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CURRENT POSITION

2023 - Associate Professor, Lyman Briggs College, Science and Society Program & Department of Sociology, Michigan State University
Core Faculty Affiliate, Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University
Member, Sexual & Gender Minority Health Consortium, Michigan State University

Previous Appointments

2018 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Lyman Briggs College, Science and Society Program & Department of Sociology, Michigan State University
2016 - 2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
Faculty Affiliate, Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Program, App State University
2014 - 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University

EDUCATION

2009 - 2014 Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Iowa
Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies
2007 - 2009 M.A. Sociology, The University of Iowa
2000 - 2004 B.A. Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington

SCHOLARSHIP (Underline refers to student co-author)

Books

shuster, stef. *Trans Reproduction: The Social and Reproductive Control Over Transgender People*. (under contract, New York University Press)

2021 shuster, stef. *Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender*. New York: New York University Press.

Awards: 2023 Honorable mention, ASA Body and Embodiment Best Book award
2023 Honorable mention, ASA Medical Sociology Donald W. Light Book award
2022 Finalist, PROSE award (Association of American Publishers)
2021 Seminary Bookstore Co-op Notables list

Author-Meets-Critic session: 2023 ASA Annual Meeting

Reviewed in: American Journal of Sociology; Medical Anthropology Quarterly; Gender & Society; Sociology of Health & Illness; The New Bioethics; Library Journal; CHOICE;

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Forth. shuster, stef and Drew Kirks-Cler. "Identity Impermanence as a Generic Social Process: The Malleability of Gender in the Lives of Trans and Nonbinary People." *Symbolic Interaction*.
- Forth. Kirks-Cler, Drew stef shuster, Mark H. Walker, and Ning Hsieh. "How Identity Nonrecognition Shapes the Health Experiences of LGBTQ+ People." *Social Psychology Quarterly*.
- 2026 Becker, Andréa, stef shuster, Leah R. Koenig, Jennifer Ko, Ushma D. Upadhyay. 2026. "Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Expansive Experiences with Telehealth Medication Abortion and Implications for Health Equity in the US." *Contraception* 153: 111212. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2025.111212>
- 2025 shuster, stef, Nicole Wonderlin, and Shahnaz Masani. "Plant Sex: A Cultural Analysis of the Gendering of Plant Reproduction Processes." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 50(30): 707-32.
- 2025 Moseson, Heidi, Iris Olson, stef shuster, Angel Foster, Leo Han, Miles Harris, and Brooke Levandowski. "Approaching the Concepts of Gender and Sex in Family Planning Research." *Contraception* 141: 110708. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2024.110708>
- 2024 shuster, stef. "The Assertion of Reproductive and Social Control in Mid-twentieth Century US Transgender Medicine." *Gender & History* 36(1): 208-223.
- 2024 shuster, stef and Laurel Westbrook. "Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy." *Social Problems* 71(3): 791-809. (equal authorship)
2023 Outstanding Article Award, Gender Division, SSSP
2023 Outstanding Article Award, Theory Division, SSSP
- 2024 shuster, stef, Celeste Campos-Castillo, Navid Madani, Kenneth Joseph. "Who Supports Bernie? Analyzing Identity and Ideological Variation on Twitter During the 2020 Democratic Primaries." *PLOS ONE* 19(4): e0294735. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0294735>
- 2023 Westbrook, Laurel and stef shuster. "Trans Joy: Flipping the Script of Marginality." *Contexts* 22(4): 16-21. (equal authorship)
- 2023 Rogers, Ethan, Andrew Krajewski, and stef shuster. "The Disproportionate Mental Health Burden Among Incarcerated Transgender and Gender Diverse People." *Journal of Correctional Health Care* 29(1): 39-46.

- 2023 Campos-Castillo, Celeste and stef shuster. "So What if They're Lying to Us? Comparing Rhetorical Strategies for Discrediting Sources of Disinformation and Misinformation using an Affect-based Credibility Rating." *American Behavioral Scientist* 67(2): 201-223.
- 2022 shuster, stef and Noah Lubben. "The Uneven Consequences of Rapid Organizational Change: COVID-19 and Healthcare Workers." *Social Science & Medicine Social Science & Medicine* 315: 115512. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115512>
- 2021 Hsieh, Ning and stef shuster. "Health and Health Care of Sexual and Gender Minorities." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62(3):318-333. (equal authorship)
- 2020 Campos-Castillo, Celeste, stef shuster, Denise Anthony, and Sarah Groh. "Warning: Hegemonic Masculinity May Not Matter as Much as You Think for Confidant Patterns among Older Men." *Sex Roles* 83:609-621.
- 2020 Bodenheimer, Grayson and stef shuster. "Emotional Labour, Teaching, and Burnout: Investigating Complex Relationships." *Educational Research* 62(1):63-76.
- 2019 shuster, stef. "Performing Informed Consent in Transgender Medicine." *Social Science & Medicine* 226:190-197.
Donald W. Light Paper Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology, 2021
- 2019 shuster, stef. "Quaring the Queer in Appalachia." *Appalachian Journal* 46(1-2): 72-87.
- 2017 shuster, stef. "Punctuating Accountability: How Discursive Aggression Regulates Transgender People." *Gender & Society* 31(4): 481-502.
 Reprinted In: *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities, 6th edition*. 2019. Edited by C.G. Valentine, M.N. Trautner, J.Z. Spade. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- 2017 shuster, stef and Celeste Campos-Castillo. "Measuring Resonance and Dissonance in Social Movement Frames with Affect Control Theory." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 80(1): 20-40.
- 2016 shuster, stef. "Uncertain Expertise and the Limitations of Clinical Guidelines in Transgender Healthcare." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(3): 319-32.

Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 2024 Caceres-Wright, Alexander R., Naveen Udhayasankar, Grant Bunn, stef shuster, and Kenneth Joseph. "Explicit Stance Detection in the Political Domain: A New Concept and Associated Dataset." Pp. 3-14 in *International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling and Prediction and Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation*. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

Peer-reviewed Chapters

- 2021 shuster, stef and Grayson Bodenheimer. How Healthcare Providers Hold Trans Patients Accountable to Medical Authority. Pp. 231-252 in *Advances in Medical Sociology: Sexual and Gender Minority Health* vol. 21, edited by A. LeBlanc and B.L. Perry. Emerald Publishing Limited.

- 2020 shuster, stef. “Becoming a Legal Proxy: The Unintended Consequences of Informed Consent in Transgender Medicine.” Pp. 232-243 in *The Research Handbook on Gender, Sexuality, and Law*, edited by C. Ashford and A. Maine. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2020 shuster, stef and Ellen Lamont. “Sticks and Stone Break Our Bones and Words Are Damaging: How Language Erases Non-binary People.” Pp. 103-116 in *The Emergence of Trans: Essays on Politics, Culture, and Everyday Life*, edited by I. Moon, R. Pearce, and D.L. Steinberg. London, UK: Routledge.
- 2019 shuster, stef. “Generational Gaps or Othering the Other? Tension Between Binary and Nonbinary Trans People.” Pp. 309-322 In *Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Trans, Polyamorous, Asexual, Kinky, and Intersex People*, edited by B. Simula, J.E Sumerau, and A. Miller. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Sense Publishers.
- 2018 shuster, stef. “Passing as Experts in Transgender Medicine.” Pp. 74-87 In *The Unfinished Queer Agenda After Marriage Equality*, edited by A. Jones, J. DeFilippis, and M. Yarbrough. New York: Routledge.

Journal - Special Issue Editor

- 2024 shuster, stef, Carla Pfeffer, and Anna Kirkland (guest editors). “Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in Dangerous Times.” *Social Science & Medicine*.

Other Writing (Non-refereed)

Articles and Chapters

- 2025 shuster, stef, Grant Bunn, Celeste Campos-Castillo, and Kenneth Joseph. “How False Information is Used Against Sexual and Gender Minorities and What We Can Do About It.” *Sex & Sexualities* 1(1): 59-66. <https://doi.org/10.1177/3033371251329532>
- 2025 shuster, stef. “Whose Sperm is Worthy? How Eugenics Hinders the Reproductive Potential of Transgender People.” Pp. 134-49 in *Seminal: On Sperm, Health, and Politics*, edited by R. Almeling, L. Campo-Engelstein, and B. Nguyen. New York: New York University Press.
- 2024 shuster, stef, Carla Pfeffer, and Anna Kirkland. “Introduction to Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in Dangerous Times.” *Social Science & Medicine* 359: 117272. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.117272>
- 2024 shuster, stef and Meredith McNamara. “Reply to Moti Gorin.” *Hastings Center Report* 54(5):35. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/hast.4918>
- 2024 shuster, stef and Meredith McNamara. “Troubling Trends in Health Misinformation Related to Gender Affirming Care.” Commentary in *Hastings Center Report* 54(3):53-55. <http://doi.org/10.1002/hast.1590>

Book Reviews

- 2025 shuster, stef. Book Review of *Care Without Pathology: How Trans- Health Activists Are Changing Medicine* by Christoph Hanssmann. *Contemporary Sociology* 54(2): 144-45.

- 2023 shuster, stef. Book Review of *How The Clinic Made Gender: The Medical History of a Transformative Idea* by Sandra Eder. *Contemporary Sociology* 52(5): 435-37.
- 2022 shuster, stef. Book Review of *Bodies Unbound: Gender-Specific Cancer and Biogitimacy* by Piper Sledge. *Contemporary Sociology* 51(4): 326-28.
- 2020 shuster, stef. “Carving Out a Niche or Finding a Place at the Table? The Sociology of Transgender Studies.” *Contemporary Sociology* 49(1): 2-9.
- 2020 shuster, stef. Book Review of *Understanding Trans Health: Discourse, Power, and Possibility* by Ruth Pearce. *American Journal of Sociology* 125(5): 1442-1444.
- 2015 shuster, stef. Book Review of *Blind to Sameness: Sexpectations and the Social Construction of Male and Female Bodies* by Asia Friedman. *Contemporary Sociology* 44: 796-98.

