

Alyssa Lynne-Joseph

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2022 – Assistant Professor
Present Department of Sociology
Wichita State University

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies; Graduate Certificate in Advanced Teaching and Learning

2018 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University

2012 B.A., Sociology/Anthropology and English, St. Olaf College
Summa cum laude; Distinction in Sociology/Anthropology

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Medical Sociology	Global and Transnational Sociology
Gender and Sexuality Studies	Southeast Asian Studies (Thailand)
Qualitative Methods	Postcolonial Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2027 Lynne-Joseph, Alyssa. *Global Trans Medicine: How Knowledge and Culture Shape Gender-Affirming Healthcare*. New York University Press (forthcoming in June)

Articles in Refereed Journals

2025 Lynne-Joseph, Alyssa. "Sameness Across Difference: A Postcolonial Feminist Analysis of Gender-Affirming Health Care in Thailand and the U.S." *Journal of Health & Social Behavior* 66(1): 75–91. doi.org/10.1177/00221465241240465

2024 Lynne-Joseph, Alyssa. "The Reproduction of Knowledge Hierarchies in Transgender Medicine: Professional, Lay, and Global Expertise in Clinical Practice Guidelines." *Social Science & Medicine* 346: 116712. doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116712

2023 Lynne-Joseph, Alyssa. "'As a clinician, you have to be passionately involved': Advocacy and professional responsibility in gender-affirming healthcare." *Social Science & Medicine* 321: 115788. doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115788

- 2022 **Lynne, Alyssa**, and Jillana B. Enteen. “Thai Trans Women’s Agency and the Destigmatisation of HIV-Related Care.” *Culture, Health & Sexuality* 24(9): 1153–1167. doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2021.1933183
- 2021 Lynne, Alyssa. “Paired Double Consciousness: A Du Boisian Approach to Gender and Transnational Double Consciousness in Thai Kathoey Self-Formation.” *Social Problems* 68(2): 250–266. doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaa073
- *Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper at 2019 Northern Illinois University Asian Studies Conference*
 - *Honorable Mention for 2021 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Professional Paper in the Department of Sociology, Northwestern University*
- 2012 Effiom, Juan-Ita, Dominick Fields, **Alyssa Lynne** and Phoua Xiong.* “Attitudes Toward Work Flexibility Across Generations.” *Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research* 2(1): 148–164.
- *All authors contributed equally to this article and are listed alphabetically.

Published Op-Eds and Commentaries

- 2024 Lynne-Joseph, Alyssa. “Ban on Gender-affirming Care for Kansas Kids Misrepresents Evidence, Likely to Cause Harm.” *Kansas Reflector*, April 18.

In-Progress Manuscripts

“Newspaper Coverage of U.S. State Bans on Gender-Affirming Care for Youth: Framing, Expertise, and Moral Panics.” (Working Paper)

“Who’s Afraid of Adolescent Gender? Bans on Gender-Affirming Care and the Erasure of Youth Agency.” (Working Paper)

“Sociology of Health” unit in *Introduction to Health Humanities* textbook (Draft Manuscript)

FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2018 – 2022 | National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (\$114,000) |
| 2021 | Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) Dissertation Fellowship (\$33,000) |
| 2018 | Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, UW-Madison (\$2500) |
| 2016 | Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Gender and Sexuality Studies (\$2500) |

GRANTS & AWARDS

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| 2025 | Mutual Mentoring Grant, Office for Faculty Advancement, Retention and Excellence, Wichita State University (PI, \$6500) |
| 2023 | University Research/Creative Projects Award, Wichita State University (\$4500) |
| 2021 | Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published Paper by a Graduate Student, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University, Honorable Mention |
| 2021 | Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award from ASA Section on Sexualities, Honorable Mention |
| 2021 | SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750) |
| 2020 | Graduate School Graduate Research Grant (\$3000) |

- 2020 Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$4900)
- 2020 SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750)
- 2019 Best Graduate Student Paper, Northern Illinois University Southeast Asian Studies Conference, Honorable Mention
- 2019 SPAN Summer Research Award (\$2500)
- 2018 Buffett Institute Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$400)
- 2018 Mellon Cluster Interdisciplinary Conference Travel Grant (\$1000)
- 2018 SPAN Reading Group Research Funds (\$750)
- 2018 SPAN Conference Travel Award (\$500)
- 2017 SPAN Summer Research Award (\$1299)
- 2017 Buffett Institute Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$2630)
- 2017 Summer Language Grant (\$2000)

