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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Director of Applied Sociology (2015 – present).

Assistant Professor of Sociology (2014 – present).

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology (2012 – 2014).

## EDUCATION

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| 2012 | Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology<br>Florida State University     |
| 2010 | Master of Science, Sociology<br>Florida State University        |
| 2008 | Bachelor of Arts, Political Science<br>Augusta State University |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Bisexual Book Awards Finalist in Mystery (with Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski) for *Other People's Oysters*, 2019.

Bisexual Book Awards Finalist in Teen/Young Adult Fiction for *Palmetto Rose*, 2019.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist in Bisexual Fiction for *Palmetto Rose*, 2019.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist in Bisexual Fiction for *Homecoming Queens*, 2018.

Faculty Volunteer of the Year Award. University of Tampa, 2017.

College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education Outstanding Scholar Award. University of Tampa, 2017.

American Sociological Association Section for Religion Distinguished Article Award for “Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality” (with Ryan T. Cragun and Lain A.B. Mathers). American Sociological Association, 2016.

Sociologists for Women in Society South Early Gender Career Scholar Award. Sociologists for Women in Society South, 2016.

Unsung Hero Award. University of Tampa, 2015.

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award for

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“Accomplishing Organizational Manhood: LGBT Christians’ Social Construction of a Masculine Organizational Culture.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2012.  
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. Florida State University, 2012.  
American Sociological Association Section for Sex and Gender Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award for ““Becoming Responsible Gay Christian Men”: Responsibility Discourses, Compensatory Manhood Acts, and Inequality in a Metropolitan Community Church.” American Sociological Association Section, 2011.  
Florida State University Department of Sociology Allen-Klar Best Graduate Student Research Paper Award for “Constructing an Inclusive Congregational Identity in a Metropolitan Community Church.” Florida State University, 2010.

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Methodology	Social Psychology	Applied & Public Health
Race, Class, Gender & Sexuality	LGBTQIAP Studies	Sexual Health & Aging
Medical Sociology	Sexual & Gender Violence	Sociology of Religion

## PUBLICATIONS (*italics indicates co-author was student at time of submission*)

### *Editorships:*

2018 – Present. Guest Editor for Special Issue of *Sociological Inquiry* on “Transgender Studies.”

2018 – Present. Series Editor for *Breaking Boundaries*, a series of books expanding sexual and gender scholarship with Lexington Books.

2017 – 2019. Guest Editor (with Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski) for rolling Special Issue of *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine* on “Managing Illness in Relationships over the Life Course.”

### *Research Monographs:*

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., **J.E. Sumerau**, and *Nik Lampe*. Forthcoming 2021, Under Contract. *Illness Transformations in Queer, Trans, and Intersex Aging*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

**Sumerau, J.E.** Forthcomng 2020, Under Contract. *Violent Manhood*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and Eric Anthony Grollman. Forthcoming 2020, Under Contract. *Black Lives & Bathrooms: Racial and Gendered Reactions to Minority Rights Movements*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2019. *America Through Transgender Eyes*.

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Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield.

Nominated for the 2019 Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award from the Mid-South Sociological Association

**Sumerau, J.E.** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2018. *Christianity and the Limits of Minority Acceptance in America: God Loves (Almost) Everyone*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

*Reviewed in Symbolic Interaction & Theology & Sexuality*

Nominated for 2019 American Sociological Association Section on Religion Distinguished Book Award

*Edited Volumes:*

**Sumerau, J.E.** Forthcoming, Under Contract. *The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook on Transgender Studies*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau**. Forthcoming, Under Contract. *Aging Invisibly: Championing Diversity in Scholarship on Growing Older with Chronic Illness*. Boston, MA: Brill/Sense.

Simula, Brandy, **J.E. Sumerau**, and Andrea Miller. 2019. *Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Polyamorous, Kinky, Ace, Intersex, and Trans People*. Boston, MA: Brill/Sense.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2017. *Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of Conducting Deeply Personal Research in Health*. New York: Routledge.

*Arts Based Research (Sociological Novels):*

**Sumerau, J.E.** Forthcoming 2020, Under Contract. *Via Chicago*. Boston, Massachusetts: Brill/Sense.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2018. *Palmetto Rose*. Boston, Massachusetts: Brill/Sense.

