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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sexualities, Deviance, Gender, Social Psychology, and Qualitative Methods

EDUCATION

2013	Ph.D., Sociology Indiana University, Bloomington, IN Dissertation: <i>The Staged Self: Embodiment, Gender, and Relationships among Male Strippers</i>
2006	Master of Arts, Sociology Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2003	Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and History University of Denver, Denver, CO <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

EMPLOYMENT

2021-present	Associate Professor Clinical Teaching Track, University of Colorado Denver
2015-2021	Assistant Professor Clinical Teaching Track, University of Colorado Denver
2013-2015	Instructor, University of Colorado Denver
2010-2013	Lecturer, University of Colorado Denver
2013 (Fall)	Lecturer, Colorado State University

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Scull, Maren T. 2022. Book Review: “Gendered Power Dynamics and Exotic Dance: A Multilevel Analysis,” by Tina H. Deshotels and Craig J. Forsyth. *Gender & Society*. doi.org/10.1177/0891243-2221103129
- Scull, Maren T. 2022. “Looks for Sale: The Impact of Aesthetic Labor on Men Who Strip.” In *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essay*, 4th Edition, edited by Nancy Fischer and Laurel Westbrook.
- Scull, Maren T. 2022. “Sugaring as a Deviant Career: Modes of Entering Sugar Relationships and Social Stigmas. *Deviant Behavior*. doi: 10.1080/01639625.2022.2061391
- 2021 Scull, Maren T. 2021. “From Seeking Financialships to Satisfying Curiosity: Women’s Motivations for Entering Sugar Relationships.” *Sexuality & Culture* 26: 222-248. doi: 10.1007/s12119-02109888-9
- 2020 Scull, Maren T. 2020. “Male Strippers and the Toll of Exotic Dance.” *Humanity & Society* 44(3): 268-297. doi: 10.1177/01605976-20930928
- Scull, Maren T. 2020. “It’s its Own Thing: A Typology of Interpersonal Sugar Relationship Scripts.” *Sociological Perspectives* 63(1): 135-158. doi: 10.1177/0731121419875115
- 2017 Scull, Maren T. 2017. “Managing Identity in a Dirty Occupation: Male Strippers Experiences with Social Stigmas.” *Sociological Spectrum* 37(6): 390-411. doi:10.1080/02732173.2017.1365030
- 2015 Scull, Maren T. 2015. “The Self-Concept as a Side Bet: How Stripping Enhances the Self-Views of Men who Dance for Women.” *Deviant Behavior* 36(11): 890-909. doi: 10.1080/01639625.-2014.977197
- 2013 Scull, Maren T. 2013. “Reinforcing Gender Roles at the Male Strip Show: A Qualitative Analysis of Men who Dance for Women (MDW).” *Deviant Behavior* 34(7): 557-578. doi: 10.1080/01-639625.2012.748624
- Reprinted as “Selling Excitement: Reinforcing Gender Roles at the Male Strip Show.” 2015. In *Constructions of Deviance*, 8th edition, edited by Patricia A. Adler and Peter Adler.

Reprinted as “Gender Roles at the Male Strip Show.” 2022. In *Sex for Sale*, 3rd edition, edited by Ronald Weitzer.

- 2012 Brents, Barbara G., Kari Lerum, Elizabeth Bernstein, Denise Cook, Kimberly Hoang, Lauren J. Joseph, Chaitanya Lakkimseti, Greggor Mattson, Sarah Beer, Tina Wu, Hae Yeon Choo, and Maren Scull. 2012. “Sex Work and Trafficking Workgroup Working Paper.” Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities, American Sociological Association in Denver, CO, August.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Klem, Patrick., Donovan, Courtney., Allan, Robert, Scull, Maren, and Gentile, Troyann. “A Rasch Analysis of the Psychological Well-Being Measure.” *Journal Of Personality and Social Psychology*.
- Scull, Maren T. “Negotiating Power Dynamics in Sugar Relationships.”
- Scull, Maren T., Troyann Gentile, and Robert Allan. “A Qualitative Analysis of the Stressors Facing LGBTQ+ Students, Faculty and Staff.”

