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## **David Wayne Wahl, Ph.D.**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### **Education**

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**Ph.D. in Sociology, 2020**

Iowa State University - Ames, Iowa

Dissertation: "Speaking through the Silence: Narratives, Interaction, and the Social Construction of Sexual Selves." Major Advisor: David Schweingruber, Ph.D.

**Ph.D. minor in Women's and Gender Studies, 2020**

Iowa State University - Ames, Iowa

**M.A. in Sociology (College Teaching Emphasis), 2016**

Minnesota State University – Mankato, Mankato, Minnesota

Thesis: "Speaking through the Silence: Narratives, Interaction, and the Social Construction of Sexual Selves." Major Advisor: Dennis Waskul, Ph.D.

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 2014**

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 2013**

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Associate of Arts (Philosophy and Social Psychology), 2011**

Century College - White Bear Lake, Minnesota

#### **Professional Certification**

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**Board Certified Diplomate, Sexology, 2022**

American Board of Sexology

## Primary Areas of Interest:

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- Social Psychology
- Symbolic Interactionism
- Sociological/Criminological Theory
- Human Sexuality
- Sex Trafficking
- Qualitative Research

## Publications

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- Wahl, David W. 2025. "Sexual Psychological Preparedness" in *Sexual Health and STIs*. Independence Publishing.
- Hamilton, Juliette. 2025. *Between Two Worlds*. Book Contributor. Bear Manor Press.
- Waskul, Dennis and David W. Wahl. 2025. *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*. Elgar Publishing. Forthcoming.
- Wahl, David W. 2024. "The Development of Sexual Selfhood in Mead's Play and Games." *Sexualities*.
- Schweingruber, David and David W. Wahl. 2024. "Investigating the Interactionist Minded Self." *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*. Book Chapter.
- Wahl, David W. 2025. "Was I Trafficked? A Disconnect of Shared Meanings in the Adult Film Industry." *Journal of Human Trafficking*. R&R.
- Schweingruber, David, David W. Wahl, and Alicia Cast. 2024. "Prevalence of Internal Conversations in Four Contexts." Forthcoming.
- Wahl, David W. 2023. "Pornographic Turning Points in the Life Course: Uses of Pornography in Sexual Self-Development." *Porn Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23268743.2023.2262475>.
- Schweingruber, David, David W. Wahl, Steven Beeman, Deborah Burns, George Weston, and Rebecca Haroldson. 2022. "Voices In and Uses of Internal Conversations." *Social Currents*. DOI: 10.1177/23294965221139847

- Wahl, David W. 2022. "Carnal Voices: Internal Conversations in Sexual Self-Development." *Sexuality and Culture*, 26: 1274-1297.
- Cervato, Cinzia, Canan Bilen-Green, Adrienne Minerick, Carla Koretsky, David W. Wahl, Ann Burnett, Lori Wingate, Roger Green, D. Raj Ramen, Gul Kremer, Sonia Goltz, and Patricia Sotirin. 2022. "Creating a Collaborative Cross-Institutional Culture to Support STEM Women of Color and Women with Family Responsibilities at Four Midwestern Research Institutions." In *ASEE Annual*.
- Wahl, David W. 2020. "Unexplored Territory: Conducting Qualitative Research in the Covid-19 Era." *Research and Methods*.
- Stewart, Susan and David W. Wahl. 2020. "Our Sexual Selves" in *Marriages, Families, and Relationships*, edited by Mary Ann Lamanna, Agnes Riedmann, and Susan Stewart. Boston, MA: Cengage.
- Schweingruber, David and David W. Wahl. 2019. "Wither the Internal Conversation" in *Symbolic Interaction*, 42(3): 351-373.

