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EDUCATION

- 2015 Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
Concentration: Stratification
Dissertation: "I Can't Accept Your 'Lifestyle' Because I Love You: Mississippi Christians' Beliefs and Attitudes toward Homosexuality and Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights"
Committee: Kimberly Kelly (chair), Nicole Rader, Lindsey Peterson, Rachel Allison
- 2013 Gender Studies Graduate Certificate, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
- 2011 Masters of Social Work, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
Capstone: "Defending Yourself Is Not Mutual Battering: Taking Seriously Survivors of Same-Sex Interpersonal Violence"
- 2007 Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC
Second Major: Religion

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA
- 2015-2017 Assistant Professor of Sociology & Social Work, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality, Gender, Religion, Inequality, Stratification

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2016 Baker, Ashley A. and Emily Ryalls. "Technologizing Feminist Pedagogy: Using Blog Activism in the Gender Studies Classroom." *Feminist Teacher*.
- 2016 Baker, Ashley A. and Kimberly Kelly. "Live Like a King, Y'all: Gender Negotiation and the Performance of Masculinity among Southern Drag Kings." *Sexualities*.
- 2015 Baker, Ashley A. and Sarah R. Brauner-Otto. "My Friend is Gay, But... The Effects of Social Contact on Christian Evangelicals' Beliefs about Gays & Lesbians." *Review of Religious Research*.

Academic Blogs

- 2015 Baker, Ashley A. "Guest Blog - Interrupting the Binary: Southern Drag Kings Doing Masculinity." *Feminist Reflections*.

Book Reviews

2015 Baker, Ashley A. “Book Review: *Gender and Global Justice.*” *Gender & Society.*

Encyclopedia Entries

2013 Baker, Ashley A. and Kimberly Kelly. “Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, 2009.” *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World.* Edited by Mary Zeiss Stange, Carol K. Oyster, and J. Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Work in Progress/Under Review

Rogers, Baker A. *Conditionally Accepted: Christians’ Perspectives on Homosexuality & Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.* Under Contract - Rutgers University Press.

Rogers, Baker A. “Drag in Transition: How Trans & Non-Binary Individuals Use Drag Kinging as a Resource in the South.” *Conditional Accept – Gender & Society.*

Rogers, Baker A. “Trans* in the Bible Belt: Southern Trans* Men’s Religious & Spiritual Beliefs and Identities.” Under Review – *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly.*

Rogers, Baker A. “‘Despite Everything I Said’: The Contradictions of ‘Passing’ in the South.” In progress.

Rogers, Baker A. “Born in the Wrong Body: Transnormativity Among Trans* Men in the South.” In progress.

Rogers, Baker A. “‘Gay Men are the Worst’: Transphobia in the LGBTQ+ Community.” In progress.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks/Panels

2018 “Lavender Graduate Panel.” Panel members – Baker A. Rogers, Megan Mercer, Carmen Gray, and Rashad Small. Georgia Southern University.

2018 “Lavender Vitaes and Navigating the Job Market.” Panel members – Sara Crawley, MC Whitlock, Katie Acosta, Austin Johnson, and Baker A. Rogers. Southern Sociological Society’s Committee on Gender and Sexuality at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

2016 “Marriage Equality – Civil Right or Sacred Right?” Panel Members – JoDee Winterhof (Human Rights Campaign), Ashley A. Baker, Bobbi Fogle.

2016 “Kids for Cash Discussion Panel.” Panel Members – Ashley A. Baker, Denise Leifker, Heather Groben, and Seth Anderson. Simpson College.

2016 “The Changing Identity of the LGBTQIA Community.” Keynote Lecture, LGBT Affirmative Therapists Guild of Greater Kansas City.

2016 “Women’s Empowerment Panel.” Panel Members – Ashley A. Baker, Jan Everhart, and Tracy Dinesen. Simpson College.

- 2015 "I Can't Accept Your 'Lifestyle' Because I Love You: The Effect of Social Contact on Christians' Attitudes and Beliefs about Homosexuality." Mississippi State Anthropology Brown Bag Series.
- 2015 "Feminist Pedagogy Panel." Panel Members - Ashley A. Baker, Emily Ryalls, and Kay Brocato. Mississippi State University.
- 2013 "Dispelling Prejudice and Ambivalence toward LGBT Issues." Columbus-Starkville NASW Conference.
- 2012 "Same-Sex Intimate Partner Violence: What Is It and How Is It Unique?" Columbus-Starkville NASW Diversity Continuing Education Program.

