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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH **August 2021-Expected December 2026**
Ph.D., Sociology
Exams: Medical Sociology, Social Inequality
Dissertation Title: "Take It Like a Man: Men's Experiences with Contested Illness"
Committee: Dr. Susan Hinze (Chair), Dr. Timothy Black, Dr. Danielle Czarnecki, Dr. Hannah Regan, Dr. Mark Joseph

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH **January 2024**
M.A., Sociology, 4.0

Miami University, Oxford, OH **January 2020**
B.A., Psychology and Individualized Studies, Concentration: Masculinities

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Masculinities, medical sociology, gender and health disparities, Queer and feminist theory, LGBTQ+ identity, social media content analysis, qualitative, interdisciplinary, and intersectional perspectives.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Coordinator (Director: Dr. Derek Griffith) **Summer 2026-Present**
University of Pennsylvania Program for Research on Men's Health, Philadelphia, PA

- Plan and execute PRMH research projects (timelines, priorities, budgets), recruit/screen participants, and manage IRB compliance (new submissions, amendments, continuing reviews).
- Collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative data using programs such as REDCap, conduct interviews/focus groups, and produce reports and visualizations of findings for scholarly and public audiences.
- Draft grants, coauthor peer-reviewed manuscripts, and present at conferences and stakeholder-facing events to advance global health equity.

Doctoral Researcher **August 2021-Present**
Sociology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- Designed and executed a multi-method qualitative research project involving 51 semi-structured interviews and systematic analysis of 428 social media clips, managing all phases from IRB protocol through dissemination.
- Developed ethical data collection and analysis protocols for digital research contexts; trained research assistants in coding, protocol compliance, and data management procedures.
- Recruited and cultivated access to a hard-to-reach population; managed interview scheduling, consent processes, and data documentation in compliance with IRB standards.
- Secured 14 competitive grants totaling $9,425 to support community-based and equity-centered research; presented findings at 17 regional, national, and international conferences.

Mixed-Methods Senior Research Assistant (Director: Dr. Mark Joseph) **Spring 2022-Summer 2026**
NP3: Nurturing People. Power. Place., Cleveland, OH

- Conducted user research on a resident-facing community engagement app, gathering feedback through interviews with residents/staff and analyzing platform engagement data to assess usage patterns and inform app development.
- Coordinated community-engaged research partnerships across multiple U.S. sites, managing stakeholder relationships with local organizations, policy makers, housing developers, and residents to support equity-focused evaluation work.
- Produced qualitative research documentation for a federally funded, HUD-supported housing evaluation, authoring large-scale reports and research briefs with direct policy implications for housing equity.
- Designed and implemented IRB-compliant data collection instruments (surveys, interviews, focus groups) in close collaboration with diverse community stakeholders including policy makers, housing developers, and community members.
- Managed participant recruitment, project timelines, data quality assurance, and deliverable tracking across multiple concurrent projects to translate findings into technical reports and client-facing presentations.

Graduate Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Hannah Regan) **Summer 2024-Summer 2025**
Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, Cleveland, OH

- Conducted program evaluation on gender and masculinities initiatives in higher education to produce multiple research briefs for practitioner and scholarly audiences.
- Compiled literature reviews, managed datasets, and contributed to technical documentation in support of ongoing campus-based gender equity research and reporting.
- Co-developed evaluation tools assessing belonging and well-being through collaborations with community partners and young adults (primarily men) across university settings.

Qualitative Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Susan Hinze**)** **Fall 2022-Spring 2026**
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Qualitative Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Timothy Black) **Fall 2021-Spring 2024**
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Summer Sexuality Research Fellow (Coordinator/Team Leader: Dr. Penny Harvey) **Summer 2023**
California Institute of Integral Studies, Virtual
Quantitative Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Mary Erdmans) **Fall 2021-Spring 2022**
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Primary Investigator (Supervisor: Dr. Jacqueline Daugherty) **Summer 2018**
Undergraduate Summer Scholars Program, Miami University, Oxford, OH
Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Joshua Magee) **Fall 2016-Spring 2018**
Studying Cognition, Obsessions, and Unwanted Thinking (SCOUT) Lab, Miami University, Oxford, OH
Nicotine Craving Project; Obsessive Compulsive Beliefs Project

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Loadenthal, Michael, and **Kate Freeman.** 2026. "Throwback Fascism: Accelerationist Fascination with the Faux 1950s." *Crime, Media, Culture* Online First.

