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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

EDUCATION

2022 PhD, Sociology, University of Iowa

2017 M.A. Sociology, University of Iowa

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

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mental Health	Social Networks	Research Methods
Crime, Law, and Deviance	Social Psychology	Medical Sociology

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Work

Felix, Elizabeth. (2025). "Public Stigma and Stigma by Association: Preferences for Social Distance from People with Mental Illness and their Spouses." *Handbook of Social Psychology: Mocro, Meso, and Macro Orientations In Handbook of Social Psychology: Mocro, Meso, and Macro Orientations,* edited by Jan E. Stets, Karen A. Hegtvedt, 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

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

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

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

* 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.

PRESENTATIONS

2026 Felix, Elizabeth. "Double Disadvantage? Mental Illness Labeling and Public Stigma toward Sexual and Gender Minorities." Accepted for presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2026.

Felix, Elizabeth. "Sexual Minority Status and Mental Health Stigma." Presented at KU Psychology Department Proseminar, April 2026.

Felix, Elizabeth. "Political Divides in Perceptions of Potential Mass Shooters: Mental Health Status, Gender Minority Status, and Perceived Propensities for Mass Violence among Liberals and Conservatives." Presented at Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2026.

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.

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.

Felix, Elizabeth. “The Social Construction of Potential Mass Shooters: How Mental Health Status and Gender Shape Public Perceptions of Propensities for Mass Violence.” Presented at 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.

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.

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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
Crime and Society
Sociology of Mental Health
Advanced Topics in Sociology: Sociology of Mental Health

Teaching Certifications, University of Iowa
Certificate in College Teaching (completed Spring 2020)
Teaching as Research- Practitioner (completed Fall 2020)

ADVISING RECORD

Dissertation Committee Member

2025	Jeremy High, Social Welfare
	Walter Goettlich, Sociology
2024	Sam Kendrick, Sociology
	John Kaiser III, Sociology
2023	Melissa Irwin, Sociology

Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Member

2025	Jeremy High, Social Welfare (Dissertation Capstone)
2025	Jennifer M. Babitzke, Sociology
2024	Megan Drovetta, Social Welfare
2023	John Kaiser III, Sociology
2022	Sam Kendrick, Sociology

RTF Committee Member

2026	Matheus Romanetto, Sociology
2026	Alanna Daniels, Sociology

Master's Thesis Committee Member

2025	Kayla Curry, Sociology

Undergraduate Advising

2026-27	Blair Brose, Honors Thesis advisor
2025-26	Holly Christensen, Honors Thesis advisor
2023	Jocelyn Pembleton, Individual Undergraduate Research mentor

SERVICE

Departmental

2024	Member, Search Committee
2022-25	Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2025-	Member, Graduate Studies Committee

University

Spring 2026	Member, University Core Curriculum Committee
Fall 2025	Member, CLAS Committee on Sabbatical Leaves
2024-25	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

2024-29	Editorial Board Member, *Society and Mental Health*
2024-28	Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly*

2022-26 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, Community Mental Health Journal, Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Sociological Society
American Sociological Association
Section Memberships: Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Crime, Law, and Deviance, Social Psychology