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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality, Deviance, and the Body

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2017– Associate Professor of Sociology, Idaho State University.  
2012–2017 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Idaho State University.  
2015– Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies. Idaho State University.  
2016– Associate Editor. *Journal of Positive Sexuality*.  
2014– Research Affiliate. Center for Positive Sexuality. Los Angeles, CA.  
2008–2011 Graduate Instructor. Purdue University, Department of Sociology.  
2005–2007 Teaching Assistant. Purdue University, Department of Sociology.

## EDUCATION

- 2008–2012 Ph.D. Purdue University, Department of Sociology. Dissertation Title: “Sexual Moral Reasoning in American Evangelicalism.”  
2005–2007 M.S. Purdue University, Department of Sociology. Applied Project Title: “Testing the Strictness Thesis: The U.S. Congregational Life Survey.”  
1999–2002 M.Div. Asbury Theological Seminary.  
1993–1997 B.A. Asbury College.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (19)

- Forthcoming **Thomas, Jeremy N.**, Becka A. Alper, and Shane A. Gleason. “Anti-Pornography Narratives as Self-Fulfilling Prophecies: Religious Variation in the Effect that Pornography Viewing Has on the Marital Happiness of Husbands.” *Review of Religious Research*.
- Forthcoming **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. “Fucking with Fluids and Wet with Desire: Power and Humiliation Using Cum, Piss, and Blood.” in *Radical Sex Between Men: Assembling Desiring-Machines*, edited by D. Holmes, S. J. Murray, and T. Foth. London: Routledge.

- 2017 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, Emily E. Prior, Christina Amezquita, and Dominee Hall. "Social Work Practice with Clients that Enjoy Participation in Consensual BDSM: Identifying and Applying Strengths." *Journal of Positive Sexuality* 3(1):12–20.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** "The Development and Deployment of the Idea of Pornography Addiction Within American Evangelicalism." *Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity* 23(2–3):182–195. DOI: 10.1080/10720162.2016.1140603.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. "Getting Off on Sex Research: A Methodological Commentary on the Sexual Desires of Sex Researchers." *Sexualities* 19(1–2):83–97. DOI: 10.1177/1363460715583610.
- 2016 Williams, D J, Emily E. Prior, Thea Alvarado, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, and M. Candace Christensen. "Is Bondage and Discipline, Dominance and Submission, and Sadomasochism Recreational Leisure? A Descriptive Exploratory Investigation." *Journal of Sexual Medicine* 13(7):1091–1094. DOI: 10.1016/j.jsxm.2016.05.001.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. "Exploring Sexual Diversity: A Case Report on the Application of Habanero Pepper Juice during Recreational Urethral Sounding." *Journal of Positive Sexuality* 2(2):22–26.
- 2016 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**. "It's Only a Matter of Time: Insights for Helping Professionals Working with Non-Monogamous Clients." *Journal of Positive Sexuality* 2(2):32–35.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Andrew L. Whitehead. "Evangelical Elites' Anti-Homosexuality Narratives as a Resistance Strategy Against Attribution Effects." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(2):345–362. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12188.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.**, Lauren Crosby, and Jessica Milford. "Gender Differences Among Self-Reported Genital Piercing Stories." *Deviant Behavior* 36(6):441–462. DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2014.944062.
- 2015 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, and Emily E. Prior. 2015. "Moving Full-Speed Ahead in the Wrong Direction? A Critical Examination of US Sex-Offender Policy from a Positive Sexuality Model." *Critical Criminology* 23(3):277–294. DOI: 10.1007/s10612-015-9270-y.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** "Responding to Academic Critiques of Sex Work: Practical Suggestions from a Sex-Positive Perspective." *Journal of Positive Sexuality* 1:16–20.
- 2015 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, Emily E. Prior, and Wendy Walters. "Introducing a Multidisciplinary Framework of Positive Sexuality." *Journal of Positive Sexuality* 1:6–11.
- 2014 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, and M. Candace Christensen. "'You Need to Cover Your Tattoos!': Reconsidering Standards of Professional Appearance in Social Work." *Social Work* 59(4):373–375. DOI: 10.1093/sw/swu025.
- 2014 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, Emily E. Prior, M. Candace Christensen. "From 'SSC' and 'RACK' to the '4Cs': Introducing a New Framework for Negotiating BDSM Participation." *Electronic Journal of Human Sexuality* 17.