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Definitions and Practices and Power in Sugar Relationships.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Vancouver, BC & Virtual, November.
- 2021 “Entering Sugar Relationships: Drifting, Conscious Decision and Coercion.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA & Virtual, November.
- 2020 “From Seeking Financialships to Satisfying Curiosity: Women’s Motivations for Entering Sugar Relationships.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Virtual, November.
- “Confirming LGBTQ+ Minority Stress Theory with Structural Equation Modeling.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Virtual, November.
- 2019 “Male Strippers and the Toll of Exotic Dance.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Denver, CO, November.

“It’s its Own Thing: A Typology of Interpersonal Sugar Relationship Scripts.” American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, NY, August.

“Are the Kids Alright?: The Mental Health of College LGBTQ+ Students, Faculty and Staff.” American Counseling Association (ACA), New Orleans, LA, March.

2015 “Performing Masculinity: How Male Strippers Negotiate Accusations of Homosexuality.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Albuquerque, NM, November.

“Male Strippers’ Personal Relationships and Experiences with Soft Stigma.” Presented at the American Sociological Association in Chicago, IL, August.

2014 “The Self-Concept as a Side Bet: How Stripping Enhances the Self-Views of Men who Dance for Women (MDW).” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), Omaha, NE, November.

2011 “The Use of Impression Management and Body Technologies among Male Strippers.” 8th Annual Graduate Student Ethnography Conference, State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY, April.

2007 “‘Family Comes First:’ Role Separation and Role Interference among African Americans and White Americans.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2022 University of Colorado Denver Association of Lectures and Instructors (UCDALI) Instructional, Research, and Clinical (IRC) Faculty Professional Development Grant, *Supporting the African Community Center: Helping Refugees Rebuild*, University of Colorado Denver

2020 CLAS Award for Excellence in Teaching (Non-Tenure Track), University of Colorado Denver

2019 Excellence in Enhancing Diversity and Inclusion through Service/Leadership Award, University of Colorado Denver

Center for Faculty Development Teaching Enhancement Grant, University of Colorado Denver

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Non-Tenure Track Faculty Development Grant, University of Colorado Denver

	Office of Research Services Travel Grant, University of Colorado Denver
	Office of Research Services Small Grant, University of Colorado Denver
2018	President’s Diversity Fund for Development and Support, University of Colorado Denver
2017	Office of Research Services Travel Grant, University of Colorado Denver
	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Non-Tenure Track Faculty Development Grant, University of Colorado Denver
2016	Center for Faculty Development Grant, University of Colorado Denver
	Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives Fund (DIIF), University of Colorado Denver
	Office of Research Services Small Grant, University of Colorado Denver
2015	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Non-Tenure Track Faculty Development Grant, University of Colorado Denver
2010	Kinsey Institute Graduate Student Research Grant, Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, Indiana University
	College of Arts and Science Travel Award, Indiana University
2008	Edwin H. Sutherland Teaching Award, Indiana University

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS

Interviews

2020	Lopez, Meghan. 2020. “Some Students, Others Turn to ‘Sugar Dating’ to Afford School or Find New Companions.” <i>Channel 7 News</i> , February 19.
2015	Dave Logan and Susie Wargin. 2015. “Untitled.” 850 KOA Colorado Afternoon News with Dave Logan and Susie Wargin. July 9.
	Fischer, Marie Claire. 2015. “CU Denver Study Shines the Spotlight on Male Strippers.” <i>5280: The Denver Magazine</i> , July 29.

Greene, Jes. 2015. "This Sociologist Spent a Year and a Half Researching Male Strippers and This is What She Discovered." *Modern Notion*, July 13.

Otte, Jeff. 2015. "Why Do Men Strip? Here's the Answer from CU Denver's Maren Scull." *Westword*, July 14.

Spotlights

2022 Roberts, Nina. 2022. "The Frantic Fun of Hunk-O-Mania." Spiked story for the *New York Times* due to COVID, March 2020.

2021 Joshi, Shamani. 2021. "Inside the Minds of Sugar Daddies." *VICE*, January 8.

2020 Ben-Zeév, Aaron. 2020. "Why Sugar Daddy Relationships Are on the Rise." *Psychology Today*, June 18.

D'Souza, Krystelle. 2020. "Mumbai is a Hotbed for Sugar Dating!" *Binge Daily*, August 29.