Essays and Blogs

- 2024 shuster, stef. “Flipping the Script on Trans Medical Encounters.” *The New Yorker*.
- 2023 Westbrook, Laurel and stef shuster. “Finding Trans Joy in Families We Choose.” Blog for Council on Contemporary Families’ *The Society Pages*.
- 2021 White, Peter, Shahnaz Masani, stef shuster, and Nicole Wunderlin. “Ditch Gendered Language for Cell Division.” Commentary in *Nature*.
- 2021 shuster, stef. “Fraught Decision-making in Transgender Medicine.” Essay for *Pharmacology Matters*
- 2021 shuster, stef. “Doctors Treating Trans Youth Grapple With Uncertainty, Lack of Training.” Essay for *The Conversation*.
- 2017 shuster, stef. “The Social Consequences of HB2: A North Carolina Effort to Reverse Civil Protections for Transgender People.” Essay for *Sociation Today*.

Amicus Brief

- 2024 American Historical Association, The Organization of American Historians, The LGBTQ+ History Association, Jules Gill-Peterson, Laurie Marhoefer, Joanne Meyerowitz, Susan Stryker, Genny Beemyn, Alison Li, Amy Stone, and stef shuster. Submitted by LGBTQI+ Rights Clinic in response to *U.S. v. Skrametti*.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Funded Grants

- 2023-2028 “CAREER: The Consequences of Efforts to Control Human Reproduction for Science and Medicine.” National Science Foundation, Faculty Early Career Development Program. (\$405,585)
- 2023-2024 “Understanding Healthcare Inequities among Sexual and Gender Minorities from an Intersectional Lens.” Faculty Initiatives Fund, College of Social Science, MSU [with Ning Hsieh. Role: co-I] (\$8,963)
- 2021-2022 “Making Introductory Biology Classes More Gender Inclusive.” Scholarship of Undergraduate Teaching & Learning, LBC & MSU Graduate School, Michigan State University [with Shahnaz Masani and Pete White. Role: co-I] (\$1,500)

- 2021-2022 “Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender.” Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP) Production Grant, Office of Research and Innovation, Michigan State University (\$7,000)
- 2020-2021 “Social, Economic, and Health Consequences of COVID-19 Among Sexual and Gender Minorities of Color.” College of Social Science Covid-19 Grant, Michigan State University [with Ning Hsieh. Role: co-I] (\$5,000)
- 2019-2021 “Treating Gender: Transgender Medicine and Uncertain Expertise.” Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP) Development Grant, Office of Research and Innovation, Michigan State University (\$25,000)
- 2019-2020 “Underutilization of Healthcare and Barriers to Care among LGBTQ People of Color.” Diversity Research Network, Launch Award Program, Michigan State University [with Ning Hsieh. Role: co-I] (\$4,200)
- 2017 Summer Student Research Stipend Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$1,100)
- 2016 Research Proposal Development Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$5,000)
- 2015 Research Grant, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (\$1,660)
- 2012 Jane A. Weiss Memorial Dissertation Scholarship, Department of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa (\$3,000)

Fellowships

- 2024-2025 “Trans Reproduction: Creating Productive and Socially Fit Transgender People, 1950s-1970s.” National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2023-2025 Faculty Fellow, Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University
- 2013-2014 Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Graduate College, U. of Iowa
- 2012 Fellow, Obermann Institute on Civic Engagement and the Academy, U. of Iowa.
- 2011 Summer Writing Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa.

Awards

- 2024 Award for Outstanding Family Public Scholarship, Council on Contemporary Families (with Laurel Westbrook)
- 2023 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Graduate College, Michigan State University
- 2023 Honorable Mention, Best Book Award, Section on the Body and Embodiment, American Sociological Association
- 2023 Honorable Mention, Donald W. Light Book Award, Section on Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association
- 2023 Outstanding Article Award, Gender Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (with Laurel Westbrook)
- 2023 Outstanding Article Award, Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (with Laurel Westbrook)
- 2022 Teacher-Scholar Award, Michigan State University
- 2022 Inspiration Award - Professional Achievement, Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU

- 2021 Donald W. Light Award for the Applied or Public Practice of Medical Sociology, ASA Section on Medical Sociology.
- 2018 Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, SAGE, Incorporated. Award for Peer Reviewing Excellence, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- 2016 Outstanding Faculty Award, Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity, Duke
- 2012 Diversity Catalyst Award, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and Chief Diversity Office, University of Iowa
Distinguished Student Leader Certificate, Hancher-Finkbine Committee, University of Iowa
- 2011 Hawkeye Award for Outstanding Student Organization Leader, Office of Student Life, University of Iowa
- 2010 Carl J. Couch Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2008-2009 Graduate and Professional Student Award for Dedication and Enrichment of the Cultural and Resource Centers, Office of Student Life, University of Iowa

