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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope that your 2023 is off to a great start and that you were able to find some time for rest, relaxation, and reflection over the break. In this issue of our newsletter, we're excited to share highlights from the fall 2022 semester and to offer a preview of some of the exciting events that we have planned for this year. One of our highlights is that Brooke Bandy, our new undergraduate Research Assistant, joined our administrative team. This newsletter is just one example of her many contributions—thanks for your work, Brooke!

In fall, we initiated our faculty and graduate student research seed grant competition and were excited to award funding to Ning Hsieh, Andrea Kelley, Cathy Liu, Megh Marathe, Sam Safford, and Lauren Wiklund. Many thanks to Deirdre Shires for leading the seed grants proposal review committee and to Christina DeJong and Jamie Kynn for their efforts reviewing proposals as well. We also celebrated our faculty and graduate student members' many new publications, presentations, news media features, research collaborations, community engagement efforts, grants, and awards. You can read more about these achievements in the pages of this newsletter.

Inside this issue:

- Awards
- Community Engagement
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Last semester, members of the consortium worked with researchers at the University of Michigan to launch new interdisciplinary and cross-institutional research projects and collaborations addressing sexual and gender minority health. One of these collaborations involves a call for papers for a special issue of the journal Social Science & Medicine focusing on "Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in Dangerous Times." Please take a look, consider submitting, and forwarding widely to others who are conducting work in this area. In spring 2023, we are also welcoming a series of national expert guest speakers to campus—both in person and online via Zoom.





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Congratulations!

Exemplary Project of 2022

A research collaboration by MSU professor of psychology Robin Lin Miller, entitled "Advocacy and Other Tactics to Challenge Barriers to HIV Care for Gay and Bisexual Men and Transgender Women (Project Act)," has been selected as an Exemplary Project of 2022 by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards program.





2022 SOGIE Award

Leo Kattari MSW (he/they) is one of the 2022 recipients of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Scholarship Award. Their research explores LGBTQ+ health and wellness with a particular focus on transgender and gender diverse- related civic engagement and community change.

Letter from the Director (cont.)

In January, we'll be hosting Ashley Currier. In February, Sarah Mountz will join us. In March, Dana Prince will travel to MSU for two days of lectures, meetings, and workshops. In April, Brandon Andrew Robinson will deliver a lecture, via Zoom. You'll learn more about this group of outstanding researchers and their research in this newsletter. This semester we will also launch nominations for our graduate and faculty research awards to recognize some of the brightest and best research and researchers emerging in sexual and gender minority health here at MSU. Be on the lookout for our call for nominations in the coming months.





SPOTLIGHTS

Student Spotlight: Brooke E. Bandy

Brooke was very excited to join the Consortium this fall. As our only undergraduate Consortium member, Brooke double majors in Psychology and Public Policy with a minor in Leadership of Organizations. She loves to assist on any project she can get her hands on, but she works most closely with Dr. Carla Pfeffer and Sterling Bentley. She is so happy to be able to learn from all of the wonderful Consortium members.

She is very passionate about research on queer related topics- especially in the field of psychology. After graduating this Spring, Brooke plans to attend a graduate program in School Psychology with a research focus on the coming out process of school aged adolescents in addition to the recovery process of adolescent queer survivors of sexual assault.

Brooke is extremely passionate about all things queer and hopes to make a difference in the wellbeing of queer adolescents in her future. She is so grateful for all she learns from the amazing individuals at the Consortium. She would like to thank the Consortium for continuously inspiring, educating, and motivating her.





