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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (expected) University at Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology, 2027
Dissertation: Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Romantic Relationships
Committee Members: Ashley Barr (Chair), Mary Nell Trautner (Member), and Kristen Schultz Lee (Member)
QE Areas: Gender (pass with distinction), Family
- M.A. University at Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology, 2023
- B.A. University of Denver, Social Sciences, 2020
Departmental Distinction, Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality; Gender; Family; Health & Well-being; Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Fairbanks, Chandler. 2026. "Bisexual Identity, Stress, and Romantic Relationships." *Family Relations*.

Fairbanks, Chandler and Mary Nell Trautner. 2025. "What's in a Name? Gender & Power in Popular Music, 1960-2019." *Men and Masculinities*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Dennison, Christopher, Kristen Schultz Lee, Ashley Barr, Zhe Zhang, Sophia Olsinski, Laura Sills, and **Chandler Fairbanks**. 2026. "Offspring Education and Cognitive Health: Heterogeneous Effects by Rurality, A Research Note." *Demography*

WORKING PAPERS

Barr, Ashley and **Chandler Fairbanks**. "Interracial Couples, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health." Full draft available.

Barr, Ashley, **Chandler Fairbanks**, and Rachel Zhang. "Marital Horizons and Trajectories of Risk-Taking Behavior Across the Transition to Adulthood." Full draft available.

Fairbanks, Chandler. "Patterns of Family and Romantic Relationships among Bisexual Adults."

Fairbanks, Chandler. “Attitudes toward Sexually Diverse Couples: Evidence from an Experimental Study.”

Fairbanks, Chandler. “The Health and Well-Being of Sexually Diverse Couples during Political Uncertainty.”

Pepin, Joanna and **Chandler Fairbanks.** “Financial Integration Variation Among Same-Gender and Different-Gender Couples.”

Zhang, Rachel, **Chandler Fairbanks,** and Sophia Olsinski. “Community Disadvantage and Substance Use among Rural and Urban Adolescents, 1976-2019.”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2026	Mark Diamond Research Fund (\$4,500)
2021-2026	Presidential Fellowship (\$50,000) University at Buffalo, SUNY
2025	The Baldy Center Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,500) University at Buffalo, SUNY
2023	Nathalie Devine Howe Graduate Student Paper Award for Outstanding Scholarship, 1 st Place, (\$1,200) Department of Sociology and Criminology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2016-2020	Provost Scholarship University of Denver

PRESENTATIONS

Fairbanks, Chandler, Kristen Schultz Lee, Christopher Dennison, Ashley Barr, Rachel Zhang, Laura Sills, and Sophia Olsinski. “Social Foreground Effects, Caregiving Relationships, and Older Adults’ Cognitive Health.” *American Sociological Association*. New York City, NY. 2026.

Fairbanks, Chandler. “Attitudes toward Sexually Diverse Partnerships: Evidence from an Experimental Study. *American Sociological Association*. New York City, NY. 2026. Table Presider.

Fairbanks, Chandler. “Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Romantic Relationships.” *Sociology Graduate Student Research Symposium*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2026.

- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Adult Children’s Educational Attainment and Parental Cognitive Health.” *Celebration of Student Academic Excellence Student Showcase*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2026.
- Barr, Ashley, Chris Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, **Chandler Fairbanks**, Sophia Olsinski, and Laura Sills. “Intergenerational Relationships and Health.” *Prospective Student Visit*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2026.
- Zhang, Rachel, **Chandler Fairbanks**, and Sophia Olsinski. “Community Disadvantage and Substance Use among Rural and Urban Adolescents, 1976-2019.” *American Society of Criminology*. Washington D.C. 2025.
- Barr, Ashley and **Chandler Fairbanks**. “Interracial Couples, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health.” *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL. 2025.
- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Bisexuality, Relationships, and Health.” *Family, Life Course, and Sociology of Health Works-in-Progress Series*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2025.
- Pepin, Joanna and **Chandler Fairbanks**. “Financial Integration Variation Among Same-Gender and Different-Gender Couples.” *Work and Family Researchers Network*. Montreal, Quebec. 2024.
- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Feminism in the News: An Analysis of the Women’s March.” *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, Quebec. 2024. Table Presider.
- Fairbanks, Chandler** and Mary Nell Trautner. “What's in a Name? Gender, Power, & Vulnerability in Popular Music, 1960-2019.” *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, Quebec. 2024.
- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Bisexuals in Intimate Relationships: The Impact of Stress and Microaggressions on Relationship Quality and Commitment.” *2nd Annual MA Symposium*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2023.
- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Bisexuals in Intimate Relationships: The Impact of Stress and Microaggressions on Relationship Quality and Commitment.” *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 2023.
- Pepin, Joanna and **Chandler Fairbanks**. “Financial Integration Variation Among Same-Gender and Different-Gender Couples.” *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 2023.
- Fairbanks, Chandler.** “Bisexuals in Intimate Relationships: The Impact of Stress and Microaggressions on Relationship Quality.” *Family, Life Course, and Sociology of Health Works-in-Progress Series*. University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2023.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Basic Statistics for Social Scientists
Sociology of Families

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Sociology
Social Research Methods
Sociology of Punishment
Criminology
Communities and Crime

SERVICE

Departmental Service

2026 Space Committee

2024 Graduate Student Panel, Prospective Student Visit

2023 Graduate Student Panel, Graduate Student Orientation

2022 Graduate Student Panel, Prospective Student Visit

University Service

2024 Student Conduct and Well-being Accountability Advisor

Disciplinary Service

2026 Council Member, Graduate Student Representative of ASA Sociology of Sexualities Section

2025 Member, ASA Sociology of Sexualities Section Nominations Committee

MENTORING

2026 Undergraduate Student Research Mentor, *Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Romantic Relationships*. University at Buffalo, SUNY

2026 Undergraduate Student Research Mentor, *Intergenerational Relationships and Health Research Team*. University at Buffalo, SUNY

2025-2026 Graduate Student Peer Mentor. *Department of Sociology and Criminology*. University at Buffalo, SUNY

METHODS TRAINING

Methods

- Longitudinal data analysis
- Complex survey data
- Multilevel models
- Dyadic data analysis
- Program evaluation and assessment
- Content analysis
- In-depth interviewing
- Ethnography

Software

- Stata
- R
- HLM
- SPSS
- G*Power

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2025-2026	American Society of Criminology
2022-present	American Sociological Association - Section on Medical Sociology (2026-2027) - Section on Family (2023-present) - Section on Sociology of Sexualities (2023-present) - Section on Sex and Gender (2022-2023)
2022- present	Society for the Study of Social Problems - Section on Gender - Section on Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
2019-present	International Sociology Honor Society (AKD)