**RYAN STILLWAGON**

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

**University of British Columbia –** Vancouver, BC **2016 – Present**

Ph.D. in Sociology, anticipated 2022; GPA: 4.00

* *Comprehensive Examinations:* 
  + *Health (May 2019)*
  + *Community and Urban Sociology (in progress)*

**The University of Chicago** – Chicago, IL **2014 – 2015**

M.A., Social Sciences (Sociology); GPA: 3.70

* Thesis: “Talking over Taking: Doubting the Biomedical Reconfiguration of HIV Prevention in Chicago”
* Advisor: Edward O. Laumann

**Lehigh University** – Bethlehem, PA  **2007 – 2011**

B.A., Religion Studies (2011); Political Science (2010); GPA: 3.79

* Thesis: “A Nation in the (Re)making: Afghan Nationalism and Those Who Speak It”
* Advisor: Nandini Deo

**Bucks County Community College** – Newtown, PA **2006 – 2007**

**HONORS & AWARDS**

* **Nomination: Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2019** **–** **2020,** faculty nominators: Becki Ross, Sinikka Elliott, Oral Robinson, Brandy Wiebe—*in process*
* **Sociology Graduate Student Award**, University of British Columbia, 2017 – 2018
* **Four Year Fellowship Tuition Awards,** University of British Columbia, 2016 – 2020
* **International Tuition Awards,** University of British Columbia, 2016 – 2020
* **Fellowship, Third Coast Center for AIDS Research (TC-CFAR) and Sexualities Project (SPAN), “Pleasure/Danger: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Sexual Pleasure and Sexual Risk,”** TC-CFAR and SPAN, The University of Chicago and Northwestern University, 2015 – 2016
* **Half Tuition Scholarship**, The University of Chicago, 2014 – 2015
* **Presidential Scholarship** (full tuition, 1 year), Lehigh University, 2010 – 2011
* **Social Sciences Thesis Research Grants**, Lehigh University, 2010 – 2011

**PUBLICATIONS & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

**Stillwagon, Ryan** and Amin Ghaziani. 2019. “Queer Pop-ups: A Cultural Innovation in Urban Life.” *City & Community* 18(3):874-95.

Dehlin, Jessica M.\*, **Ryan Stillwagon**\*, Jim Pickett, Lance Keene, and John A. Schneider. 2019. “#PrEP4Love: Increasing Health Equity through a Sex-positive HIV Prevention Campaign.” *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance* 5(2):1-13.

\**these authors contributed equally*

* Media coverage: *AIDS Foundation of Chicago* (Edward Wagner); *A&U Magazine* (Hank Trout); *UBC Sociology* (Arsebel Gancena)

Ghaziani, Amin and **Ryan Stillwagon**. 2018. “Queer Pop-ups.” *Contexts* 17(1):78-80.

* Featured on the cover of *Context*
* Media coverage: *The Star* (Tessa Vikander)

Public Sociology

Gancena, Arsebel, **Ryan Stillwagon**, Harlan Pruden. 2019. "Divergent Public Health Responses to a New HIV Prevention Option: Comparing Health Equity Approaches in Two North American Cities." *Press Release, UBC Sociology*. July 25.

**Stillwagon, Ryan**, Adriana Brodyn, Amin Ghaziani, and Kyle Sutherland. 2018. “Queer pop-ups take us beyond the gaybourhood.” *The Conversation*. September 19.

Works in Progress

Hyde, Zach and **Ryan Stillwagon**. (manuscript in preparation). “Political Stalemates in Anti-Gentrification Activism: Collective Belonging and Displacement within Queer and Arts Communities in Vancouver.”

**Stillwagon, Ryan** and Travis Salway. (manuscript in preparation). “Health Inequalities Generated through Patient-Provider Interactions: Assessing the Determinants of Self-rated Health of Sexual and Gender Minorities in Canada.”

Pruden, Harlan, Aidan Ablona, Travis Salway, Jannie Leung, **Ryan Stillwagon**, Theodora Consolacion, Nathan Lachowsky. “Reconciling Access to Traditional and Other Forms of Healthcare for Indigenous 2S/GBQ People: Results from Sex Now 2018.”

**Stillwagon, Ryan**, Richard M. Carpiano, Brian C. Kelly, Stuart Michaels, and John A. Schneider. (manuscript in preparation). “Network Norms & Health Behaviors: Contextualizing HIV Risk among Young Black Men Who Have Sex with Men (YBMSM).”

Selected Presentations, Workshops, and Conference Presiding

**Presenter** with Harlan Pruden**.** 2019. “Reconciling access to traditional and other forms of healthcare for Indigenous and 2S/GBQ people: Results from Sex Now 2018.” *Summit 2019: Queering Healthcare Access & Accessibility*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. October 31st.

