# **RYAN STILLWAGON**

Curriculum Vitae

#### University of British Columbia, Department of Sociology 6303 NW Marine Drive Vancouver, BC Canada V6T1Z1 Ryan Stillwagon@sfu.ca

## **EDUCATION**

**University of British Columbia** – Vancouver, BC, Canada Ph.D. in Sociology, anticipated 2024; GPA: 4.00

• Advisors: Drs Becki Ross and Thomas Kemple

# The University of Chicago – Chicago, IL, USA

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

- Thesis: "Talking over Taking: Doubting the Biomedical Reconfiguration of HIV Prevention in Chicago"
- Advisor: Dr. Edward O. Laumann

# Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA, USA

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: Dr. Nandini Deo

# HONORS & AWARDS

- UBC Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 2022-2023
- Department of Sociology Graduate Teaching Award, 2022-2023
- Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship Award, 2022
- UBC Public Scholars Award, University of British Columbia, 2022-2024
- Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship in Sociology, University of British Columbia, 2021
- Department of Sociology Graduate Teaching Award, 2020-2021
- President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, University of British Columbia, 2020-2021
- Sociology Graduate Student Award, University of British Columbia, 2020 2021
- Sociology Graduate Student Award, University of British Columbia, 2017 2018
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF), University of British Columbia, 2016 2020
- International Tuition Award, 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

2016 – Present

2014 - 2015

## PUBLICATIONS & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### **Peer-reviewed Journal Articles**

Harlan Pruden, Travis Salway, Theodora Consolacion, Jannie Wing-Sea Leung, Aidan Ablona, **Ryan Stillwagon**. 2020. "Drivers of Sexual Health Knowledge for Two-Spirit, Gay, Bi and/or Indigenous Men Who Have Sex with Men (gbMSM)" *Journal of Indigenous HIV Research*. Volume 11.

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

• Distinguished Article Award (Honorable Mention), Sexualities section, American Sociology Association 2020

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. \**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.

• Media coverage: *The Star* (Tessa Vikander)

## Public Sociology

Kloshe Tillicum Research Team: Chee Mamuk BCCDC, Simon Fraser University. 2023. "Kloshe Tillicum (good relations) move at the speed of trust." *BCMJ* 65(8): 315 BC Centre for Disease Control. October.

Consolacion, Theodora, Harlan Pruden, **Ryan Stillwagon**. 2023. "Two-Spirit Dry Lab Goes to California: Working for better tomorrows for Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer and/or LGBTBQI+ Indigenous peoples and communities." Latest News. *Two Spirit Dry Lab*. April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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. Media coverage: *CBC* (Bridgette Watson)

**Stillwagon, Ryan**, Adriana Brodyn, Amin Ghaziani, and Kyle Sutherland. 2018. "Queer pop-ups take us beyond the gaybourhood." *The Conversation*. September 19. Media coverage: *National Post* (reprint), *City Metric* (reprint), *Newsblur* (reprint), *Newsify* (reprint), *Menafn* (reprint), *Flipboard* (reprint), *Inoreader* (reprint)