Freeman, Kate J., and Amber Byrd Ndukwe. 2025. "Scholars and Changemakers: The Vital Role of Graduate Students in Campus Women's Centers." *Journal for Women and Gender Centers in Higher Education* 2(1).

Ashlee, Kyle C., Michael Loeffelman, and **Kate J. Freeman.** 2023. "The Case for Using Intersectional Perspectives With Individual College Men." *About Campus* 28(3):14-22.

Freeman, Kate. 2020. "The perceived masculinity of depression: A male view of mental illness." *Compilation of Miami Publications Advancing the Social Sciences (COMPASS).*

Reports and Research Briefs

Freeman, Kate J. and Zachary Slade Milko. 2025. "No Boys Allowed?: An Evaluation of Masculinities Work Within Women's Centers." *Flora Stone Mather Center for Women Research Briefs.*

Freeman, Kate J. 2019. ""GOOOOOAL!": An Exploration of the Dutch-Moroccan Footballer Experience." *Independent Study Project (ISP) Collection*.

Levy, Diane K., Brett Theodos, Leah Hendey, Kathryn Reynolds, Robert McClelland, Megan Gallagher, Will Curran-Groome, Alexa Kort, Anna Morgan, Alexandra Curley, **Kate Freeman**, and George Galster. 2024. "Choice Neighborhoods: An Evaluation of Outcomes and Neighborhood Impact." *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Office of Policy Development and Research.*

Datasets

Harvey, Penny; **Freeman, Kate**; Akella, Sameera V.; Colasanto-Giaramita, Giovanna; Costa, Samantha M.; Dobson-Smith, DDS; French, Ashley; King, Teresa; Middleton, Amy E.; Rios-Rivera, Lynn N.; Robinson, Daniella; Rockhill, Martha; Romines, Ashton; Self, Morgan; Steers, Star L.; Webber, April M.; and Wilson-Tanev, Mason. 2023. "Contemporary Family Conceptions: A Look at Social Media Narratives of Donor Conception, Multi-Parent Families, and Adoption." *Summer Sexuality Fellowship.* 1.

Forthcoming

Brenner-Levoy, Jeremy, **Kate J. Freeman**, and Laura Q. Wilkinson. Playing with Care: Queer Masculinities, Carework, and Online Gaming. In *Men & Masculinities*. (R&R)

Freeman, Kate J. and Zachary Slade Milko. "No Boys Allowed?: An Evaluation of Masculinities Work Within Women's Centers." In *Critical Praxis of College Men and Masculinities: Experiences at the Intersections*, edited by K. Colquitt and M. Carbonara. Emerald Publishing. (In Publication)

Milko, Zachary Slade, and **Kate J. Freeman**. "Your Identity is Not Up For Debate": Exploring Black LGBTQ+ Identity Management and Resistance on TikTok. In *Sex & Sexualities.* (R&R)

Manuscripts In Progress

Freeman, Kate J., Mark L. Joseph, and Jacob Rivera. The "Interdependence" Towel of Babel: Mapping and Navigating Scholarship on the Concept of Interdependence.

Freeman, Kate J., and Timothy Black. "Men Don't Come to Places Like This": Defining Masculinity in An Alternative Incarceration Facility in Cleveland.

