 2009-2011 **Delegate**, Graduate and Professional Students Budgeting & Allocating Committee, The University of Iowa
- 2007-2012 **Transgender Health Initiative**, Interdisciplinary Assessment Team for Transgender Health Services, The University of Iowa

Profession

- 2017 **Panelist**, "Transgender Scholarship and Experience in Sociology." Sociologists for Women in Society-South sponsored panel at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.
- Panel Moderator**, "The Social Consequences of HB2." Annual meeting of the North Carolina Sociological Association, High Point, NC.
- 2016-2017 **Editorial Board Member**, *Palaver: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.
- 2016 **Panelist**, "Navigating Queer Identities in Research." LGBTQ Caucus workshop at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- Mentor**, Sexualities Section Mentoring Program, American Sociological Association.
- Faculty Supervisor**, Student-led house course in LGBTQ Studies, Duke University
- Presider**, Healthcare and Underrepresented Populations Panel at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 **Moderator**, Violence and Health Roundtable for the Medical Sociology section at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Gender & Society; Law & Social Inquiry; Mobilization: An International Quarterly; Social Currents; National Science Foundation Grant; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant

Community

- 2015 **Planning Committee Member**, Gender Reel Film Festival, Durham, NC
- 2013-2014 **Member**, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Working Group on Trans Populations and Healthcare Needs in Prison, Iowa City, IA
- 2012-2014 **Member**, Transgender Resource Alliance: Interdisciplinary Working Group on Creating Trans Affirming Sexual Assault Services in Iowa City, IA

2011 - **Advisory Board Member**, National Center on Transgender Equality TONI Project
2010-2014 **Co-Organizer and Founder**, TransCollaborations, Trans-activist group in Iowa City (raised \$50,000 for event organizing and major programming needs)

Professional Association Memberships

American Sociological Association; Sociologists for Women in Society; Southern Sociological Society

Media Coverage

Huffington Post UK Article. "Doctors Lack Experience in Treating Transgender Patients."
Published September 21, 2016. http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/dr-helen-webberley/doctors-lack-experience-i_b_12104142.html

The Guardian Article. "Doctors Lack Experience and Expertise in Treating Transgender Patients, Study Says."
Published September 7, 2016. <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2016/sep/07/transgender-patients-face-doctors-limited-experience-bias-treatment-study>

Matthews Place Article. "The Trans Divide: When Transgender Groups Rise Separately From the Queer Community." Published January 6, 2016. <http://www.matthewsplace.com/voice/the-trans-divide-when-transgender-groups-rise-separately-from-the-queer-community/>

Women at Iowa interview with Anna Bostwick Flaming on being a trans activist and scholar. Aired February 14, 2014. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8omkpE8Leo8>

Iowa Public Radio *River to River* interview with Ben Kieffer on the history of transgender healthcare and provider-client interactions. Aired January 21, 2014. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/nell-irvin-painter-history-white-people>

Inside Higher Ed News Article "University of Iowa Will Ask." Published December 12, 2012.
<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/12/12/university-iowa-adds-optional-question-sexual-orientation>

Iowa Now Feature News Article "Transgender Activist, Academic Pioneer." Published April 11, 2012.
<http://now.uiowa.edu/2012/04/transgender-activist-academic-pioneer>