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**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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

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**EDUCATION**

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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>

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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2015-Present	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**

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- Forthcoming      Scull, Maren T. “Male Strippers and the Toll of Exotic Dance.”  
*Humanity & Society*.
- 2020                Scull, Maren T. 2020. “It’s its Own Thing: A Typology of Interpersonal  
Sugar Relationship Scripts.” *Sociological Perspectives* 63(1): 135-  
158.
- 2017                Scull, Maren T. 2017. “Managing Identity in a Dirty Occupation: Male  
Strippers Experiences with Social Stigmas.” *Sociological  
Spectrum* 37(6): 390-411.
- 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.
- Scull, Maren T. 2015. “Reinforcing Gender Roles at the Male Strip  
Show: A Qualitative Analysis of Men who Dance for Women  
(MDW).” 2015. Reprinted as “Selling Excitement: Reinforcing  
Gender Roles at the Male Strip Show” in *Constructions of  
Deviance*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, edited by Patricia A. Adler and Peter Adler.
- 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.
- 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.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- Donovan, Courtney, Robert Allan, Maren T. Scull, Troyann Gentile, and Bich-Ngoc Pham.  
“The Mental Health of University LGBTQ+ Students, Faculty, and Staff.”
- Scull, Maren T. “From Seeking Financialships to Accidental Sugaring: The Methods and  
Motivations for Entering the Sugar Bowl.”
- Scull, Maren T., Troyann Gentile, and Robert Allan,. “The Stressors Facing LGBTQ+ Students,  
Faculty and Staff: A Qualitative Analysis.”

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- 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.” 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2015                    “Male Exotic Dancers Experiences with Social Stigmas.” Paper presented at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Exchange, University of Colorado Denver, CO, October.
- 2011                    “Male Strippers: Their Experiences and Self-Conceptions.” Paper presented at the Alpha Kappa Delta Spring Initiation Ceremony, University of Colorado Denver, CO, April.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

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- 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

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### Interviews

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." 5280: *The Denver Magazine*, 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

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.

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

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**

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| 2018 | Redeveloped <i>Introduction to Social Psychology</i> (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

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### University of Colorado Denver

*Introduction to Sociology* (1001), 2010-present  
*Introduction to Social Psychology* (2462), 2011-present  
*Deviant Behavior* (2440), 2015-2018  
*Qualitative Methods* (3119), 2017-present  
*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

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- 2019                      Chair of Master of Arts thesis: *Working Through the Kinks: An Analysis of Psychological Practices for BDSM-Identified Clients* by Elizabeth G. Miller
- 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.
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## **SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY**

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- 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-present 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**

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- 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 (Spring) 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.