*Nominated for 2019 Bi Book Awards; 2019 Lambda Literary Awards; 2019 American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities Distinguished Book Award; 2019 American Sociological Association Section on Sex & Gender Distinguished Book Award; and 2019 Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Charles Horton Cooley Book Award*

*Finalist for 2019 Lambda Literary Award in Bisexual Fiction*

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*Nominated for 2019 Bi Book Awards & 2019 Lambda Literary Awards*

*Finalist for 2019 Bisexual Book Awards in Mystery*

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. *Homecoming Queens*. Boston, Massachusetts: Brill/Sense.

*Nominated for 2018 Bi Book Awards & 2018 Lambda Literary Awards*

*Finalist for 2018 Lambda Literary Award in Bisexual Fiction*

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. *Cigarettes and Wine*. Boston, Massachusetts: Brill/Sense.

*Reviewed in Journal of Bisexuality & Symbolic Interaction*

*Nominated for 2018 Bi Book Awards; 2018 Lambda Literary Awards; 2018 American Sociological Association Section on Sex and Gender Distinguished Book Award; 2018 American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities Distinguished Book Award; and 2018 Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Charles Horton Cooley Book Award*

*Textbooks:*

Cragun, Ryan T., **J. Edward Sumerau**, Bruce Friesen, Katherine Carter, and Deborah Cragun. 2014. *Introduction to Sociology*. St. Petersburg, Florida: Wikibooks.

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction\\_to\\_Sociology](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology).

*Fiction:*

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. *That Year*. Published independently.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. *Essence*. Published independently.

*Nominated for 2018 Bi Book Awards*

*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:*

**Sumerau, J.E.** Forthcomng. "A tale of three spectrums: Deviating from normative treatments of sex and gender." *Deviant Behavior*.

*Lampe, Nik*, James Cavendish, and **J.E. Sumerau**. Forthcoming. "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of Dignity." *Qualitative Report*.



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Lampe, Nik, Shannon Carter, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Normalizing Reproduction, Normalizing Transgender: Framing Transgender Reproductive Experience in U.S. Media." *Gender & Society*.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Lain A.B. Mathers, and Dawne Moon. 2019. "Foreclosing Fluidity at the Intersection of Gender and Sexual Normativities." *Symbolic Interaction*.

Donley, Amy and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Living with Diabetes in a Historically Black Community: Insights from residents." *PLAID: People Living with and Inspired by Diabetes* 5(1): 36-44.

Moon, Dawne, Theresa Tobin, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Alpha, Omega and the Letters in Between: LGBTQI Conservative Christian efforts to rethink Gender." *Gender & Society* 33(4): 583-606.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Alan Chan, Jordan Miller, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Illness Management in Older LGBT Couples." *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine* <https://doi.org/10.1177/2333721418822865>.

Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Reframing Health and Illness: A Collaborative Autoethnography on the Experience of Health Transformations in the Life Course." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 41(4): 723-729.

Simula, Brandy and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "The Use of Gender in the Interpretation of BDSM." *Sexualities* 22(3): 452-477.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Exploring Relationship Satisfaction in Older Adults with Diabetes using Descriptive Epidemiology." *PLAID: People Living with and Inspired by Diabetes* 4(1): 8-18.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Lain A.B. Mathers, and Nik Lampe. 2019. "Learning from the religious experiences of Bi+ Trans people." *Symbolic Interaction* 42(2): 179-201.

Harder, Brittany and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2018. "Understanding Gender as a Fundamental Cause of Health: Simultaneous Linear Relationships between Gender, Mental Health, and Physical Health over time." *Sociological Spectrum* 38(6): 387-405.

Mathers, Lain A.B., **J. Edward Sumerau** and Koji Ueno. 2018. "'This isn't just another gay group': Privileging Heterosexuality in a mixed-sexuality LGBTQ Advocacy Group." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 47(6): 834-864.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Harry Barbee, Victoria Eaton, and Lain A.B. Mathers. 2018. "Exploring the experiences of heterosexual and asexual transgender people." *Social Sciences* 7(162). DOI: 10.3390/socsci7090162.



