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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

- 2016 (Expected) Ph.D., Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies Specialization
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Advisor: Dr. Kimberly A. Tyler
 Dissertation: *On the Street and On Campus: A Comparison of Life Course Trajectories among Homeless and College Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Young Adults*
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies Specialization
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Advisor: Dr. Kimberly A. Tyler
 Master's Thesis: *Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness*
- 2009 B.A., Sociology and Spanish, English Minor
 Wayne State College
 Advisor: Dr. Monica Snowden
 Undergraduate Thesis: *Living Latino/a in the Midwest: An Analysis of Cultural Perspectives Through the Lens of Latino-owned Businesses*

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Sexuality, Identity, Intersectionality, Family Diversity, Homeless Youth and Young Adults, Social Inequality, Qualitative Methods

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Tyler, Kimberly A. and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "Effects of Abusive Parenting, Caretaker Arrests, and Delinquent Behavior on Dating Violence among Homeless Young Adults." *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*. DOI:10.1080/10926771.2015.1079287.
- 2015 Melander, Lisa A., Kimberly A. Tyler and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "An Inside Look at Homeless Youths' Social Networks: Perceptions of Substance Use Norms." *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*. DOI:10.1080/1067828X.2014.918003

- 2015 Tyler, Kimberly A., **Rachel M. Schmitz** and Scott A. Adams. "Alcohol Expectancy, Substance Use and Sexual Victimization among Female and Male College Students." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI:10.1177/0886260515591280.
- 2015 Scherrer, Kristin S., Emily Kazyak and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "Getting 'Bi' in the Family: Bisexual People's Disclosure Strategies Within the Family." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. DOI:10.1111/jomf.12190.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.**, and Kimberly A. Tyler. "Homeless Young People's Experiences of Caregiver Rejection." *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 24:2598-2609. DOI 10.1007/s10826-014-0062-x.
- 2013 Tyler, Kimberly A, and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "Family Histories and Multiple Transitions Among Homeless Young Adults: Pathways to Homelessness." *Children and Youth Services Review* 35:1719-1726.

FORTHCOMING

- Tyler, Kimberly A., Ray Handema, **Rachel M. Schmitz**, Charles Wood, Francis Phiri and Kourtney Kuyper. "Multi-Level Risk and Protective Factors for Substance Use among Zambian Street Youth." *Substance Use & Misuse*.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Constructing Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines." *The Journal of Men's Studies*.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Intersections of Hate: Exploring the Transecting Dimensions of Race, Religion, Gender and Family in Ku Klux Klan Websites." *Sociological Focus*.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Emily Kazyak and Elizabeth A. Richardson. "Checking Privilege at the Door: Men's Reflections on Masculinity in Women's and Gender Studies Courses." *Gender & Education*.
- Tyler, Kimberly A., Ray Handema, **Rachel M. Schmitz**, Francis Phiri, Charles Wood and Kristen Olson. "Risk Factors for HIV among Zambian Street Youth." *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Tyler, Kimberly A., **Rachel M. Schmitz**, Scott A. Adams and Elizabeth A. Richardson. "Protective Behavior Strategies and Alcohol Use among Female and Male College Students." *Journal of American College Health*.
- Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. "Growing Up Before Their Time: The Early Adulthood Experiences of Homeless Young People." *Children and Youth Services Review*.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Schmitz, Rachel M. and Emily Kazyak. “Masculinities in Cyberspace: An Analysis of Portrayals of Manhood in Men’s Rights Activist Websites.”

Schmitz, Rachel M. and Trenton M. Haltom. “‘I Wanted to Raise my Hand and Say I’m Not a Feminist’: Men Negotiating Attachments to Feminism and Gender Studies.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Conducted 46 face-to-face qualitative interviews with LGBT college and homeless young adults for dissertation project “LGBT Young Adults Research Study.”
Primary Investigator: Rachel M. Schmitz
- 2014 Research Assistant on National Institutes of Health Funded Project: “Stressors, Protective Factors and Substance Use among Homeless Youth and Young Adults.”
Duties: Assisted with primary data collection using face-to-face survey interviews; assisted with Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) methods using short message service (SMS) surveying; responsible for coding variables, psychometric properties, scale construction, and multivariate modeling using SPSS and Stata.
Primary Investigator: Dr. Kimberly Tyler
- 2014 Research Assistant on National Institutes of Health Funded Project: “Substance Use and HIV among Zambian Street Youth.”
Duties: Responsible for coding variables, psychometric properties, scale construction, and multivariate modeling using SPSS and Stata.
Primary Investigator: Dr. Kimberly Tyler
- 2013 Assisted with survey data collection “A Survey of Undergraduate Students’ Attitudes and Experiences”
Primary Investigator: Dr. Kimberly Tyler
Duties: Administered surveys to undergraduates; “cleaned” surveys.
- 2013 Men and Gender Studies Project
Primary Investigator: Rachel M. Schmitz
Duties: Conducted in-depth, face-to-face interviews; transcribed audio interviews; coded interviews using computer software QDA Miner.
- 2012 Master’s Thesis Research
“Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness”
Duties: Qualitatively analyzed interviews with homeless youth.
- 2012 Research Assistant for Dr. Emily Kazyak
Duties: Assisted with recruitment procedures for same-sex parenting and law study, coded qualitative data in Nvivo; collaborated on preparing a manuscript for publication.
- 2012 Assisted with Data Analysis, UNL
Graduate Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Tyler
Duties: Research on homeless youth in the Midwest.
- 2011 Advanced Research Methods I & II

Duties: Worked with Stata; explored advanced statistical theories.