TEACHING & MENTORING

Michigan State University

Lyman Briggs College (undergraduate)

Science of Sex and Gender
Feminist Science & Technology Studies
Medicine & Health
Reproductive Health & Society
Science and the Public
Narratives of Mental Illness
Constructing the Body

Sociology (graduate)

The Social Organization of Health & Medicine
Sociology of Gender

Sociology (undergraduate)

Health & Society

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (undergraduate)

LGBTQ+ Studies
Trans Studies

Student Mentorship

PhD level

Gerald Nowak (MSU, Soc)	Co-Chair	In progress
Sterling Bentley (MSU, SW)	Committee member	In progress
Sam Kosai (Princeton, Soc)	Committee member	In progress
Bryce Ross (UNC, Comm)	Committee member	In progress

Gwen Berumen (UT-Austin, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2026
Ezgi Karaoglu (MSU, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2025
Nic Rios (CUNY, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2025
Austin Sibley (CU Boulder, Anth)	Committee member	Completed 2025
Megan Russ (MSU, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2024
Atticus Wolfe (USC, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2024
Ruby Mendoza (MSU, WRAC)	Committee member	Completed 2023
Inna Mirzoyan (MSU, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2023
Dre Becker (CUNY, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2022
Jennifer Lai (MSU, Soc)	Co-Chair	Completed 2021
Nicole Oehmen (U. Iowa, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2020

M.A. level

Alex Hill (MSU, Soc)	Chair	Completed 2026
Jess Burnham (MSU, Soc)	Co-Chair	Completed 2024
Drew Kirks-Cler (MSU, Soc)	Chair	Completed 2023
Sam Safford (MSU, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2023
Faith Bradley (MSU, Soc)	Committee member	Completed 2022
Bre Frasher (MSU, Health Comm)	Committee member	Completed 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National

- 2025 shuster, stef. “The Place of Joy in the Sociological Imagination.” Invited panelist, section on emotions chair’s hour, annual meeting of the ASA, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 Becker, Andréa, stef shuster, Leah Koenig, Jennifer Ko, Ushma Upadhyay “Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Expansive Experiences with Telehealth Medication Abortion and Implications for Health Equity in the US.” Oral abstract, annual meeting of the Society of Family Planning, Detroit, MI.
- 2024 Caceres-Wright, Alexander, Naveen Udhayasankar, Grant Bunn, Stef Shuster, and Kenneth Joseph. “Explicit Stance Detection in the Political Domain: A New Concept and Associated Dataset.” Paper presentation for the 17th International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, & Prediction and Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation (SBP-BRiMS). (hybrid).
- 2024 Caceres-Wright, Alexander, Stef Shuster, and Kenneth Joseph. “Who Supports Bernie? Analyzing Identity and Ideological Variation of Bernie Supporters on Twitter” Poster presentation for the International Conference on Computational Social Science. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Hsieh, Ning, stef shuster, and Jess Burnham. “Healthcare Seeking within Intersectional Marginalization: How LGBTQ+ People of Color Navigate Barriers to Care.” Paper presentation for Transgender Studies, annual meeting of the ASA, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 shuster, stef. “Discovering Joy in Unlikely Places.” Invited paper presentation, section on emotions, annual meeting of the ASA, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2022 shuster, stef and Laurel Westbrook. “Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy.” Paper presentation for GLBT studies, annual meeting of the ASA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 shuster, stef and Drew Kirks-Cler. “Situational Gender.” Paper presentation for gender, annual meeting of the ASA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 shuster, stef, Navid Madani, Celeste Campos-Castillo, and Kenny Joseph. “The Interplay of Emotion, Conspiracy Theories, and Discriminatory Language amongst Bernie Sanders Supporters During the 2020 Democratic Primaries.” Symposium on Uncommon yet Consequential Online Harms (online).
- 2021 shuster, stef and Noah Lubben. “The Sociality of Vicarious Trauma: COVID-19 and Healthcare Workers.” Paper presentation, section on social psychology, annual meeting of the ASA, online.
- 2020 shuster, stef. “The Evidence of Experience in Trans Medicine.” Paper presentation, health professions education, annual meeting of the ASA, online.
- 2020 Lamont, Ellen and stef shuster. “The Emotional Labor that Masculine People Perform for Their Partners.” Paper presentation, queering work, annual meeting of the ASA, online.
- 2019 shuster, stef. “The Social Life of ‘Evidence’ in US Transgender Medicine, 1950-2010.” Paper presentation, medical sociology, annual meeting of the ASA, New York, NY.
- 2018 shuster, stef. “Performing Informed Consent in Clinical Encounters.” Paper presentation, medical sociology, annual meeting of the ASA, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 shuster, stef and Grayson Bodenheimer. “A Labor of Love? How Healthcare Providers Manage Emotion Norms With Conflicting Professional Expectations.” Paper presentation, section on emotions, annual meeting of the ASA, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 Campos-Castillo, Celeste, stef shuster, and Denise Anthony. “Privacy Expectations and Gender Ideology: Cultural Influences on Communicating Personal Information” Roundtable, section on communication, information technologies, and media, annual meeting of the ASA, Seattle, WA.
- 2014 shuster, stef. “Managing Ambiguity While Working in a Glass House: Provider Perspectives on Transgender Healthcare.” Paper presentation for health care and care delivery, annual meeting of the ASA, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 shuster, stef. “Microaggressions as Systemic Violence Against Transgender Communities.” Paper presentation, section on sex and gender, annual meeting of the ASA, New York City, NY.
- 2012 shuster, stef and Donna Lancianese. “Get ‘em Thinking, Get ‘em Talking: Two Class Activities for Unpacking Gender.” Paper presentation for teaching and learning, annual meeting of the ASA, Denver, CO.
- 2012 shuster, stef. “Medicine and Meaning-Making: A Historiography of Psychological Research on Transgender People.” Roundtable, section on sexualities, annual meeting of the ASA, Denver, CO.
- 2010 shuster, stef. “Penetrating the Ivory Tower: How Queer Social Movements Impact Universities in Establishing Queer Student Resource Centers.” Paper presentation for collective action, annual meeting of the ASA, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 shuster, stef. “Resolving Feminist Dilemmas Within Ethnography: A Case for Photoethnography.” Roundtable, section on sex and gender, annual meeting of the ASA, San Francisco, CA.