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “The Sociology of Gender-Affirming Healthcare,” Guest Lecture for the Department of Women’s, Ethnicity, and Intersectional Studies, Wichita State University, March 28
- 2022 “Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy: Expertise, Risk, and Trust in Medicine” Spring Speaker’s Series, University of Texas at Arlington, April 29
- 2019 “Thai TGNC Health Care and Guidance for Ethical Health Research,” Responsible Conduct of Research Course, Center for Reproductive Science, Northwestern University, November 11
- 2018 “Transitions: Medical Tourism and Theorizing Transnational Studies of Sexuality,” Guest
-2020 Lecture for the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University (Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2020)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Media (Mis)representations of Scientific Evidence about Gender-Affirming Healthcare for Youth and Adolescents.” Authority & Health-Science-Knowledge Virtual Symposium, April 17–19
- 2026 “The Fear of Adolescent Gender: Bans on Gender-Affirming Care and the Erasure of Youth Agency.” Paper Session at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, March 26–29
- 2026 “Trans and Gender Diverse Voices in Newspaper Coverage of Bans on Gender-Affirming Care for Youth.” 2026 Kansas Gender & Sexuality Conference, Wichita, KS, March 6
- 2025 “Between the Local and the Global: Thai Clinical Practice Guidelines for Gender-Affirming Healthcare.” Paper Session at the 2025 Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Seattle, September 4–7
- 2025 “Race, Gender, and Culture in Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Insights from Thailand and the United States.” Paper Session at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 13–16

- 2024 “Local and Global Dimensions of Gender-Affirming Healthcare in Thailand.” Themed Session on “New Trajectories in Thai Trans Studies” at the Second International Trans Studies Conference, Evanston, September 4–7
- 2024 “A Comparative Analysis of Media Coverage of Gender-Affirming Healthcare for Youth in Alabama, Arkansas, and Florida.” Paper Session at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, April 4–7
- 2024 “Global Transformations in Transgender Medicine.” Session on “Health Humanities, Equity, Access, and Patient-Centered Care” at Wichita Healthcare Summit, Wichita, March 22
- 2024 “Medical, Civil, and Legal Expertise in Media Coverage of Gender-Affirming Healthcare for Youth.” Sociologists for Women in Society 2024 Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, January 25–28
- 2023 “Tensions between Global and Local in Clinical Guidelines: A Postcolonial Feminist Analysis of Gender-Affirming Healthcare.” Global and Transnational Sociology Section and Science, Knowledge, and Technology Joint Paper Session at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 17–21
- 2023 “Do-it-Yourself Hormones or Medically Supervised Hormone Therapy? Expertise, Risk, and Trust in Gender-Affirming Healthcare.” Paper Session at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March 23–26
- 2022 “Creating ‘Global’ Standards for Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Evidence-Based Medicine and Diverse Expertise.” Trans Studies Regular Session at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 5–9
- 2021 “Constructing ‘Global’ Standards in Gender-Affirming Healthcare: Thailand and the U.S.”
- University of Bordeaux Conference on Contentious Science, Tricky Politics: Experts and Scientists in Controversial Policy Debates, Virtual, October 20–22
 - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, August 6–10
 - Queertopia Conference, Northwestern University, Virtual, April 24–25
- 2020 “Medical Sociology and LGBTQ Health: Past, Present, and Future Approaches to Studying Gender and Sexuality.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 11–14 (Presented virtually due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Frame Diffusion and Audience Framing in the *Kathoey* Depathologization Movement.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 10–13
- 2019 “Paired Double Consciousness: Thai *Kathoey* Selfhood.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 17–20
- 2019 “Paired Double Consciousness: A Du Boisian Approach to Gender and Globalization in Thai *Kathoey* Self-Formation.” Northern Illinois University Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, DeKalb, IL, March 30
- 2018 “‘Being You is Not Sick’: (De)Medicalization of *Kathoey* Identity.”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 10–14