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*Sumerau, J.E., Ryan T. Cragun, and Harry Barbee. 2018. "This incredible monster was always in the way: The moral career of a sexual sinner in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Qualitative Report* 23(3): 662-676.*

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*Steele, Sarah, Megan Collier, and J.E. Sumerau. 2018. "Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Contact with Police in Chicago: Disparities Across Sexuality, Race, and Socioeconomic Status." *Social Currents* 4(5): 328-349.*

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*McCabe, Katherine and J.E. Sumerau. 2018. "Reproduction Vocabularies of Motive among Cisgender Women in College." *Sex Roles* 78(5-6): 352-366.*

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*Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and J.E. Sumerau. 2017. "Aging Partners Managing Chronic Illness Together: Introducing the Content Collection." *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine* 3: 1-3*

*Barringer, M.N., J.E. Sumerau, and David Gay. 2017. "Examining differences in identity disclosure between monosexuals and bisexuals." *Sociological Spectrum* 37(5): 319-333.*

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**Sumerau, J. Edward.** 2017. "'Some of us are good, God-fearing folks': Justifying Religious Participation in an LGBT Christian Church." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 46(1): 3-29.

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Nowakowski, A.C.H., *K.E. Barningham*, *C.D. Buford*, *M. Laguerre*, and **J.E. Sumerau.** 2017. "'A Tricky One': Barriers to Non-Opioid Pain Management in University Health Care." *Florida Public Health Review* 14: 60-66.

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Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau.** 2017. "Health disparities in Nonreligious and Religious older adults in the United States: A descriptive epidemiology of 16 common chronic conditions." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(4): 1-15.

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**Sumerau, J.E.** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'I think some people need religion': The Social Construction of Nonreligious Moral Identities." *Sociology of Religion* 77(4): 386-407.

**Sumerau, J.E.,** Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "An Interactionist Approach to the Social Construction of Deities." *Symbolic Interaction* 39(4): 577-594.

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Cragun, Deborah, Ryan T. Cragun, *Brian Nathan*, **J.E. Sumerau**, and Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. 2016. "Do religiosity and spirituality really matter for social, mental and physical health? A tale of two samples." *Sociological Spectrum* 36(6): 359-377.

**J.E. Sumerau** and Deborah Cragun. 2016. "Frames of Reference: Applying Sociology in Interdisciplinary Medical Settings." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 10(2): 113-118.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, *Lain A.B. Mathers* and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'I found God in the glory hole': The Moral Career of a Gay Christian." *Sociological Inquiry* 86(4): 618-640.

*Thompson, Amanda Bartenbaker*, Deborah Cragun, **J.E. Sumerau**, Ryan T. Cragun, Vanessa De Gifis and *Angela Trepanier*. 2016. "'Be prepared if I bring it up': Patients' perceptions of the utility of religious and spiritual discussion during genetic counseling." *Journal of Genetic Counseling* 25(5): 945-956.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2016. "'I'm just not sure about their values': LGBT Christians talk about non-believers." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 5(8): 1-12.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Ryan T. Cragun, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2016. "Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality." *Social Currents* 3(3): 293-311.

*Winner 2016 American Sociological Association Section on Religion  
Distinguished Article Award*

**Sumerau, J.E.**, *Lain A.B. Mathers* and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "I just can't put my finger on it": A research report on the nonexistence and meaninglessness of sin within the Social Sciences." *The Qualitative Report* 21(6): 1132-1144.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., **J.E. Sumerau**, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2016. "Building a bright future for diabetes care and management by writing where it hurts." *PLAID: People Living with and Inspired by Diabetes* 2(1): 64-67.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., *Katelyn Y. Graves*, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2016. "Mediation Analysis of relationships between chronic inflammation and quality of life in older adults." *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes* 14:46.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., **J.E. Sumerau**, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2016. "None of the above: Strategies for Inclusive Teaching with "Representative" Data." *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 96-105.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "'How low can humans plunge': Facilitating Moral Opposition in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Qualitative*

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*Sociology Review* 12(1): 42-59.

Cragun, Ryan T. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2015. "God may save your life, but you have to find your own keys: Religious attributions, secular attributions, and religious priming." *Archive for the Psychology of Religion* 37: 321-342.

Cragun, Ryan T., **J.E. Sumerau**, and *Emily Williams*. 2015. "From Sodomy to Sympathy": LDS Elites' Discursive Construction of Homosexuality Over Time." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(2): 291-310.

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Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2015. "Should we talk about the pain: Personalizing Sociology in the Medical Sociology Classroom." *Teaching Sociology* 43(4): 290-300.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**, Irene Padavic, and Douglas P. Schrock. 2015. "'Little girls unwilling to do what's best for them': Resurrecting Patriarchy in an LGBT Christian Church." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44(3): 306-334.