**Presenter** with Harlan Pruden**.** 2019. “Reconciling access to traditional and other forms of healthcare for Indigenous and 2S/GBQ people: Results from Sex Now 2018.” *British Columbia Centre for Disease Control Research Week*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. October 24th.

**Presenter**. 2019. “Political Stalemates in Anti-Gentrification Activism: Collective Belonging and Displacement within Queer and Arts Communities in Vancouver.” *Canadian Sociological Association, 53rd Annual Conference*. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. June 6.

**Presenter**. 2018. “Queer Pop-ups.” *Queer U*: *Revelry & Resistance*. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. January 25th.

**Roundtable Discussant**. 2018. “Queer Pop-ups: A Cultural Innovation in Urban Life, at the “Gender and Sexuality” table, in the “Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender Referred Roundtable Session.” *American Sociological Association, 114th Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, PA, USA. August 14.

**Panel Discussant**. 2018. “Session 1: Challenging norms, stigma, and social control.” *11th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April 26.

**Invited Speaker**. 2017. “Gay Places and e-Spaces: How Online Dating Changed Davie.” *BC Centre for Excellence for HIV/AIDS*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 30.

**Presider**. 2017. “Child Vaccination Coverage: Population Health Research & Policy Consideration.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences (IAPHS)*. The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA. October 4.

Selected Poster **Presenter**. 2017. “Network Norms & Health Behaviors: Contextualizing HIV Risk among Young Black Men who Have Sex with Men (YBMSM).” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences (IAPHS)*. The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA. October 3.

**Presider**. 2017. “Social Capital.” *American Sociology Association, 113th Annual Conference*. Montreal, QC, Canada. August 14.

**Presenter**. 2017. “Vancouver Pop-up Queer Parties: Cultural Identity Assertion & Resistance in Urban Spaces.” *10th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April 27.

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

*Under Review*

**Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

Submitted: October 2, 2019

Indigenous Gender & Wellness Development Grant Research Proposal

Title: “Wellness in Two-Spirit Communities across Turtle Island: A two-eyed seeing approach to a gender-inclusive community-based 2S research network”; Reference number: 408586

Monetary amount: $75,000; PI: Harlan Pruden; Co-PI: Travis Salway

**RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Investigaytor, Community-based Research Centre**

1007-808 Nelson St., Vancouver, BC **2019 – Present**

* Attends weekly meetings with a diverse group of gay men and queer individuals to discuss sexual health knowledge translation (e.g., PrEP uptake in BC), qualitative health-based research methods, and data management and statistical analyses of the *Sex Now* survey, an online and in-person, periodic, cross-sectional survey of over 8,000 gay and bisexual men across Canada.

**Research Affiliate, Two-Spirit Dry Lab**

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), Vancouver, BC **2019 – Present**

* Collaborates with two-spirit activists and public health researchers on forthcoming quantitative analyses of the *Sex Now* dataset, particularly reviewing the health and wellbeing of two-spirit individuals in Canada. Supports the development of indigenous methodologies and theory development (e.g., the two-eyed seeing approach) and how they enhance quantitative post-modern, medical sociology, and epidemiological methods.

**Editorial Assistant, The *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (JHSB)**

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC **2016 – 2018**

* Supported Andrea Polonijo (Co-managing Editor, PhD in Sociology, UBC) and Richard Carpiano (Professor of Sociology, Member of the School of Population and Public Health, UC Riverside) with submissions to the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, published on behalf of the American Sociological Association.

**Research Assistant, NORC at the University of Chicago**

1155 East 60th Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL **2015 – 2016**

* Supported Stuart Michaels’ study work addressing LGBTQ+ health disparities in the United States
* Led survey development for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on a survey that probes U.S. adolescent (13 to 18 years old) sexual health knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and practices and their access to HIV prevention materials
* Recruited and monitored study participants for PrEP Chicago, a network-based HIV prevention intervention run by the Chicago Center for HIV Elimination for young, gay, black, Southside men and transwomen that leverages social media and focus-group seminar data to combat new HIV infections
* Located hard-to-reach study participants for uConnect, the largest single cohort study using network science to examine HIV risk factors among young black men ages 16-29 (n = 616) on the Southside of Chicago
* Led cognitive interviews for the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS), piloting gender identity and sexual orientation questions

**CivX User Experience & Design Sprint**

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL **February 2015**

* Reduced Legal Assistance Foundation’s (LAF) “no contact” call rate from online applicants by almost 20%.

