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Research Interests: culture · theory · identity · subcultures · gender · sexuality · religion

## EDUCATION

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- 2023-present Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
Dissertation: “‘Solitariness’ Rituals: Emotional Energy and Solidarity in Solo Religious Practice,” Advisor: Erika Summers Effler  
Graduate Minor in Gender Studies
- 2023 M.A. Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
Thesis: “Which is Witch? Authenticity, Aesthetic, and Pop Culture Representation in the Witchcraft Community,” Advisor: Erika Summers Effler
- 2017 B.A. Sociology, *summa cum laude*, Illinois Wesleyan University  
Minors: Religion, Women’s and Gender Studies

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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- 2024 [upcoming] “‘Solitariness’ Rituals: Emotional Energy and Solidarity in Solo Religious Practice,” at the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec
- 2024 “Which is Which? Authenticity, Aesthetic, and Pop Culture Representation in the Witchcraft Community” at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA
- 2022 “A Taste for Tea” at the Chicago Ethnography Conference, UW-Madison [VIRTUAL]
- 2017 “Mother Goddesses and Subversive Witches” at the John Wesley Powell Undergraduate Student Research Conference, Bloomington, IL
- 2017 “Mother Goddesses and Subversive Witches” at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- 2017 “Mother Goddesses and Subversive Witches” at the Human Rights Undergraduate Research Workshop, Bloomington, IL
- 2016 “Loving the Questions: Rilke, Religious Diversity, and ReligiosiTEA” [with Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger] at the NASPA West/East Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO

- 2016 “Brave Spaces and Difficult Dialogues: The Case Study of IWU Interfaith” at the Illinois Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Normal, IL
- 2016 “Illinois Wesleyan - Freeman Foundation Asia Internship Program” with ASIAnetwork Conference, St. Petersburg, FL

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2023 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – “Introduction to Sociology”
- 2022 Substitute Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame – “Sociology of Sexualities”
- 2017 Teaching Fellow, Department of Religion, Illinois Wesleyan University – “Encountering Religious Diversity”
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Department of Women’s Studies, St. Scholastica’s College (Manila, Philippines) – “Introduction to Women’s Studies”

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS**

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- 2020-present Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
- 2017 Robert S. Eckley President’s Club Award in Social Science, Illinois Wesleyan
- 2016-2017 NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP)
- 2017 Phi Kappa Phi, Iota Iota Iota
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Delta
- 2015 Phi Beta Delta

## **INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

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- 2023 “Which is Witch,” Presentation for House Kheperu Virtual Gather (*June 24*)
- 2021 “Boundary Work Objects, Aesthetic Judgement, and Identity Formation,” Guest lecturer for Professor Sophie White’s Gender and Material Culture course, University of Notre Dame (*September 28*)

## **ADDITIONAL WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-2022 Research Assistant, Professor Abigail Ocobock, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2019-2020 Assistant Director of Admissions, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2017-2019 Admissions Counselor, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL

2014-2017    Multifaith Ambassador, Evelyn Chapel, Illinois Wesleyan University,  
                  Bloomington, IL  
2015           Student Affairs Intern, St. Scholastica's College, Manila, Philippines  
2015           Sexual Assault Crisis Advocate, YWCA McLean County, Bloomington, IL

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2020-present    American Sociological Association (ASA)  
2017-2020      National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)  
2017-2020      Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC)  
2016-2017      National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)

### **SKILLS**

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**Methods:** Ethnography, Qualitative Methods, Linear Regression, Categorical Data Analysis  
**Data Management:** Qualtrics, ATLAS.ti, Stata  
**Online Course Management:** Canvas, Google Classroom  
**Languages:** German (intermediate reading, spoken, written)

### **REFERENCES**

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