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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Expected Spring 2024. Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma.
- M.A. 2017. Mayborn School of Journalism, University of North Texas

Thesis: "Comparing Media Usage of Binary and Non-Binary Transgender Individuals when Discovering and Describing Gender Identity"

Committee Members: Tracy Everbach(Chair), Koji Fuse, Gwen Nisbett

- B.A. 2013. Department of English, University of Texas at Austin
- B.A. 2013. Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- 2017 Present, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2015 2017 Teaching and Research Assistant, Mayborn School of Journalism, University of North Texas
- 2016 2016 Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of North Texas

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Worthen, Meredith GF, and **Jessie Laljer**. 2021. "LGBTQ+ A? Asexuals' Attitudes Toward LGBTQ Individuals: A Test of Norm-Centered Stigma Theory." *Sexuality & Culture* 1–23.
- Seçkin, Gül, Susan Hughes, Cassie Hudson, **David Laljer**, and Dale Yeatts. 2018. "Positive Impacts of Online Health Information Seeking on Health Perceptions and the Mediational Relationship with Health Communication and Sense of Empowerment'." *EHealth: Current Evidence, Promises, Perils and Future Directions (Studies in Media and Communications, Volume 15). Emerald Publishing Limited* 205–240.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Looking Under the Wrong Umbrella? Evidence that Romantic Interest Outweighs Sexuality When Researching Asexual Individuals" Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2021 "LGBTQ+A? Asexuals' Attitudes toward LGBTQ Individuals" Presentation OU Department of Sociology showing results of research conducted with Grasmick-Riddle Fellowship.

- 2019 "Comparing Media Usage of Binary and Non-binary Transgender Individuals when Discovering and Describing Gender Identity" Roundtable presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 "Finding Words Without a Dictionary: Comparing Media Usage of Binary and Non-Binary Transgender Individuals When Discovering Their Gender Identity" presented at the Oklahoma Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 "Promoting Mental Health Resource Use on campus by 'Trying Something New'", by Jessie Laljer and Gwen Nisbett given at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter conference.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Classes Taught: SOC 1523: Social Problems

SOC 3963: Sexual Deviance and Society

#### AWARDS RECEIVED

2020 Grasmick-Riddle Summer Research Fellowship: \$2,500.

2016 Mayborn Graduate Scholarship. Merit-based scholarship: \$10,000

2015 Mayborn Graduate Scholarship. Merit-based scholarship: \$10,000

## **REFERENCES**

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