

# Will J. Beischel, Ph.D.

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## Research Interests

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Gender/sex and sexual diversity, positive gendered experiences, health and well-being of LGBTQ+ people, conceptualizations of social categories

## Appointments

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**Loyola University Chicago**, Aug 2023 – present  
Assistant Professor (Department of Psychology)

**Université de Sherbrooke**, Sep 2022 – Aug 2023  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Department of Psychoeducation)  
Advisors: Alexa Martin-Storey, Ph.D. & Jean-Pascal Lemelin, Ph.D.

## Education

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**University of Michigan**, Aug 2016 – Aug 2022  
Ph.D. Psychology (Personality and Social Contexts Area)  
*LGBTQ Studies Certificate, Graduate Teacher Certificate*  
Advisor: Sari van Anders, Ph.D.

**Loyola University Chicago**, Aug 2010 - May 2014  
Honors B.S. in Psychology  
*Summa Cum Laude*

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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\*undergraduate mentee

25. Henry, R. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, Chambers, S. D., & van Anders, S. M. (in press). Gender futures: How gender/sex/ual minority people envision pleasurable future gender/sex worlds. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advanced online publication.
24. Deneault, A.-A., Madigan, S., **Beischel, W. J.**, Racine, N., Djordjevic, M., MacIsaac-Jones, M., Le, M., Thiemann, R., Salama, H., Lunney, C., & Neville, R. (2026). Prevalence and correlates of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in LGBTQ+ populations: A narrative review and meta-analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]

23. **Beischel, W. J.**, Martin-Storey, A., Lemelin, J.-P., Boutin, S., Dirks, M., & Paquette, G. (2025). Gender-based victimization and gender norms among adolescent girls: A latent profile analysis. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]
22. **Beischel, W. J.** (2025). 130 Genders and counting: On scientific fact and trans livability. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]
21. Fine, R. D., Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & Gelman, S. A. (2025). Development and validation of the gender/race acknowledgment and disregard scales (G/RADS). *Sex Roles*, 91(57), 1-19. [[link](#)]
20. **Beischel, W.J.**, Lavigne, R.M., Martin-Storey, A., Lemelin, J.P., & Watson, R.J. (2025). Minority stress, resilience, and trouble falling asleep among gender and sexual minority adolescents. *Journal of Adolescence*. 97(6), 1581-1596. [[link](#)]
  - Press coverage: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2025-09-17/sleep-difficult-for-lgbtq-teens-study-says>
19. Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W.J.**, van Anders, S. M. (2025). Reducing cisgender people's prejudice toward gender/sex minorities with sexual configurations theory. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]
18. Martin-Storey, A., **Beischel, W.J.**, Paquette, G., Goyer, M-F., Bergeron, M., & Blais, M. (2025). Linking sexual violence experiences to gender identities, gender expression, and sexual identities: Differences across groups and implications for trauma symptoms. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]
17. Son, E. J., Wilkinson, L. E., Mathi, L. V. K., Harris, E. A., \*Ibrahim, A., **Beischel, W. J.**, Chadwick, S. B., Miller, J., & van Anders, S. M. (2025). Causal attributions of low sexual desire in women partnered with men. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. 54, 157-174. [[link](#)]
16. Martin-Storey, A., Mayne, K., **Beischel, W.**, & Craig, W. (2024). Sleep health among youth outside of the gender binary: Findings from a national Canadian sample. *Sleep Health*. 10(6), 621-627. [[link](#)]
15. \*Freshley, A., **Beischel, W. J.**, Gormezano, A. M., \*Mao, J., Shuchat, D., & van Anders, S. M. (2024). "Gender expectations can be stifling but gender expressions can be liberating": Gender/sex/ual majority individuals' accounts of gender pleasure. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]
14. **Beischel, W. J.**, \*Mao, J., Irwin, J. A., & van Anders, S. M. (2024). Gender pleasure and minoritized gender/sex/ual experiences. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advance online publication. [[link](#)]