Freeman, Kate J., Jack Exline, and Cristiana Miele. Exploring TikTok as a Site for Qualitative Content Analysis.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Total: $9,425

2026 *Research and Professional Development Grant:* $1000; CWRU Flora Stone Mather Center for Women

2025 *Baker-Nord Institute Graduate Affiliate:* $750; CWRU Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Research Award: $2000; CWRU Graduate Student Council
ASA Student Forum Travel Award: ~$400; American Sociological Association
AKD Student Member Research Funding: $600; Alpha Kappa Delta
*Graduate Student Scholarship and Creative Endeavors Grant: $*1000; CWRU Graduate Council of Arts & Sciences

2024 *Professional Development Funding:* $300; CWRU Graduate Student Council

The Verhosek Fund: $350; CWRU School of Graduate Studies
Graduate Student Appreciation Award: $300; CWRU School of Graduate Studies
Baker-Nord Center Graduate Research Grant: $1200; CWRU Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities
AKD Student Member Research Funding: $375; Alpha Kappa Delta
Mather Center Research and Professional Development Grant: $800; CWRU Flora Stone Mather Center for Women

2023 *CMM Outstanding Graduate Student Award:* ACPA Coalition on Men and Masculinities
Professional Development Funding: $300; CWRU Graduate Student Council

2019 *Western Program Senior Thesis Fund:* $800; Miami University's Individualized Studies Department

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS *Indicates Presider

2026 **Kate J. Freeman.** 2026, April. *Take It Like a Man: Men's Experiences with Contested Illness.* Paper presented at the CWRU Social Science Research Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miele, Cristiana, and **Kate J. Freeman**. 2026, March. *Why TikTok Matters: New Directions in Sociological Methods for the Digital Age.* Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

2025 **Kate J. Freeman**, Laura Q. Wilkinson, and Jeremy Brenner-Levoy. 2025, November. *Playing with Care: Queer Masculinities, Carework, and Online Gaming.* Paper presented at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Regan, Hannah, and **Kate J. Freeman**. 2025, August. *Household Finances and Gender Beliefs.* Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Freeman, Kate J., and Timothy Black. 2025, March. *"Standing on Your Own Two": Constructing Masculine Identities in an Alternative Incarceration Facility.* Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.

Milko, Zachary Slade, and **Kate J. Freeman**. 2025, March. *"Your Identity is Not Up For Debate": How the Black LGBTQ+ Community is Queering Racial Projects on TikTok.* Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.

2024 **Freeman, Kate J.** 2024, November. *No Boys Allowed?: An Exploration of Masculinities Work in Women's Centers.* Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Annual Conference, Detroit, Michigan.

Freeman, Kate J., and Timothy Black. 2024, October. *"If You Don't Learn Nothing, You Ain't Gon Become a Man": Defining Masculinity in An Alternative Incarceration Facility in Cleveland.* Paper presented at the Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Rochester, New York.

Freeman, Kate J., and Timothy Black. 2024, August. *"Men Don't Come to Places Like This": Defining Masculinity in An Alternative Incarceration Facility in Cleveland.* Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.

Freeman, Kate, Kwame Botchway, Jacob Rivera, and Colette Ngana. 2024, June. *The Student Perspective of NIMC.* Panel presented at the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities' 10 Year Anniversary Family Reunion.

Freeman, Kate J. 2024, June. *"If It Doesn't Kill Me, I Will Conquer It": Men's Experiences with Migraines on TikTok.* Paper presented at the 2024 American Men's Studies Association Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Men and Masculinities, Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Freeman, Kate J. and Zachary Slade Milko. 2024, June. *The Grey Area: Examining Differences in Black and White Male Patient Experiences.* Paper presented at the 2024 American Men's Studies Association Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Men and Masculinities, Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Milko, Zachary Slade and **Kate J. Freeman.** 2024, June. *From Hashtags to Health: Queer Masculine Identities on TikTok.* Paper presented at the 2024 American Men's Studies Association Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Men and Masculinities, Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Freeman, Kate J. 2024, March. *Never Give In, Never Back Down: Men's Experiences with Feminized Illness on TikTok.* Paper presented at the 2024 North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio.

Freeman, Kate J.* and Timothy Black. 2024, March. *Defining Masculinity Behind Bars: Perspectives of Incarcerated Men in Cleveland.* Paper presented at the 2024 North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio.