- 2009 Conducted Honors Project Research, Wayne State College
Undergraduate Advisor: Dr. Monica Snowden
Duties: Interviewed Latino business owners in Midwestern town; compiled findings into research article.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Guest Lecture for Sociology 200 Gender in Contemporary Society, UNL
Lectured on qualitative methods and research projects.
- 2015 Instructor for Sociology 200 Gender in Contemporary Society, UNL
Duties: Planned and implemented daily lectures and assignments; organized and mediated class discussions and activities.
- 2014 Guest Lecture for Sociology Senior Seminar, UNL
Lectured on qualitative methods.
- 2014 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family, UNL
Duties: Planned and implemented daily lectures and assignments; organized and mediated class discussions and activities.
- 2014 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family Online, UNL
Duties: Managed and graded for online-based classwork.
- 2014 Guest Lecture for Sociology Senior Seminar, UNL
Lectured on qualitative methods and research projects.
- 2014 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family, UNL
Duties: Planned and implemented daily lectures and assignments; organized and mediated class discussions and activities.
- 2013 Guest Lecture for Sociology Senior Seminar, UNL
Lectured on qualitative methods.
- 2013 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family, UNL
Duties: Planned and implemented daily lectures and assignments; organized and mediated class discussions and activities.
- 2013 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family Online, UNL
Duties: Managed and graded for online-based classwork.
- 2013 Instructor for Sociology 225 Marriage and Family, UNL
Duties: Planned and implemented daily lectures and assignments; organized and mediated class discussions and activities.
- 2012 Assistant Grader and Instructor for Sociology 355, UNL
Assisted Dr. Emily Kazyak with grading and lecturing.

Duties: Organized and delivered lectures.

2012 Recitation Instructor for Sociology 101, UNL

Duties: Instructor for two recitation groups; organized online discussion boards, graded assignments; conducted classes in both online and face-to-face formats.

2011 Recitation Instructor for Sociology 101, UNL

Duties: Instructor for three recitation groups; designed class activities, graded assignments.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research

2015 Research Administration Management Program “Using Social Media” workshop, UNL

2015 Qualitative and Mixed Methods Interest Group, UNL

2012 New Investigator Collaborative Series grant workshop, UNL

2012 Professional Development Seminar, UNL

2011 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), UNL

2011 Responsible Conduct in Research Training, UNL

2009 Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center Undergraduate Internship

Teaching

2015 25th Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants

2014 MSS Gender Diversity and Sexuality Studies Certificate

2013 MSS Preparing Future Faculty Certificate

2012 22nd Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants

2011 21st Annual Campus-wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants

2011 Teaching Sociology Seminar, UNL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

American Men's Studies Association (AMSA)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students (NASGS)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Tyler, Kimberly A., **Rachel M. Schmitz** and Scott A. Adams. "Alcohol Expectancy, Substance Use and Sexual Victimization among Female and Male College Students." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- 2015 Tyler, Kimberly A. **Rachel M. Schmitz** and Elizabeth A. Richardson. "Protective Behavioral Strategies and Alcohol Use among Female and Male College Students." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- 2015 Schmitz, Rachel M., Emily Kazyak and Elizabeth A. Richardson. "Checking Privilege at the Door: Men's Reflections on Masculinity in Women's and Gender Studies Courses." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22-25.
- 2015 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Masculinities in Cyberspace: An Analysis of Portrayals of Manhood in Men's Right's Activist Websites." Understanding Masculinities: 2015 Men at Nebraska Conference on Men and Masculinities. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. April 10.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. "Homeless Young People's Experiences of Caregiver Rejection." Alpha Kappa Delta Qualitative Symposium. University of Nebraska-Omaha. October 30.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Reshaping Constructions of Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** Discussant for Invited Session on Homelessness. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Elizabeth A. Richardson. "Transcending Gender: Men's Experiences Taking Women's and Gender Studies Courses." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Elizabeth A. Richardson. Organizer of formal paper session "Towards the Inclusion of Men and Masculinities in Gender Studies." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. "Homeless Young People's Gendered Experiences of Caregiver Rejection." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Omaha, NE. April 3-6.
- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Transcending Gender: Men's Experiences Taking Women's and Gender Studies Courses." American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Tacoma, WA. March 27-29.