13. \*Ibrahim, A., \*Clarke, J., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (2024). Gender/sex markers, bio/logics, and US identity documents. *Feminism & Psychology*, 34(1), 132-150. [\[link\]](#)
12. \*Burns, J., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (2024). Hormone therapy and trans sexuality: A review. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. 11(1), 17-30. [\[link\]](#)
11. van Anders, S. M., Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & Chadwick, S. B. (2023). Feminist and queer science: Principles for research with gender, sex, and sexuality in psychology and beyond. *Psychology of sexual orientation and gender diversity*. 12(2), 181-200. [\[link\]](#)
  - Selected for Editor's Choice which "represents the best science in each area of our discipline, reflecting science that is exceptionally important, impactful, and deserves additional visibility for the whole field."
10. **Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., & van Anders, S. M. (2023). The Gender/Sex 3x3: Measuring and categorizing gender/sex beyond binaries. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 10(3), 355-372. [\[link\]](#)
9. van Anders, S. M., Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, Abed, E. C., Gormezano, A., Dibble, E. (2022). Overempowered? Diversity-focused research with gender/sex and sexual majorities. *Review of General Psychology*, 26(1), 3-21. [\[link\]](#)
8. **Beischel, W. J.**, Gauvin, S. E. M., van Anders, S. M. (2022). "A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 23(3), 274-294. [\[link\]](#)
  - Most highly cited article in its issue (as of 8/25/24)
7. **Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (2021). "This is mind expanding": Participants' reactions to an online survey using sexual configurations theory. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 8(1), 14-24. [\[link\]](#)
6. **Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (2021). Visualizing gender/sex diversity via sexual configurations theory. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 8(1), 1-13. [\[link\]](#)
5. **Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., \*Mao, J., \*Zielinski, A., & van Anders, S. M. (2021). Translating knowledge of sexual configurations theory via instructional videos. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 50, 23-43. [\[link\]](#)
4. Pace, S. A., Christensen, C., Schackmuth, M. K., Wallace, T., McKlveen, J. M., **Beischel, W.**, Morano, R., Scheimann, J. R., Wilson, S. P., Herman, J. P., & Myers, B. (2020). Infralimbic cortical glutamate output is necessary for the neural and behavioral consequences of chronic stress. *Neurobiology of Stress*, 13, 1-19. [\[link\]](#)
3. Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (2019). Individual variation in gender/sex category definitions. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 6(4), 448-460. [\[link\]](#)

2. \*Abed, E. C., Schudson, Z. C., Gunther, O. D., **Beischel, W. J.** & van Anders, S. M. (2019). Sexual and gender diversity among sexual and gender/sex majorities: Insights via sexual configurations theory. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 48, 1423-1441. [\[link\]](#)
1. van Anders, S. M., Schudson, Z. C., Abed, E. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, Dibble, E. R., Gunther, O. D., Kutchko, V. J., & Silver, E. R. (2017). Biological sex, gender, and public policy. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 4(2), 194-201. [\[link\]](#)
  - Top 3 most-read article in its issue (Feb, 2019)

## Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, and Science Communication

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Quoted in HealthDay (2025). Sleep difficult for LGBTQ+ teens, study says. *US News and World Report*. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2025-09-17/sleep-difficult-for-lgbtq-teens-study-says>

Holloway, B. T., **Beischel, W. J.**, Kynn, J. (in press). Comprehensive measurement of gender identity, sex, and gender expression: Transgender and gender diverse inclusion in social science research. In Daniel, C., Ramseyer-Winter, V., Spencer, M., & Walls, N. E. (Eds.), *Decolonizing Quantitative Methods: Anti-Oppressive Approaches to Social Work Research*. Cambridge University Press.

**Beischel, W. J.** & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2021). Psychologists have developed a new way of visualizing gender and sex diversity. *PsyPost*. <https://www.psypost.org/2021/07/psychologists-have-developed-a-new-way-of-visualizing-gender-and-sex-diversity-61474>

van Anders, S. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, & Schudson, Z. C. (2021). Sexual configurations theory, inclusion of trans people. In A. E. Goldberg & G. Beemyn (Eds.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*. SAGE Publications, Inc.