## Working Papers

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- Wahl, David W. "Gender Equity in Women Faculty During the Covid-19 Pandemic"
- Wahl, David W. "Incomplete Lives: The Suppression of Sexual Selves"
- Wahl, David W. "Locked In and Locked Out: Anticipatory Socialization in the Adult Film Industry"
- Wahl, David W. "Negotiating Pain and Pleasure: The Process of Generating Meaning"
- Wahl, David W. "Hegemonic Masculinity in Male Celebrity Fan Letters"
- Wahl, David W. *Speaking Through the Silence: Narratives, Interaction, and the Social Construction of Sexual Selves*. Book proposal.
- Weston, George, David Schweingruber, and David W. Wahl. "Rehearsals in Internal Conversations"

- Burns, Deborah, David Schweingruber, and David W. Wahl  
“Romance in Internal Conversations”
- Beeman, Steven, David Schweingruber, and David W. Wahl. “Self-Processes in Internal Conversations”
- Wahl, David W. and David Schweingruber. “The Influence of Others in Internal Conversations”

### **Select Professional Conference Presentations and Abstracts**

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- “Sexual Self-Development in Mead’s Play and Games” Presented at Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA, April 19, 2024
- “The Rise of Digital Sex Work.” Conference Panel at Midwestern Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April 5, 2024.
- “How Frequently Do College Students Engage in Internal Conversations?” Presented at Midwestern Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April 5, 2024
- “Pornographic Turning Points in the Life Course: Uses of Pornography in Sexual Self-Development.” Presented at Midwestern Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April 5, 2024
- “Generative Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Higher Education.” Presented at TMCN Annual Conference, Abilene, TX. October 25, 2023.
- “Carnal Voices: Internal Conversation in Sexual Self-Development.” Presented at Southwestern Social Science Association, Forth Worth, TX. March 30-April 1, 2023.
- Wahl, D. And Schweingruber, D. “Identifying the Generalized Other in Internal Conversations.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN. March 23-26, 2023.
- Wahl, D. And Schweingruber, D. “Exploring the Dialogues Within: New Directions in Internal Conversations.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN. March 23-26, 2023.

- “The Development of Sexual Selfhood in Mead’s Play and Games.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN. March 23-26, 2023.
- “Internal Dialogues in Sexual Self-Development.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2022.
- Wahl, D., Schweingruber, D., and Linhart, L. “In Search of the Generalized Other.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2022.
- Koretsky, C., Cervato, C., Minerick, A., Wahl, D., and Okudan, G. “Joining Forces: Disseminating the Integrated Equity Support Package of Initiatives Developed and Implemented through the NSF-Funded Advance Midwest Partnership.” Panel discussion at Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2022.
- “Enacting Change through Film Events.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2022.
- “Gender Equity and STEM Women Teaching Faculty and Researchers Working Remotely During Covid-19.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Association (MSS), Des Moines Iowa, March 2021.
- “Internal Dialogical Origins of Sexual Selfhood.” Presented at International Society for Dialogical Science (ISDS) conference, Barcelona, Spain, June 2021.
- “Gender Equity in Women Faculty During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Presented at ASEE Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion conference (CDEI), Long Beach, California, June 2021.
- “Questions of Gender Equity in STEM” To be presented at Midwest Sociological Association (MSS), Des Moines, Iowa, May 2021.
- “A Carnal Voice: Internal Dialogues in Sexual Self-Development.” Presented at Sociologists of Minnesota (SOM) in Mankato, Minnesota, October 10, 2019.
- “Internal Conversations in Sexual Self Construction.” Presented at Couch-Stone in Des Moines, Iowa, May 16, 2019.
- “Reverential Degradation in the Patriarchy: Reinforcing the Patriarchy in Celebrity Fan Letters.” Presented at Couch-Stone in Des Moines, Iowa, May 17, 2019.

- “Behind the Wallpaper: The Negotiation and Renegotiation of Sexual Stigma in the Internal Conversation.” Presented at Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Boston, Mass, March 14, 2019.
- “Naming Sexual Desires: The Communicative Outlet in Sexual Self Construction.” Presented at the SSSI Couch-Stone conference in Lancaster, England, July 5, 2018.
- “Between Desire and Shame: Inner Dialogues, Incomplete Lives, and the Stigmatization of Sexual Selves.” Presented at the Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) conference in Havana Cuba, November 2017.
- “Locked In and Locked Out: Anticipatory Socialization in the Adult Film Industry.” Presented at MSS conference, Milwaukee, WI, 2017.
- “Competing Postmemory.” Presented at MSS conference, Chicago, IL, March 24, 2016.
- “Competing Postmemory: A Binary Struggle for Justice at Dachau.” Presented at the SOM Conference, River Falls, WI, October 2, 2015.
- “A Curious Shift in Established Sexual Proclivities: A Problem of Private Language in Sexuality.” Presented at the SSSI Conference, Chicago, Illinois, August 22, 2015.
- “From a Dark Silence: Exploring the Social Cognitive Process of Those Deprived of Language.” This research was aided with the assistance of Dr. Temple Grandin. Presented at Century College, 2011.
- “On Polyamory as Instinct and Adaptation.” Presented at the Normandale Philosophy Conference 2011.