#### Selected Presentations, Workshops, and Conference Presiding

**Invited Speaker** with Lark Doolan. 2023. "No one is safe until we all are safe: What Indigenous students tell us about school safety in the 2023 Humboldt County Youth 2S/LGBTQIA+ Survey." *Northern California Two-Spirit Conference*. Azelea Hall. McKinleyville, CA. October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Harlan Pruden and Oblio Stroyman. 2023. "The Rainbow Connection: We Are All in This Together." Four Directions: Cultural Awareness and Healing Support Conference. *Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling*. Ilani Casino Resort. Ridgefield, WA. September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Harlan Pruden and Oblio Stroyman. 2023. "Words have Power: Breaking Through Stigma and Negative Bias with Supportive and Respectful Language." Four Directions: Cultural Awareness and Healing Support Conference. *Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling*. Ilani Casino Resort. Ridgefield, WA. September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Presenter.** 2023. "Queer Food Insecurity: How Trauma and Community Connection Shapes Food Insecurity in Canada." Sociology of Food: Food Insecurity and its Intersections. *The Educative Power of Sociology: 118<sup>th</sup> American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia Convention Center. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Milo Applejohn and Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Who and What is Two-Spirit: What Do You Mean Two-Spirit Doesn't Simply Mean a LGBTQI+ Indigenous Person?" *Two-Spirit Dry Lab Guest Speaker (2SDL) Event*. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). Gatineau, Quebec, Canada. July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Milo Applejohn, Jae Ford, Rayka Kumru, and Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Walking with our Two-Spirit Relatives." *Two-Spirit Dry Lab Meeting with Old Masset Village Council*. <u>G</u>aw Tiaagee (Old Masset), Haida Gwaii, Canada. June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Invited Keynote Speaker** with Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Supporting Two-Spirit Healing while Challenging Colonial Narratives of Sexualities & Gender Expression." *Keynote Address: Thinking Qualitatively: Doing Intersectionality*. Department of Sociology, University of Alberta (remote from Old Masset, Haida Gwaii), Canada. June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Presenter**. 2023. "Queer Food Insecurity in Canada: Identifying Structural and Intersectional Determinants of Food Insecurity using the Canadian Community Health Survey." Research on 2S/LGBTQ+ Communities using Survey and Administrative Data. *Reckonings and Reimagings: Canadian Sociological Association at Congress*. York University, Toronto, Canada. June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Being in Good Relations: Two-Spirit in Health Research." & "Water Teachings: Taking the Path of Least Resistance:

Methodological Reflections from the Two-Spirit Dry Lab on Capacity Bridging within Communities across Turtle Island." *Focus on the Future: Western Regional Conference on Problem Gambling Awareness*. Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling. Tacoma, Washington, U.S. May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Moderator**. 2023. "Theme 3: Lived Experiences, Health & Community." *Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference*. Vancouver, British Columbia. April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Jae Ford and Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Water Teachings: Reflections from the Two-Spirit Dry Lab on Capacity Bridging within Indigenous Communities Across Turtle Island." *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Symposium*. Kansas University Medical Center. Kansas City, Kansas, U.S. March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Teddy Consolacion and Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Water Teachings, Taking the Path of Least Resistance: Insights from the Two-Spirit Dry Lab on Capacity Bridging/Building within Communities from Hoopa to Haida Gwaii." *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Youth School and Community Wellness Conference*. Two Feathers Native American Family Services & Stanford University. Palo Alto, California, U.S. March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Harlan Pruden. 2023. "What Do You Mean Two-Spirit Isn't Simply an LGBTQIA+ Indigenous Person?" *Behavioral and Social Health Sciences Journal Club*. Department of Public Health, Brown University. Providence, Rhode Island, U.S. February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Water Teachings—Taking the Path of Least Resistance": Insights from the Two-Spirit Dry Lab on Capacity Building within Indigenous Communities from Hoopa to Haida Gwaii. *HIV Intervention Science Training Program for Underrepresented New Investigators (HISTP)*. Columbia University (held at the University of Central Florida). Orlando, Florida, U.S. January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Keynote Speaker** with Harlan Pruden. 2023. "Lessons Learned from Water: Methodological Reflections from the Two-Spirit Dry Lab on Capacity Bulding within Communities across Turtle Island." Intersectionality in Indigenous Studies Research. *Faculty of Native Studies Research Colloquium*. University of Alberta. Edmonton, Canada. January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Milo Applejohn and Harlan Pruden. 2022. "Who and What is Two-Spirit." *Niislaa Naay Healing House Society*. <u>G</u>aw Tiaagee (Old Masset), Haida Gwaii, Canada. December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Invited Speaker**. 2022. "The Cost of Food Insecurity? What is at Stake when People Living in Canada go Hungry." *GoEducate: Food Insecurity and Student Advocacy, Go Givers Panel Discussion*. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada. December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Invited Speaker** with Teddy Consolacion and Harlan Pruden. 2022. "Rainbow Task Force School Survey." *2022 Presentation to Hoopa Community*. Hoopa, California, U.S. May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Presenter** with Harlan Pruden and Teddy Consolacion. 2022. "Two-Spirit in Health Research: Collecting, Working with & Handing Data in Culturally Affirming Way(s)." 2022 GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health: Local Action, Global Impact. San Francisco, California, U.S. May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Presenter** with Kiran Sunar. 2022. "All rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is never full": Waterways two ways: Ocean as a frontier for food security and rivers as method otherwise." Panel 5: (Un)Making Water. *Oceans as Archive*. University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Presenter** with Umay Kader. 2021. "How Social Policies Imperil Canadian Families' Food Security: A Critical Intersectional Analysis of Disenfranchisement." Session: What Sociology brings to the table of Food and Eating. *Canadian Sociological Association*, *55th Annual Conference*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. June 2nd. (*cancelled due to the loss of our mentor and coauthor, Dr. Sinikka Elliott*)

