**NICOLE BEDERA**

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**EDUCATION**

Enrolled in Graduate Program in Sociology, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

M.A. in Sociology, University of Maryland at College Park, 2016

B.S. in Sociology & Honors, Westminster College in Salt Lake City, 2014

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Activist Movements, Ethics, Feminism, Gender, Human Sexuality, Law and Society, LGBTQ Studies, Masculinity, Qualitative Methods, Sexual Violence

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Academic Publications**

2017 Nordmeyer, Kristjane, Trisha Teig, and Nicole Bedera. Forthcoming. “Gender Utopias? US Student Reflections on Studying Abroad in Norway and Sweden.” *Teaching Sociology*.

2016 Nordmeyer, Kristjane, Nicole Bedera, and Trisha Teig. “Ending White Saviorism in Study Abroad.” *Contexts* 15(4): 78-79.

2015 Bedera, Nicole and Kristjane Nordmeyer. “’Never Go Out Alone’: An Analysis of College Rape Prevention Tips.” *Sexuality & Culture* 19(3): 533-542*.*

Featured in *The Daily Beast.*

**Book Chapters**

2017 Bedera, Nicole, and Kristjane Nordmeyer. Forthcoming. “Supporting Queer Survivors of College Sexual Assault.” *LGBT Hate: No PULSE On My Campus.* New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc.

2017 Bedera, Nicole. Multiple contributions. *Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy: A Contexts Reader.* Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

**Op-Eds, Reviews & Blogs**

2017 “Supporting Queer Survivors on Campus.” *Inside Higher Ed.* Forthcoming.

2017 “Who Gest to Define Campus Rape?” *The New York Times.* September 18, with Miriam Gleckman-Krut.

2016 “When Your Work Becomes a Facebook Fight.” *Inside Higher Ed.* November 11.

2016 “A Sociological Introduction to College Sexual Assault,” *PsychCRITIQUES.*

2015 “Is Barbie a Feminist Now?” *Sociological Images,* November 4.

Featured on *NPR.*

2015 “Dads in the Ads: Are Times Changing?” *Sociological Images*, February 19.

2014-2016 Regular contributor. *Contexts* & *Contexts Blog* (www.contexts.org)

2014-2016 Regular contributor. *SLC Feminist.* (www.slcfeminist.com)

Featured in *Feministing* & *Huffington Post*.

**In Progress**

Bedera, Nicole. “‘Explicit Conversation or Ambiguous Signals? College Men’s Negotiations of Sexual Consent in Theory and in Practice.” (*Under review*.)

Bedera, Nicole and William Rothwell. “Emotional Intimacy and Sex: Exploring Sources of Men’s Sexual Pleasure in Hookups and Romantic Relationships.” (*Under review.*)

Bedera, Nicole. “Beyond ‘No Means No’: An Analysis of College Sexual Assault Prevention Tips for Men.” (*In preparation*.)

Bedera, Nicole. “‘I Don’t Like How Men are Usually the Victims’: College Men’s Concerns about False Allegations of Rape and the Ramifications for Teaching Sexual Consent” (*In preparation.*)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Fellowships & Grants**

2017 Rackham Conference Travel Grant ($1,050)

2017 University of Michigan Sociology Department Practicum Grant ($600)

2015 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship ($100,000)

2015 University of Maryland Dean’s Research Initiative Award ($500)

2013 Kim T. Adamson International Study Award ($2,500)

2013 Westminster College Honors Independent Research Grant ($3,750)

**Honors & Acknowledgements**

2014 Westminster College Trustee’s Character Award

2014 Westminster College Honors Program Writing Award

2010 National Merit Scholar

2009 Distinguished Advocate & Ally of the Northern Nevada LGBT Community

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Talks**

2014 Bedera, Nicole. “Living Without Fear: Empowerment in an Age of Sexual Violence.” Keynote address. Presented at ‘Not Alone’: Confronting Sexual Violence on College Campuses: Salt Lake City, UT, Fall 2014.

2013 Bedera, Nicole. “Why You Want Your Campus to Have a ‘Rape Problem’.” Presented at Westminster Thinks Big: Salt Lake City, UT, Fall 2013.

**Academic Conferences**

2017 Bedera, Nicole. “Moaning and Eye Contact: Men’s Negotiations of Sexual Consent in Theory and in Practice.” To be presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference: Montreal, Canada. Summer 2017.

Featured by the American Sociological Association Communications Department, *Inside Higher Ed,* and *Teen Vogue*

2017 Bedera, Nicole and William Rothwell. “Emotional Intimacy and Sex: Exploring Sources of Men’s Sexual Pleasure in Hookups and Romantic Relationships.” To be presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference: Montreal, Canada. Summer 2017.

