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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Applied Sociology Program Director (2015 – present).

Assistant Professor of Sociology (2014 – present).

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology (2012 – 2014).

## EDUCATION

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| 2012 | Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology<br>Florida State University     |
| 2010 | Master of Science, Sociology<br>Florida State University        |
| 2008 | Bachelor of Arts, Political Science<br>Augusta State University |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Tampa Faculty Volunteer of the Year Award. University of Tampa, 2017.

College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education Outstanding Scholar Award. University of Tampa, 2017.

Sociology of Religion Distinguished Article Award for “Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality” with Ryan T. Cragun and Lain A.B. Mathers. American Sociological Association Section on Religion, 2016.

Early Gender Career Scholar Award. Sociologists for Women in Society South, 2016.

Unsung Hero Award. University of Tampa Student Body and Student Leadership Committee, 2015.

(Co-Winner) The Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award for “Accomplishing Organizational Manhood: LGBT Christians’ Social Construction of a Masculine Organizational Culture.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2012.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. Department of Sociology, Florida State University, 2012.



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Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award for ““Becoming Responsible Gay Christian Men”: Responsibility Discourses, Compensatory Manhood Acts, and Inequality in a Metropolitan Community Church.” American Sociological Association Section on Sex and Gender, 2011

Allen-Klar Best Graduate Student Research Paper Award for “Constructing an Inclusive Congregational Identity in a Metropolitan Community Church.” Department of Sociology, Florida State University, 2010

Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship Award \$8500, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 2008

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Augusta State University, 2008

International Sociology Honor Society, Augusta State University, 2008

National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Augusta State University, 2008

National Political Science Honor Society, Augusta State University, 2008

Augusta Women’s Council Academic Scholarship, Augusta State University \$4500, 2006 – 2008

## GRANTS

Jack Shand Research Award for the Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion for *Making Sense of Nonreligion in Latin America* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$5,000, 2015.

Fichter Grant from the Association for the Sociology of Religion for *The Transgender Religious Survey* (with Ryan T. Cragun and Lain A.B. Mathers) \$3,000, 2015.

Delo Grant from the University of Tampa for *Investigating Political Views and Attitudes toward the Nonreligious among Christian College Students* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$2,700, 2015.

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Student Travel Grants \$400, 2010 & 2011

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Methodology	Sociological Theory	Applied & Public Sociology
Race, Class, Gender & Sexuality	LGBTQIAP Studies	Sexual Health & Aging
Sociology of Religion	Medical Sociology	Sexual & Gender Violence

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### *Books:*

Sumerau, J.E. and Ryan T. Cragun. Under Contract, Forthcoming. *Even When the Bible Doesn’t Tell Me So: Continuity and Change in Sexual, Gender, and Religious Politics*. New York: Lexington Press.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. Forthcoming. *Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of Conducting Deeply Personal Research*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Publishing Group (Under Contract with an expected publication in 2017).

Cragun, Ryan T., J. Edward Sumerau, Bruce Friesen, Katherine Carter, and Deborah



Cragun. 2014. *Introduction to Sociology*. St. Petersburg, Florida: Wikibooks.  
[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction\\_to\\_Sociology](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology).

*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:*

Barringer, M.N., J.E. Sumerau, and David Gay. 2017. "Examining differences in identity disclosure between monosexuals and bisexuals." *Sociological Spectrum*.

Sumerau, J.E., Eric Anthony Grollman, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. "'Oh my God, I sound like a horrible person': Generic Processes in the Conditional Acceptance of Sexual and Gender Diversity." *Symbolic Interaction*.

McCabe, Katherine and J.E. Sumerau. Forthcoming. "Reproduction Vocabularies of Motive among Cisgender Women in College." *Sex Roles*.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "Managing Chronic Illness Together." *Sociology Compass* 11(5): e12466.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. "Helping Quantitative Sociology Come out of the Closet." *Sexualities* 20(5-6): 644-656.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2017. "'Some of us are good, God-fearing folks': Justifying Religious Participation in an LGBT Christian Church." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 46(1): 3-29.