2021 **Freeman, Kate.** 2021, June. *How Calvin Klein models affect the average Joe: An examination of masculine media representations.* Poster presented at the American Men's Study Association Interdisciplinary Conference on Men and Masculinities, Tacoma, Washington.

Freeman, Kate. 2021, April. *The perceived masculinity of depression: A male view of mental illness.* Paper presented at the 2021 North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

2020 **Freeman, Kate.** 2020, March. *The perceived masculinity of depression: A male view of mental illness.* OCMMHE Spring 2020 Drive-In Conference, Oxford, Ohio. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

2019 **Freeman, Kate.** 2019, August. *How Calvin Klein models affect the average Joe: An examination of masculine media representations.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City.

Freeman, Kate, and Jacqueline Daugherty. 2019. *Stereotype threat and task performance: How Calvin Klein models affect the average Joe.* Poster presented at Miami's 25th Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, Ohio.

Freeman, Kate, and Jacqueline Daugherty. 2019. *Stereotype threat and task performance: How Calvin Klein models affect the average Joe.* Poster presented at Miami University's 18th Annual Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Session, Oxford, Ohio.

Freeman, Kate. 2019. *Stereotype threat and task performance: How Calvin Klein models affect the average Joe.* Poster presented at the Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality Symposium, Oxford, Ohio.

2018 Fite, Robert E., **Katie Freeman,** Abigail R. Wenger, C. N. Woodford, Sarah L. Adut, and Joshua C. Magee. 2018. *Do you believe in magical thinking?: Examining magical thinking as a mediator of the relationship between obsessive-compulsive belief domains and symptoms*. Poster presented at the 52nd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

WGST/SOCI201: Intro to Gender Studies **Spring 2026**
Case Western Reserve University

Teaching Assistant

SOCI203: Human Development: Medical and Social **Spring 2025**
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dr. Hannah Regan, Case Western Reserve University

SASS500: Operationalizing Antiracism **Spring 2025, Fall 2025**
Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Mark Joseph & Dr. Jenny King
Case Western Reserve University

SOCI328: Capitalism, Cities, and Inequality **Spring 2024**
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Timothy Black, Case Western Reserve University

SOCI326: Gender, Inequality, and Globalization **Spring 2023, Fall 2024**
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Susan Hinze, Case Western Reserve University

SOCI384: Sociology of Sex(es), Gender(s), and Sexuality(ies) **Fall 2023**
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Susan Hinze, Case Western Reserve University

SOCI275: Lives in Medicine (Becoming and Being a Physician) **Fall 2022**
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Susan Hinze, Case Western Reserve University

EDL290: The Nature of Group Leadership **Spring 2019**
Undergraduate Assistant, Elizabeth Walsh, Miami University

UNV101: I am Miami **Fall 2018**
Undergraduate Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Kyle Ashlee, Miami University

Course Development

SASS500: Operationalizing Antiracism **Fall 2025**
Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Mark Joseph & Dr. Jenny King, Case Western Reserve University

SOCI372: Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad **Spring 2025**
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Susan Hinze, Case Western Reserve University

WGS370N: Exploring Masculinities **Spring 2019**
Undergraduate Assistant/Lecturer, Dr. Kyle Ashlee, Miami University

Lecturer

SOCI213: Critical Problems in Modern Society **Spring 2025**
Guest Lecturer, Dr. Jessica Kelley, Case Western Reserve University

SOAN300: Technology and Society **Fall 2024**
Guest Lecturer, Shelby Frye, Ohio Wesleyan University

SOCI228: Sociology of Sexuality **Fall 2023**
Guest Lecturer, Dr. Hannah Regan, Case Western Reserve University

Workshop Facilitation

Freeman, Kate. 2022, June. *"It's a Man's World": Strategies for Navigating and Negotiating Masculine Spaces.* Workshop presented at the 2022 ACPA Coalition on Men and Masculinities Institute for Critical Perspectives and Practices on College Masculinities.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Department (Sociology), Case Western Reserve University