**Moderator**. 2021. "Theme 2: Gender and Sexuality." *Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference*. Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26.

**Invited Speaker** with Amin Ghaziani. 2020. "The Temporary Turn in Urban Studies: Evidence from Pop-Ups in Vancouver." *American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting*. Denver, Colorado. April 6-10. (*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*)

**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." *11<sup>th</sup> 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." *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April 27.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS**

<u>Successful</u>

**UBC Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies / UBC Public Scholars Initiative Award** July 2023, August 2021

Applicant: Ryan Stillwagon; PI: Thomas Kemple Monetary amount (2023): \$5,000

<u>Successful</u>

**Partnership Recognition and Exploration (PRE) Fund, UBC Community Engagement Office** October 2022

Applicant: Ryan Stillwagon & Tanya Kuhn, Cofounder and Executive Director of Saige Community Food Bank and Community Kitchen) Monetary amount: \$1,500

## Fall 2023

# Unsuccessful W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics (CAE) Graduate Fellowship for the 2022-2023 June 2022

Applicant: Ryan Stillwagon Monetary amount: \$25,000 and \$3,000 Research Stipend

## Unsuccessful

## **The Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food Security Scholarship Application** May 2022 Applicant: Ryan Stillwagon Monetary amount: \$30,000

#### Successful

# UBC Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies / UBC Public Scholars Initiative Award August 2021

Applicant: Ryan Stillwagon; PI: Thomas Kemple Monetary amount: \$8,000

#### <u>Successful</u>

# **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

Awarded: November 23, 2021 Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grant 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: 457673 Monetary amount: \$492,078; PI: Travis Salway; Co-PI: Harlan Pruden

#### <u>Successful</u>

## **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

Awarded: April 22, 2020

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: 430751 Monetary amount: \$67,580; PI: Harlan Pruden; Co-PI: Travis Salway

## **RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE**

# Research Specialist, The Two-Spirit Dry Lab (2SDL)

Simon Fraser University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Burnaby, BC 2023—Present

- Coordinate administrative tasks, including meeting scheduling, minutes, agendas and document organization
- Contribute to the organization and management of internal project tracking and project management software
- Support the Project Coordinator with preparation of ethics protocols including consent forms and research instruments and ensure that project activities align with requirements outlined by SFU's Research Ethics Board

- Support the Project Coordinator with the management of research activities, including project timelines, tasks, and responsibilities, and travel arrangements
- Identify additional funding sources and support the development of funding applications
- Contribute to qualitative and quantitative data collection, management, and analyses
- Coordinate, manage, and contribute to the development of manuscripts, abstracts, and presentations
- Participate in relationship-building with collaborators and partners;
- Work with collaborators and partners to identify and create appropriate knowledge translation activities (e.g., presentations, meetings, infographics, videos, social media campaigns)
- Support membership management for Lab members; and, work with lab members to establish shared goals and priorities.

### Research Assistant, 'Global Citizens at Home and Abroad: A Durkheimian Analysis'

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

• Supports UBC's Urban Ethnographic Field School (UEFS) with student placements, student mentoring, and UEFS and community partner events. Spent multiple summers working at the DTES Neighbourhood House's Urban Farm, a food security initiative with UEFS. Supports research and teaching-related requests for Dr. Thomas Kemple.

