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### **ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

2019-present Chair, Department of Sociology, East Carolina University  
2012-2019 Director, Center for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality, Northern Illinois University / 12 month, full time appointment  
2013-2019 Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
2001-2013 Associate Professor of Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
2010-2012 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
2009-2012 Coordinator of LGBT Studies, Northern Illinois University  
2006-2009 Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
1996-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University

### **EDUCATION**

1996 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, North Carolina State University  
1995 Certificate in Women's Studies, Duke University  
1990 Master of Arts, Sociology, The College of William and Mary  
1989 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Political Science, Meredith College

### **HONORS**

2018-2019 Northern Illinois University Distinguished Teaching Professor  
2014-2018 Northern Illinois University Presidential Teaching Professor  
2017 Recipient of the Wilma Stricklin Award, Northern Illinois University Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.  
2012 Nominated for Mentoring Award, Sociologists for Women in Society  
2011 Recipient of Outstanding Mentor Award, NIU Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

- 2011 Recipient of Eychaner Award for outstanding contributions to the LGBT community, NIU Presidential Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 2011 Recipient of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender "Ally" Award, NIU LGBT Resource Center, NIU (now Gender and Sexuality Resource Center)
- 2007 Recipient of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender "Ally" Award, LGBT Resource Center, NIU (now Gender and Sexuality Resource Center)
- 2004 Recipient of the Northern Illinois University Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2002- 2004 College (Liberal Arts and Sciences) Nominee for the Northern Illinois University Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2004 Article, "Ladies First," nominated for the 2004 *Sociological Spectrum* Best Paper Award.
- 2004 Article, "What Difference Does Difference Make?" nominated for the Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award for the Race, Gender and Class section of the ASA.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Intersectionality	Work and Organizations	Sexualities
Race & Ethnicity	Sociology of Knowledge	Qualitative Research Methods
Gender	Girls/Children	Feminist Theories

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

Myers, Kristen. 2005. *Racetalk: Racism Hiding in Plain Sight*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

Kreps, Gary A. and Susan Lovegren Bosworth with Jennifer A. Mooney, Stephen T. Russell, and Kristen A. Myers. 1994. *Organizing, Role Enactment, and Disaster*. Newark: University of Delaware Press.

**Refereed Journal Articles**

Myers, Kristen; Courtney Gallaher; and Shannon McCarragher. 2019. "STEMinism." *Journal of Gender Studies* 28 (6): 648–660.

Myers, Kristen and Ilana Demantas. 2016. "Breadwinning and Bread-losing: Exploring Opportunities to Re-work Manhood." *Sociology Compass* 10: 1119-1130.

Demantas, Ilana and Kristen Myers. 2015. "'Step up and be a man in a different manner:' Unemployed Men Re-framing Masculinity." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 56: 640-664.

Myers, Kristen. 2013. "Anti-feminist Messages in American Television Programming for Young Girls." *Journal of Gender Studies*. 22: 192-205.

Reprinted in *Gender through the Prism of Difference* by Maxine Baca Zinn. Oxford University Press.

Myers, Kristen. 2012. "'Cowboy Up!' Non-hegemonic Representations of Masculinity in Children's Television Programming." *Journal of Men's Studies* 20: 125-143.

- Myers, Kristen. 2012. "Exotica: The Deployment of Intersecting Binaries." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 41:7-33.
- Myers, Kristen and Laura Raymond. 2010. "Elementary School Girls and Heteronormativity: The Girl Project." *Gender & Society*. 24: 167-188.
- Myers, Kristen; Kay Forest; and Susan Miller. 2004. "Officer Friendly and the Tough Cop: Gays and Lesbians Navigate Homophobia and Policing." *Journal of Homosexuality*. 47:17-37.
- Myers, Kristen. 2004. "Ladies First: Race, Class, and the Contradictions of a Powerful Femininity." *Sociological Spectrum* 24 (1): 11-41.
- McCorkel, Jill; and Kristen Myers. 2003. "What Difference Does Difference Make? Position and Privilege in the Field." *Qualitative Sociology* 26 (2) 199-231.
- Myers, Kristen and Passion Williamson. 2001. "Race Talk: The Perpetuation of Racism Through Private Discourse." *Race & Society* 4:3-26.
- Myers, Kristen. 2001. "The Paradoxes of Anti-Racist Work: The Impact of Standpoint on Strategy." *Humanity and Society* 25 (2):131-152.
- Myers, Kristen. 1998. "Allegiances, Coups and Color Wars: A Strategy for Breaking the Silence on Race Issues in the Classroom." *Transformations* 9:183-195.
- Risman, Barbara and Kristen Myers. 1997. "As the Twig is Bent: Children Reared in Feminist Households." *Journal of Qualitative Sociology*, 20:229-252.
- Anderson, Cynthia; Kristen Myers; and Jammie Price. 1995. "Graduate Students and the Reproduction of Feminist Theory." *Journal of Creative Social Discourse* 1: 30-41.
- Leiter, Jeffrey; Kristen Myers; and Matthew Zingraff. 1994. "Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Reports of Child Maltreatment: Do Their Consequences Differ?" *Social Work Research and Abstracts* 18:67-82.
- Zingraff, Matthew; Jeffrey Leiter; Matthew Johnsen; and Kristen Myers. 1994. "The Mediating Effect of Good School Performance on the Maltreatment-Delinquency Relationship." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 31: 62-91.
- Zingraff, Matthew; Jeffrey Leiter; Kristen Myers; and Matthew Johnsen. 1993. "An Analysis of the Child Maltreatment-Youthful Problem Behavior Relationship." *Criminology* 31: 173-202.