*Co-Winner 2012 Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award*

**Sumerau, J. Edward** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'Don't push your immorals on me': Encouraging Anti-porn Advocacy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Sexualities* 18(1/2): 57-79.

**Sumerau, J. Edward** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "The Hallmarks of Righteous Women: Gendered Background Expectations in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* 76(1): 49-71.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J. Edward Sumerau**. 2015. "Swell Foundations: Gender, Fundamental Social Causes and Chronic Inflammation." *Sociological Spectrum* 35: 161-178.

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**Sumerau, J. Edward**, *Mandi N. Barringer*, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'I don't need a shotgun, just a look': Representing Manhood in Secular and Religious Magazines." *Men and Masculinities* 18(5): 581-604.

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**Sumerau, J. Edward** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. "“Why would our Heavenly Father do that to anyone”: Oppressive Othering through Sexual Classification Schemes in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” *Symbolic Interaction* 37(3): 331-352.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2012. "Mobilizing Race, Class, and Gender Discourses in a Metropolitan Community Church." *Race, Gender, and Class* 19(3-4): 93-112.

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#### *Chapters in Edited Volumes:*

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**Sumerau, J.E.** and Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. 2019. "Relational Fluidity: Somewhere Between Polyamory and Monogamy." In *Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Polyamorous, Kinky, Ace, Intersex, and Trans People*, edited by Brandy Simula, J.E. Sumerau, and Andrea Miller. Boston, MA: Brill/Sense.

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**Sumerau, J.E.** 2019. "Embodying Nonexistence: Experiencing Cis and Mono Normativities in Everyday Life." In *Body Battlegrounds: Transgressions, Tensions and Transformations*, edited by Samantha Kwan and Christina Bobel. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

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**Sumerau, J.** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "Trans-forming Mormonism: Transgender Perspectives on Priesthood, Ordination, and Gender." In *Voices for Equality: Ordain Women and Resurgent Mormon Feminism* edited by Gordon Shepherd, Lavina Fielding Anderson, and Gary Shepherd. Kofford Books.

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**Sumerau, J. Edward**, Douglas P. Schrock, and Teri Jo Reese. 2013. "Transsexuals' Gendered Presentations." In *Life as Performance: A Dramaturgical Handbook*. Edited by Charles Edgley. Ashgate.

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#### *Other Research Publications:*

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**Sumerau, J.E.** 2018. Review of "Cross National Public Opinion About Homosexuality: Examining Attitudes Across the Globe" by Amy Adamczyk. *Sociology of Religion*.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. Review of "God Hates: Westboro Baptist Church, American Nationalism, and the Religious Right" by Rebecca Barrett-Fox. *Contemporary Sociology*.

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**Sumerau, J.E.** 2016. “Devious Dialogue” (Book Review). *Symbolic Interaction*.

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#### *Journal Articles in Progress:*

**Sumerau, J.E.**, *TehQuin Forbes*, Eric Anthony Grollman, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. “Constructing Allyship and the Persistence of Inequality.” Received Revise & Resubmit from *Social Problems*, currently under second review.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J.E. Sumerau**. “Older women’s sexual health: Gaps and Possibilities.” Received Revise & Resubmit from *Women’s Health*, currently under second review.

Barringer, Mandi, David Gay, and **J.E. Sumerau**. “Abortion and Religion in Generational Context: A Comparison of the Millennial, Generation X, and Baby Boom Cohorts.” Received Revise & Resubmit from *Social Currents*, currently under second review.

## GRANTS

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*Funded (total to date = \$20,000.00):*

1. Jack Shand Research Award from the Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion for *Making Sense of Nonreligion in Latin America* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$5,000.00, 2015.
2. Fichter Grant from the Association for the Sociology of Religion for *The Transgender Religious Survey* (with Ryan T. Cragun and Lain A.B. Mathers) \$3,000.00, 2015.
3. Delo Grant from the University of Tampa for *Investigating Political Views and Attitudes toward the Nonreligious among Christian College Students* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$2,700.00, 2015.
4. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Travel Grant \$400.00, 2011.
5. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Travel Grant \$400.00, 2010.
6. Reward Grant from Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship Award Program for pursuing graduate study \$8,500.00, 2008.