Cragun, Ryan T. and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "Losing Manhood like a Man: A collaborative autoethnographic examination of masculinities and the experience of a vasectomy." *Men and Masculinities* 20(1): 98-116.

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun and Trina Smith. 2017. "Men never cry:" Representing Mormon Manhood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Sociological Focus* 50(3): 213-227.

Nowakowski, A.C.H., K.E. Barningham, C.D. Buford, M. Laguerre, and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "'A Tricky One': Barriers to Non-Opioid Pain Management in University Health Care." *Florida Public Health Review* 14: 60-66.

Nowakowski, A.C.H., K.E. Barningham, C.D. Buford, M. Laguerre, and J.E. Sumerau. Forthcoming. "'That pain is genuine to them': Provider Perspectives on Chronic Pain in University Student Populations." *The Qualitative Report* 22(7): 1880-1895.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "Health disparities in Nonreligious and Religious older adults in the United States: A descriptive epidemiology of 16 common chronic conditions." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(4): 1-15.



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Cragun, Ryan T. and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "No one expects a transgender Jew: Religious, sexual and gendered intersections in the evaluation of religious and nonreligious others." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(1): 1-16.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. 2016. "A descriptive epidemiology of sexual behavior and interest in older adults with diabetes." *PLAID: People Living with and Inspired by Diabetes* 2(2): 18-28.

Sumerau, J.E. and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'I think some people need religion': The Social Construction of Nonreligious Moral Identities." *Sociology of Religion* 77(4): 386-407.

Sumerau, J.E., Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "An Interactionist Approach to the Social Construction of Deities." *Symbolic Interaction* 39(4): 577-594.

Cragun, Ryan T., J.E. Sumerau, Victoria T. Blyde, Marcus Mann, and Joseph T. Hammer. 2016. "Perceived marginalization, educational contexts, and (non)religious educational experience." *Journal of College and Character* 17(4): 241-254.

Cragun, Deborah, Ryan T. Cragun, Brian Nathan, J.E. Sumerau, and Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. 2016. "Do religiosity and spirituality really matter for social, mental and physical health? A tale of two samples." *Sociological Spectrum* 36(6): 359-377.

J.E. Sumerau and Deborah Cragun. 2016. "Frames of Reference: Applying Sociology in Interdisciplinary Medical Settings." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 10(2): 113-118.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'I found God in the glory hole': The Moral Career of a Gay Christian." *Sociological Inquiry* 86(4): 618-640.

Thompson, Amanda Bartenbaker, Deborah Cragun, J.E. Sumerau, Ryan T. Cragun, Vanessa De Gifis and Angela Trepanier. 2016. "'Be prepared if I bring it up': Patients' perceptions of the utility of religious and spiritual discussion during genetic counseling." *Journal of Genetic Counseling* 25(5): 945-956.

Sumerau, J.E. 2016. "'I'm just not sure about their values': LGBT Christians talk about non-believers." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 5(8): 1-12.

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. "Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality." *Social Currents* 3(3): 293-311.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "I just can't put my finger on it": A research report on the nonexistence and meaninglessness of sin within the Social Sciences." *The Qualitative Report* 21(6): 1132-1144.



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Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. "Building a bright future for diabetes care and management by writing where it hurts." *PLAID: People Living with and Inspired by Diabetes* 2(1): 64-67.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Katelyn Y. Graves, and J.E. Sumerau. 2016. "Mediation Analysis of relationships between chronic inflammation and quality of life in older adults." *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes* 14:46.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. "None of the above: Strategies for Inclusive Teaching with "Representative" Data." *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 96-105.

Sumerau, J.E. and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'How low can humans plunge': Facilitating Moral Opposition in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Qualitative Sociology Review* 12(1): 42-59.

Cragun, Ryan T. and J.E. Sumerau. 2015. "God may save your life, but you have to find your own keys: Religious attributions, secular attributions, and religious priming." *Archive for the Psychology of Religion* 37: 321-342.