Reid, Cat. 2020. "Students Turn to 'Sugar Dating' for Solvency, Love." *KSHB*, Feb 25.

2019 Desai, Rajvi. 2019. "Sugar Baby-Daddy Relationships are More Complex Than an Exchange of Sex and Gifts." *The Swaddle*, October 28.

Dickman, Amantha and Sarah Ruff. 2019. "Shrouded in Taboo: Sugaring Becoming More Common on College Campuses." *Nebraska News Services*, December 20.

Dyer, Kristian. 2010. "Sugar Daddy Relationships Involve Far More Than Sex and Money, Study Says." *Fox Business*, October, 16.

Frishberg, Hannah. 2019. "'Sugar Daddy Relationships Aren't Just About Cash for Sex: Study.'" *New York Post*, October 16.

Ives, James. "Sociologist Identifies 7 Types of Sugar Relationships" *NewsMedical.net*, October 15.

2015 ANI. 2015. "Men's Self-Esteem Get a Boost from Stripping?" *Hans India*, July 13.

ANI. 2015. "'Stripping' Helps Fed Men's Self Esteem." *Deccan Chronicle*, July 15.

Bolton, Doug. 2015. "Male Strippers Strip because it Makes Them Feel Good, Not For Money, U.S. Study Finds." *The Independent*, July 13.

Clark-Flory, Tracy. "Male Strippers Aren't in it For the Money, Says Science." *Vocativ*, July 9.

Cueto, Emma. 2015. "Male Strippers Aren't in it for the Money, Actually They Just Enjoy the Work Says Awesome New Study (Magic Mike is Real!)" *Bustle*, July 10.

Diep, Francie. 2015. "Going to the Strip Club with Sociologists." *Pacific Standard*, July 2.

Ferro, Shaunacy. 2015. "Male Strippers are in it for the Self-Esteem Boost, Study Says." *Mental_Floss*, July 10.

Gayle, Lola. 2015. "The Naked Truth About Male Strippers." *STEAMregister*, July 13.

Moss, Rachel. 2015. "Forget Magic Mike, Real Men Perform because it Boosts Their Self-Esteem, Study Finds." *Huffington Post, United Kingdom*, July 10.

Mugambi, Dan. 2015. "Ego Drives Men into Stripping as Women Go For Money." *Yibada*, July 14.

Nauert, Rick. 2015. "Male Exotic Dancers Perform to Boost Self-Esteem." *Psych Central*.

Paton, Graeme. 2015. "Male Strippers Get an Ego Boost, Women Have Lowered Self-Esteem." *The Australian*, July 13.

"Researcher Finds Men Strip For Self Esteem Boost." *Mental Health Weekly Digest*, July 27.

Telegraph Men. 2015. "Revealed: The Reason Why Men and Women Turn to Stripping." *The Telegraph*, July 10.

Venosa, Ali. 2015. "Study Find Male Exotic Dancers Get a Self-Confidence Boost From Their Jobs." *Medical Daily*, July 10.

Villanueva, Raquel. 2015. "Male Strippers Enjoy Being Objectified, Study Finds." *9 News*, July 9.

Walden, Cecilia. 2015. "I'm Thrilled Men Love to Strip – But it Brings out the Worst in Women." *New Zealand Herald*, July 16.

Wang, Jeanette. 2015. "Why Male Strippers Feel Good About Being Sex Objects But Female Strippers Don't." *South China Morning Post*, July 20.

Zolfagharifard, Ellie. 2015. "The Science of Magic Mike: Researcher Reveals Why Male Strippers Take Their Clothes Off (and Say it's NOT for the Money!)" *The Daily Mail*, July 9.