*Not Funded:*

1. Summer Stipend for the Humanities from the National Endowment for the Arts for *Understanding Men's Violence* Submitted 2018, \$6,000.00.
2. Jack Shand Research Award from the Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion for *Nonreligious in the Bible Belt* Submitted 2018, \$5,000.00.
3. Fichter Grant from the Association for the Sociology of Religion for *Bi+ Religious, Spiritual, and Nonreligious Experiences* Submitted 2018, \$5,000.00.
4. RFP1 International Research Grant from the Understanding Unbelief Programme for *Exploring Unbelief in South America* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$150,000, 2017.
5. Delo Grant from the University of Tampa for *Visualizing Religion in Florida* (with Ryan T. Cragun) \$8,054.92, 2016.
6. Delo Grant from the University of Tampa for *Analyzing the Cypress Landing Project* (with Jack Gellar and Norma Winston) \$1,000.00, 2014.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (*italics indicates student co-presenter*)

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2019. "The Call of the Literary in Social Research." International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

*Lampe, Nik*, James Cavendish, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2019. "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of Dignity." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Barringer, Mandi N, **J.E. Sumerau**, Shannon K. Carter, and J. Scott Carter. 2019. "Religiosity and Attitudes toward Same-Sex Relations among Young Adults: A Comparison of Millennial, Generation X, and Baby Boom Cohorts." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

*Lampe, Nik*, Shannon K. Carter, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2018. "Exploring representations of Trans



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Pregnancy in the U.S.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and *Nik Lampe*. 2018. “Understanding Gun Violence via Applied Sociology.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. 2018. “Artistically Applying Sociology to Teach Social Movements.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Sumerau, J.E.,** *Lain A.B. Mathers*, Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, and *Nik Lampe*. 2018. “Birds of a Feather: Similarities in Atheist and Theist Beliefs.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Sumerau, J.E.,** *Lain A.B. Mathers*, Ryan Cragun, and *Nik Lampe*. 2018. “Learning from the religious experiences of Bi+ Trans people.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2018. “A Decade of Doing Public Sociology, Some Things I’ve Learned Along the Way.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. “Sexual and Gender Fluidity in the Social Scientific Study of (Non)Religion.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2017. “Storytelling and Applied Sociology.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cobb, Maggie C. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2017. “Using music to teach applied sociology.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Sumerau, J.E.,** *Lain A.B. Mathers*, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. ““The Pope Compared Transgender People to Nuclear Weapons”: Exploring Transgender religious experience in contemporary American Society.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada.

**Sumerau, J.E.,** *Lain A.B. Mathers*, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2017. ““The Pope Compared Transgender People to Nuclear Weapons”: Exploring Transgender religious experience in contemporary American Society.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Greenville, SC.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., Katelyn Y. Graves, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2017. “Chronic inflammation and perceived sexual obligation: Contrasting pathology with diagnosis.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings. Greenville, SC.



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Cragun, Ryan T. and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2016. "Atheists in Argentina." Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

*Lain A.B. Mathers*, **J.E. Sumerau** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "Transgender Religious People's Experiences with Cisgender Religious People." Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryan T. Cragun, **J.E. Sumerau**, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2016. "What does the transgender (non)religious population look like in demographic terms?" Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2016. "Exploring non-religious LGBTQ intersections." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, *Lain A.B. Mathers*, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2016. "Transgender Religious People's Experience with Cisgender Religious People." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Ryan T. Cragun, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2016. "Where are the Transgender People? An exploratory analysis of transgender religious and non-religious experience in contemporary society." Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., *Kaitlyn E. Barningham*, *Charlyn D. Buford*, *Martin Laguerre*, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2016. "Identifying disparities in pain management at university campus health centers: A qualitative case study." Florida Health Equity Research Institute Summit, Tampa, Florida.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H., *Kaitlyn E. Barningham*, *Charlyn D. Buford*, *Martin Laguerre*, and **J.E. Sumerau**. 2016. "Pain management in university health care settings: Research findings and clinical applications." Florida State University College of Medicine Research Fair, Tallahassee, Florida.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, *Lain A.B. Mathers*, and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "'I found God in the glory hole': The Moral Career of a Gay Christian." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.

**Sumerau, J.E.**, Ryan T. Cragun, Kristy Money, Brent D. Beal, and *Lain A.B. Mathers*. 2015. "'As Revealed by His Prophets': Justifying religious inequality in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, California.