### **Book Chapters**

- Myers, Kristen. 2018. "Gendered interactions in school." Pp. 199-214 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*, Barbara Risman, Carissa Froyum and William Scarborough, eds. New York, NY: Springer Press.
- Risman, Barbara; Kristen Myers; and Ray Sin. 2018. "(Re)Turning to Gender as a Social Structure." Pp. 277-296 in *Gender Reckonings: New Social Theory and Research*, James

Messerschmidt, Patricia Martin, Michael Messner, and Raewyn Connell, eds. New York: New York University Press.

Myers, Kristen and Ilana Demantas. 2015. "Being 'The Man' Without Having a Job And/Or: Providing Care Instead of 'Bread'." Pp. 632-647 in *Families as They Really Are*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Virginia Rutter and Barbara Risman, eds. New York: Norton.

Myers, Kristen. 2003. "White Fright: Reproducing White Supremacy Through Casual Discourse." Pp. 129-144 in *White Out: The Continuing Significance of Racism*, Woody Doane and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, eds. New York: Routledge.

Myers, Kristen. 1999. "Racial Unity in the Grass Roots? A Case Study of a Women's Social Service Organization." Pp. 107-130 in *Still Lifting, Still Climbing: African American Women's Contemporary Activism*, Kimberly Springer, ed. New York: New York University Press.

### **Edited Books**

Myers, Kristen; Cynthia Anderson; and Barbara Risman, eds. 1998. *Feminist Foundations: Toward Transforming Sociology*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

### **Book Reviews**

Myers, Kristen. 2012. Review of Cameron Macdonald's Shadow Mothers. In *Work and Occupations* 39: 99-101.

Myers, Kristen. 1999. Review of Drucilla Cornell's At the Heart of Freedom: Feminism, Sex, & Equality. In *Gender & Society*, 13 (6): 817-818.

Myers, Kristen. 1999. Review of Yannick St. Jean and Joe R. Feagin's Double Burden: Black Women and Everyday Racism. In *Contemporary Sociology*, 28 (1): 44-45.

Myers, Kristen. 1995. Review of Tuula Gordon's Single Women: On the Margins? In *Social Forces* 73: 1185-86.

### **Invited Talks**

"The 'Nature' of Masculinity." Invited talk for the Freeport Art Museums' exhibit on masculinity. June 9, 2016.

"Mean Girls, Manly Boys and Anti-Feminist Messages in Kids' TV." Invited talk for the NIU Art Museum's exhibit titled, "Manly Men, Girly Girls, and Everyone in Between." November 4, 2014.

"Researching Kids' TV." Invited to speak at NIU Board of Trustees meeting about my sabbatical research. February 28, 2013.

"Beauty Queens, Bimbos and Bullies." Invited to speak for Women's Studies Program, NIU. February 19, 2013.

"Girl Talk: Elementary School Girls' Co-construction of Heteronormativity." Invited to speak at