Cragun, Ryan T., J.E. Sumerau, and Emily Williams. 2015. "From Sodomy to Sympathy": LDS Elites' Discursive Construction of Homosexuality Over Time." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(2): 291-310.

Cragun, Ryan T. and J. Edward Sumerau. 2015. "The Last Bastion of Sexual and Gender Prejudice? Sexualities, Race, Gender, Religion, and Spirituality in the Examination of Prejudice toward Sexual and Gender Minorities." *Journal of Sex Research* 52(7): 821-834.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. 2015. "Should we talk about the pain: Personalizing Sociology in the Medical Sociology Classroom." *Teaching Sociology* 43(4): 290-300.

Mathers, Lain A.B., J. Edward Sumerau and Koji Ueno. 2015. "'This isn't just another gay group': Privileging Heterosexuality in a mixed-sexuality LGBTQ Advocacy Group." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*.

Sumerau, J. Edward, Irene Padavic, and Douglas P. Schrock. 2015. "'Little girls unwilling to do what's best for them': Resurrecting Patriarchy in an LGBT Christian Church." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44(3): 306-334.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'Don't push your immorals on me': Encouraging Anti-porn Advocacy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Sexualities* 18(1/2): 57-79.



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Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "The Hallmarks of Righteous Women: Gendered Background Expectations in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* 76(1): 49-71.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J. Edward Sumerau. 2015. "Swell Foundations: Gender, Fundamental Social Causes and Chronic Inflammation." *Sociological Spectrum* 35: 161-178.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'Avoid that pornographic playground': Teaching Pornographic Abstinence in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Critical Research on Religion* 3(2): 168-188.

Sumerau, J. Edward, Mandi N. Barringer, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'I don't need a shotgun, just a look': Representing Manhood in Secular and Religious Magazines." *Men and Masculinities* 18(5): 581-604.

Cragun, Ryan T. and J. Edward Sumerau. 2014. "Men who hold more egalitarian attitudes toward women working outside the home in the US: Who are they?" *The Human Prospect: A Neohumanist Perspective* 4(1): 10-24.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. "'Why would our Heavenly Father do that to anyone': Oppressive Othering through Sexual Classification Schemes in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Symbolic Interaction* 37(3): 331-352.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2012. "Mobilizing Race, Class, and Gender Discourses in a Metropolitan Community Church." *Race, Gender, and Class* 19(3-4): 93-112.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2012. "'That's what men are supposed to do': Compensatory Manhood Acts in an LGBT Christian Church." *Gender & Society* 26: 461-487.

Reprinted in *The Gendered Society Reader, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by Michael Kimmel and Amy Aronson, Oxford University Press.

#### *Chapters in Edited Volumes:*

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. "I see monsters: The role of rape in my personal, professional, and political life." In *Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of Conducting Deeply Personal Research* edited by Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski and J. Edward Sumerau. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Publishing Group.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. Forthcoming 2018. "Gender, Arthritis, and Feelings of Sexual Obligation in Older Adults." In *Women and Inequality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* edited by Brittany C. Slatton and Carla D. Brailey. New York: Routledge.

Sumerau, J. and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "Trans-forming Mormonism: Transgender



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Perspectives on Priesthood, Ordination, and Gender.” In *Voices for Equality: Ordain Women and Resurgent Mormon Feminism* edited by Gordon Shepherd, Lavina Fielding Anderson, and Gary Shepherd. Kofford Books.

Sumerau, J. and Sarah L. Jirek. 2015. “Post-apocalyptic Inequality: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in Firefly.” In *Race, Gender and Sexuality in Post-apocalyptic TV and Film*. New York: Palgrave.