### **Awards, Distinctions and Fellowships**

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- Recipient of the KIVA grant - KIVA Research Fellow - Fall 2022
- McMurry Basketball Faculty Appreciation Award (Fall 2022)
- Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University (Fall 2019)
- Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University (Spring 2018)

- Awarded Teaching Fellowship, December 2015. Teacher of Record, Minnesota State University - Mankato Spring semester 2016
- Awarded first place - Caroline Rose Graduate Paper Competition - SOM (Sociologists of Minnesota) conference, October 3, 2015; "Competing Postmemory: A Binary Struggle for Justice at Dachau."
- 4.0 GPA in graduate school - Minnesota State University - Mankato
- Received International Teacher credentials - POLE (Project Oriented Learning Environment) Project 2014
- Nominated by Sociology department and accepted as a POLE student - Minnesota State University - Mankato 2014
- Graduated with Distinction - University of Minnesota
- Dean's List each semester at the University of Minnesota
- Graduated with a 4.0 GPA – Century College
- Valedictorian of graduating class 2011- Century College
- High Distinction Honor's Graduate – Century College
- Awarded Outstanding Philosophy Student 2010-2011 – Century College
- Recipient of the Kopp Honors Scholarship 2010 – Century College

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **McMurry University (Assistant Professor)**

- SOCI 1310: Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 2350: Social Problems
- SOCI 3360: Marriage and Family
- SOCI 3370: Gender and Society
- SOCI/HIST 3399: History and Sociology of the Vampire

- SOCI 4388: Sociology Internship
- CRIM 2315: Causes of Crime
- CRIM 3375: Crimes of the Powerful
- CRIM 3385: Crime and Punishment
- CRIM 3399: Sex Trafficking
- CRIM 4365: Comparative Criminology
- CRIM 4388: Criminology Internship
- ACAD 1340H: First Year Seminar - Production of Reality

#### **University of Montana (Lecturer)**

- SOCI 332: Sociology of the Family
- SOCI 391: Men and Masculinities
- SOCI 391: The Sociology of Death and Dying
- SOCI 446: Prostitution and Human Trafficking
- SOCI 491: Sex and Gender in American Pop Culture

#### **Iowa State University (Graduate Professor)**

##### **Sociology**

- Soc 1340: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 2190: Intimate Relationships
- SOC 2350: Social Problems
- SOC 3270: Sex, Gender, and Sexualities
- SOC 3400: Theories of Deviance

##### **Women's and Gender Studies**

- WGS 2010: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS 2100: Gender and Sexuality in American Pop Culture
- WGS Special Topic: Sexuality and Gender in Consumer Culture

#### **Drake University (Lecturer)**

- Lecturer. Deviance (Spring 2022)
- Lecturer. Food and Society (Spring 2022)
- Lecturer. Social Psychology (Fall 2021)
- SOC 080: Social Problems

#### **University of Minnesota - Duluth (Lecturer)**

- SOCI 3701: Social Psychology
- SOCI 4947: Sociology of Gender

#### **Des Moines Area Community College (Adjunct Professor)**

- SOC 110: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 115: Social Problems
- SOC 120: Marriage and Family
- Adjunct Professor. Minority Group Relations - asynchronous online (summer 2022)
- Adjunct Professor. Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2022)
- SOC 200: Minority Group Relations
- SOC 200ST: Social Problems in Human Sexuality (Honors)

#### **Minnesota State University - Mankato (Teacher of Record)**

- SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2016)

