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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2022- Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, Department of Sociology

## EDUCATION

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2022 PhD, Sociology, University of Iowa  
Dissertation: “*Mental Health Stigma: Social Relationships, Social Cognition, and Perceptions of Violence*”  
Committee: Professors Freda Lynn (Chair), Sarah Harkness, Stephanie DiPietro, Brea Perry (IU Bloomington), Bianca Manago (Vanderbilt)

2017 M.A. Sociology, University of Iowa

2013 B.A. Sociology and Psychology, SUNY College at Geneseo

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Mental Health  
Crime, Law, and Deviance

Social Networks  
Social Psychology

Research Methods  
Medical Sociology

## RESEARCH

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### *Peer-Reviewed Work*

**Felix, Elizabeth.** (Forthcoming). “Public Stigma and Stigma by Association: Preferences for Social Distance from People with Mental Illness and their Spouses.” *Handbook of Social Psychology: Micro, Meso, and Macro Orientations In Handbook of Social Psychology: Micro, Meso, and Macro Orientations*, edited by Jan E. Stets, Karen A. Hegtvædt, and Long Doan. Springer.

**Felix, Elizabeth.** (2025). “Who is Labeled a Potential Mass Shooter? Mental Health Status, Perceived Propensities for Mass Violence, and Mental Health Stigma.” *The Sociological Quarterly*. DOI: [10.1080/00380253.2025.2480228](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2025.2480228)

**Felix, Elizabeth.** (2024). “Unmasking the Aversive Stigmatizer: Integrating Deliberate and Automatic Cognition in the Study of Mental Health Stigma and Perceived Dangerousness” *Society and Mental Health*. DOI: [10.1177/21568693241281952](https://doi.org/10.1177/21568693241281952)

**Felix, Elizabeth.** (2024). “Marked by Association(s): A Social Networks Approach to Studying Mental-Health Related Associative Stigma” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. DOI: [10.1177/00221465241261711](https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465241261711)

**Felix, Elizabeth** and Freda Lynn. (2022). “Mental Health Stigma and Social Contact Revisited: The Role of Network Closeness and Negativity” *Society and Mental Health* 12(1): 49-63. DOI: [10.1177/21568693211043156](https://doi.org/10.1177/21568693211043156)

\* Featured paper of issue and invited for ASA podcast recording

\* *Society and Mental Health* top 10 most downloaded papers (2023)

Perry, Brea, **Elizabeth Felix**, Megan Bolton, Erin L. Pullen, and Bernice Pescosolido. (2022). “Public Stigma and Personal Networks: Confronting the Limitations of Unidimensional Measures of Social Contact” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 63(3): 428-445.

Pullen, Erin, Emily Ekl, **Elizabeth Felix**, Christopher Turner, Bernice Pescosolido, and Brea Perry. (2022). “Social Contact Revisited: Labeling, Causal Attributions, and Social Network Ties to People with Mental Illness” *Social Science and Medicine*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114646>

#### *Book Chapters and Policy Briefs*

Bruch, Sarah K., Inga Popovaite, and **Elizabeth Felix**. 2018. “Patterns and Impacts of Racial and International Student Disparities in Experiences of Campus Climate, Academic Support, and Financial Conditions at the University of Iowa” for *Evaluating Campus Climate at U.S. Research Universities: Opportunities for Diversity and Inclusion*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Bruch, Sarah K., Inga Popovaite, **Elizabeth Felix**, and Matthew Anson. 2018. “Equity, Inclusion and Diversity among Undergraduate Students at the University of Iowa 2013-2016.” Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Public Policy Center.

#### *Manuscripts under Review and in Progress*

**Felix, Elizabeth.** “Perpetuating Mental Health Stigma and Protecting Racial Stereotypes in the Wake of White-Perpetrated Mass Violence: A Natural Experiment” (*Revise & Resubmit, Social Currents*)

\*2021 Graduate Student Paper Competition (First Place), Midwest Sociological Society

**Felix, Elizabeth.** “Gender, Social Networks, and Mental Health-Related Stigma by Association.” (*Under Review*)

**Felix, Elizabeth**, Freda Lynn, and Kathryn Rittenhour. “The Unique Position of Sexual Minorities: Mental Health, Sexual Identity-Based Network Homophily, and Mental Health Networks.” (*Ready for Submission*)

Shin, Heeyoun and **Elizabeth Felix**. “Who Benefits from Earning More? Relative Income and Subjective Well-Being Across Gender, Relationship Type, and Sexual Orientation” (Manuscript in Progress)