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2015. "Utilizing Sociology to engage the public online." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meetings, Mobile, Alabama.



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**Sumerau, J.E.** and Norma Winston. 2015. "Evaluating the usefulness of Housing First programs in combatting chronic homelessness." Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meetings, Mobile, Alabama.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**, Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski and Ryan T. Cragun. 2015. "What if god's an asshole": Elaborating an Interactionist approach to the Supernatural." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois.

**Sumerau, J. Edward** and *Alaina A.B. Mathers*. 2015. "Reflexive Reciprocity: Ethnographic Education as a Collaborative Conversation." Couch Stone Symposium: Winter Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Sumerau, J. Edward** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. "'The booby-trapped jungle': Defining Costs of Pornographic Consumption in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Sumerau, J. Edward** and Ryan T. Cragun. 2014. "The Hallmarks of Righteous Women." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nowakowski, Alexandra C.H. and **J. Edward Sumerau**. 2014. "Joint Responsibilities: An Intersectional Approach to Sexual Health and Aging." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina.

*Mathers, Alaina* and **J. Edward Sumerau**. 2013. "'This isn't just another gay group': The Moral Construction of Ally Identities in a southeastern PFLAG." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2013. "'Work it Girl': Heteronormativity in Drag Queen Bingo." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2012. "LGBT Christians' Social Construction of a Masculine Organizational Culture." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2012. "Bisexuality in the Ethnographic Study of Lesbian and Gay Dominated Social Settings." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New York City, New York.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2011. "Constructing Responsible Christian Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Sumerau, J. Edward**. 2011. "Constructing Responsible Christian Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Jacksonville, Florida.





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**Sumerau, J. Edward.** 2010. “Constructing an Inclusive Congregational Identity in a Metropolitan Community Church: An Interactionist Analysis.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Sumerau, J. Edward.** 2010. “Performing Pastoral Manhood in a Metropolitan Community Church.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryon J. Cobb, Brian Starks, and **J. Edward Sumerau.** 2009. “Religious Leaders Accounts of Navigating Religion and Politics. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## **PUBLIC AND APPLIED EXPERIENCE**

### *Public Service:*

Housing and Urban Development / Neighborhood Stabilization Program Board of Directors member, Hillsborough County and Tampa, Florida (2015 – Present).

### *Public Scholarship:*

Regular contributor for [www.conditionallyaccepted.com](http://www.conditionallyaccepted.com), an academic blog for scholars on the margins within the academy (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.

Administrator, editor, and regular contributor for [sssismusic.wordpress.com](http://sssismusic.wordpress.com), an academic blog sponsored by the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction providing Symbolic Interactionist analyses and discussions of music & society (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.

Co-founder, co-editor, administrator, and regular contributor (with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University, and assistant editor Lain A.B. Mathers, University of Illinois Chicago) of [www.writewhereithurts.net](http://www.writewhereithurts.net), an academic blog site (with social media component) providing guidance, resources, and expressional opportunities for scholars engaged in emotional and / deeply personal research and teaching (see site for published posts), 2015 – present.

Published a series of four op-eds concerning Muslim Experience in the Southeast and Georgia specifically based on an evaluation study of a southeastern Islamic Community (publications may be accessed via archives at *The Augusta Chronicle*), 2008.

### *Selected Public Lectures, Panels, and Workshops:*

“Understanding the Healthcare Experiences of Transgender Americans.” Delivered upon invitation at the University of Tampa and at public community meetings in Florida (Spring 2019).

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“Learning from the experiences of bi+ and trans people in the south.” Delivered upon invitation at the University of North Florida (Fall 2018).

“Lessons from a Life Course Shaped by Violence.” Delivered upon invitation to a graduate course on inequalities at the University of Central Florida (Summer 2018).

“Understanding Bi+ and Trans\* experiences in the south.” Delivered upon invitation for courses at University of Illinois, Chicago and University of North Florida (Spring 2018).

“Teaching Nonreligious People about Bi+ and Transgender Experiences.” Delivered upon invitation at the Central Florida Humanist Association Spring Meeting (Spring, 2018).

“Understanding Bi+ and Trans\* experiences in sociology.” Delivered upon invitation for courses at University of Illinois, Chicago; University of North Florida; and University of North Carolina Wilmington (Fall 2017).

“Problematizing the Cisgender Foundations of Contemporary Religion and Nonreligion.” University of Illinois Chicago Department of Sociology Colloquium Series (Spring 2016).