Tidey, L., van Anders, S. M., & **Beischel, W. J.** (February, 2021). *Why Valentine's Day Isn't About Love!* Retrieved February 24, 2021, from <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-love-doctor/id1519672109?i=1000508591704>

**Beischel, W. J.** (September, 2019). From nonbinary lives to nonbinary science. *Psychology's Feminist Voices Standpoints*. <https://feministvoices.com/standpoints/dispatches-from-the-unlikeliest-of-labs-6>

**Beischel, W. J.** (February, 2018). When participants speak back: The growing pains of testing a cherished theory. *Psychology's Feminist Voices Standpoints*. <https://feministvoices.com/standpoints/dispatches-from-the-unlikeliest-of-labs-4>

## Honors and Awards

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American Psychological Foundation (APF) Roy Scrivner Memorial Research Grant, \$9000 (2025), Co-PI (with graduate student Kay Denis) for grant titled “Bridging Identities: Understanding Family Dynamics in Black TGD Individuals”

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Québec Ministry of Higher Education, CAD\$35,000 (2023)

SPECTRUM Award for outstanding scholarship focused on the psychology of LGBTQ+/Queer experiences, Association for Women in Psychology, \$200 (2023)

Nan Donald Award for Interdisciplinary Research in Psychology and Sociology, University of Michigan, \$1500 (2022)

Outstanding Student Paper Award, LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, University of Kansas, \$150 (2022)

Joseph Veroff Psychology Summer Research Award, University of Michigan, \$2000 (2021)

Psychology Student Diversity Teaching Award, University of Michigan, \$1000 (2021)

Psychology Student Diversity Service Award, Honorable Mention, University of Michigan (2020)

Rackham Candidate Research Grant, University of Michigan, \$3000 (2020)

*Feminism & Psychology* Student Presentation Award: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference (2019)

Pat Gurin Distinguished Lecture Award, University of Michigan, \$200 (2019)

Psychology Student Diversity Research Award, Honorable Mention, University of Michigan (2018)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2018)

Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, \$800 (2018)

Rackham Pre-Candidate Research Grant, University of Michigan, \$1500 (2017)

## Conference Talks

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Vassalotti, V., Hoying, K., **Beischel, W. J.**, & DeHart, T. (June, 2026). Constructing queer & drug culture: The side effects of stigma. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, New Orleans, LA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Mao, J., Vassalotti, V., & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2026). Women describe and visualize diverse womanhood via sexual configurations theory. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, New Orleans, LA.

Henry, R. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, Chambers, S. D., & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2026). Gender futures: How gender/sex/ual minority people envision pleasurable future gender/sex worlds. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, New Orleans, LA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Mao, J., Vassalotti, V., & van Anders, S. M. (April, 2026). What is a woman? Transgender, cisgender, and/or nonbinary women describe and visualize womanhood via sexual configurations theory. *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Henry, R. M., & **Beischel, W. J.** (April, 2026). Femme invisibility: Femme lesbian women's perceived identification with LGBTQ+ identity. *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Henry, R. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, Chambers, S. D., & van Anders, S. M. (April, 2026). Gender futures: How gender/sex/ual minority people envision pleasurable future gender/sex worlds. Talk to be presented at the *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Henry, R. M., Schudson, Z. C., & **Beischel, W. J.** (March, 2026). Femmephobia is related to essentialist and social constructionist beliefs about gender/sex and gender-related political ideologies. *Association for Women in Psychology*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W.J.**, Henry, R. M., & Timmins, L. (February, 2026). Gender pleasure in the life timelines of US trans women. Invited talk at the *Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, Chicago, IL.

Henry, R. M., **Beischel, W.J.**, Chambers, S. C., & van Anders, S.M. (September, 2025). Towards pleasurable gender futures: How gender/sex/ual minority people envision future realities of gender and existing barriers. *LGBTQ Research Symposium*, Virtual.

Henry, R. M., Schudson, Z. C., & **Beischel, W. J.** (June, 2025). Femmephobia is related to social constructionist and essentialist beliefs about gender/sex and gender-related political ideologies. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, Portland, OR.

Henry, R. M., Schudson, Z. C., & **Beischel, W. J.** (April, 2025). Femmephobia is related to essentialist and social constructionist beliefs about gender/sex and gender-related political ideologies. *Transdisciplinary Colloquium of Gender and Queer Studies*, Chicago, IL.

Vassalotti, V., DeHart, T., Brooks, B., & **Beischel, W.J.** (April, 2025). Self-compassion & partner-selection: Considering the user experience. *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Henry, R. M., Schudson, Z. C., & **Beischel, W. J.** (April, 2025). Femmephobia is related to social constructionist and essentialist beliefs about gender/sex and gender-related political ideologies. *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W.J.**, Mao, J., Irwin, J., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2024). Gender pleasure and minoritized gender/sex/ual experiences. *International Academy of Sex Research Annual Meeting*, Berlin, Germany.