Regional

- 2025 Becker, Andréa, stef shuster, Leah Koenig, Jennifer Ko, Ushma Upadhyay “‘I Didn’t Have to Go Through the Gymnastics of Gender Performance’: Trans and Gender Expansive (TGE) Experiences with Telehealth Abortions.” Paper Presentation, annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2019 shuster, stef and Celeste Campos-Castillo. “Mobilizing Death or Life? Framing Contests in Colorado's End of Life Options Act.” Paper presentation, annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 shuster, stef. “Why Select 'A' Gender? Examining Assumptions in Social Scientific Categories of Inquiry.” Paper presentation for SWS-South, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 shuster, stef. “Intra Community Gender Policing Among Trans People.” Paper presentation, annual meeting of the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association. Clemson, SC.
- 2017 shuster, stef, and Ellen Lamont. “How Non-binary People are Challenged by, and Challenge, Binary Language Systems in Social Interaction” Paper presentation for SWS-South, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 shuster, stef. “From Pathology To Progress? Challenging Perceptions of "Progress" and the Standardization of Normalcy in U.S. Transgender Healthcare.” Paper presentation, annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 shuster, stef. “Working with Transgender Populations: Pedagogy, Education, and Co-Constructing Culturally Competent Practices.” Paper presentation for the College of Education’s Beyond Tolerance Conference, Iowa City, IA.
- 2010 shuster, stef. “How Queer Social Movements Impact Organizational Processes: The Creation of Queer Student Resource Centers.” Paper presentation, annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 shuster, stef. “Mobilizing in the Midwest: The Deployment of Strategies in Establishing Queer Student Centers.” Paper presentation, annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.
- 2009 Civettini, Nicole, Rengin Firat, and stef shuster. “The Effects of Same-Sex Unions on Mental Well-Being.” Roundtable, annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invited Research Talks

“Trans Reproduction and Social Fitness”

MSU, GenCen Colloquium Series (2024)

The Hastings Center (2023)

UCLA, Gender & Sexuality working group (2023)

“Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender.”

Unity Health Toronto, Center for Clinical Ethics, Grand Rounds (2025)

Northwestern University, Center for Applied Trans Studies (2024)

Drexel University, Center for Science, Technology, & Society (2024)

Case Western Reserve University, Dept. of Sociology (2023)

University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality Studies, Howard Brown Health, & Seminary Co-op bookstore (2022)
University of Michigan, Sociology of Health and Medicine Lecture Series (2022)
Texas A&M, Dept. of Sociology (2022)
Colgate University, Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (2022)
Western Michigan University, Dept. of Sociology & College of Medicine (2022)
University of Michigan, Institute for Research on Women and Gender (2021)
University of Southern California, Center for Feminist Research (2021)
Sparrow Hospital, Sparrow Pride Resource Group (2021)
AgeAlive Senior Ambassador Project, Town and Gown (2021)

“Trans Health.”

ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology Studies (with Hayden Fulton, Chris Hansmann, Xiaogo Zhuo) (2024)
Delta Epsilon Mu, MSU Chapter (2023)
Lesley University (2023)
Case Management Society of America (2022)
NYU Press Book Author Spotlight (with Chris Barcelos & Travers) (2021)
University of Iowa, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (with Katie Imborek) (2021)
Research Triangle Institute International (with Carla Pfeffer) (2021)

“Gender & Sexuality Research in COVID-19.”

GenCen, MSU (with Ellen McCallum) (2020)

“Feeling it Out: How Emotion Norms Shape Medical Decisions.”

Social/Personality Psychology Program, MSU (2020)
Medicine, Health, & Society Series, MSU (2020)

“The Social Life of ‘Evidence’ In U.S. Transgender Medicine.”

Dept. of Sociology, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2019)
GenCen Colloquia Series, MSU (2019)

“Passing as Experts in Trans Medicine.”

Medicine, Health, & Society Series, MSU (2018)
Dept. of Sociology, Wake Forest University (2017)
Dept. of Gender Studies, University of Iowa (2017)
Gender Studies, App State University (2017)

“Treating Gender and the Politics of Evidence.”

Social Medicine Faculty Forum, UNC – Chapel Hill (2016)
Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Duke University (2016)
Bioethics Group, Duke University (2016)
Dept. of Anthropology, UNC – Chapel Hill (2015)

Invited Panels & Keynotes

- 2025 Keynote. “Uncertain Expertise in Trans Medicine.” TransPride YOUning Health & Wellness Conference, online.
- 2025 Keynote. “Trans Reproduction.” Distinguished Coley Lecture, Department of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- 2024 Keynote. “Trans Joy” Annual meeting of Midwest Sociological Society (with Laurel Westbrook).
- 2024 Invited Panelist. “Anti-Trans Policies in Perilous Times.” Council on Contemporary Families, Baltimore, MD
- 2024 Keynote. “Addressing Bias in Transgender Medicine.” National Conference of Delta Epsilon Mu, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2023 Invited Panelist. “LGBTQ+ Healthcare: Past, Present, Future.” LGBTQ+ Resource Center, West Virginia University (with Anthony Fauci)
- 2023 Invited Keynote. “Historicizing Trans Youth’s Access to Healthcare” Supporting the Health and Well-being of Gender Diverse Youth, Forum for Children’s Well-Being, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.
- 2023 Invited Panelist. “Strategies for Using Qualitative Methods to Study Sex, Gender, Health, and Medicine.” Yale University. (with Tristan Bridges and Krystale Littlejohn)
- 2023 Invited Panelist. “Trans Joy.” CSU Long Beach. (with Laurel Westbrook)
- 2022 Invited Panelist. “Access and Inclusivity in American Medicine.” National Humanities Center.
- 2022 Invited Panelist. “Historicising Trans Pasts.” *Gender and History* Colloquium.
- 2022 Invited Panelist. “Decolonizing Sociology During Times of Crisis.” SWS Summer conference.
- 2022 Featured Speaker. “Lessons Learned from 70 Years of Trans Medicine.” Houston Transgender Unity Banquet.
- 2019 Keynote Address. “Addressing the Needs of Marginalized Populations.” Maurer School of Law, Indiana University – Bloomington.
- 2019 Invited Panelist. “Beyond Cultural Competence.” Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association.
- 2016 Invited Panelist, “Plenary on LGBTQ Scholarship.” After Marriage Conference, CLAGS: Center for LGBTQ Studies.

SELECTED SERVICE

For the Profession

- 2024-2027 **Council Member**, sociology of emotions section, ASA (elected position)
- 2023-2024 **Committee Member**, Leo G. Reeder Award, section on medical sociology, ASA
- 2023-2026 **Panelist**, National Science Foundation
- 2022-2024 **Chair, Membership Committee**, section on medical sociology, ASA (elected position)
- 2022 **Committee Member**, Donald W. Light Award, section on medical sociology, ASA.
Committee Member, Graduate Student Paper Award, section on emotions, ASA.
- 2021 **Panelist**, Book Forum, Tey Meadow’s *Trans Kids: Being Gendered in the 21st Century*. Annual meeting of the ASA, online.

- 2020-2021 **Membership Committee Member**, section on social psychology, ASA.
Committee Member, Best Article Award, section on sex & gender, ASA.
Mentor, PhD Students on the Job Market, SWS.
- 2019 **Panelist**, “Publishing and Presenting Transgender Studies.” Sociologists for Trans Justice Panel, annual meeting of the ASA, New York, NY.
Panelist, “Effective Strategies in Healthcare Interventions for Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Patients.” Summer meeting, SWS, New York, NY.
- 2018-2019 **Nominations Committee Member**, section on social psychology, American Sociological Association.
- 2017 **Panelist**, “Transgender Scholarship and Experience in Sociology.” SWS-South panel, annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.
- 2016-2019 **Mentor**, sexualities section mentoring program, ASA.

