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EDUCATION

PhD in Social Work and Sociology, University of Michigan **expected 2011**

Dissertation Title: The Intergenerational Family Relationships of Grandparents and GLBQ Grandchildren

Selected Dissertation Support: *Hartford Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship* (2009-11) and a *National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Training Fellowship* (2007-10).

Committee Members: Ruth Dunkle (co-chair, Social Work) and Karin Martin (co-chair, Sociology), Renee Anspach (Sociology), Berit Ingersoll-Dayton (Social Work), and Michael Woodford (Social Work)

Masters of Arts in Sociology, University of Michigan **2007**

Masters of Social Work, University of Michigan **2006**

Interpersonal Practice with Children and Youth in Families and Society
 LMSW in the State of Michigan (6801089032)

Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado at Boulder **2002**

Psychology and Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude* in Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Sexualities Aging
 Family Relationships

TEACHING INTERESTS

Families	Aging	Qualitative Methodologies
Interpersonal Practice	Human Sexuality	HBSE

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Scherrer, K. S. (in press) The Intergenerational Family Relationships of Grandparents and GLBQ Grandchildren. *The Journal of GLBT Family Studies*.

- Woodford, M., Sheets, K., **Scherrer, K. S.**, Addams, B., Tenkate, I., and d'Eon-Blemings, R. (in press) Social work practice with lesbian adoptive couples. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*.
- Martin, K. A., Hutson, D. J., Kazyak, E. A. & **Scherrer, K. S.** (2010) Advice when Children Come Out: The Cultural “Tool-kit” of Parents. *Journal of Family Issues*. 31(7) 960 –991.
- Scherrer, K. S. (2010) How Asexuality Contributes to the Same Sex Marriage Discussion. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*. 22(1, 2) 56-73.
- Scherrer, K. S. (2009) Images of Sexuality and Aging. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. 6(4), 5-12.
- Scherrer, K. S. (2008) Coming to an Asexual Identity: Negotiating Identity, Negotiating Desire. *Sexualities*. 11(5), 621-641.
- Article featured in *Contexts Magazine*, a quarterly publication of the American Sociological Association that brings sociological research to a public audience in May 2009.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Scherrer, K. S. (2010) Asexual Relationships: What does Asexuality have to do with Polyamory? In Barker, M. & Langdrige, D. (Eds.) *Understanding Non-monogamies*. London: Routledge. 154-159.
- Scherrer, K. S. “What’s in a Family?” *Talk About it: University of Michigan Office of LGBT Affairs Coming Out Magazine*. October, 2007.
- Scherrer, K. S. with Macon, A. “Asexuality: Understanding Sexual Diversities.” *Talk About it: University of Michigan Office of LGBT Affairs Coming Out Magazine*. October, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

- Woodford, M., Silverschanz, P., Swank, E., **Scherrer, K. S.**, & Raiz, L. (under review) Predictors of U.S. Heterosexual University Students’ Attitudes toward Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and Issues. Submitted to *Research of Higher Education*.
- Scherrer, K. S., & Woodford, M. (in preparation) How Far Have We Come?: Recent Content on GLBTQ Issues in Social Work Journals. To be submitted to *Social Work*.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2010** *National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Training Fellow*, NIA Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in Social Research on Applied Issues in Aging. School of Social Work. (2007-10)

Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship for Spring/Summer 2011

Sociology Dissertation Research Grant. \$1,600.

Rackham Spring/Summer Research Partnership Award for work with Dr. Michael Woodford on research project: Student Experiences of Heterosexism and Intersecting Identities. \$6,000.

2009

Hartford Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work, funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City and administered by The Gerontological Society of America. \$70,000.

Rackham Debt Management Award for commitment to community service and student-related debt. \$7,500.

High Pass on Social Work Preliminary Examination: “Out in the Family”: The Intergenerational Family Relationships of Grandparents and GLBQ Grandchildren

Funded Participant in “A Primer on Empirical Research on Sexual Minorities,” training to enable scholars to use existing empirical data on sexual orientation in Los Angeles, CA. Sponsored by the Williams Institute.

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender Student Research Award, for “Getting ‘Bi’ in the Family: The Intergenerational Familial Relationships of Bisexual Individuals,” \$500.

The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grant Award, for “Getting ‘Bi’ in the Family: The Intergenerational Familial Relationships of Bisexual Individuals,” \$750.

2008

International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Psychology Summer Institute Participant at the University of Michigan

Funded Participant for *Survey Research Center Summer Institute for Introduction to Focus Groups as Qualitative Research and Qualitative Methods: Overview and Semi-Structured Interviewing* at the University of Michigan

Creating Change Conference Award for travel, accommodation and registration for the 2008 Creating Change Conference from the Office of LGBT Affairs, University of Michigan

W. K. Kellogg Family Fellowship in Children and Families. \$14,000.

2007

Harold and Vivian Shapiro/John Malik Award by the University of Michigan Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. \$1,000.

The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program Pre-Dissertation Award in Geriatric Social Work

Community of Scholars Graduate Fellowship, for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Focusing on Women or Gender sponsored by the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

Harold & Vivian Shapiro Award by the University of Michigan School of Social Work. \$2,500.