**Felix, Elizabeth**. “Multiple Demands: A Social Network Approach to Investigating Caregiver Burden among the Social Ties of Mental Illness” (Manuscript in Progress)

**Felix, Elizabeth**. “Are You Always the Company You Keep? Perceived Mental Health Homophily and Associative Stigma Directed Towards Friendship Ties.” (Manuscript in Progress)

**Felix, Elizabeth** and Freda Lynn. “The Social Costs and Reputational Benefits of Being Tied to People with Mental Illness.” (Manuscript in Progress)

**Felix, Elizabeth**. “Sexual Minority Status and Mental Health Stigma.” (Manuscript in Early Stages)

Ekl Emily and **Elizabeth Felix**. “Changing Beliefs in Causal Attributions and Mental Health Stigma” (Manuscript in Early Stages)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2025 Felix, Elizabeth. “Believed to be Birds of a Feather? Perceived Mental Health Homophily and Associative Stigma Experiences among the Friends and Family of People with Mental Illness.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2025.
- 2024 Felix, Elizabeth. “Social Networks and Stigma by Association: Perceived Discrimination Experiences Among the Friends and Family of People with Mental Illness.” Presented at KU Institute Policy and Social Research, November 2024.
- 2024 Felix, Elizabeth, Freda Lynn, & Kathryn Rittenhour. “The Unique Position of Sexual Minorities: Sexual Identity-Based Network Homophily, Mental Illness Networks, and the Stress Process.” Presented at the International Conference on Social Stress Research, June 2024.
- 2024 Felix, Elizabeth. “The Social Construction of Potential Mass Shooters: How Mental Health Status and Gender Shape Public Perceptions of Propensities for Mass Violence.” Accepted for Presentation at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2024.

- 2023 Felix, Elizabeth. "Marked by Association: A Social Networks Approach to Studying Associative Stigma." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2023.
- 2023 Felix, Elizabeth and Freda Lynn. "Are You Always the Company You Keep? The Social Costs and Reputational Benefits of Being Tied to Stigmatized Others." *Accepted* at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2023. (could not attend- Covid).
- 2022 Felix, Elizabeth. "Marked by Association: How Status and Stigma Impact Perceived Discrimination among the Social Ties of Individuals with Mental Illness." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2022.
- Felix, Elizabeth and Kathryn Rittenhour. "The Unique Position of Sexual Minorities: Mental Health, Sexual Identity-Based Network Homophily, and Mental Health Networks." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2022.
- 2021 Felix, Elizabeth. "Expanding the Criminalized Circle: Protecting Race Stereotypes in the Face of Stereotype-Disconfirming Exogenous Events." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2021.
- Felix, Elizabeth. "Mass Shootings and Mental Health Stigma: A Natural Experiment." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2021.
- Felix, Elizabeth. "Mass Shootings and Mental Health." Presented at the Jakobsen Conference, April 2021.
- Lynn, Freda, Lindsay Jarratt, Erik Westlund, and Elizabeth Felix. "Why So Anxious? Math Insecurity in an Era of Universal Testing and STEM Valorization." Presented at the American Educational Research Association, April 2021.
- 2020 Felix, Elizabeth. "Mental Health Stigma and Social Contact Revisited: Divergence of Explicit Attitudes and Implicit Bias." Accepted for presentation at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2020. (*Cancelled due to pandemic*).
- Pullen, Erin, Emily Ekl, Elizabeth Felix, Christopher Turner, Brea Perry and Bernice Pescosolido "Revisiting the contact hypothesis: The nature and valence of ties to alters with mental illness and mental health literacy." Accepted for presentation at the Sunbelt Conference- Paris. (*Cancelled due to pandemic*).
- 2019 Felix, Elizabeth. "Mental Health Stigma and Social Contact Revisited: How Positive and Negative Ties Shape Explicit Attitudes." Invited Talk at Departmental Colloquium, The University of Iowa, 2019.
- 2018 Lynn, Freda B., Elizabeth Felix, Kathryn Rittenhour, and Carrie Stallings. "Constructing Identities around Competence? Math-Reading Testing Gaps versus Interest Gaps."