Conference-related service

- 2025 **Session Co-Organizer**, “Innovative Scholarship in the Sociology of Trans Studies.” Invited session, annual meeting of the ASA, Chicago, IL (with alithia zamantakis)
- 2024 **Pre-conference Co-Organizer**, “Reproductive Futures: Theory, Innovation, and Justice in the Sociology of Reproduction,” annual meeting of the ASA, Montreal Canada (with Carlo Sariego and Andréa Becker)
- 2024 **Session Co-Organizer**, “The Joy of Being from a Marginalized Group.” Regular session, annual meeting of the ASA, Montreal, Canada (with Laurel Westbrook)
- 2022 **Session Organizer**, “Bracketed Out: How Medicine Displaces LGBTQ+ People.” Section on medical sociology, annual meeting of the ASA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021-2022 **Conference Program Committee Member**, Winter meeting of SWS.
Section Organizer, section on social psychology, annual meeting of the ASA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 **Moderator**, Book Salon, New Works in Trans Studies, Summer meeting of SWS.
- 2020 **Session Organizer**, “Queering work: How Trans and Non-binary People Resist and Negotiate Power and Inequality in Work.” Regular session, annual meeting of the ASA, online.
- 2018 **Session Organizer & Discussant**, “Transgender Studies.” Regular session, annual meeting of the ASA, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Panel Moderator**, “The Social Consequences of HB2.” Annual meeting of the North Carolina Sociological Association, High Point, NC.
Discussant, “Gendered Sexuality.” Regular session, annual meeting of the ASA, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 **Presider**, “Healthcare and Underrepresented Populations Panel,” annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 **Moderator**, Violence and Health Roundtable for the Medical Sociology section, annual meeting of the ASA, Chicago, IL

Editorial Boards

- 2026-2028 Member, *American Sociological Review*

2024-2026 Member, *Social Problems*
 2023-2027 Deputy Editor, *Gender & Society*
 2022-2025 Member, *Social Currents*
 2022-2024 Member, *Contemporary Sociology*
 2021-2026 Member, *Social Science & Medicine*
 2020-2022 Member, *Advances in Medical Sociology*
 2019-2021 Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
 2019-2021 Member, *Gender & Society*

Occasional Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Culture, Health, and Sexuality; Gender & Society; International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Homosexuality; Law & Social Inquiry; Mobilization; NYU Press; Psychology and Sexuality; Social Currents; Social Forces; Social Problems; Social Psychology Quarterly; SSHRC Insight grant; Social Service Review; Social Science & Medicine; Sociological Forum; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Spectrum; Trans Health; UC Press.

For the University

2020-2022 **Chair**, Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU.
 2020-2021 **Advisory Board Member**, Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU.
 2020-2024 **Organizer**, Science and Technology Studies group, MSU.
 2019-2021 **Faculty Advisor**, TransAction, MSU.
 2017-2018 **Program Coordinator**, Inclusive Excellence, Center for Academic Excellence, App State University.
 2017 **Committee Member**, Assessment and Evaluation, General Education Office, App State University.
 2016 **Faculty Supervisor**, Student-led house course in LGBTQ Studies, Duke University.
 2014-2016 **Faculty Mentor**, Spectrum, Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Duke University.
 2012-2014 **Advisory Board Member**, Women's Resource & Action Center, University of Iowa.
 2010-2012 **President**, Graduate Student Senate, University of Iowa.
 2008-2013 **Founder & Co-Organizer**, TransCollaborations, trans advocacy group in Iowa City, IA.
 2007-2012 **Transgender Health Initiative**, Interdisciplinary Assessment Team for Transgender Health Services, University of Iowa.

For the Department/College

Lyman Briggs College

2025-2027 **Member**, College Advisory Committee
 2025-2026 **Chair**, Annual Review Committee
 2023-2024 **Member**, Annual Review Committee
 2023 **Member**, Summer Sub-committee on Curriculum, Science and Society group

2021-2024 **Convenor**, Science and Society Program
 2021-2022 **Search Chair**, Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Fellows
Member, Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Fellows Program Planning Committee
Member, Academic Specialist Search Committee
 2020-2022 **Member**, Lyman Briggs Committee for Inclusivity
 2019 **Member**, Annual Review Evaluation Revamp Committee

Department of Sociology

2023-2024 **Member**, Undergraduate Education Committee
 2021-2023 **Member**, DEI Committee
 2020-2021 **Member**, Speakers Committee
 2019-2020 **Member**, Graduate Education Committee
 2018-2019 **Member**, Speakers, Awards, & Research Symposium Committee
Member, Search Committee, Cluster Hire in Sexual and Gender Minority Health,
 Social Work, College of Social Science

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Why Doctors Don’t Know How to Treat Trans Patients.” *Taboo Science* podcast. [December 11, 2025](#).