**Beischel, W.J.**, Martin-Storey, A., Lemelin, J. P., Boutin, S., Dirks, M., & Paquette, G. (April, 2024). Gender-based victimization and gender norms among adolescent girls: A latent profile analysis. *Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W.J.**, Martin-Storey, A., Lemelin, J. P., & Watson, R. J. (March, 2023) Minority stress and sleep quality among gender minority adolescents, *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT.

Underwood, M. K., **Beischel, W. J.**, Gülgöz, S., Kurup, A. R., & Morningstar, M. (March, 2023) Moving beyond the binary: Conceptual and methodological considerations in gender/sex-inclusive developmental science, Roundtable at *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Mao, J., & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2022). “Choosing how people view me is so liberating”: 2SLGBTQ+ people’s accounts of gender pleasure. *LGBTQ Research Symposium*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.** & van Anders, S. M. (March, 2022). Visualizing the diverse ways women understand their gender, sex, and gender/sex. *Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2021). Recommendations for inclusive gender/sex demographic questions using the Gender/Sex 3x3. *Conference of the European Survey Research Association*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Gauvin, S. E. M., & van Anders, S. M. (May, 2021). “A little shiny gender breakthrough”: Community understandings of gender euphoria. *National LGBTQ Health Conference*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Gauvin, S. E. M., & van Anders, S. M. (March, 2021). “A little shiny gender breakthrough”: Community understandings of gender euphoria. *Moving Trans History Forward Conference*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2021). Recommendations for inclusive gender/sex demographic questions using the Gender/Sex 3x3. *Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., Mao, J., Zielinski, A., & van Anders, S. M. (October, 2020). Translating knowledge of sexual configurations theory via instructional videos and diagrams. *Canadian Sex Research Forum*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Gauvin, S. E. M., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2020). “Sheer joy and contentment”: Community understandings of gender euphoria. *Preaching to the Choir: An International LGBTQ Psychology Conference*, Virtual.

Hoskin, R. A., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. (2020, June). “Femme allows me freedom”: Mapping the complexities of femme & femininity. *Sexuality Studies Association*, Congress. London, ON.

**Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2019). Queer challenges to normative gender/sex categories via sexual configurations theory. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA.

- *Feminism & Psychology* Student Presentation Award

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (March, 2019). Capturing diverse sexual identities via sexual configurations theory. *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Baltimore, MD.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2018). "This is mind expanding": Cisgender individuals map gender/sex diversity. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA.

Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2018). Ideological avalanches: When gender/sex majorities protest by participating. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA.

Abed, E. C., Gunther, O. D., Gormezano, A., Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (June, 2018). Interviewing up: Challenges with sexual/gender majorities for sexual diversity research. *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Ventuneac, A., Hess, L., & Parsons, J. (May, 2014). Executive functioning in sexually compulsive gay and bisexual men. *Loyola University Research Symposium*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Ventuneac, A., Hess, L., & Parsons, J. (August, 2013). Executive functioning in sexually compulsive gay and bisexual men. *Leadership Alliance National Symposium*, Stamford, CT.

## Conference Posters

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**Beischel, W.J.**, Mao, J., Vassalotti, V., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2026). What is a woman? Transgender, cisgender, and/or nonbinary women describe and visualize womanhood via sexual configurations theory. *International Academy of Sex Research*, Porto, Portugal.

Henry, R. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, Chambers, S. C., & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2026). Gender futures: How gender/sex/ual minority people envision pleasurable future gender/sex worlds. Gender Preconference, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference*, Chicago, IL.

Nsier, H., **Beischel, W.**, Leon, S., Brooks, B. (February, 2026). Exploring ethnic identity, racialization, and psychological well-being among US-born Arab Americans. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Chicago, Illinois.

Seelman, K. L., Denis, K., **Beischel, W.**, Mynatt, E., & MacIntyre, G. (January, 2026). LGBTQ+ adults engaging in creativity and the arts in a time of crisis: A multimedia project from the Southeastern U.S. *Society for Social Work & Research conference*, Washington, D.C.

Nsier, H., **Beischel, W.J.**, Leon, S., Brooks, B. (August, 2025). Exploring ethnic identity, racialization, and psychological well-being among US-born Arab Americans. *American Psychological Association*, Denver, CO.

**Beischel, W.J.**, Martin-Storey, A., Lemelin, J. P., Boutin, S., Dirks, M., & Paquette, G. (June, 2025). Gender-based victimization and gender norms among adolescent girls: A latent profile analysis. *International Academy of Sex Research*, Portland, ME.