### **Electronic Publications/ Media Exposure**

- Myers, Kristen. 2018. "Talking to your kids about the #MeToo movement." April 23, 2018. WGN TV. <https://wgntv.com/2018/04/23/midday-fix-talking-to-your-kids-about-the-metoo-movement/>
- Myers, Kristen. 2016. "Getting real about men and household labor." August 9. Gender & Society Word Press. <https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2016/08/09/getting-real-aboutmen-and-household-labor/>
- Myers, Kristen. 2016. "A 'Win' for Feminism?" February 9. NIU Newsroom. <http://newsroom.niu.edu/2016/02/09/a-win-for-feminism-niu-kristen-myers-examinesplayboys-move-to-no-nudity/>
- Myers, Kristen and Ilana Demantas. 2015. "When 'real men' do housework." The Society Pages, Families as They Really Are, June 22. <http://thesocietypages.org/families/2015/06/22/when-real-men-do-housework/>
- Myers, Kristen 2015. "The Bare, Waxed, Minimum." February 13. NIU Newsroom. <http://newsroom.niu.edu/2015/02/13/the-bare-waxed-minimum/>
- Myers, Kristen. 2010. "Elementary School Girls and Heterosexual Fantasies." P. 13 in Unconventional wisdom: News You Can Use, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edition. Joshua Coleman and Stephanie Coontz, eds.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT RECENT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- Metz, Julia; Kristen Myers; and Patty Wallace. 2019. "A Scary Time for Young Men: Masculinities and Sexual Consent." Abstract submitted for the Sociologists for Women in Society Meetings, Denver, CO.
- Miller, Kirk and Kristen Myers, 2017. "Managing Risk with Migration Rhetoric: A Comparison of France, Germany and the United States." Council for European Studies, Glasgow Scotland.
- Demantas, Ilana and Kristen Myers. 2016. "Changing Masculinities: Relying on 'Higher Power' to negotiate gender roles at home." Midwest Sociological Society meetings, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, Kristen; Courtney Gallaher; and Shannon McCarragher. 2016. "Precarious Pathways for Women STEM Majors." Sociologists for Women in Society winter meetings, Memphis, TN.
- Demantas, Ilana and Kristen Myers. 2015. "Masculinity post the 2008 recession: Using 'the Higher Power' to understand new roles at home." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- Castle, Nancy and Kristen Myers. 2015. "US and EU Approaches to Academic Programs Addressing Women with Disabilities." Council for European Studies, Paris, France.

Miller, Kirk and Kristen Myers. 2014. "The Social Construction of *La Mordida*: Gringo Tourism, Mexican Police, and the Scripted Nature of Traffic Ticket Bribery." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Demantas, Ilana and Kristen Myers. 2013. "Accounting for Unemployment: Masculinity and Discursive Strategies for Avoiding Blame." Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

Demantas, Ilana and Kristen Myers. 2011. "'Luckily, my wife works:' Balancing Masculinity and Economic Dependence on Women During Unsettled Times." American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

*Note:* this paper was 1 of 13 selected by the ASA for a press release (out of thousands on the program). I was interviewed by many journalists, and the paper was covered by the LA Times, Chicago Sun Times, LiveScience, USA Today, ABC, Epoch Times, and others.

Myers, Kristen and Laura Raymond. 2009. "Doing Girl: Elementary School Girls Idealizing Heteronormativity." Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA

Myers, Kristen. 2009. "Hotties, Crushes and Dating: Elementary School Girls Idealize Heteronormativity." Sociologists for Women and Society, Savannah, GA.

Myers, Kristen. 2007. "Exotica." Association of Black Sociologists, New York, NY.

Moremen, Robin and Kristen Myers. 2006. "Taking a Seat in Their Theater: The Importance of Lens in Understanding the Experiences of Women in the Military." American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec.

Myers, Kristen. 2004. "Blackness of Our Contemporary Lexis: Racetalk and the Reformation of Old Tropes." Association of Black Sociologists, San Francisco, 2004

Myers, Kristen. 2003. "When inquiry confronts identity: Action research and race." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

McCorkel, Jill and Kristen Myers. 2002. "What Difference Does Difference Make? Power, Standpoint, and the Implications of Cross-Racial Research." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Myers, Kristen. 2000. "Attacking the Iron Cage from Within: Race, Class, Gender, and the Paradoxes of Anti-Racist Work." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.

McCorkel, Jill and Kristen Myers. 2000. "Reconsidering Feminist Scholarship: Co-opted of Closeted Within the Academy?" Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

Miller, Kirk and Kristen Myers. 2000. "Are All Hate Crimes Created Equal?" Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

## GRANTS

Edghill-Walden, Vernese; Kristen Myers; James Cohen; Joseph Flynn; Ed Klonoski; and Greg Barker. 2018. "Creating a Center for Academic Equity at Northern Illinois University." Total request: \$100,000. Proposal submitted to Lumina Fund for Racial Justice and Equity (Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors). Not funded.

Myers, Kristen and Laura Vazquez. 2016. "Implementing VAWA at NIU." Total request: \$10,000. Proposal submitted to the Avon Foundation, with collaborators, Michelle Lilly, Shana Ware, Rebekah Kohli, and Andrea Drott. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen and Ilana Demantas. 2014. "Gender and Unemployment in the New Era of Recession." Proposal submitted to the Midwest Sociological Society's Scholarship Development Grant program. Awarded \$1900.

Gallaher, Courtney; Kristen Myers; and Tom Pingle. 2013. "*Identification of push-pull factors affecting participation and retention of women in STEM majors.*" Total Request: \$14,057. Submitted to the Research and Artistry Program, Northern Illinois University. Not funded.

Brookey, Robert and Kristen Myers. 2012. "Field Research at Gaymer.com." Proposal submitted the NIU Summer Research and Artistry Grants. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen 2012. "Reworking Manhood: Negotiating Masculinity in the Face of Unemployment." Proposal to the NIU Department of Sociology summer research fund. Awarded \$1400.