2017 Nordmeyer, Kristjane, and Nicole Bedera. “Doing Trauma-Informed Research With Marginalized Groups.” To be presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference: Montreal, Canada. Summer 2017.

2015 Bedera, Nicole. “Beyond Fraternities and Football: An Exploration of College Sexual Assault Without Traditional Masculine Institutions.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference: Chicago, IL, Summer 2015.

2014 Nordmeyer, Kristjane and Nicole Bedera. “ ‘Never Go Out Alone’: Rape Prevention Tips and Their Effect on Women’s Lives.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference: San Francisco, CA, Summer 2014.

2014 Bedera, Nicole. “It Happens Here: The Realities of Sexual Assault on Small College Campuses.” Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference: San Francisco, CA, Summer 2014.

2013 Bedera, Nicole and Courtney Hammond. “You Can Trust Us: The Benefits of a Two-Step Trust Building Approach to Peer Mentorship.” Presented at the National Collegiate Honors Conference: New Orleans, LA, Fall 2013.

2013 Rubinfeld, Mark, Kristjane Nordmeyer, and Nicole Bedera. “Opportunities and Challenges: Advising the Popular Culture/Social Science Thesis.” Presented at the Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference: Washington D.C., Spring 2013.

2013 Bedera, Nicole. “How I Became the C\*\*\* on Reddit.” Presented at the Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference: Washington D.C., Spring 2013.

2012 Bedera, Nicole. “Doing Anything for the Cure: Exploitation through Globalization of Clinical Trials.” Presented at the National Collegiate Honors Conference: Boston, MA, Fall 2012.

2012 Bedera, Nicole. “The Elephant in the Room: Is There a Place for Conservative Allies in the Gay Rights Movement?” Presented at the Popular Culture/American Culture Association: Boston, MA, Spring 2012.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2017-2017 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Graduate Student Instructor for Terrorism and Torture

2014-2016 Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland at College Park

Teaching Assistant for Human Societies, Sociological Theory, and Sociology & Gender.

2013-2014 History Teaching Fellow, Clemente Program

The Clemente Program offers under-privileged high school students the opportunity to learn about the humanities in a college seminar learning style. The history course focused on African American diaspora.

2013-2014 Instructor, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

AVID prepares under-privileged high school students for college admission and success.

2012 Youth Acculturation Program Intern, International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee’s Youth Acculturation Program exposes recently immigrated refugees to aspects of American culture that may prove beneficial to them such as the library and public transportation.

2011-2014 Tutor, APTitude Academic Services

APTitude Academic Services is a private tutoring firm that offers academic assistance for students of varying ages and experience levels on a variety of subjects and standardized exams.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

2017- Mentor, University Mentorship Program

The University Mentorship Program connects first year undergraduate students at the University of Michigan to faculty and staff who assist them in the transition into college.

2015-2016 President, University of Maryland Sociology Graduate Student Forum

The Graduate Student Forum (GSF) provides a link between the sociology graduate students and the program faculty and staff. GSF is a forum to collect and advocate for student needs.

2015-2016 Peer Mentor, University of Maryland Sociology Graduate Student Forum

The Graduate Student Forum (GSF) includes a mentoring program that helps acclimate first year graduate students to the doctoral program in sociology.

2015-2016 Facilitator, University of Maryland Ten Man Plan & Ten Woman Plan

The Ten Woman Plan educates members of fraternities and sororities about sexual violence, bystander intervention, and systemic sexism.

2014 Board Member, ‘Not Alone’ Symposium

‘Not Alone’ offers Utah colleges and universities the opportunity to collaborate to better address sexual violence on their campuses.

2013-2014 Hospital Response Team Advocate, Rape Recovery Center

The Hospital Response Team advocates for sexual assault victims during their forensic exams by managing conflicts, attending emotional needs, assisting the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, and offering resources.

2013-2015 Crisis Line Volunteer, Rape Recovery Center

The Rape Recovery Center Crisis Line is a 24-hour hotline that provides resources and support for sexual assault victims and secondary survivors.

2012-2014 Safe Zone Facilitator, University of Utah LGBT Resource Center

Safe Zones are three-hour seminars that familiarize participants with LGBTQ+ issues, identities, and ideologies and equip participants with skills and paradigms to utilize as allies of the LGBTQ+ community.

2008-2010 Student Director & Founder, Northern Nevada Gay Straight Alliance Leadership Summit

The Northern Nevada Gay Straight Alliance Leadership Summit expands LGBTQ+ teens’ communities beyond their high schools to create a three-city support network and offers an annual day of workshops on anti-bullying, self-expression, community resources, and leadership skills.

**CERTIFICATION**

2013 Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA) Certified Sexual Assault Counselor and Advocate