**Project Manager, MNG Direct**

Bensalem, PA  **January 2014 – September 2014**

* Managed project timelines and client expectations for account, design, editorial, and operation teams to create media campaigns targeting physicians on 40+ pharmaceutical marketing projects

**Associate Project Manager, Bioclinica**

Newtown, PA  **March 2013 – August 2013**

* Managed the internal processing and evaluation of imaging data for oncology clinical trial account work

**Client Services Associate, QuantiaMD**

Waltham, Boston **2011 – 2013**

* Developed educational content for a physician-based community (largest online interactive site for physicians) with a multisite client team (Chicago; New YorkCity; Boston; Philadelphia) across 20 pharmaceutical accounts

**Research Assistant, The Humanities Center**

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA **2011 – 2012**

* Gathered data on the top 15 University Humanities Departments’ graduate student placement, departmental support including departmental budgets and external funding sources

**TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Sociology, Teaching Assistant 2017 – Present**

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

**SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities 2019 – 2020**

Instructor: Becki Ross

Lectures on queer urban geographies and their contemporary shifts; queer pop-ups; gayborhoods; horizontal hostilities between equally oppressed groups in the 1970-1980s—sex-workers and gay men—within Vancouver’s gay neighborhood, Davie Village; theories on queer life today (e.g., post-gay; post-queer perspectives). Evaluates 65% of graded work among 56 students.

**SOCI 200 – Sociology of Families 2019**

Instructor: Oral Robinson

Co-lectured course; evaluated 50% of graded work among 70 students.

**SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities 2018**

Instructor: Brandy Wiebe

Evaluated 70% of graded work among 60+ students.

**SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities 2018**

Instructor: Becki Ross

Lectured on queer urban geographies and their contemporary shifts; queer pop-ups; gayborhoods; horizontal hostilities between equally oppressed groups in the 1970-1980s—sex-workers and gay men—within Vancouver’s gay neighborhood, Davie Village; theories on queer life today (e.g., post-gay; post-queer perspectives). Evaluated 65-70% of graded work among 67 students.

**SOCI 302 – Ethnic and Racial Inequality 2017**

Instructor: Wendy Roth

Evaluated 90% of graded work among 73 students. Held review sessions and responded via email to student questions on the course materials.

**SOCI 415A – Theories of Family and Kinship 2017**

Instructor: Sinikka Elliott

Guest lectured on the development of fictive kinship forms and ballroom culture among poor black and Latinx urban queer and trans youth; evaluated 75% of graded work among 65 students.

**LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**UBC Sociology Graduate Student Wellbeing Representative 2018 – Present**

* Co-founded the graduate student wellbeing committee with Lily Ivanova, which recognizes graduate student mental health and wellbeing as a priority within the department. Leveraging data produced through a programmatic evaluation of PhD and MA students from Lily Ivanova, Kate Jaffe, and Max Chewinski, I work with faculty members and graduate students to improve department wellbeing initiatives. Initiatives include restructuring departmental requirements for PhD and MA students, increasing social opportunities among faculty and graduate students, and triaging mental health conflicts and concerns among graduate students. Founding faculty members include Thomas Kemple and Robyn Pitman.

**UBC Sociology Distinguished Speaker Series Committee Member 2018**

* Coordinated the selection of the Graduate Students’ Featured Speaker (Arne Kalleberg); coordinated graduate students to introduce 4 distinguished speakers (e.g., Zoua Vang; Guillermina Jasoo; Arne Kalleberg; Richard York); hosted graduate student talks with each speaker

**UBC Sociology Faculty Selection Committee Member (Sociological Theory) 2016**

* Reviewed over 150+ applications with a team of 4 faculty members (Renisa Mawani, Kerry Greer, Ralph Matthews, Amin Ghaziani) over 4 months, which resulted in hiring Seth Abrutyn to the department

**LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Leadership Board Member 2014 – 2015**

The University of Chicago

* Coordinated LGBTQ+ campus and community-building activities with a team of approximately 10 individuals; redesigned the office logo; hosted regular talks and graduate student mixers

**Social Sciences Graduate Student Leadership Board Member 2014 – 2015**

The University of Chicago

* Managed $15,000 of event-based funds for graduate student activities and wellbeing initiatives for over 180 Master’s students at the University of Chicago

**Business Sponsorship Coordinator & Member 2012 – 2013**

The Philadelphia Gay Men’s Chorus, Philadelphia, PA

* Grossed $7,100 in fall ad sales in one month, 50% above the fall sales baseline and 85% of the total season goal. Managed Live and Silent Auctions for PGMC’s 1st annual Fall Ball and generated $63,000

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher 2012 – 2013**

Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia, PA

* Co-taught an intermediate-level English training course to international students of all ages (4 months)

**SPECIALIZED SKILLS AND TRAINING**

**Computer:** Stata (statistical analysis software); NVivo (qualitative analysis software)

**Methods**: interviews, focus-groups, field notes, ethnography, quantitative data analysis

**AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association; Canadian Sociological Association; Canadian Urban Sociology Research Cluster

**REFERENCES**

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