NEW PUBLICATIONS

Hope, D.A., Holt, N. R., Woodruff, N., Mocarski, R., Meyer, H. Puckett, J. A., Eyer, J., Craig, S., Feldman, J., Irwin, J., Pachankis, J., Rawson, K.J., Sevelius, J., Butler, S. (2022). Bridging the gap between practice guidelines and the therapy room: Community-derived adaptations for psychological services with transgender and gender diverse adults in the Central United States. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 53, 351–361. https://doi.org/10.1037/pro0000448

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Chiaramonte, D.*, Frank, R. E*., & Miller, R. L. (In press). Breaking the binary: Restriction and reclamation of power among transgender and gender diverse young adults. *Journal of LGBTQ Youth*.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Trans-ilience Research Team

Terra Dunn, a Research Assistant working with Jae Puckett and the Transilience research team, partnered with Salus Center to give a presentation to Alliance Obstetrics and Gynecology medical providers related to creating a trans affirming medical setting.

Trans-ilience is the Transgender Stress & Resilience Research Team. they are a group of faculty, students, volunteers, and community members who are trans or cis allies dedicated to doing research that matters and makes a difference in the lives of trans people.





PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS



Consortium Faculty member Tina Timm (she/her) gave a conference presentation in June of 2022 titled "Teaching anti-heterosexism in clinical assessment" to the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Queer and Trans Advocacy Network.

Consortium faculty member Heather McCauley (she/her) will be joining the Harvard SOGIE Health Equity Research Collaborative Reproductive Health Seminar Series in January for a conversation about trauma and reproductive justice.



Letter from the Director (cont.)

Last week, I was in Arizona for the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) to share findings from some of my latest international collaborative work focusing on health care providers' recommendations around testosterone administration and pregnancy for their transgender and non-binary patients. I also had the opportunity to share this research in The Conversation, a publicly-accessible online forum for academic research, which has been read by more than 67,000 readers across the world to date. Please do take a moment to check it out. I hope you will join me in ushering in a new year that is certainly bright when it comes to the energy and care being invested in SGM health research, training, community-building, and dissemination here at MSU. If you would be interested in supporting this work of our growing community of students and faculty, please consider making a tax-deductible donation by clicking here—we appreciate your support and wish you a happy and queer new year!





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IN THE NEWS

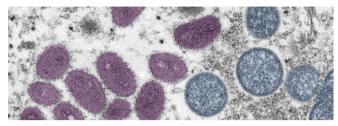


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Monkeypox outbreak echoing stigmas, fears of early HIV/AIDS era

MSU Psychology Professor Robin Lin Miller, who is part of the MSU Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health, got a front-seat view of the discrepancies in the way different countries are approaching the international monkeypox outbreak as described in an article published in August by Karessa Weir. https://socialscience.msu.edu/news-events/news/2022-08-05-3.html

Testosterone therapy for pregnant transgender and nonbinary individuals

In an article published by <u>The Conversation</u>, Consortium Director Dr. Carla Pfeffer discusses health providers' common guidance that trans and non-binary people discontinue testosterone therapy when seeking to become pregnant, during pregnancy, and during the postpartum period if chestfeeding. Dr. Pfeffer and colleagues examine this advice in the context of a parallel condition--Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) to consider whether or not complete cessation of testosterone therapy is truly warranted or, perhaps, a vestige of assertions that pregnancy is something that only women do while testosterone is something that only men have. The piece argues for consideration of more nuanced and less binary approaches.

Michigan abortion rights advocates look ahead after critical vote in Kansas



Carla Pfeffer was interviewed for an article published by the Michigan Advance on abortion rights in response to the vote in Kansas. "That voters, including conservative ones, are not aligning with their Republican elected officials on abortion — is becoming increasingly apparent across the country, including in Michigan, said Carla Pfeffer, director of the Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and an associate professor of social work at Michigan State University."

https://michiganadvance.com/2022/08/07/it-provided-hope-michigan-advocates-look-ahead-after-abortion-rights-vote-in-kansas/





SPOTLIGHTS

Faculty Spotlight:

Congratulations to Consortium Faculty Heather McCauley and Ning Hsieh on their tenure and promotions!