Henry, R. M., Schudson, Z. C., & **Beischel, W.J.** (February, 2025). Femmephobia is related to social constructionist and essentialist beliefs about gender/sex and gender-related political ideologies. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Denver, CO.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Mao, J. & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2022). “Choosing how people view me is so liberating”: 2SLGBTQ+ people’s accounts of gender pleasure. *Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., Hoskin, R. A., & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2021). Recommendations for inclusive gender/sex demographic questions using the Gender/Sex 3x3. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Gauvin, S. E. M., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2020). Community understandings of gender euphoria. *International Academy of Sex Research Annual Meeting*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (July, 2020). Visualizing gender/sex diversity via sexual configurations theory. *Preaching to the Choir: An International LGBTQ Psychology Conference*, Virtual.

**Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2020). Beyond gender dysphoria: Gender/sex minority understandings of gender euphoria. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, New Orleans, LA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (February, 2020). Visualizing gender/sex diversity via sexual configurations theory. *Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*, New Orleans, LA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Schudson, Z. C., & van Anders, S. M. (October, 2018). Diagramming gender/sex diversity: A novel visual method for assessing individual gender/sex via sexual configurations theory. *Gender Development Research Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

Schudson, Z. C., **Beischel, W. J.**, & van Anders, S. M. (October, 2018). Heterogeneity in gender/sex definitions among lay individuals. *Gender Development Research Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Wells, B., Mandel, N., Rymut, I., & Morrison, R. G. (May, 2014). What makes a good learner? Neural evidence for variation in encoding strategy. *Loyola University Research Symposium*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W. J.**, Wells, B., Mandel, N., Rymut, I., & Morrison, R. G. (April, 2014). What makes a good learner? Neural evidence for variation in encoding strategy. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.

- People’s Choice Poster Award

Myers, B., McKlveen, J. M., **Beischel, W. J.**, Scheimann, J., Morano, R., Wilson, S. P., Solomon, M. B., & Herman, J. P. (October, 2014). Reduced glutamate outflow from infralimbic prefrontal cortex inhibits depression-like behavior and prevents the behavioral consequences of chronic stress. *Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC

**Beischel, W. J.,** Mandel, N., Wells, B., Shukman, R., Endris, L., Rymut, I., Bharani, K. L., Hurley, R., & Morrison, R. G. (May, 2013). Metamemory into memory: The neural correlates of adaptive encoding. *Loyola University Research Symposium*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W. J.,** Myers, B., Solomon, M. B., & Herman, J. P. (May, 2013). Glutamate output from the infralimbic prefrontal cortex regulates behavioral responses to chronic stress. *Loyola University Research Symposium*, Chicago, IL.

**Beischel, W. J.,** Myers, B., Solomon, M. B., & Herman, J. P. (August, 2012). Glutamate output from the infralimbic prefrontal cortex regulates behavioral responses to chronic stress. *SURF Capstone Poster Symposium*, Cincinnati, OH.

- Second Place Poster Award

## Teaching

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**Psychology of Gender** (Undergraduate: Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025; Graduate: Spring 2025)

Departments of Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, Loyola University Chicago

**Queer Psychology** (Winter 2020; Winter 2021)

Departments of Psychology and Women's Studies, University of Michigan

## Pedagogical Training

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### Loyola University Chicago Workshops

2023-present

- FCIP workshop: Strategies for Building Community & Student Engagement (Fall 2023)
- Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference on Decolonizing Pedagogy (Fall 2023)

### University of Michigan Graduate Teacher Certificate

Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, UM, Ann Arbor

2016-2021

Workshops/Courses Completed:

- Principles of Anti-Racist Pedagogy (Winter 2020)
- Midterm Student Feedback Session (Winter 2020)
- Assessing Student Participation: What? How? And Why? (Fall 2019)
- Facilitating Group Work to Maximize Learning (Summer 2019)
- Teaching Writing (Winter 2019)
- Disability and Accessible Teaching (Winter 2017)

## Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

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Beischel, W. J. (February, 2025). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2024). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (November, 2024). *Gender pleasure: When gender/sex feels good*. Invited colloquium speaker, Purdue University.