- 2006** *Center for the Education of Women*, grant in support of research project on asexual identity. \$720.
Bisexual Foundation Grant, grant in support of research project on bisexuality. \$750.
Rackham Graduate Student Pre-Candidacy Research Grant. \$1,500.
- 2005** *Rainbow Network Award* for leadership, support or involvement in organizations, activities, issues, or scholarship that promote responsible and informed social work practice with transgender, bisexual, lesbian, and gay individuals and/or communities by the University of Michigan, Department of Social Work.
- 2002** *Phi Beta Kappa* honors society
Val and Helen Fisher Award for outstanding academic and community service contributions by the University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Sociology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Social Work 790: Sexuality in the Family Context: Building Social Work Skills with Families on Sexual Identity, Behavior and Education
 (Solo-taught in **Fall 2009** and in **Spring/Summer 2010**)

- Designed and facilitated practice course for MSW students

Teaching Practicum: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Social Work 683: Evaluation in Social Work (Winter 2009)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ruth Dunkle

- Prepared course materials and facilitated alongside Faculty Mentor.

Graduate Student Instructor: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sociology 345: Sociology of Sexuality (Winter 2007)

Primary Instructor: Dr. PJ McGann

- Facilitated 3 sections with 75 total students

Sociology 344: Marriage and the Family (Fall 2006)

Primary Instructor: Dr. Luis Sfeir-Younis

- Facilitated 3 sections with 75 total students

Primary Instructor and Research Supervisor: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sociology 395: SURO: Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunities
 (Winter 2009; Summer 2008; Winter 2008; Winter 2007)

UROP: Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

(Winter, 2010; Fall 2009; Winter 2009; Fall 2008; Winter 2008)

Invited Guest Lecturer

“Sexuality and Gerontology,” for Social Work 694, Social Work Practice with the Elderly, July 2008

“Solitary Sex,” for Sociology 345, Sociology of Sexuality, October 2008
“Qualitative Research Methods” for Conversations Across Social Disciplines Workshop,
April 2010

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Graduate Teaching Certificate (2009)

Awarded by the University of Michigan, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning (CRLT) for classroom and practice teaching experiences

Completed Courses include:

- Using Wikipedia, Screen Capture, and Online Resources to Promote Learning.
- Assessing Multicultural Learning: Tracking Ideas on the Move.
- Make It Stick!: Teaching for Long Term Retention.
- Designing Effective Group Activities.
- (Dis)Ability in the Classroom.

Seminar on Teaching Social Work for Doctoral Student Instructors in the University of Michigan School of Social Work with Dr. Mary Ruffolo. (Fall 2009)

Planning Member of the School of Social Work Faculty Teaching Retreat, University of Michigan (Winter 2007)

Capturing Teaching Innovation: Social Work Faculty Curriculum Retreat (Spring 2007)

Sociology 993: Graduate Student Instructor Training. University of Michigan, Department of Sociology (Fall 2006)

Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Orientation. University of Michigan, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning (Fall 2006)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Clinical Interventionist for Couples Life Story Project, through the University of Michigan School of Social Work. *Facilitated multi-week clinical intervention with older adults experiencing mild to moderate memory loss and their spouses/partners.* (Post-MSW)

Volunteer facilitator for Queer Zone Program, through *Ozone House*. *Facilitated groups with LGBTQ youth on an as needed basis, on psycho-educational and therapeutic topics.* (Post-MSW)

Motivational Interviewing Clinical Training, through *University of Michigan Health Services*. (Post-MSW)

Volunteer for GPS: Guidance Perspective Support Program, through *The Spectrum Center*, (formerly *The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs*) at the University of Michigan. *Meet one on one with individuals seeking information, resources, and support during their coming out process.* (Post-MSW)

Facilitator, and founder, of “Asexuality Forum” through *The Spectrum Center*, (formerly *The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs*) at the University of Michigan. *Monthly forum to meet the needs of asexual individuals and their significant others.* (Post-MSW)

Facilitator of “Coming Out Group,” through *The Spectrum Center*, (formerly *The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs*) at the University of Michigan. *Co-facilitated semester long coming out group for LGBTQ individuals, including psycho-educational and therapeutic group content (Winter 2008 and Fall 2008).* (Post-MSW)

Masters Level Social Work Intern, at *The Ruth Ellis Center* in Detroit, MI. *Conducted both individual and group sessions, identity development with LGBTQ youth, developed educational training programs and program evaluation.*

Speaker’s Bureau Member, at *The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs* for the University of Michigan. *Trained in public presentations, utilization of self narrative for educational purposes, LGBTQ issues and social justice implementation.*

Shelter Children’s Counselor, at the *Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence*, formerly the *Boulder County Safehouse* in Boulder, CO. *Provided case management, individual and group interpersonal practice with children, adolescents and mothers, crisis line responding, supervision and education of volunteers, domestic violence education and impacts on children, and parenting education.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Grant Writing Assistant for NIA Training Grant Competing Renewal (T-32)

Supervisors: Dr. Ruth Dunkle and Dr. Berit Ingersoll-Dayton
Assisted in conceptualizing, organizing, and submitting NIA Training Grant.