Conference Presentations

- 2018 "'Despite Everything I Said': The Contradictions of 'Passing' in the South." Session - Queering Southern: Insurgent Queer Practices in the Rural South at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference.
- 2018 "Drag in Transition: How Trans & Non-Binary Individuals Use Drag Kinging as a Resource in the South." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2018 "'Dude, You're a Slut': An Exploratory Analysis of Sexual Harassment Among Transmen Before and After Transition." (co-authored with Sarah A. Rogers). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2018 "Promises of The American Dream and the Realities of Race: Black College Students Views of Social Mobility in the Age of Trump." (co-authored with Ted Brimeyer and Clare Walsh). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2015 "Keeping Students on Their Toes: Innovative Techniques in the Gender Studies Classroom." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2015 "'I Don't Need Feminism Because...': A Strategic Action Field Analysis of the Effect of Women Against Feminism on the Feminist Movement Today." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2015 "For My Pastor Tells Me So: Mississippi Christians' Views of Homosexuality and Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights." Mississippi State Graduate Student Research Symposium.
- 2015 "Technologizing Feminist Pedagogy: Using Blog Activism in the Gender Studies Classroom," (co-authored with Emily Ryalls). Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting.
- 2014 "The SNAP Challenge: Technologizing the Future of Feminist Pedagogy," (co-authored with Emily Ryalls). Women's Studies Association Annual Conference.
- 2014 "Female Masculinities among Drag Kings in the Deep South," (co-authored with Kimberly Kelly). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2014 "Live Like a King, Y'all: The Importance of Context and the Potential for Change," (co-authored with Kimberly Kelly). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2014 "Southern Drag Kings: How Having Fun Can Challenge the Current Gender Order," (co-authored with Kimberly Kelly). Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting.
- 2013 "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin?: Religious Fundamentalists' Attitudes towards Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights," (co-authored with Sarah R. Brauner-Otto). Poster at Mississippi State University Doctoral Program 50th Anniversary Research Showcase.
- 2013 "The Cabaret Kings: Gender Negotiation and Identity Work among Southern Drag Kings." Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

- 2012 “Who’s Bringing Home the Bacon? A Media Analysis of Traditional Gender Roles in Lesbian Relationships,” (co-authored with Teddie Eden). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2012 “Rethinking Religion Through the Lens of a Friend: Religious Fundamentalists’ Support for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.” Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2007 “Religion and Politics at Presbyterian College.” Presbyterian College Honors Thesis Defense.
- 2007 “Gender Presentation in Children’s Books.” Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium.
- 2006 “Race in Social Networks.” Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Conferences

- 2014-Present Sociologist for Women in Society - Social Action Committee Member
- 2018 Presider for Gender and Sexuality Roundtable. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2015 Discussant for Teaching about Gender Inequality in the 21st Century. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2014 Presider for Public Consumption of Gender and Sexuality. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

Ad Hoc Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Gender & Society; Review of Religious Research; Social Currents; Sociological Focus; Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review; Journal of Homosexuality

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

- 2018-Present Sociology & Anthropology Department Bylaws Committee
- 2017-Present LGBTQ+ Initiative

Simpson College, Indianola, IA

- 2016-2017 Faculty Inclusive Teaching Group Co-Facilitator
- 2016-2017 President’s Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- 2016-2017 Title IX Steering Committee
- 2016-2017 Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- 2016-2017 Library Advisory Committee Chair
- 2016-2017 Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Trainer
- 2016-2017 Sexual Assault Response Advocates (SARA) Faculty Mentor
- 2016 Student Advising Workgroup

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

- 2013-2015 Gender Studies Program Assistant
- 2014-2015 Women Empowered Leadership (WE Lead) Conference Mentor
- 2014-2015 The Vagina Monologues Director and Organizer

TEACHING

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

Masculinity (graduate level); Sociological Theory; Sociology of Gender; Introduction to Sociology; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Social Welfare Policy & Services; Introduction to Social Services; Practice Skills

Simpson College, Indianola, IA

Transgender: Pop-Culture; Sociology of Gender & Sexuality; Introduction to Sociology; Counseling Strategies; Sociological Theory; Standards of Professional Behavior

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Introduction to Gender Studies; Marriage and Family

Teaching Assistant: Social Theory I; Religion & Society; Sociology of Gender; Introduction to Sociology

Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC

Introduction to Human Services (Co-taught with Jim Manning, LISW)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Sexuality	Sociology of Gender	Gender Studies
Masculinities	Social Problems	Sociology of Gender & Religion
Sociology of Religion	Queer Theory	Feminist Theory
Introduction to Sociology	Social Theory	Qualitative Methods
Social Welfare Policy	Social Work	Social Services

GRANTS

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

2018 Scholarly Pursuit Award (\$5,000 for Research)

2017 Office of Research Start-Up Funds (\$18,000 for Research)

Simpson College, Indianola, IA

2016 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant (\$2,000 for Research)

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

2014 College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$400 for Travel to Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting)

2014 Marion T. Loftin Travel Grant (\$500 for Travel to Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting)

2014 Office of the Graduate School Travel Assistance Grant for Graduate Students (\$625 for Travel to American Sociological Association Meeting)

2013 Marion T. Loftin Research Grant (\$2,500 for Independent Research)

2012 Marion T. Loftin Dissertation Grant (\$4,354 for Dissertation Research)

Community/Non-Academic

- 2010 Community Conservation Grant through the Richland County Conservation Committee (\$10,000 for Conservation Project)
- 2010 Same-Sex Relationship Violence Support Group Grant through the Richland County Sheriff's Department (\$8,600 for Support Group)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2018 Teaching Toolbox Certificate – Georgia Southern University
- 2017 Women's Leadership Series – Georgia Southern University
- 2016 Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Training – Simpson College
- 2011 Safe Zone Certification Training – Mississippi State University

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2014 Department of Sociology Outstanding Doctoral Student Award
- 2014 President's Commission on the Status of Minorities Team Diversity Award - Awarded to the Safe Zone Advisory Board
- 2013 Donald Zacharias Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year
- 2011 Phi Alpha – National Social Work Honors Society
- 2010 Distinguished Alumni – Council on Undergraduate Research
- 2007 Presbyterian College Sociology Department Outstanding Senior Award
- 2007 Alpha Kappa Delta – International Sociology Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2011-Present Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS)
- 2011-Present Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- 2018-Present National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
- 2014-2016 American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2015-2016 Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)
- 2015-2016 Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
- 2012-2015 Safe Zone Advisory Board Member & Trainer
- 2007-2015 Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)