Beischel, W. J. (September, 2024). *Gender pleasure: Positive gender/sex experiences*. Invited colloquium speaker, The Pennsylvania State University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (March, 2024). *Gender pleasure: The positive affective component of gender/sex*. Guest lecturer for Feminist Lecture Series, Loyola University Chicago.

Beischel, W. J. (February, 2024). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2023). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Lavender Lunch, Lake Forest College.

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2023). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (February, 2023). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. & van Anders, S. M. (November, 2022). *The Gender/Sex 3x3: Measuring and Categorizing Gender/Sex Beyond Binaries*. Invited guest talk, Simon Fraser University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2022). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest discussion leader for Trans Initiatives in Health Reading Group, University of Chicago (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2022). *"A little shiny gender breakthrough": Community understandings of gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for Psychology of Gender, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (March, 2022). *Gender/sex measurement and gender euphoria*. Invited guest lecture for the Program for the Study of LGBT Health, Columbia University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (January, 2022). *Sexual orientation and sexual configurations theory*. Invited guest lecture in undergraduate course Contemporary Issues in Human Sexuality, Dalhousie University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (August, 2021). *Doing Science Differently Panel*. Invited speaker for the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology Program, University of Alberta (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (May, 2021). *Inclusive Survey Design*. Invited speaker for the ADVANCE Program, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (March, 2021). *Inclusive Survey Design*. Invited speaker for the School of Information, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (November, 2019). *The commodification of drag*. Guest discussion leader for undergraduate course Shaping the Body Politic, Tufts University (virtual).

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2019). *The science of gender and sexual orientation*. Guest lecture for graduate course Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (February, 2019). *Gender/sex configurations via sexual configurations theory: A novel survey method for assessing diverse gender/sexes*. Pat Gurin Distinguished Lecture Series, Psychology Recruitment Weekend, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J., et al. (December, 2018). *Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor teaching panel*. Panel presentation for graduate course Teaching Academy, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (October, 2018). *Sexual orientation, diversity, and sexual configurations theory*. Guest lecture in undergraduate course Advanced Topics in the Psychology of Human Sexuality, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (September, 2018). *Gender/sex configurations via sexual configurations theory: A novel survey method for assessing diverse gender/sexes*. Personality & Social Contexts Brown Bag Series, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (November, 2017). *Genetics and Personality*. Guest lecture in undergraduate course Introduction to Personality Psychology, University of Michigan.

Beischel, W. J. (May, 2017). *Exploring gender/sex diversity with gender/sex configurations theory*. Invited guest lecture in undergraduate course Research in Gender and Sexuality, University of Michigan.

## **Professional Service**

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**Social Area Research Symposium**, Aug 2024-present  
**Loyola University Chicago**

### **Director**

- Organizing social psychology faculty and graduate students for weekly talks on research and professional issues

### **Editorial Boards**

- *Psychology & Sexuality*, Dec 2023-present
- *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, Dec 2023-present

**Ad Hoc Journal Reviewing**, Oct 2019-present

- *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*
- *Social Science Quarterly*
- *Psychology & Sexuality*
- *Gender & Society*
- *International Journal of Transgender Health*
- *International Journal of Educational Research*
- *Social Science Quarterly*
- *Journal of Personality*
- *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*
- *American Psychologist*
- *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*
- *Journal of Community Psychology*

**Big Buddies Program**, September 2023-present

**Loyola University Chicago**

***Faculty Advisor***

- Providing guidance for the Big Buddies program which connects student communities to communities of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**First-Year Psychology Mentorship Program**, September 2018-June 2020

**University of Michigan**

***Mentor***

- Mentored first-year Psychology Ph.D. students to foster community and provide guidance

**Graduate Student Leadership Council**, August 2019-June 2020

**University of Michigan**

***Student Representative***

- Worked with department leadership to enact just departmental policies

**PsychOUT**, August 2019-June 2020

**University of Michigan**

***Chair***

- Led LGBTQ organization for Psychology graduate students

**Diversity Committee**, August 2018-August 2019

**University of Michigan**

***Graduate Student Member***

- Assisted in planning diversity-related events for the Psychology Department, including Diversity Recruitment Weekend

**Graduate Student Sexuality Consortium**, August 2017-August 2019

**University of Michigan**

***President and Founder***

- Organizing a group of psychology graduate students who research sexuality in order to foster academic community and collaboration

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, March 2017-August 2018**  
**University of Michigan**

***Founding Member***

- Advocating for a paid graduate student position for work in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the psychology department