- 2014 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** Moderator of Session on Masculinities. American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Tacoma, WA. March 27-29.
- 2013 Tyler, Kimberly A. and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "Effects of Abusive Parenting, Caretaker Arrests, and Delinquent Behavior on Dating Violence Perpetration among Homeless Young Adults." American Society for Criminology Meetings. Atlanta, GA. November 20-23.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "In The Numerical Minority: Men's Experiences Navigating Women's and Gender Studies Courses." Men at Nebraska Poster Presentation. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. November 7.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness." Research Fair Poster Presentation. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. April 10.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 27-30.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** and Kimberly A. Tyler. Organizer of formal paper session. "Exploring the Realm of Dating and Partner Violence and its Social Ramifications." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 27-30.
- 2013 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "'Forging Elite Fitness': Exploring the CrossFit Phenomenon Through a Gendered Lens." No Limits Student Conference. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. March 1-2.
- 2012 **Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Patrick Habecker, Alexis Swendener and Sarah Malone. "Transforming Introductory Sociology Discussion Sections to a Mixed Mode Electronic Format." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. March 21-24.
- 2012 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "All You Need is Sex: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Feminist Pragmatism and Contemporary Mass Media." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- 2012 **Schmitz, Rachel M.**, Patrick Habecker, Alexis Swendener and Sarah Malone. "A Comparison of Recitation Section Delivery Methods: Classroom vs. Online." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- 2012 Melander, Lisa A., Kimberly A. Tyler and **Rachel M. Schmitz**. "Substance Use Behavior among Homeless Youth and Their Social Networks." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 29-April 1.
- 2009 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** "Living Latino/a in the Midwest: An Analysis of Cultural Perspectives Through the Lens of Latino-owned Businesses." Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium. University of Nebraska-Kearney.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** “Tentative Transitions and Gendered Pathways: Exploring the Revolving Door of Young Adult Homelessness.” Sociology Departmental Poster Session, UNL. September 7.
- 2012 **Schmitz, Rachel M.** “All You Need is Sex: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Feminist Pragmatism and Contemporary Mass Media” Sociology Departmental Colloquium, UNL. March 15.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2015 Pi Gamma Mu Invited Speaker at Wayne State College. “Research, Reflections, Rewards: The Graduate School Journey”
- 2014 Academic Undergraduate Letter of Recommendation
- 2013 NASGS Vice-President
- Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium (NUSS)
2013 Graduate Student Panel at Midland University
- 2012 Graduate Student Panel at Wesleyan University

AD HOC JOURNAL REVIEWS

- 2015 *Journal of LGBT Youth; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Children and Youth Services Review*
- 2014 *World Medical & Health Policy*
- 2013 *Sociological Inquiry; Sex Roles*
- 2012 *Qualitative Sociology*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2015 Volunteer, Street Outreach worker for at-risk youth agency, Lincoln, NE.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 UNL Presidential Fellowship Award – highest Graduate Fellowship awarded at the University of Nebraska (1 of 6) in final year of dissertation work.
- 2015 Warren & Edith Day Dissertation Travel Award – funding to collect dissertation data.
- 2015 Joyce O. Hertzler Award – funding for dissertation data collection.
- 2015 J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Fellowship - declined due to receiving Presidential Fellowship.

- 2015 Karen Dunning Women's and Gender Studies Paper Award – received for paper “Constructing Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines.”
- 2015 UNL Office of Graduate Studies Travel Award – funding to attend the ASA.
- 2015 Dan Hoyt Graduate Student Research Award – received for publication in *Journal of Child and Family Studies* “Homeless Young People’s Experiences of Caregiver Rejection.”
- 2014 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award - received for paper “Constructing Men as Fathers: A Content Analysis of Formulations of Fatherhood in Parenting Magazines.”
- 2014 Cheryl Applegate Instructor Award from UNL Sociology Department
- 2014 UNL Office of Graduate Studies Travel Award - funding to attend ASA.
- 2014 Alice Frost Howard Fellowship from UNL Sociology Department – funding to attend ASA.
- 2014 Joyce Hertzler Award from UNL Sociology Department – funding to collect data.
- 2013 Nicholas Babchuk Research Award from UNL Sociology Department - funding to prepare Master’s Thesis for publication.
- 2013 Dean’s Fellowship from UNL – awarded to top 10% of graduate students.
- 2013 Karen Dunning Women's and Gender Studies Paper Award – received for Master’s Thesis.
- 2012 J.J. and Eleanor S. Ogle Summer Fellowship – funding to conduct Master’s Thesis research.
- 2011 Chancellor’s Fellowship from UNL – funding for superior incoming graduate students.
- 2010 Second place in the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition for MSS
- 2009 First place in paper competition at Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium
- 2009 Outstanding Student in Sociology from Wayne State College (WSC)
- 2009 Paper competition award from the Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2009 J.G.W. Lewis Memorial Scholarship from WSC
- 2008 WSC Sociology Program Scholarship
- 2008 Special Abilities Spanish Scholarship from WSC
- 2008 Special Abilities Language and Literature Scholarship from WSC