Schrock, Douglas P., J. Edward Sumerau, and Koji Ueno. 2014. “Sexualities.” In *The Handbook of the Social Psychology of Inequality* edited by Jane D. McLeod, Edward J. Lawler, and Michael L. Schwalbe. New York, New York: Springer.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2013. ““Somewhere Between Evangelical and Queer”: Sexual-Religious Identity Work in an LGBT Christian Church.” In *Selves, Symbols, and Sexualities: Contemporary Readings*, edited by Staci Newmahr and Tom Weinberg. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Sumerau, J. Edward, Douglas P. Schrock, and Teri Jo Reese. 2013. “Transsexuals’ Gendered Presentations.” In *Life as Performance: A Dramaturgical Handbook*. Edited by Charles Edgley. Ashgate.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Douglas P. Schrock. 2011. ““It’s Important to Show your Colors”: Counter-Heteronormative Embodiment in a Metropolitan Community Church.” In *Embodied Resistance: Breaking the Rules, Challenging the Norms* edited by Chris Bobel and Samantha Kwan. Nashville, Tennessee: Vanderbilt University Press.

#### *Other Research Publications:*

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. Review of “Cross National Public Opinion About Homosexuality: Examining Attitudes Across the Globe” by Amy Adamczyk. *Sociology of Religion*.

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. Review of "God Hates: Westboro Baptist Church, American Nationalism, and the Religious Right" by Rebecca Barrett-Fox. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. Review of “Sex Offenders, Stigma, and Social Control” by Diana Rickard. *Symbolic Interaction*.

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. Review of “Christians Under Covers: Evangelicals and Sexual Pleasure on the Internet” by Kelsy Burke. *American Journal of Sociology* 122(5): 1606-1608.

Sumerau, J.E. 2016. “Devious Dialogue” (Book Review). *Symbolic Interaction*.

Sumerau, J.E., Norma Winston, and Jack Gellar. 2015. “Cypress Landing Cost Benefit Analyses.” Evaluation report submitted to potential investors in the Tampa Bay Housing



First program.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2015. "Open and Affirming Religious Organizations." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Hoboken, New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2013. "Critical Review of *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*" by Bernadette Barton. *American Journal of Sociology* 119(1): 293-295.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2013. "The Interactional Nature of the Closet, Coming Out, and Same-Sex Desire" (Book Review). *Symbolic Interaction* 36(1): 113-115.

## FICTION PUBLICATIONS

### *Novels:*

Sumerau, J.E. and Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Under Contract, Forthcoming. *Other People's Oysters*. Boston, Massachusetts: Sense Publishers.

Sumerau, J.E. Under Contract, Forthcoming. *Homecoming Queens*. Boston, Massachusetts: Sense Publishers.

Sumerau, J.E. Forthcoming. *That Year*. To be published independently as part of the Queering Dixie Series.

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. *Essence*. Published independently as part of the Queering Dixie Series.

Sumerau, J.E. 2017. *Cigarettes and Wine*. Boston, Massachusetts: Sense Publishers.

### *Short Stories:*

Sumerau, Jason Edward. 2008. "Meeting Miss Mills." *Sandhills Literary Journal*.

Sumerau, Jason Edward. 2008. "A Father's Gift." *Phoenix Magazine*, Augusta University.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. "The Pope Compared Transgender People to Nuclear Weapons": Exploring Transgender religious experience in contemporary American Society." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada.





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Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. ““The Pope Compared Transgender People to Nuclear Weapons”: Exploring Transgender religious experience in contemporary American Society.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Greenville, SC.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Katelyn Y. Graves, and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. “Chronic inflammation and perceived sexual obligation: Contrasting pathology with diagnosis.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings. Greenville, SC.

Cragun, Ryan T. and J.E. Sumerau. 2016. “Atheists in Argentina.” Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lain A.B. Mathers, J.E. Sumerau and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. “Transgender Religious People’s Experiences with Cisgender Religious People.” Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryan T. Cragun, J.E. Sumerau, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. “What does the transgender (non)religious population look like in demographic terms?” Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sumerau, J.E. 2016. “Exploring non-religious LGBTQ intersections.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. “Transgender Religious People’s Experience with Cisgender Religious People.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2016. “Where are the Transgender People? An exploratory analysis of transgender religious and non-religious experience in contemporary society.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Kaitlyn E. Barningham, Charlyn D. Buford, Martin Laguerre, and J.E. Sumerau. 2016. “Identifying disparities in pain management at university campus health centers: A qualitative case study.” Florida Health Equity Research Institute Summit, Tampa, Florida.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Kaitlyn E. Barningham, Charlyn D. Buford, Martin Laguerre, and J.E. Sumerau. 2016. “Pain management in university health care settings: Research findings and clinical applications.” Florida State University College of Medicine Research Fair, Tallahassee, Florida.