- 2013 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Outsourcing Moral Authority: The Internal Secularization of Evangelicals’ Anti-Pornography Narratives.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(3):457–75. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12052.
- 2012 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Evangelical Elites’ Changing Responses to Homosexuality 1960–2009.” *Sociology of Religion* 73(3):239–72. DOI: 10.1093/socrel/srs031.
- 2012 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Beyond the Culture War: Managing Sexual Relationships Inside a Congregation of Gay Evangelicals.” *Review of Religious Research* 54(3):349–70. DOI: 10.1007/s13644-012-0051-8.
- 2010 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Testing the Strictness Thesis and Competing Theories of Congregational Growth.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(4):619–39. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01534.x.

### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (23)

- 2017 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Multiplying the Concept of Pleasure within Sex Research: Examples from Self-Reported Genital Piercing Stories.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.
- 2017 Williams, D J, Emily E. Prior, Thea Alvarado, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, and M. Candace Christensen. “Is Bondage and Discipline, Dominance and Submission, and Sadoomasochism Recreational Leisure? A Descriptive Exploratory Investigation.” 2017 Alternative Sexualities Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. “Responding to the Absurdity of Sex Offender Policy from a Positive Sexuality Model.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “The Historical and Theological Foundations of Pornography Addiction Narratives within American Evangelicalism.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Newport Beach, CA.
- 2015 Williams, D J, **Jeremy N. Thomas**, Emily E. Prior. “Moving Full Speed Ahead in the Wrong Direction? A Critical Examination of U.S. Sex Offender Policy from a Positive Sexuality Model.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Long Beach, CA.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.**, Cameron Staley, and David Covey. “Panel on Religion and Pornography Addiction.” 11th Annual Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life Conference. Idaho State University.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.**, Lauren Crosby, and Jessica Milford. “Gender Differences Among Self-Reported Genital Piercing Stories.” Regular Session Presentation. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Lauren Crosby. “The Self-Perceived Effects of Secular Husbands’ Pornography Viewing on Their Wives and Marriages.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, IN.

- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Lauren Crosby. “‘Porn Keeps Me Faithful to My Wife’: Secular Husbands Reflect on the Monogamy-Enhancing Effects of Their Regular Pornography Viewing.” Annual Meeting of the California Sociological Association. Riverside, CA.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Contemporary Pornography Debates in American Society.” 10th Annual Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life Conference. Idaho State University.
- 2013 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Anti-Pornography Narratives within Religious Traditions and the Effect of Husbands’ Pornography Viewing on Marital Happiness.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Reno, NV.
- 2012 **Thomas, Jeremy N.**, Andrew L. Whitehead, and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Framing Homosexuality as Wrong Regardless of Why It Occurs: Evangelical Elites’ Anti-Homosexuality Narratives as a Challenge to Attribution Theory.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2011 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Becka A. Alper. “Explaining Pornography Viewing’s Uniquely Negative Effect on Evangelical Marriages.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2011 Olson, Daniel V. A. and **Jeremy N. Thomas.** “Where Do New Congregations Grow Faster? Rethinking Religious Competition and the Relationship of Religious Supply to Religious Demand.” Annual Meeting of the Religious Research Association. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2011 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Evangelical Elites’ Evolving Arguments about the Immorality of Pornography.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Managing Commitment in Sexual Relationships Among Gay Evangelicals: An Exploratory Case.” Roundtable Presentation. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Clarifying the Strictness Thesis: Does Strictness Really Affect Congregational Growth when Controlling for Programs, Denominations, and Demographics?” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- 2009 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Agency, Resistance, and the Sexual Appropriation of the Female Body through Nipple and Genital Piercing.” Roundtable Presentation. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Sexual Moral Strategies in American Evangelicalism: Negotiating Homosexuality in a Pluralist Society.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Subversive Pedagogy and the Sociolinguistic Deconstruction of Sexual Slang.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Des Moines, IA.

- 2008 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “The New Evangelicals and the Inevitability of Homosexual Accommodation.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- 2008 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Testing the Strictness Thesis: The U.S. Congregational Life Survey.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Boston, MA.
- 2008 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Sexual Moral Strategies.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Boston, MA.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS (13)

- 2017 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood Education.” Invited Presentation. Eastern Idaho AEYC Spring Conference. Pocatello, ID.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Welcome Them All? Or Build a Wall? Diversity – Good or Bad?” Invited Presentation. 2Great4Hate Community Organization. Pocatello, ID.
- 2016 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “The Future of Gender and Sexual Identity.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Humanities Café Lecture Series.
- 2015 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Sexual Revolution through Moral Narrative Conflict.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Humanities Café Lecture Series.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Diversity in Sociological Perspective.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Diversity Resource Center.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. “Experience-Near Methods in the Social Sciences.” Invited Presentation. Woodbury University.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and D J Williams. “Having Fun with Sex and Deviance Research: How Leisure Science Can Illuminate the Lab and Dungeon.” Invited Presentation. California State University, Northridge, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “The Polymorphous Character of Moral Narratives as Both Sites and Techniques of Power.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Colloquium on Narrative.
- 2014 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Conservative Christianity and the Inevitable Acceptance of Homosexuality.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Humanities Café Lecture Series.
- 2013 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Religion and Homosexuality in the United States 1960–2013: Resistance, Diversity, and Acceptance.” Invited Presentation. Idaho State University, Secular Student Alliance.
- 2010 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** and Daniel V. A. Olson. “Evangelical Responses to Homosexuality: Diversification and Accommodation within *Christianity Today* 1960–2009.” Invited Presentation. Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities. Loyola University.