Myers, Kristen. 2011. "Reworking manhood: Negotiating masculinity in the face of unemployment." Proposal submitted the NIU Summer Research and Artistry Grants. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen. 2010. "Girls' Competitive and Non-Competitive Dance Performances and their Relationship to the Hypersexualization of Girlhood." Proposal submitted to the ASA/NSF Funds for the Advancement of the Discipline. December. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen. 2010. "Dance Performances and the Hypersexualization of Girlhood." Proposal submitted the NIU Summer Research and Artistry Grants. Ranked #1 in Sociology. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen, Primary Investigator. 2009. "NIU LGBT Studies Center." Grant proposal submitted to NIU CLAS for Federal Directed Funding– Federal Fiscal Year 2011. Amount requested: \$145,000. Not funded.

Myers, Kristen, Primary Investigator. 2003-06 "Needs Assessment of Juvenile Justice Programs in Lee County, IL." Jack King, co-investigator. \$12,600 grant awarded by Lee Country Juvenile Justice Council.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### Membership in professional organizations

Sociologists for Women in Society      Southern Sociological Society  
Kappa Phi honor society                      Council for European Studies

### Service to the Discipline

Peer reviewer of manuscripts for the following journals: *American Sociological Review*, *Gender & Society*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Social Problems*; *Symbolic Interaction*; *Journal of Family Issues*; *Humanity & Society*; *Feminist Criminology*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Critical Studies in Media Communication*; and *Contemporary Nurse*

2019-2023      Deputy Editor of *Gender & Society* journal, Barbara Risman, Editor  
2016              Organizer of (6) paper sessions, Southern Sociological Society; President, Presidential Session  
2015-2017      Editorial Board member, *Gender & Society*  
2014-2016      Program committee member, Southern Sociological Society  
2013              Organizer for American Sociological Association Presidential Session, Gender Politics in Intimate Relationships, New York, NY  
2011-2013      Treasurer of Sociologists for Women in Society (elected)  
2010-2011      Deputy Treasurer of Sociologists for Women in Society (elected)  
2010              Organizer for the Culture and Inequality sessions (2), American Sociological Association, August, Atlanta, GA  
2006-2007      Book Review Editor, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*  
2004              Organizer for the Gender sessions (2), American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco, CA  
1997-2000      Member of the editorial board, *Contemporary Sociology*

### Recent Service to Northern Illinois University

#### *Major service*

2017-2019      College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, elected member  
2016              Co-Chair of the NIU Faculty Salary Study, qualitative data team chair  
2016              Member of Human Diversity Baccalaureate Requirement committee  
2015              Chair, Violence Against Women Act Implementation Committee  
2015              Acting Chair, Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, spring  
2013-2015      Chair, Committee of Multicultural Curriculum Transformation  
2009              Qualitative data analyst and contributing author to the Northern Illinois University Baccalaureate Committee Reports



*Routine service*

- 2015-2019 Member of NIU Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence
- 2017-2020 Graduate Council, NIU Graduate School, elected member
- 2017-present Graduate Faculty Committee, Graduate Council
- 2017-present Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council
- 2018 Sexual Harassment, Assault and Relationship Experiences (SHARE) Survey Committee
- 2016-present Vice President, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, local chapter
- 2016 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s term review committee member
- 2016 Member of search committee for CLAS Diversity Coordinator
- 2016 Member of search committee for Title IX Chief Investigator
- 2015 Member of the Social Justice & Diversity PLUS Pathway (General Education) organizing committee
- 2014-2015 Vice-Chair, Presidential Commission on the Status of Women
- 2014-2015 Member of Research Methodology Services qualitative analysis team
- 2014 Member of the Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion
- 2012-present Liaison to the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women
- 2010-present Liaison to the Presidential Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- 2010-2012 Member of the Women’s Studies Executive Committee
- 2010-2012 Member of Assessment Committee, department of sociology
- 2009-2010 Chair of Recruitment, department of sociology
- 2006-2007 Chair of Recruitment, department of sociology
- 2004-2005 Chair of Assessment, department of sociology
- 2002- 2004 Chair of Curriculum, department of sociology

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Women, Sex, and Gender Today       | Feminist Theory             |
| Social Problems                    | Race and Ethnicity          |
| Sociology of Gender                | Social Inequality           |
| Sociological Inquiry (Qualitative) | Foundations in Sociology    |
| Sociology of Work                  | Sexualities                 |
| Mentoring for Empowerment          | UNIV 101                    |
| Men and Masculinities              | Feminist and Queer Theories |

**GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

Sociology of Knowledge  
Feminist Research Methods  
Sexualities  
Men and Masculinities

LGBT Studies  
Gender & Sexualities  
Feminist Theory