- Invited Guest Lecturer. Nilas Luhmann: Social Systems Theory - Theory course, Sociological Imagination - Intro to Sociology, Dramaturgical Approach - Intro to Sociology, Research Methods - Intro to Sociology, Recidivism of Sex Offenders - Criminology, Multiple lectures in Sociology of Mental Health (Fall 2014 - Fall 2015)

### **Century College (Teaching Assistant)**

- PHIL 1041: Introduction to Logic

### **Graduate Assistantship**

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- Graduate Assistant for Sexuality, Correctional Law, and Law and Chemical Dependency, MNSU - Mankato, Fall 2015. Duties included grading, proctoring exams, and office hours assistance.
- Graduate Assistant for Sexuality and Nonprofit Leadership (Sociology), MNSU - Mankato, Spring 2015. Duties included grading and office hours assistance.
- Graduate Assistant for Sociology of Stratification, Intro to Criminology, and Juvenile Deviancy, MNSU - Mankato, Fall 2014. Duties included grading, lecturing, proctoring exams, and office hours assistance.

### **Select Research Experience**

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- Postdoctoral Research Associate - lead researcher - ADVANCE project on gender equity in women teaching faculty and researchers working remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic. Current.
- Postdoctoral Research Associate - ADVANCE project. Iowa State University.
- Research conducted at the Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, Indiana - June 3-6, 2019.
- Qualitative dissertation research on the construction of sexual selfhood - 2015-2020.

- Internal Conversation Project. Grounded Theory Seminar. Involves the analysis of over 1000 self-recorded internal conversations by students in an Introduction to Sociology class. Advisor: David Schweingruber, Ph.D.
- Content analysis of patriarchal reinforcement found in male fan letters to female celebrities - 2019. Results currently being prepared for peer review.
- Comparative cross-cultural analysis of legal and social perspectives of prostitution in the United States and Zurich, Switzerland - 2016. Results currently being prepared for peer review.
- Qualitative research project on women in the adult film industry - 2016. Results currently being prepared for peer review.
- Research for Senior Project at the University of Minnesota involved an in-depth study of Existentialism and its relationship to the societal normativity concerning death and dying, 2013. Advisor: Douglas Lewis, Ph.D.
- Obtained permission from the Vatican library to research the Vatican's Spinoza collection.
- Researched the social psychological and cognitive process by which those deprived of language communicate with the assistance of Dr. Temple Grandin, 2011.
- Volunteer in the American Mosaic Project at the University of Minnesota.

## **International Research Experience**

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### **POLE Project - 2015**

*“POLE (Project Oriented Learning Environment) is a learning system cooperating with other European or international universities. It does so within a reflexive context, taking into account the various cultures involved in order to create new methods of resolution regarding teaching and learning methods. The students are at the core of this concept, and are given the option to develop process-*

*oriented expert knowledge through trans-disciplinary teamwork. Simultaneously, they learn to work independently and to deal with current problem cases through the use of modern information and communication tools.” (POLE brochure, 2015:2)*

The POLE Project 2015 worked in collaboration with The International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the telecommunications division of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

My activities included:

- Co-heading a team of 7 international students of varying disciplines with the purpose of creating a project to present to ITU and the United Nations.
- The foundation of the project centered on my theoretical work involving technology and matters of humanness.
- Documentation of the three-month project.
- Design and construction of an exhibit displayed at ITU and the UN.
- Composition of a theoretical perspective published at ITU and the UN.
- Writer and director of a film detailing the project. The film was shown at ITU and the UN.