Presented at the 3rd Bi-Annual Identity Conference, University of Massachusetts – Boston, October 2018.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

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### *Awards*

- 2022 Graduate Research Excellence Award in the Social Sciences
- 2021 Graduate Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society- First Place
- 2013 C. Wright Mills Academic Achievement Award- Undergraduate

### *Grants and Fellowships*

- 2026 COBRE Faculty Fellow, \$70,000
- 2023 Fostering Research Expansion in the Social Sciences & Humanities Program, \$3,000
- 2022 CLAS Dissertation Writing Fellowship, \$13,750 (*declined*)
- 2021 Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship, \$10,500
- 2021 Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio Summer Fellowship, \$5000
- 2021 Midwest Sociological Society Grant, \$150
- 2021 Sociology Department Research Grant, \$200
- 2020 Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant, \$150
- 2020 Graduate Success Fellowship Incentive Program, \$400
- 2019 Grant Writing Fellowship, \$250
- 2019 Sociology Department Research Grant, \$400
- 2018 Graduate and Professional Student Government Research Grant, \$400

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-2021 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa  
*Mapping the Many Pathways (In and Out) of the Postsecondary STEM Pipeline*, Freda Lynn (PI)
- 2018-2019 Editorial Assistant, *Contemporary Sociology*  
Michael Sauder (Editor)
- 2016-2018 Research Assistant, University of Iowa Public Policy Center  
*Social and Education Policy Research Program*, Sarah Bruch (PI)
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology & Carver College of Medicine  
*A Multilevel Examination of Obesity among Low Income Midwestern Families*, Mark Berg (PI)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas

Crime and Society  
 Sociological Perspectives on Criminology  
 Sociology of Mental Illness  
 Sociology of Mental Health

- 2020-2021     *Sole Instructor*, Department of Sociology & Criminology, University of Iowa  
 Interpersonal Violence in Society
- 2018-2020     *Teaching Practicum*, University of Iowa  
 Research Methods, Jennifer Glanville  
 Sociology of Networks, Freda Lynn
- 2018-2020     *Teaching Certifications*, University of Iowa  
 Certificate in College Teaching (completed Spring 2020)  
 Teaching as Research- Practitioner (completed Fall 2020)
- 2015-2020     *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Sociology & Criminology, University of Iowa  
 Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Graduate Level Course), Capstone  
 Course in Sociology, Sociology of Mental Illness, Introduction to  
 Criminology (Lead T.A. & Discussion Section Instructor), Social  
 Problems (Discussion Section Instructor), Interpersonal Violence in  
 Society, American Crime. Introduction to Sociology (Discussion Section  
 Instructor)
- 2016-2020     *Guest Lecturer*, Department of Sociology & Criminology, University of Iowa  
 Research Ethics (Research Methods), Egocentric Networks and Mental  
 Health (Sociology of Networks), Contact Theory and Mental Health  
 Stigma (Sociology of Networks), Firearms and Violence (American  
 Crime), Gender and Violence (Introduction to Criminology), Biosocial  
 Perspectives on Violence (American Crime)

## **ADVISING RECORD**

### *Dissertation Committee Member*

- 2025             Walter Goettlich, Sociology  
 2024             Sam Kendrick, Sociology  
                      John Kaiser III, Sociology  
 2023             Melissa Irwin, Sociology

### *Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Member*

- 2025             Jennifer M. Babitzke, Sociology  
 2024             Megan Drovetta, Social Welfare  
 2023             John Kaiser III, Sociology  
 2022             Sam Kendrick, Sociology

### *Master's Thesis Committee Member*

Present Kayla Curry, Sociology (expected 2025)

### *Undergraduate Advising*

2025 Holly Christensen, Honors Thesis advisor

2023 Jocelyn Pembleton, Individual Undergraduate Research mentor

## **SERVICE**

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### *Departmental*

2024 Member, Search Committee

2022- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee

2020-21 Member, Recruitment Committee

2019-20 Member, Departmental Colloquium

2017-18 Member, Graduate Studies Committee

2016-17 Member, Recruitment Committee

2015-16 Member, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

2014-15 Member, Undergraduate Committee

2014-15 Member, Sociology Graduate Student Organization

### *University*

2024- Department Representative, CLAS Inclusion and Belonging

Fall 2024 Member, University Committee on Graduate Studies

Fall 2024 Member, Program and Curricular Changes Subcommittee

2024 Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Awards

### *Professional*

2024-2027 Editorial Board Member, *Society and Mental Health*

2024-2028 Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly*

2022-2025 Member, Publications Committee- Midwest Sociological Society

2022- Manuscript Reviewer: *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Social Forces*, *Socius*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Midwest Sociological Society

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships: Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Crime, Law, and Deviance,  
Social Psychology

## **REFERENCES**

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Available Upon Request