- Engendering Change Gender and Sexualities Conference, Chicago, April 14
- 2018 “Negotiation and Medicalization of Transgender Identities at a Thai NGO.” International Sociological Association XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 15–21
- 2017 “Translating Transgender: Collective Production and Symbolic Boundaries in Thai *Kathoey* Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 11–15
- 2012 “Legislating Women’s Bodies: Health and the Law.” *Distinction Presentation*, St. Olaf College Wellness Center; Northfield, MN, April 12
- 2012 “Attitudes Toward Work Flexibility Across Generations.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Minneapolis, MN, March 29–April 1
- 2011 “The Arts Economy in Northfield: Future Recommendations.” St. Olaf Collaborative Research and Inquiry (CURI) Conference; Northfield, MN, August 6

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Department of Sociology, *Wichita State University*; Wichita, KS

Health & Lifestyle (Every Spring Semester 2023–2026) – In-person and online formats

Introduction to Sociology (Every Semester from Fall 2022–Fall 2025) – In-person

Medical Sociology (Every Fall Semester 2022–2025) – In-person and hybrid

Sociology Capstone (Spring 2026) – In-person

Department of Sociology, *Northwestern University*; Evanston, IL

Social Problems (Summer 2022) – Online

International Studies Program, *Northwestern University*; Evanston, IL

Integrating Project Seminar: Medicine, Health, and Wellness in Global and Comparative Perspective (Winter 2022; Spring 2022) – In-person

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, *Northwestern University*; Evanston, IL

Sexuality and Society (Spring 2018)

Environment and Society (Fall 2017)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017, Winter 2018)

Graduate Student Advising

M.A. Committee Chair:

Elisabeth Benteman (completed 2025)

M.A. Committee Member:

Desiree Baus (completed 2024)

Prabriti Neupane (completed 2025)

Lilith Tackett (completed 2026)

Briony Ferguson (2025–ongoing)

Divyankasri Padamati (2025–ongoing)

Graduate Research Assistant Supervision:
Mahir Khan (completed 2025)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, PROFESSION, AND COMMUNITY

Wichita State University

2025 – Present Liberal Arts and Sciences General Scholarship Committee (C)

2025 – Present Session Presider and Presenter at Annual Sociology Symposium (D)

2025 – Present Qualitative Software Committee (D)

2024 – Present Undergraduate Research Committee (U)

2023 – Present Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology (D)

2023 – Present Judge for the WSU Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum (U)

2022 – 2025 Department Representative to College Council, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (C)

Note: (U) denotes university level; (C) denotes college level; (D) denotes department level

Northwestern University

2019 – 2020 Graduate Student Representative to Student Health Advisory Committee (U)

2018 – 2019 Undergraduate Affairs Committee Member, Department of Sociology (D)

2018 – 2019; Departmental Representative to Graduate Leadership and Advisory Council (C)
2016 – 2017

2017 – 2018 Mentoring Program Co-Coordinator, Department of Sociology (D)

Service to the Profession

2026 Faculty mentor, Mentoring Program, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society

2026 Session presider, “Gendered Youth, Bodies, and Care: Global Struggles Over Autonomy,” 2026 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society

2025 Evaluator, Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS)

2024 Session organizer, “Medical Sociology and Healthcare,” 2025 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society

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| 2024 | Faculty mentor, Mentoring Program, 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society |
| 2024 | Session presider, “Gender, Risk, and Resistance,” 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society |
| 2024 | Session organizer, “Body and Embodiment,” 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society |
| 2022 | Session co-organizer, Theory section roundtables, 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association |

Service to the Community

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| 2024 – Present | Board Member, Local Abundance Productions (organization offering programming and support for local artists) |
| 2024 – Present | Volunteer and Editor with Prison Health News (health newsletter for incarcerated people) |
| 2023 – Present | Consultant to KU medical school student-led project to create a gender-affirming clinic in Wichita |
| 2023 | Faculty volunteer for Wu’s Big Event XV |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (2016–Present), Buffett Institute for Global Studies (2017–2022), Society for the Social Studies of Science (2018–2019; 2025–2026), Midwest Sociological Society (2018–2019; 2022–Present), Sociologists for Women in Society (2023–2024), World Professional Association for Transgender Health (2019–2022)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Bulletin of Applied Transgender Studies*, *Humanity & Society*, *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, *International Journal for Equity in Health*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Currents*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *SSM – Qualitative Research in Health*, and *Women’s Health*.

LANGUAGES

English (native)
 Spanish (intermediate proficiency)
 Thai (speaking/listening - intermediate proficiency; reading/writing – working proficiency)

REFERENCES

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