### **Sociology Graduate Student Department Marketing Project**

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Minnesota State University - Mankato, 2015-2016

Tasks included:

- Organizing and heading department meetings
- Graduate school marketing research
- Assisting in the creation of graphic designs
- Designing marketing posters, e-brochures, and print brochures
- In charge of mailing

- Organizing a mailing database

## **Languages**

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- German (High and Swiss dialects)
- French
- Latin

## **Committee Membership**

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- McMurry Institutional Review Board - Director (2023 - present)
- McMurry Faculty Council (2023 - present)
- McMurry Graduate Council (2024-present)
- McMurry Search Committee: Career Director (Fall 2022)
- McMurry Search Committee: HHS Line (Spring 2023)
- McMurry Search Committee: Dean of Students (Spring 2023)
- McMurry Academic Symposium Committee (2022-present)

## **Professional Associations**

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- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Southwestern Sociological Association (SSSA)
- Midwest Sociological Association (MSS)
- Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI)
- Sociologists of Minnesota (SOM)
- Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS)
- Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
- International Society for Dialogical Science (ISDS)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)
- ASEE Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CDEI)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

## **Professional Service**

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- Member of Taylor County Sexual Assault Response Team
- Member of the McMurry Academic Freedom working group
- Member of the McMurry Honor Code development working group
- Faculty mentor with Sociology/Criminology Club, McMurry University
- Faculty internship advisor for Criminology, McMurry University
- Sponsor: Makona Men's Fraternity, McMurry University
- Speaker: McMurry Campus - "Human Trafficking" - November 16, 2023
- Initiated a partnership between McMurry University and Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition (BCHTC) - Fall 2022
- Serving as McMurry representative for Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition Partnership
- Served as an interviewer for Honors Day - interviewed potential honors students at McMurry - Fall 2022
- Education/child welfare working group member - Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition (BCHTC)
- McMurry representative with Grounded Theory Research Group
- Keynote Speaker at Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition (BCHTC) - November 15, 2023
- Elected as ASA (American Sociology Association) Chair of Teaching and Learning Publication Committee (2023 - )

- Keynote speaker - McMurry Honors dinner - “Dispelling the Myths of Human Trafficking” - 4.4.23
- Serving as dissertation committee member - Juline Moser - MSTI
- Served as a moderator in the McMurry Academic Symposium 4.28.23
- Organizer of national It’s On Us chapter at McMurry University - Spring 2022
- Invited Speaker - United Women of Faith - St. James UMC 3.5.23  
“Basic Understanding of Human Trafficking”
- Interviewed on camera for KTAB on Human Trafficking in Abilene - 3.6.23 (broadcast eight times in 12 hours)
- Awarded McNall Lecture Series invitation. Will be keynote speaker at University of Montana in the fall of 2023 on MMIW and Sex Trafficking
- Interviewed for a story on human trafficking for Big Country News (online) - published 3.9.23
- Member of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee - GE-AT department, ISU. 2021-2022.
- Consulting committee member on GRE issues - GE-AT department, ISU. 2022.
- Local Arrangements Chair of the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) conference, Des Moines, Iowa 2021.
- Symposium Organizer of the 11th International Conference on the Dialogical Self 2020 - Barcelona, Spain
- Graduate Student Director of Couch-Stone Symposium 2010 - Des Moines, Iowa
- Events Coordinator of AKD at Iowa State (Spring 2018)
- Communications Director of Graduate Student of Sociology (GSS) at Iowa State (Spring 2018)
- Member of the Sociology Club at Minnesota State University - Mankato

- New Thought Review (undergraduate journal of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota) (Editor-in-Chief 2013)
- Socratic Society (officer 2012 - 2014), University of Minnesota
- Member of the Philosophy Club at the University of Minnesota
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (officer, 2011)

## **Professional Development**

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- Participant in “Making It Stick” professional development reading group - McMurry University 2023-2024
- Participant in Small Teaching Online course - McMurry University
- Attendee of Active Learning Technique Workshop - McMurry University
- E-learning seminar attendee - McMurry University
- Attended New Faculty Development Program – McMurry University
- Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition Training Session - 11.17.23
- Faculty Development Training participant: PowerPoint - 1.27.23
- Training: Communication for Inclusion – 3.1.23
- Title IX Training – 5.4.23
- Advisor Training
- CELT Online Course Workshop - certified June 2020.
- CELT Summer Course Design Institute - certified June 2020.
- NCFDD Writing Workshop - completed July 2020.
- NCFDD Skills Workshop - completed July 2020.
- ISU Graduate School Postdoc Success Program - certified 2020
- ASEE-CDEI - completed 2022.

## References

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