### Research Affiliate, The Two-Spirit Dry Lab (2SDL)

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), Vancouver, BC

2019 - 2023

March 2022 – July 2022

2020—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.

#### **Research Assistant, Oceans as Archive Conference**

The University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

• Through the support of Dr. Renisa Mawani, I co-presented, with Kiran Sunar, an original analysis on recent constructions of the ocean as a site of global food security and how historic anthropomorphic engagements with riverways problematizes these formulations. Co-moderated, with Kiran Sunar, presentation panels 'Ecologies of Practice' and 'Listening to the Ocean'. Assisted with the conference as needed.

# Research Assistant, Governing Food, Bodies, and Families in Canada 2020 – 2022

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

• Worked with Dr. Sinikka Elliott (PI) and Umay Kader (RA) on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded project food insecurity among Canadians. My work aligns dissertation work on queer food insecurity and employs quantitative and qualitative analyses to determine the scope of food insecurity among queers in Canada and assesses factors that influence vulnerability and resilience among food insecure participants.

### Investigaytor

Community-based Research Centre (CBRC), Vancouver, BC

• 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 Assistant, Governing Food, Bodies, and Families in Canada 2017 – 2018

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

• Conducted fieldwork on food insecurity with Dr. Sinikka Elliott. Completed an ethics application; volunteered regularly at a food back in East Vancouver while producing extensive fieldnotes of my visit, interactions, impressions, and observations of the food, the recipients, and the volunteers. Transcribed 12 interviews.

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

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

• Supported Andrea Polonijo (Co-managing Editor, PhD in Sociology, UBC) and Dr. 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

- Supported Dr. 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

• Reduced Legal Assistance Foundation's (LAF) "no contact" call rate from online applicants by almost 20% with a team of University of Chicago Master's students.

February 2015

#### 2015 - 2016

2016 - 2018

#### Associate Project Manager, MNG Direct

Bensalem, PA

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

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

### **Client Services Associate, QuantiaMD**

Waltham, Boston

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

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

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<b>Department of Sociology, Teaching Assistant</b> The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC	2017 – Present
<b>SOCI 372: Contemporary Directions in Theory</b> Instructor: Thomas Kemple	2023
<b>SOCI 352: Work and Inequality</b> Instructor: Elizabeth Hirsh	2023
<b>SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities</b> Instructor: Becki Ross	2019 - 2022
SOCI 310 101/2 – Canadian Society Instructor: Rima Wilkes	2020—2022
<b>FMST 314 – Relationship Development</b> Instructor: Robyn Pitman	2020
<b>SOCI 380 – Sociological Methods: Survey Research</b> Instructor: Oral Robinson	2020

January 2014 – September 2014

#### March 2013 – August 2013

# 2011 - 2012

SOCI 200 – Sociology of Families Instructor: Oral Robinson	2019
SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities Instructor: Brandy Wiebe	2018
SOCI 369 – Sociology of Sexualities Instructor: Becki Ross	2018
SOCI 302 – Ethnic and Racial Inequality Instructor: Wendy Roth	2017
SOCI 415A – Theories of Family and Kinship Instructor: Sinikka Elliott	2017

### LEADERSHIP 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 a	
MA students from Lily Ivanova, Kate Jaffe, and Max Chewinski, I work with faculty	
members and graduate students to improve department wellbeing initiatives. Initiative	
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 l	
Thomas Kemple and Robyn Pitman.	

#### UBC Sociology Distinguished Speaker Series Committee Member 2017 – 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 (Theory)

• 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

2016 - 2017

2014 - 2015

#### LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Leadership Board Member

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

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# Social Sciences Graduate Student Leadership Board Member

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**

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

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, Dedoose (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

**Becki Ross, Ph.D.** The University of British Columbia Vancouver, BC becki.ross@ubc.ca Thomas Kemple, Ph.D. The University of British Columbia Vancouver, BC thomas.kemple@ubc.ca **Elizabeth Hirsh, Ph.D.** The University of British Columbia Vancouver, BC beth.hirsh@ubc.ca

# 2012 - 2013

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