Sumerau, J.E., Lain A.B. Mathers, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. ““I found God in the glory hole”: The Moral Career of a Gay Christian.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.



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Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, Kristy Money, Brent D. Beal, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2015. ““As Revealed by His Prophets”: Justifying religious inequality in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.

Sumerau, J.E. 2015. “Utilizing Sociology to engage the public online.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meetings, Mobile, Alabama.

Sumerau, J.E. and Norma Winston. 2015. “Evaluating the usefulness of Housing First programs in combatting chronic homelessness.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meetings, Mobile, Alabama.

Sumerau, J. Edward, Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. “What if god’s an asshole”: Elaborating an Interactionist approach to the Supernatural.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Alaina A.B. Mathers. 2015. “Reflexive Reciprocity: Ethnographic Education as a Collaborative Conversation.” Couch Stone Symposium: Winter Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. ““The booby-trapped jungle”: Defining Costs of Pornographic Consumption in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sumerau, J. Edward and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. “The Hallmarks of Righteous Women.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J. Edward Sumerau. 2014. “Joint Responsibilities: An Intersectional Approach to Sexual Health and Aging.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mathers, Alaina and J. Edward Sumerau. 2013. ““This isn’t just another gay group”: The Moral Construction of Ally Identities in a southeastern PFLAG.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2013. ““Work it Girl”: Heteronormativity in Drag Queen Bingo.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2012. “LGBT Christians’ Social Construction of a Masculine Organizational Culture.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2012. “Bisexuality in the Ethnographic Study of Lesbian and Gay Dominated Social Settings.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.



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Sumerau, J. Edward. 2011. "Constructing Responsible Christian Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2011. "Constructing Responsible Christian Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Jacksonville, Florida.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2010. "Constructing an Inclusive Congregational Identity in a Metropolitan Community Church: An Interactionist Analysis." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2010. "Performing Pastoral Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryon J. Cobb, Brian Starks, and J. Edward Sumerau. 2009. "Religious Leaders Accounts of Navigating Religion and Politics. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2008. "The Incorporation of Berger." South Eastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sumerau, J. Edward and K. Brien Word. 2006. "Through Muslim Eyes: Discrimination and Acceptance in the CSRA." Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia.

Sumerau, J. Edward and K. Brien Word. 2006. "Through Muslim Eyes: Discrimination and Acceptance in the CSRA." Phi Kappa Phi Student Research and Fine Arts Conference, Augusta, Georgia.

## **PUBLIC AND APPLIED EXPERIENCE**

### *Public Service:*

Housing and Urban Development / Neighborhood Stabilization Program Board of Directors member, Hillsborough County and Tampa, Florida (2015 – Present).

### *Public Scholarship:*

Guest contributor for [www.conditionallyaccepted.com](http://www.conditionallyaccepted.com), an academic blog for scholars on the margins within the academy (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.

Administrator and regular contributor for [sssismic.wordpress.com](http://sssismic.wordpress.com), an academic blog sponsored by the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction providing Symbolic Interactionist analyses and discussions of music & society (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.



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Co-founder, co-editor, administrator, and regular contributor (with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University, and assistant editor Lain A.B. Mathers, University of Illinois Chicago) of [www.writewhereithurts.net](http://www.writewhereithurts.net), an academic blog site (with social media component) providing guidance, resources, and expressional opportunities for scholars engaged in emotional and / deeply personal research and teaching (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.

Published a series of four op-eds concerning Muslim Experience in the Southeast and Georgia specifically based on an evaluation study of a southeastern Islamic Community (publications may be accessed via archives at *The Augusta Chronicle*).