Heather L. McCauley (she/they) Associate Professor School of Social Work



Ning Hsieh
(any human pronouns)
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology

Dr. Ning Hsieh was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology!

Dr. Heather McCauley was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Social Work!





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CONSORTIUM SEED GRANT AND RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS



Andrea Kelley (they/she)

Faculty Seed Grant Awardee

Andrea Kelley

Assistant Professor

Lyman Briggs College

Project Title: Trans and Gender Diverse Navigation

of Medical Education and Residency



Megh Marathe

Assistant Professor

Department of Media and Information,

College of Communication Arts and Sciences

Center for Bioethics & Social Justice,

College of Human Medicine

Project Title: Engineering Inclusion: Representing Diverse

Genders in Data Systems



Megh Marathe (they/them/theirs)

Faculty Seed Grant Awardee

Cathy Liu

Professor

Ning Hsieh

Associate Professor

Sam Safford

Graduate Student

Department of Sociology, College of Social Science

Project Title: Health Disparities among Sexual

Minority Older Adults



Cathy Liu (she/her)



Ning Hsieh (any human pronouns)



Sam Safford (they/them)

Student Seed Grant Awardee

Lauren Wiklund

Department of Psychology, College of Social Science

Project Title: Sexual Well-Being Among Queer

Women of Color



Lauren Wiklund (she/her)





SPOTLIGHTS

New Member Spotlights:

The Consortium was very excited to welcome several new members this Fall.



Megh Marathe (they/them/theirs)

Assistant Professor

Center for Bioethics and

Social Justice



Andrea Kelley (they/she)

Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow Lyman Briggs College



Jennifer Hirsch (they/them/theirs)

PhD student School of Social Work



Betsie Schoedel (they/them)

PhD student
School of Social Work



Yuan Xiong (she/her/hers)

PhD student School of Social Work



Pat Arnold (they/them)

Graduate student

Master of Public Health



Lamia Bagasrawala (she/her/hers)

Graduate student

<u>College of Education</u>



Brooke Bandy (she/her)

Undergraduate student
Psychology and Public
Policy



Haley Hill (she/they)

PhD student School of Social Work



Jess Burnham (they/them/theirs)

Graduate student

<u>Department of</u>

<u>Sociology</u>



LJ Shackleford (she/her/they)

PhD student
College of Education



Phillip "PJ" Pettis (he/him)

Assistant Professor

<u>Department of</u>

Sociology





SOCIAL SCIENCE & MEDICINE JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

<u>Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in</u> <u>Dangerous Times</u>

This special issue in Social Science & Medicine is shaped by the overarching, irreverent, but pertinent question: What the hell is wrong with trans medicine and healthcare and how can we fix it? It will include cutting-edge empirical research on transgender medicine and healthcare at a time of high visibility and danger.

Guest editors for this special issue include Consortium faculty members Dr. stef m. shuster (<u>sshuster@msu.edu</u>) and Dr. Carla A. Pfeffer (<u>cpfeffer@msu.edu</u>) in addition to Dr. Anna Kirkland from the University of Michigan (akirklan@umich.edu)

Recent years have seen a surge in social scientists' interest in the topic of transgender medicine and healthcare. The confluence of gender, racism, class, ability, and immigrant status is explored in this area of research, which spans across a wide range of academic disciplines and is concurrently turning into a political minefield for the legal, educational, medical, and pharmacological sectors. This special issue will cover cutting-edge empirical research on transgender medicine and healthcare at a time of high visibility and risk.

Submissions are encouraged on a variety of issues, including: 1) emergent intersectional inequalities in trans medicine, health, and healthcare; 2) socialization and medical training for providers of trans medicine and healthcare; 3) centering patient experiences and embodied knowledge; and 4) the social, political, and legal construction of health, healthcare, medical knowledge, practices, and culture in trans medicine, health, and healthcare.

