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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
2013-2019	Professor, Department of Sociology	Northern Illinois University
2001-2013	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology	Northern Illinois University
2010-2012	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology	Northern Illinois University
2009-2012	Coordinator, LGBT Studies	Northern Illinois University
2006-2009	Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology	Northern Illinois University
1996-2001	Assistant Professor, 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 & Mary
1989	Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & 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 for exemplary leadership & service resulting in a more favorable campus climate for women, 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
2004	Article, "Ladies First," nominated for the 2004 <i>Sociological Spectrum</i> 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
2002-2004	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Nominee for the Northern Illinois University Excellence in Teaching Award

#### 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

Metz, Julia; Kristen Myers; and Patricia Wallace. 2021. "(Re)Mapping the Grey Area: How Sexual Violence is Normalized in Discussions with University Students." *Gender and Women's Studies*. 4(1): 5-21.

Metz, Julia; Kristen Myers; and Patricia Wallace. 2021. ""Rape is a Man's Issue:" Gender and Power in the Era of Affirmative Sexual Consent." *Journal of Gender Studies* 30: 52-65.

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 University of Illinois, Chicago, Sociology colloquium series, Oct 3, 2012

### **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.

### **Grants**

Danell, Allison; Crystal Chambers; Stephanie George; Kristen Myers; and Ann Sperry. 2020. “THRIVE at East Carolina University (ECU): Towards Hiring, Resources, Inclusion, Value and Excellence.” Proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation ADVANCE. Total request: \$999,074. **Funded.**

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. Total request: \$1900. **Funded.**

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. Total request: \$1400. **Funded.**

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. Grant proposal submitted to Lee Country Juvenile Justice Council. Total request: \$12,660. **Funded.**

### **Papers Presented at Recent Professional Meetings**

Wallace, Patricia; Maeve Wallace; Kristen Myers; & Kirk Miller. 2021. "When the Clery Act falls short: Analysis of the willingness to report sexual assault among university students of color." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Metz, Julia; Kristen Myers; & Patricia Wallace. 2021. "Hybrid Masculinities." Men's Leadership for Gender Equity Conference." Elon University, Elon, NC.

Wallace, Patricia; Taylor Civilus; Cornelius Ingram; Kelsie Moosmann; Paul Blackmon; Andrew Elder; Kelly Vidovic; Maeve Wallace; Kristen Myers; and Julia Metz. 2020. "Qualitative Data Analysis Suggests That Image Management and Personal Responsibility Mediate the Relationship between Race and Beliefs about Consent and Sexual Assault for Women of Color." Poster accepted for presentation at Association for Psychological Science meetings, Chicago, IL.

- Wallace, Patricia and Kristen Myers. 2020. "Am I my sister's keeper?: Women of color framing affirmative consent and sexual assault in terms of racial identity." Paper presented at the Sociologists for Women in Society meetings, San Diego, CA.
- Myers, Kristen; Patricia Wallace; and Julia Metz. 2020. "Sexcessful Conversations: Strategies for Negotiating Consent in Intimate Encounters." Workshop presented at the Sociologists for Women in Society meetings, San Diego, CA.
- Metz, Julia; Kristen Myers; and Patty Wallace. 2019. "A Scary Time for Young Men: Masculinities and Sexual Consent." Paper presented at 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.

## 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:

<i>American Sociological Review</i>	<i>Gender &amp; Society</i>	<i>Journal of Gender Studies</i>
<i>Social Problems</i>	<i>Symbolic Interaction</i>	<i>Journal of Family Issues</i>
<i>Humanity &amp; Society</i>	<i>Feminist Criminology</i>	<i>Sociological Inquiry</i>
<i>Contemporary Nurse</i>	<i>Journal of Contemporary</i>	
	<i>Ethnography</i>	

2019-2023	Deputy Editor of <i>Gender &amp; Society</i> journal, Barbara Risman, Editor
2016	Organizer of (6) paper sessions, Southern Sociological Society; President, Presidential Session
2015-2017	Editorial Board member, <i>Gender &amp; Society</i>



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, <i>Journal of Political and Military Sociology</i>
2004	Organizer for the Gender sessions (2), American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco, CA
1997-2000	Member of the editorial board, <i>Contemporary Sociology</i>

### Service to East Carolina University

2021	Chair, Search Committee for the Chair of Philosophy & Religious Studies
2020	Member, Cluster Hiring Committee. Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences
2020	Member, Administrative Accountability Committee, ECU Faculty Senate
2019	Member, Search Committee for the Director of Coastal Studies

### Major Service to Northern Illinois University

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

### TEACHING

#### Undergraduate Courses Taught

Feminist Theory	Men and Masculinities	Race and Ethnicity
Feminist and Queer Theories	Mentoring for Empowerment	Social Problems
Foundations in Sociology	Qualitative Research Methods	Sociology of Gender
Gender Studies Capstone	Sexualities	Sociology of Work
Introduction to Sociology	Social Inequality	Women, Sex, and Gender Today
Senior Seminar		

## **Graduate Courses Taught**

Sociology of Knowledge  
Feminist Research Methods  
Sexualities  
Men and Masculinities

LGBT Studies  
Gender & Sexualities  
Feminist Theory  
Qualitative Research Methods