“Serious About Gender Exploration? There’s a Doula for That.” *Yes!* [April 17, 2024](#).

“What’s at Stake.” WPFW, Pacifica affiliate. (Washington DC) August 2, 2023.

“Access and Inclusivity in Healthcare.” The National Humanities Center podcast, *Nerds in the Woods*. [September 27, 2022](#).

“What Makes Trans Joy Such a Powerful Antidote to Transphobia.” *The Daily Beast*. [August 9, 2022](#).

“Michigan State University Professor Helps Doctors Find Joy Working with Transgender, Nonbinary People.” *Fox 47*. June 23, 2022.

“Who Should be Allowed to Transition?” *The New York Times* [March 4, 2022](#).

“For Nonbinary Patients, Getting Gender-affirming Care Can be More Difficult.” *The Washington Post*. [October 25, 2021](#).

Trans Medicine Radio & Podcast Tour

“Let’s Go There.” Q Nation. [May 17, 2021](#)

“The Best of Our Knowledge.” WAMC, NPR affiliate. (Northeastern US) [June 10, 2021](#)

“The Exchange.” Siouxland Public Radio, NPR affiliate. (Sioux City, IA) June 14, 2021

“The Arnie Arnesen Show.” Pacifica Radio. (Concord, NH) [June 17, 2021](#)

“Keeping Democracy Alive with Burt Cohen.” WSCA. (New Hampshire) [June 18, 2021](#)

“The Public Eye.” WICN, NPR affiliate. (Worcester, MA) [June 20, 2021](#)

“The Morning Show.” WGTD, NPR affiliate. (Kenosha, WI) [June 21, 2021](#)
 “Stateside.” Michigan Radio, NPR affiliate. (Michigan). [June 21, 2021](#)
 “The 8:00 Buzz.” WORT. (Madison, WI) [June 23, 2021](#)
 “The Roundtable.” WAMC (New Albany, NY) [June 23, 2021](#)
 “Morning Show.” WGVU/WGVS, NPR affiliate. (Grand Rapids, MI) [June 25, 2021](#)
 “New Books Network.” Podcast. [June 30, 2021](#)
 “Gender GP.” Podcast. [June 30, 2021](#)
 “Ideasphere.” KCBX. (St. Luis Obispo, CA) [July 3, 2021](#)
 “Radio with a View.” WMBR. (Cambridge, MA) July 6, 2021
 “The Bill Newman Show.” WHMP (Amherst, MA) July 7, 2021
 “Conversations.” Kansas Public Radio (Kansas) July 7, 2021
 “It’s the Economy.” KGNU. (Denver, CO) [July 8, 2021](#)
 “Queer Voices.” KPFT, Pacifica affiliate. (Houston, TX) [July 9, 2021](#)
 “Jefferson Exchange.” JPR, NPR affiliate. (Oregon) [July 20, 2021](#)
 “John Chen Outs the World!” Podcast. July 26, 2021
 “Alternative Perspectives.” WRFG (Atlanta, GA) July 28, 2021
 “The Wimmin’s Music.” KKUP. (Santa Cruz, CA) August 1, 2021
 “What’s at Stake.” WPFW, Pacifica affiliate. (Washington DC) August 18, 2021
 “Profiles.” WFIU, NPR affiliate. (Bloomington, IN) [November 5, 2021](#)

“Trans Children: Getting Past the Panic.” *The Medical Republic*. [July 29, 2021](#)

“Transgender Medicine: What Care Looks Like, Who Seeks it Out, and What’s Still Unknown.” *The Conversation*. [June 23, 2021](#).

“Michigan to Require Annual Implicit Bias Training for Medical Care Providers.” Fox 47 News. [June 14, 2021](#)

“Michigan Senate Recognizes June as Pride Month for the First Time In Its History.” Fox 47 News. [June 5, 2021](#).

“Men’s toxic masculinity comes from a lack of strong friendships and not their fathers as previously believed, new study finds.” *Daily Mail*. [May 7, 2021](#).

“What is Toxic Masculinity?” *InStyle*. [April 2, 2021](#).

“Lansing Catholic Diocese criticized for new policy on transgender students, MSU professor opposes view.” WILX. [February 26, 2021](#).

“The Complexity of Gender Identity.” Sociological Insights, American Sociological Association. [October 23, 2020](#).

“Diversity Spotlight: LGBTQ+ History Month.” October 4, 2020. MSU College of Social Science Research [Profile](#).
 LGBTQ+ History [Profile](#).

“Toxic masculinity is unsafe... for men.” *MSU Today*. [March 9, 2020](#).

“Creating the 'worthy' patient in transgender medicine.” *MSU Today*. [October 16, 2019](#)

“Punctuating accountability: How discursive aggression regulates trans people” *Gender & Society* Podcast. [July 10, 2017](#).

“Doctors lack experience and expertise in treating transgender patients, study says.” *The Guardian*. [September 7, 2016](#).