Assistant to the Editor in Chief of the Journal *Social Work*

Supervisor: Prof. Jorge Delva, Department of Social Work, University of Michigan
Provided syntheses of manuscript reviews and additional evaluation of Social Work manuscripts.

Primary Investigator for “LGBTQ Content in Social Work Research” Research Project

Collaborator: Prof. Michael Woodford, Department of Social Work, University of Michigan
Conducted mixed methods content analysis of social work publications for their incorporation and attention to issues of sexuality.

Primary Investigator for “Sexuality Content in Gerontological Research” Research Project

Conducted mixed methods content analysis of gerontology publications for their incorporation and attention to issues of sexuality.

Primary Investigator for “Getting Bi- in the Family” Research Project

Used grounded theoretical tenants, to design and conduct ~20 additional in depth qualitative interviews with self identified bisexual individuals about how bisexuality matters for family relationships.

Primary Investigator for “Asexual Identity” Research Project

Designed, conducted, analyzed, and coded qualitative Internet study about a variety of topics, including asexuality, identity, family, mental health, and relationships.

Primary Investigator for “The Presentation of (the Bisexual) Self in Everyday Life” Research Project

Designed, conducted, analyzed, and coded 20 in depth qualitative interviews with self identified bisexual individuals about how bisexuality matters for self presentation in a variety of social situations.

Collaborative Research Group on Sexuality.

Principal Investigator: Prof. Karin Martin, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
Collaborated on research project exploring what information is available to parents of LGBTQ youth culminating in a manuscript submission.

Graduate Student Research Assistant, PROWD research project.

Principal Investigator: Prof. Beth Reed, Department of Social Work, University of Michigan
Organized, coded and analyzed qualitative data for Policy Research on Women and Drugs (PROWD) on how gender matters for state policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD).

Research Assistant, Safehaven Research Project.

Supervisor: Prof. Dan Saunders, Department of Social Work, University of Michigan
Coded qualitative data for Safehaven Research Project evaluating the efficacy of safe exchange programs in instances of domestic violence.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Scherrer, K. S. (for 2011) “Grandparent’s Responses to Learning that a Grandchild is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Queer,” submitted for presentation at Society for Social Work and Research.

Scherrer, K. S. (2010) “How the discovery of a grandchild’s GLBQ sexuality impacts grandparent-grandchild relationships,” submitted for presentation at The Gerontological Society of America’s Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Scherrer, K. S. (2010) “Intergenerational Family Relationships of Grandparents and their GLBQ Grandchildren: Expectations of Grandparents,” accepted for presentation at The American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Scherrer, K. S. (2009) “(Dis)Connections between LGBTQ and Asexual Politics: The Example of Same-Sex Marriage.” Presentation in symposium, *Is Asexuality Queer?* With Megan Milks and Karli Cerankowski and moderated by Sandra Harding. Los Angeles Queer Studies Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

Martin, K. A., Hutson, D. J., Kazyak, E. A. & **Scherrer, K. S.** (2009) "Advice when Children Come Out: The Cultural "Tool-kit" of Parents." Round table Session. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

Scherrer, K. S. (2009) "Sexuality Content in Gerontological Research." Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA

Scherrer, K. S. (2008) "Asexuality and Older Adults." Presentation. Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) Annual Conference. Brooklyn, NY.

Scherrer, K. S. (2008) "How has Sexuality Aged?" Presentation. Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.

Scherrer, K. S. (2007) "Coming to an Asexual Identity: The Romantic Dimension" in Extending Feminist Theorizing and Analysis for Current and Future Work on Marginalized Sexual Subjectivities: Panel Participant with Emily Kazyak and Carla Pfeffer. National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.

Scherrer, K. S. (2006) "Bisexual Identity: Can it be both Fluid and Stable?" Round table Session. American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.

Scherrer, K.S. & Luke, K.P. (2006) "Implementing the women's set-aside of the SAPT block grant: Strategies used by outlier states." Poster presentation. Virginia Commonwealth University Social Work Policy Conference. Washington DC.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad hoc Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Family Issues, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, Sexualities, Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference*

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| 2010 | Session organizer for the Pacific Sociological Society: <i>Sexualities Across Contexts and Teaching Sexuality</i> (with Emily Kazyak) |
| 2009-2010 | Doctoral Student Representative to the Faculty Search Committee. University of Michigan, School of Social Work. (Peer elected) |
| 2007-2008 | Doctoral Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee. University of Michigan, School of Social Work. (Peer elected) |
| 2006-2007 | Doctoral Student Representative to the Doctoral Committee. University of Michigan, School of Social Work. (Peer elected) |
| 2005- present | Gender and Sexuality in Sociology Study Group, University of Michigan. |

2004-2006 Social Chair, Doctoral Student Organization. University of Michigan, School of Social Work. (Peer elected)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Gerontological Society of America
Pacific Sociological Association
Society for Social Work Research

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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