TEACHER TRAINING

- 2021 Received certificate on equity and inclusion through Equity Certificate Program (ECP), University of Colorado Denver.
- Participated in the Online Skill Mastery Course (OSM) program, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2021 Redeveloped *Introduction to Social Psychology* (2462) with CU Online Course Redevelopment Grant
- 2018 Redeveloped *Introduction to Social Psychology* (2462) with CU Online Course Redevelopment Grant.
- 2015 Participated in the Teaching Condensed Courses Workshop sponsored by the Center for Faculty Development, University of Colorado Denver.
- Participated in the Online Skill Mastery (OSM) program, University of Colorado Denver.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Denver

Introduction to Sociology (1001), 2010-present
Introduction to Social Psychology (2462), 2011-present
Deviant Behavior (2440), 2015-present
Qualitative Methods (3119), 2017-present
Qualitative Methods and Analysis (5193), 2021-2023
Sex and Gender (3080), 2013-2016
Sociology of Human Sexuality (3080), 2012-present

Colorado State University

Gender Roles in Society (333), Fall 2013
Contemporary Race and Ethnic Relations (205), Fall 2013

Indiana University

Deviant Behavior and Social Control (S320), 2005-2009

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION & STUDENT COMMITTEE WORK

- 2023 Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *More of Us to Take Care of Us: The Role of Black Maternal Health Providers and Racial Concordance in Addressing Systemic Maternal Health Inequities* by Courtney Thornton.
- Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *The Effects of Medical and Legal Transition on Gender Non-Affirmation in a Probability Sample of U.S. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Adults* by Lisa Hollister.
- 2022-2023 Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *An Intersectional Analysis of Stigma Among College Sugar Babies* by Darion McKinley
- 2021-2023 Chair of Master of Arts Thesis: *Experiences of Sex Workers During COVID-19* by Erin Brooks
- Chair of Graduate Portfolio: *Graduate Portfolio in Sociology and Criminology* by Amy Kotches
- 2021 Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *Internet Use, Police Interactions, and Health Practices among Women Engaged in Prostitution* by Charles Myers
- Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *Tackling Intimate Partner Violence During COVID Lockdown: A Qualitative Analysis of the Academic Literature and Popular Media* by Keni Ramirez
- 2019-2020 Chair of Master of Arts Thesis: *Working Through the Kinks: An Analysis of Psychological Practices for BDSM-Identified Clients* by Elizabeth G. Miller
- Advisor for Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Child's Play: A Look into the Personal Meanings Derived from CGL Relationships* by Kayla Ahr
- 2016-2017 Advisor for Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Child Rearing Among Gender Non-Conforming Parents* by J Lucon.
- Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *"If I Can't Have You, No One Will:" The Depictions of Intimate Partner Violence in Film* by Rachel Hein
- 2015-2016 Committee member for Master of Arts Thesis: *Identity within Destiny: A Social Psychological Perspective* by Anne Carroll

- 2014-2015 Committee Member for Master of Arts Thesis: *Exploring Middle Class Family Members Experiences of Addiction in the Family* by Tina Hartt
- 2014 Advisor for Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *The Continuation of the Commercialization of Intimate Life and the Abduction of Feminism: Arlie Russell Hochschild's Study of Women's Advice Books Two Decades Later* by Heather Worrell.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- 2021-Present Member of the Academic Integrity Committee (AIC), University of Colorado Denver.
- 2020 Reviewer for submissions for Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) annual conference.
- 2017-2019 Chair of the Faculty Assembly LGBTQ+ Committee, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2017 Member of the Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver.
- Member of Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver
- 2016 Member of the Master of Arts Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2014-present Chair of the Undergraduate Committee in the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2014-2020 Member of the Faculty Assembly LGBTQ+ Committee, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2012 Chair of the 2012 Reception Planning Committee for the Section on Race, Gender, and Class of the American Sociological Association.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2021-Present Volunteer for African Community Center (ACC), Denver Colorado
- 2021 (June) Volunteer at Unity Spiritual Center of Denver, LGBTQ+ Diversity and Inclusion Presentation for Pride Week

- 2015-2016 Volunteer for Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP), Denver, Colorado
- 2014-2015 Volunteer for The Center, Denver, Colorado. This organization is dedicated to advancing the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals.
- 2012 Volunteer pen pal for Epals. Epals is a program designed to enhance students' reading skills.
- 2011-2012 Volunteer for Meals on Wheels for the Colorado branch of Volunteers of America.