*Public Lectures, Panels, and Workshops:*

“Problematizing the Cisgender Foundations of Contemporary Religion and Nonreligion.” University of Illinois Chicago Department of Sociology Colloquium Series (Spring 2016, University of Illinois Chicago).

“Religion: Where do we come from Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2016, University of Tampa).

“Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality.” Honors Program University Colloquium Series (Fall 2015, University of Tampa).

“Navigating Graduate Study.” Department of Sociology (Fall 2015, University of South Florida).

“Religion and Gender Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2015, University of Tampa).

“Social Justice.” University of Tampa, Bonner Leadership Program (Spring 2015, University of Tampa).

“Religion and Sexualities: Sexual Orientation Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2015, University of Tampa).

““Work it girl!” LGBT Christians production of homonormativity in Drag Queen Bingo.” University of South Florida, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series co-sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program (Fall 2014, University of South Florida).

“Somewhere Between Evangelical and Queer: Sexual-Religious Identity Work among LGBT Christians” Honors Program University Colloquium Series (Spring 2014, University of Tampa).

“Religion and Film Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2014, University of Tampa).



“Time Management, Course Design, and Teaching Strategies for first-time instructors” delivered for Florida State University’s Program for Instructional Excellence (Fall 2010, Florida State University).

*Media Involvement:*

Evaluation research in housing programs for homeless populations covered for University of Tampa website, October 2015. <http://www.ut.edu/CSSME-Tackles-Homelessness-in-Community-Engagement-Initiative.aspx>

Interviewed on “Homeless Experience in America” for University of Tampa student documentary on “Homelessness,” 2013.

Interviewed by *Religion News Service* about women’s status in the Mormon Church, November 2014. <http://janariess.religionnews.com/2014/11/11/mormon-leaders-give-women-mixed-messages-say-sociologists/>

Research into the social nature of biological health disparities between women and men covered in *State: The Faculty and Staff Bulletin of Florida State University*, Volume 49 (page 8), October 2014.

Research into Mormon Leaders’ conceptualization of women in the church covered in *Yahoo News*, July 2014. <http://news.yahoo.com/mormon-church-hasnt-budged-gender-roles-40-years-114400086.html>

Research into Mormon Leaders’ conceptualization of women in the church covered in *Live Science*, July 2014. <http://www.livescience.com/46867-mormon-church-gender-roles.html>

Research into Mormon Leaders’ construction of homosexuality throughout history covered in *Symbolic Interaction* blog, June 2014. <http://sijournal.wordpress.com/2014/06/03/why-would-our-heavenly-father-do-that-to-anyone-new-article-by-j-edward-sumerau-ryan-t-cragun/>

Interviewed on “Bisexuality” for University of Tampa Student Newspaper Special Issue on LGBT Pride, 2013.

Interviewed on “Sexualities, Gender, and Sport” for University of Tampa Student Documentary on “Homophobia in Sports,” 2013. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GA9Mr-pe5Hc>

*Program Evaluation:*

Sumerau, J.E. and Norma Winston. 2015 – Present. “Evaluating what children learn



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about abuse and bullying via Champions for Children programs.” Details: Evaluation of student responses to non-profit educational programs offered in Tampa Bay schools.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2015. “Evaluating the treatment of LGBTQ members in an open and affirming congregation.” Details: Small scale study of the experiences and interpretations of LGBTQ members of a southeastern Christian church seeking to be welcoming and affirming for sexual and gender minorities.

Sumerau, J. Edward, Norma Winston, and Jack Gellar. 2013 – 2015. “Evaluating the effectiveness of providing chronically homeless people with housing.” Details: Small scale study of the experiences of homeless people living in subsidized apartments and the ways such arrangements may or may not lessen cost in overall efforts to combat homelessness in the Tampa Bay Region.