- 2010 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Evangelicalism and Homosexuality.” Invited Presentation. Marian University, Marian Alliance.
- 2007 **Thomas, Jeremy N.** “Testing the Strictness Thesis: The U.S. Congregational Life Survey.” Invited Presentation. The Free Methodist Church of North America, Graduate Student Theological Seminar. Indianapolis, IN.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Department Nominee for the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2012. Purdue University, Department of Sociology.
- 2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award. Purdue University, Department of Sociology.
- 2010 Invited Participant. Calvin College, Henry Institute, Workshop on Survey Research and American Religion.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2014 “Faculty Course Release Research Proposal for Fall 2014.” Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters. **\$3,335. Funded.**
- 2013 “Making Porn Work: How Religion Helps Explain the Relationship Between a Husband’s Pornography Viewing and His Subsequent Marital Happiness.” Idaho State University, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee Grant. **\$5,000. Funded.**
- 2011 “Sexual Moral Reasoning in American Evangelicalism.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Student Research Award. **\$500. Funded.**
- 2011 “Sexual Moral Reasoning in American Evangelicalism.” Purdue University, Bilslund Dissertation Fellowship. **\$15,750. Funded.**
- 2010 “Identifying Underchurched and Overchurched Counties: An Application for a New Approach to the Analytic Separation of Religious Supply and Demand.” Religious Research Association, Constant H. Jacquet Research Award. **\$2,960. Funded.**
- 2010 “Negotiating Homosexuality within American Evangelicalism.” Purdue University, Research Fellowship Dissertation Grant. **\$14,960. Funded.**

## OTHER GRANTS

- 2016 “Faculty Travel Proposal.” Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters. **\$1,200. Funded.**
- 2015 “Proposal for the Redevelopment of SOC 1101, Introduction to Sociology.” Idaho State University, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. **\$3,555. Funded.**
- 2015 “Faculty Travel Proposal.” Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters. **\$1,200. Funded.**

- 2015 “Funding for Support of ISU’s 12th Annual Gender and Sexuality Conference.” Idaho State University, Cultural Events Committee Large Grant. With D J Williams. **\$520. Funded.**
- 2014 “Faculty Travel Proposal.” Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters. **\$1,200. Funded.**
- 2014 “Funding for Support of ISU’s 11th Annual Gender and Sexuality Conference.” Idaho State University, Cultural Events Committee Large Grant. With D J Williams. **\$1,200. Funded.**
- 2014 “Faculty Travel Proposal.” Idaho State University, Office for Research and Economic Development. **\$500. Funded.**
- 2013 “Funding for Support of ISU’s 2013–2014 Humanities Café Lecture Series.” Idaho State University, Cultural Events Committee Large Grant. With Jesse Call-Feit. **\$600. Funded.**
- 2013 “Funding for Support of ISU’s 10th Annual Gender and Sexuality Conference.” Idaho State University, Cultural Events Committee Large Grant. With D J Williams and M. Candace Christensen. **\$534. Funded.**
- 2012 “Faculty Travel Proposal.” Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters. **\$2,700. Funded.**
- 2011 “Student Travel Proposal.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Student Travel Award. **\$100. Funded.**
- 2010 “Student Travel Proposal.” Purdue University, Graduate Student Government Travel Grant. **\$225. Funded.**
- 2010 “Student Travel Proposal.” American Sociological Association, Student Forum Travel Grant. **\$200. Funded.**

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

East Idaho News  
 GLAAD Blog  
*Huffington Post*  
*Idaho State Journal*  
*Idaho State University Bengal*  
 Journalist’s Resource Blog  
 KID – Boise, ID  
 KIFI – Eastern Idaho  
 KISU – Idaho State University  
 KPVI – Eastern Idaho  
*Minnesota Star Tribune*

MSNBC  
*MYMag.com*  
 National Public Radio  
 Oxford University Press Blog  
*Pacific Standard*  
*Politico Magazine*  
 Religious News Services  
 The ARDA  
*The Boston Globe*  
 The Society Pages Blog  
*Washington Times*