“Religion: Where do we come from Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2016).

“Contemporary Religion and the Cisgendering of Reality.” Honors Program University Colloquium Series (Fall 2015).

“Navigating Graduate Study.” University of South Florida Department of Sociology (Fall 2015).

“Religion and Gender Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2015).

“Social Justice.” University of Tampa, Bonner Leadership Program (Spring 2015).

“Religion and Sexualities: Sexual Orientation Panel.” University of Tampa, Center for Faith and Values (Spring 2015).

““Work it girl!” LGBT Christians production of homonormativity in Drag Queen Bingo.” University of South Florida, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series co-sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program (Fall 2014).

“Somewhere Between Evangelical and Queer: Sexual-Religious Identity Work among LGBT Christians” University of Tampa Honors Program University Colloquium Series (Spring 2014).

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### *Media Involvement:*

Evaluation research in housing programs for homeless populations covered for University of Tampa website, October 2015. <http://www.ut.edu/CSSME-Tackles-Homelessness-in-Community-Engagement-Initiative.aspx>

Interviewed on “Homeless Experience in America” for University of Tampa student documentary on “Homelessness,” 2013.

Interviewed by *Religion News Service* about women’s status in the Mormon Church, November 2014. <http://janariess.religionnews.com/2014/11/11/mormon-leaders-give-women-mixed-messages-say-sociologists/>

Research into the social nature of biological health disparities between women and men covered in *State: The Faculty and Staff Bulletin of Florida State University*, Volume 49 (page 8), October 2014.

Research into Mormon Leaders’ conceptualization of women in the church covered in *Yahoo News*, July 2014. <http://news.yahoo.com/mormon-church-hasnt-budged-gender-roles-40-years-114400086.html>

Research into Mormon Leaders’ conceptualization of women in the church covered in *Live Science*, July 2014. <http://www.livescience.com/46867-mormon-church-gender-roles.html>

Research into Mormon Leaders’ construction of homosexuality throughout history covered in *Symbolic Interaction* blog, June 2014. <http://sijournal.wordpress.com/2014/06/03/why-would-our-heavenly-father-do-that-to-anyone-new-article-by-j-edward-sumerau-ryan-t-cragun/>

Interviewed on “Bisexuality” for University of Tampa Student Newspaper Special Issue on LGBT Pride, 2013.

Interviewed on “Sexualities, Gender, and Sport” for University of Tampa Student Documentary on “Homophobia in Sports,” 2013. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GA9Mr-pe5Hc>

### *Program Evaluation:*

**Sumerau, J.E.** 2015 – Present. “Evaluating anti-bullying and anti-abuse programs.” Details: Evaluation of anti-bullying and anti-abuse educational programs in Tampa.

**Sumerau, J.E.** and Norma Winston. 2015. “Evaluating what children learn about abuse and bullying via Champions for Children programs.” Details: Evaluation of student responses to non-profit educational programs offered in Tampa Bay schools.



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**Sumerau, J. Edward.** 2015. “Evaluating the treatment of LGBTQ members in an open and affirming congregation.” Details: Small scale needs assessment study of the experiences and interpretations of LGBTQ members of a southeastern Christian church seeking to be welcoming and affirming for sexual and gender minorities.

**Sumerau, J. Edward,** Norma Winston, and Jack Gellar. 2013 – 2015. “Evaluating the effectiveness of providing chronically homeless people with housing.” Details: Small scale needs assessment study of the experiences of homeless people living in subsidized apartments and the ways such arrangements may or may not lessen cost in overall efforts to combat homelessness in the Tampa Bay Region.

**Sumerau, J. Edward.** 2006 – 2008. “Evaluating Muslim experience in Georgia communities.” Details: Undergraduate needs assessment research project exploring treatment of Muslim Americans in Georgia, and Muslim reactions to such treatment.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Courses Offered:*

Qualitative Research Methods  
Sociological Theory  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
The Sociology of Gender  
Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Social Psychology of Groups  
Clinical and Counseling Sociology  
Sociology of Deviance

Applied Sociology  
Families in Global Perspective  
Medical Sociology  
Sexual Subcultures through Film  
Sociology of Sexualities  
Sociology of Religion  
Childhood Socialization  
Sociology of Music  
Black Lives & Trans Bathrooms

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *University of Tampa (2012 – Present)*

Director of Nationally Accredited Applied Sociology program (2015 – Present).