Sumerau, J. Edward. 2006 – 2008. “Evaluating Muslim experience in Georgia communities.” Details: Undergraduate research project exploring treatment of Muslim Americans in Georgia, and Muslim reactions to such treatment. Published four op-eds on this topic in Georgia newspapers suggesting ways Muslim citizens could be better integrated into, respected within, and supported by communities.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Courses Offered:*

Qualitative Research Methods  
Sociological Theory  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
The Sociology of Gender  
Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Social Psychology of Groups  
Clinical and Counseling Sociology

Sociology of Deviance  
Families in Global Perspective  
Medical Sociology  
Sexual Subcultures through Film  
Sociology of Sexualities  
Sociology of Religion  
Childhood Socialization  
Sociology of Music

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *University of Tampa (2012 – Present)*

Director of Applied Sociology program (2015 – Present)  
Faculty member for University Diversity Committee (2014 – Present)  
Faculty representative for presentations from the UT Undergraduate Diversity Survey (2016)  
Faculty liaison for Sociology Adjunct Instructors (2014 – 2015)  
Faculty Judge for Annual College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education Undergraduate Research Conference (2014)  
Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club (2013 – 2017)



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Faculty Contributor to Student Informational Presentation on HIV / AIDS Global Awareness (2013)

Developed successful curriculum proposals for Medical Sociology, Sociology of Sports, and the Sociology of Childhood (2012 – 2014)

*Florida State University (2008 – 2012)*

Honors and Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, 2010-2011

Sociologists for Women in Society, Chapter Member, Florida State University, 2008-2012

Sociology Graduate Student Union, Member, Florida State University, 2008-2012

Inequality Working Group, Member, Florida State University, 2008-2012

Qualitative Research Group, Member, Florida State University, 2008-2012  
Co-Chair, 2011-2012

Sociology Graduate Student Union, Steering Committee Member, Florida State University, 2008-2009

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

*Section Memberships:* Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Human Rights, and Sexualities

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Caucus Member  
Committee on Structure of the Caucus 2013 – 2014

Sociologists for Women in Society

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Publications Committee (2015 – Present)

Southern Sociological Society

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Organized and hosted a thematic session as part of winning the SWS Early Gender Scholar Award on “Transgender Experience in Sociology.” Southern Sociological Society 2017 Annual Meetings, Greenville, SC.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where It Hurts: Death, Dying, and Grief” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2017 Annual Meetings, Greenville, SC.

Editorial Board Member for the *Teaching Sociology* (2017 – Present)

Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of Applied Social Science* (2016 – Present)



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Invited panelist for discussion on “Using music in the teaching of sociology.” Mid South Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meetings, Charleston, South Carolina.

Invited panelist for discussion on “Applying sociology to community action based research and advocacy.” Mid South Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meetings, Charleston, South Carolina.

Invited critic for an Author Meets Critic session for *Spirits Rejoice: Jazz and American Religion* by Dr. Jason Bivins. Association for the Sociology of Religion 2016 Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Research and Teaching about Relationship Trauma” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2016 Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Negotiating Emotional Challenges of doing Deeply Personal Research” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2015 Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Co-organized two thematic panel sessions entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of doing Deeply Personal Research” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2014 Annual Meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Invited panelist for “SWS Report Cards in Action: How Do We Negotiate Our Own Gender, Sexuality, and Intersecting Identities in the Classroom?” Sociologists for Women and Society 2014 annual winter meetings, Nashville, Tennessee.

Invited critic at an Author Meets Critic Session for *Not My Kid: What Parents Believe About the Sex Lives of Their Teenagers* by Dr. Sinikka Elliott. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2013 Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

Co-organized and presided over thematic paper session on “Sexualities and Symbolic Interaction” with Dr. Brandy Simula. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2013 Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

Co-organized thematic paper session on “Sexual and Gender Inequalities” with Dr. Brandy Simula. Southern Sociological Society 2013 Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Organized two thematic paper sessions on “Qualitative Approaches to Social Life.” Southern Sociological Society 2012 Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Served as a member of the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for the American Sociological Association’s Section on Sexualities.

Organized thematic paper session on “Heteronormativity in Everyday Life” (Co-sponsored by





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SWS-South). Southern Sociological Society 2011 Annual Meetings, Jacksonville, Florida.

Occasional Manuscript Reviewer for *Gender & Society*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Social Currents*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Sociological Focus*, and Oxford University Press.