## **COURSES REGULARLY TAUGHT**

SOC 6600	Comparative Sociological Theories
SOC 4412	Sexuality and the Body
SOC 4403	Contemporary Social Theory
SOC 3368	The Sociology of Religion
SOC 2248	Critical Analysis of Social Diversity
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology

## **SERVICE ON STUDENT COMMITTEES**

2017	Sargent, Jessica. "How Do Sources of Sexual Information Received During Adolescence Affect Mormon College Students' Attitudes toward Homosexuality and Related Public Policies?" M.A. in Sociology. Thesis Committee Chair. Idaho State University.
2017	Spencer, Julie. "Experiential Avoidance and Cognitive Emotion Regulation." M.S. in Clinical Psychology. Thesis Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2016–	Bhimji, Jabeene. "The Implications of Self-Expansion Discrepancies Across Fear- and Distress-Based Disorders." Ph.D. in Psychology. Dissertation Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2016	Dunn, Jodi M. "Do Parents' Messages to Children about Gender Relate to the Preparation They Give Their Children about Bullying?" M.A. in Sociology. Thesis Committee Chair. Idaho State University.
2016	Kaplan, Stephanie P. "Interpersonal Violence, Internal Attributions, and Social Reactions as Predictors of PTSD in Women in Jail." Ph.D. in Psychology. Dissertation Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2014–2016	Schoepflin, Frederick J. "Sexual Discounting for Concurrent Probabilistic Risk and Delayed Reward." Ph.D. in Psychology. Dissertation Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2015–2016	Elkins, Jordan. "Idaho Farmers' Perceptions of their Role in Food Production: A Narrative Analysis." M.A. in Sociology. Thesis Committee Member. Idaho State University.
2012–2016	Tonks, Jared. "Application of the Stages of Change in Exploring Freshman College Student Perceptions of Binge Drinking." Ed.D. in Education. Dissertation Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2015	Kaplan, Stephanie P. "The Association between Interpersonal Violence and PTSD Among Incarcerated Women: The Influence of Experiential Avoidance." M.S. in Psychology. Thesis Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
2015	Martin, Shayla. "Final Assessment for Online Teaching Endorsement." M.Ed. in Instructional Technology. Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.

- 2014 Terrace, Robin. "Reflections on a Master of Education in Instructional Technology Program." M.Ed. in Instructional Technology. Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.
- 2012–2013 Norris, Marcos. "Queer Culture and the Sexual Economies of the Bible: Enacting the Possibilities of a Bisexual Ethic." M.A. in English. Thesis Committee Member and Graduate Faculty Representative. Idaho State University.

### **UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE**

- 2016–2019 Member of the Faculty Senate and Representative for the College of Arts and Letters, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Idaho State University.
- 2015–2016 Chair of the Gender and Sexuality Committee. Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters.
- 2014–2016 Member of the Graduate Council and Representative for the College of Arts and Letters, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Idaho State University.
- 2015 Training Session for the Student Conduct Board. Idaho State University.
- 2013–2015 Organizer of the Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life Conference. Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters.
- 2014 Member of Faculty Panel for First Year Seminar. Idaho State University, Student Success Center.
- 2013–2014 Organizer of the Humanities Café Lecture Series. Idaho State University, College of Arts and Letters.

### **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

- 2015–2016 Member of Faculty Search Committee. Idaho State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology.
- 2015 Member of the M.S.W. Proposal Committee. Idaho State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology.
- 2014 Member of the Course Evaluation Redesign Committee. Idaho State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice.
- 2012–2013 Member of Faculty Search Committee. Idaho State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2016– Associate Editor. *Journal of Positive Sexuality*.
- 2014– Member of the Editorial Board. *Journal of Positive Sexuality*.
- 2014–2015 Member of the Distinguished Book Award Committee. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

- 2013–2015 Member of the Joseph H. Fichter Research Grant Competition Committee.  
Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2012 Political Forum Moderator. Pocatello Town Hall Candidate Forum. Pocatello, ID.

## **REVIEWER**

*American Journal of Sociology*  
*American Sociological Review*  
*Deviant Behavior*  
*International Journal of Comparative Sociology*  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*Journal of Positive Sexuality*  
*Limina*  
*Porn Studies*  
*Psychology and Sexuality*  
*Qualitative Sociology*

*Review of Religious Research*  
*Sex Education*  
*Social Problems*  
*Sociological Perspectives*  
*Sociological Quarterly*  
*Sociology of Religion*  
Macmillan Education  
Pearson Education  
W. W. Norton & Company