CWRU Sociology Graduate Student Association **August 2022-May 2025**
President (2023-2025; Vice President (2022-2023)

University and College, Miami University/Case Western Reserve University

CWRU Graduate Council of Arts and Sciences **August 2025-Present**
Vice President of Communications

CWRU Graduate Council of Arts and Sciences **February 2024-June 2024**
Vice President; Sociology Graduate Student Representative

CAS Graduate Student Professional Development Committee **Spring 2023, 2024, 2025**
Vice President; Panel Moderator

CWRU SOURCE Intersections **Winter 2021, 2022, Spring 2026**
Judge

Miami University Masculinities Committee **Fall 2020-Spring 2021**
Chair of Research

Discipline

American Men's Studies Association **March 2025-Present**
2026 Conference Organizer/Host, Co-Director of Communications

Journal for Women and Gender Centers in Higher Education **January 2025-Present**
Graduate Editorial Assistant

ASA Sex and Gender Section **February 2024-Present**
Newsletter Editor

The Prosecution Project **November 2020-August 2024**
Co-Director of Communications; Advisory Board Coordinator

ACPA Coalition on Men and Masculinities **Spring 2021-Spring 2024**
Coordinator for Membership Engagement

ACPA CMM Convention Planning Committee **January 2023-April 2023**
Committee Member

Community

Cleveland Heights for Immigrant Rights **March 2025-July 2026**
Communications Director

Journal Reviewer: Journal for Women and Gender Centers in Higher Education (2024-Present)

WORKSHOPS AND METHODS TRAINING

Certificates

Human Sexuality Doctoral Program Summer Fellowship 2023, California Institute of Integral Studies (Dr. Penny Harvey)
CITI Program on Human Research, Case Western Reserve University CREC Program
Faculty and Staff Hazing Awareness and Prevention, Case Western Reserve University
Graduate Grant Writing Seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Workshops

2024 Summer Institute in Anti-Racist and Decolonizing Research Methods, George Mason University
Queering Masculinities Working Group 2023-2024, Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University (Dr. Braveheart Gillani and Dr. Jeremy Bendik-Keymer)
2021 Institute for Critical Perspectives & Practices on College Masculinities, Coalition on Men and Masculinities, American College Personnel Association
THINK Suicide Prevention Training, University Health and Counseling Service, Case Western Reserve University
Shattering the Ceiling: Using Negotiation as your Superpower, Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, Case Western Reserve University
Graduate Student Webinar on Writing Teaching Statements, Teaching Sociology
Supporting LGBTQ Persons and Pronoun Use, Sociology Department and LGBT Center, Case Western Reserve University (Mailey Lorio and Harley French Rubin)
Getting to the C-Suite: Climbing to Success in Academic Affairs, Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, Case Western Reserve University
UNIV401: Advanced Professional Development for University Teaching, University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education, Case Western Reserve University (Dr. Jennifer Hadingham)
On Becoming an Academic Professional, Sociology Department, Case Western Reserve University (Dr. Cassi Pittman-Claytor)
2023 Professional Development Week, Graduate Council of Arts and Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Methods Trainings

Pre-Coding of Felony Criminal Cases, The Prosecution Project (Michael Loadenthal)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS *Denotes Current

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)*; American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Coalition on Men and Masculinities; American Sociological Association (ASA)*; Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)*; Miami University Masculinities Committee; National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)*; National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)*; North Central Sociological Association (NCSA); Phi Beta Kappa*; Psi Chi*; Society for Psychological Inquiry (SPI)*; Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP); Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Allyship/Mental Health: SafeZone 101 and 201 Training: LGBTQIA* Allyship Training, T. H. I. N. K. Suicide Prevention Training
Data Analysis: SPSS, NVivo, Google Workspace, fsQCA, G*Power, Stata, Dedoose
Data Collection and Design: Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey
Communications: Constant Contact, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook Groups, Website Publication/Management, Mailchimp, WordPress, GoDaddy, Video Production/Editing