We are seeking empirical or theoretical papers from social scientists across a wide array of disciplines including, but not limited to: anthropology, gender studies, medical education, political science, psychology, sociology, and science and technology studies. We particularly welcome submissions that explore these issues in the context of the Global South.

Manuscript submission information:

- The deadline for submissions is: 1st September 2023.
- In case of any queries, please feel free to reach out to our Managing Guest Editor, stef m. shuster at sshuster@msu.edu
- Please refer to Social Science & Medicine's Guide for Authors to prepare your manuscript, and submit your paper via the journal's submission portal before the due date.





CONSORTIUM SPEAKER SERIES

Ashley Currier
January 24th, 2023
3:00 - 4:00pm
Kellogg Auditorium



Dr. Ashley Currier (she/her) is Professor and Head of the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Cincinnati. Her research focuses on gender and sexual diversity politics in southern and West Africa, including feminist, HIV/AIDS, human rights, LGBTQ rights, prisoner rights, and sex worker rights activism and politicized homophobia. Dr. Currier will be giving a talk titled ""Missing Mobilizations: Explaining the Invisibility of Anti-Carceral Sexual Violence Organizing in Southern Africa" sponsored by the consortium and several cosponsors this January, 2024. She will be giving a presentation on the 24th and will have meetings the 25th.

Sara Mountz February 23rd, 2023 11:00 am- 12:00pm Kelogg Auditorium



Sara Mountz (she/her) is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Welfare at the University of Albany. The research of Sarah Mountz focuses on the experiences of LGBTQ adolescents in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems as well as among groups of homeless youth. Her most recent study, From Our Perspectives, employed qualitative interviewing and photovoice techniques to examine the experiences of LGBTQ former foster adolescents in Los Angeles County using a community-based participatory research (CBPR) framework. More info about this talk TBA.

Dana Prince
March 16th, 2023
Time TBD
Location TBD



Dana M. Prince, PhD, MPH (she/her) is an Associate Professor at the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Prince will be giving two presentations sponsored by the consortium in the Spring of 2023 titled "Changing Human Service Systems to Support Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Thriving" and "A Values-based Approach to Grant Writing" this coming spring. She will be be giving a talk on March 16th and have meetings on March 17th.

Brandon Andrew
Robinson
April 14th, 2023
1:00 - 2:00pm
Zoom Presentation



Brandon Andrew Robinson (they/them) is the Chair & Associate Professor of Gender & Sexuality Studies at the University of California, Riverside.Dr. Robinson is an expert in queer and trans studies. The various subfields that BrandonDr. Robinson's multidisciplinary study links to include: family studies, criminology, health, urban studies, children and youth studies, and cyberspace/new media scholarship. They use intersectional analyses to examine the connections between processes relating to gender and sexuality and processes relating to racial inequality, poverty, and experiences of homelessness in their book Coming Out to the Streets: LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness (University of California Press, November 2020).





Congratulations!

Grant Recipient: Jae Puckett

This was a very exciting year for Consortium Faculty member, Jae Puckett (they/them). Dr. Puckett's NIH Loan Repayment Program application titled Advancing Minority Stress Research for Transgender and Gender Diverse Communities was funded via National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (\$100,000). Jae Puckett,

Em Matsuno (Arizona State University), and

Paz Galupo (Towson University) were

awarded an R01 from the National Institute

on Minority Health and Health Disparities for a grant titled: "Modeling Resilience as a Multidimensional Protective Factor for Transgender Health Disparities: Measure Development and Longitudinal Evaluation of Resilience" (\$2.2 million). Additionally, Dr. Puckett was awarded a grant from the Lesbian Health Fund/Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (\$9,807) for their study titled "Enhancing Contemporary Understandings of Gender Minority Stress Using Participatory Methods." Dr. Puckett has noted that Consortium methods workshops were particularly useful in developing this work.





NEW CONSORTIUM WEBSITE & VIDEO RELEASED

The Consortium was very happy to have <u>a new</u> website page on the Michigan State Site!