Faculty member on Women’s Studies Advisory Board (2018 – Present)

Faculty member for University Baccalaureate Committee (2018 – Present)

Faculty member for University Diversity Committee (2014 – 2018).

Faculty representative for presentations from the UT Faculty Diversity Survey (2017).

Faculty representative for presentations from the UT Undergraduate Diversity Survey (2016).

Co-Lead on Design of initial UT Faculty and Undergraduate Diversity Surveys (2016).

Faculty liaison for Sociology Adjunct Instructors (2014 – 2015).

Faculty Judge for Annual College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education

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Undergraduate Research Conference (2014).  
Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club (2013 – 2017).  
Faculty Contributor to Student Informational Research & Presentation on HIV / AIDS  
Global Awareness (2013).  
Developed successful curriculum proposals for Medical Sociology, Sociology of Sports,  
and the Sociology of Childhood (2012 – 2014).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Section Memberships: Sex and Gender and Sexualities  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Caucus Member  
Member of the Committee on Structure of the Caucus (2013 – 2014)  
Sociologists for Transgender Justice Member  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction  
Publications Committee (2015 – Present)  
Southern Sociological Society  
Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Invited Discussant for thematic panel on Music in Society. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2019 Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.

Organizer for invited American Sociological Association & Association for the Sociology of Religion Joint Panel on Religion & Sexuality. American Sociological Association 2019 Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.

Organizer and invited discussant for panel on “Diversity in Sexual Relationships.” Southern Sociological Society 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Organizer for panel on “Nonbinary Experiences in Society.” Southern Sociological Society 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Invited Discussant for panel on “Intersectionality in the “Me Too” Movement.” Southern Sociological Society 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Invited Discussant for thematic panel on “Trans and Nonbinary Sexualities.” American Sociological Association 2018 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Organized and hosted a thematic session on “Research and Teaching about Nonbinary and Transgender Sociology.” Southern Sociological Society 2018 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Panel Discussant for “Beyond Binaries: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Research Panel.” Southern Sociological Society 2018 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Organized and hosted a thematic session as part of winning the SWS Early Gender Scholar Award on “Transgender Experience in Sociology.” Southern Sociological Society 2017 Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where It Hurts: Death, Dying, and Grief” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2017 Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC.

Editorial Board Member for *Gender & Society* (2018 – Present).

Editorial Board Member for *Teaching Sociology* (2017 – Present).

Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of Applied Social Science* (2016 – Present).

Invited panelist for discussion on “Using music in the teaching of sociology.” Mid South Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina.

Invited panelist for discussion on “Applying sociology to community action based research and advocacy.” Mid South Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina.

Invited critic for an Author Meets Critic session for *Spirits Rejoice: Jazz and American Religion* by Dr. Jason Bivins. Association for the Sociology of Religion 2016 Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Research and Teaching about Relationship Trauma” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2016 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Co-organized a thematic panel session entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Negotiating Emotional Challenges of doing Deeply Personal Research” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2015 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Co-organized two thematic panel sessions entitled “Write Where it Hurts: Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of doing Deeply Personal Research” with Dr. Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski. Southern Sociological Society 2014 Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Invited panelist for “SWS Report Cards in Action: How Do We Negotiate Our Own Gender, Sexuality, and Intersecting Identities in the Classroom?” Sociologists for Women and Society 2014 annual winter meeting, Nashville, Tennessee.

Invited critic at an Author Meets Critic Session for *Not My Kid: What Parents Believe About the*



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*Sex Lives of Their Teenagers* by Dr. Sinikka Elliott. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2013 Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.

Co-organized and presided over thematic paper session on “Sexualities and Symbolic Interaction” with Dr. Brandy Simula. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2013 Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.

Co-organized thematic paper session on “Sexual and Gender Inequalities” with Dr. Brandy Simula. Southern Sociological Society 2013 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Organized two thematic paper sessions on “Qualitative Approaches to Social Life.” Southern Sociological Society 2012 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Served as a member of the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for the American Sociological Association’s Section on Sexualities.

Occasional Manuscript Reviewer for *Gender & Society*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Currents*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Health & Quality of Life Outcomes*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sex Roles*, *Journal of Sex Research*, *Sexualities*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Bisexuality*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, Brill/Sense, Lexington Books, and Oxford University Press.