The Consortium also put out a wonderful new video highlighting the focus and purpose behind the work we do!



PODCAST IN DEVELOPMENT

The consortium is very excited to announce that we will be starting our very own podcast! We have purchased podcasting equipment such as audio mixers, mics and mic stands, recording devices, podcasting software, and computer and storage devices that will be installed at MSU in Baker Hall in 2023. Consortium RA and member, Jamie Kynn, will be spearheading this project.







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(they/them)

Assistant Professor Department of Sociology



Joanne Smith-Darden (she/her)

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Robin Miller (she/her)

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Carrie Moylan (she/her)

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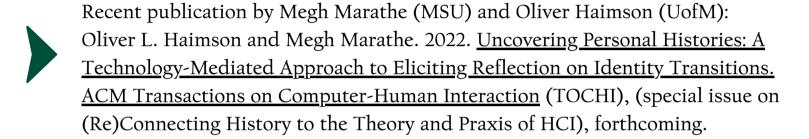


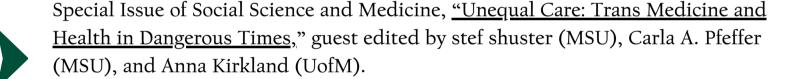
School of Social Work MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



UPDATES ON THE MSU UOFM COLLABORATIONS







Sarah Peitzmeier (UofM), Deirdre Shires (MSU), and Carla Pfeffer (MSU) are collaborating on a qualitative analysis of data collected on binding practices and healthcare for trans and non-binary people.

- Ning Hsieh (MSU) and stef shuster (MSU) are collaborating on a qualitative analysis examining the experiences of queer people of color during Covid (will likely be joined by Oliver Haimson (UofM) and Carla A. Pfeffer (MSU) in 2023).
- Deirdre Shires (MSU) and Carla A. Pfeffer (MSU) will be collaborating on a qualitative analysis of data collected from healthcare providers who specialize in working with transgender and non-binary patient populations.





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MSU Consortium for SGM Health Opposes Michigan House Bill 6454



The Michigan State University Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health* is opposed to the cruel, transphobic, and anti-science legislation proposed on National Coming Out Day (October 11, 2022) by five Michigan House Republicans. Proposed House Bill 6454 would classify evidence-based medical practices that provide gender-affirming care to transgender and nonbinary youth in Michigan as child abuse. It would also classify Michigan parents, guardians, and medical and health professionals who support or provide such care for youth as child abusers, with penalties that include lifetime imprisonment, and force any youth who have medically transitioned to return to their sex assigned at birth.

Emily Jodway published a wonderful write-up explaining why the Consortium opposed his bill. Jodway explains how gender-affirming medical care for transgender and nonbinary youth is associated with reductions in suicide, depression, and anxiety, and improved mental health. Politicians falsely purport that many or most individuals who receive gender-affirming medical care later have regrets. However, research clearly demonstrates that regret associated with medically-facilitated gender-affirming care is extremely rare. Politicians also incorrectly describe gender-affirming medical care for youth as having irreversible effects. On the contrary, puberty blockers, a critical component of gender-affirming medical care for children and teens, and one form of treatment expressly banned by proposed HB 6454, are indeed reversible. The attempt of politicians, without any medical training or expertise, to characterize support for (and provision of) medically necessary care as child abuse is dangerous, extremist, a violation of parental rights, harmful to transgender and nonbinary youth, and anti-science as it ignores decades of empirical research evidence and the expertise of medical and health professionals and associations.

A full version of Jodway's writeup can be found here.

The only individuals who are qualified to make medically-informed choices about health care for transgender and nonbinary youth are: those youth, their parents and guardians, and their medical and health care providers. We stand against this hostile, misguided, and transphobic governmental overreach.

We stand with
Equality Michigan in
proclaiming:
NO on HB 6454
NO hearing. NO vote.





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Thank You for Your Support!

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