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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (expected) State University of New York at Buffalo, Sociology, 2026
Dissertation: Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Family and Romantic Relationships
Committee Members: Ashley Barr (Chair), Mary Nell Trautner (Member), and Kristen Schultz Lee (Member)
QE Areas: Gender (pass with distinction), Family
- MA State University of New York at Buffalo, 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

PUBLICATIONS

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

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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

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 Mixed-Sexuality Couples: Evidence from an Experimental Study."

Fairbanks, Chandler. “The Health and Well-Being of Mixed-Sexuality 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

2025	The Baldy Center Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,500). <i>Invisible Identities, Unequal Protections: Addressing the Challenges of Bisexuality and their Implications for U.S. Policy</i>
2024-2025	Presidential Fellowship, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$10,000)
2023-2024	Presidential Fellowship, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$10,000)
2023	Nathalie Devine Howe Award for Outstanding Scholarship, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$1,200). <i>Bisexuals in Intimate Relationships: The Impact of Stress and Microaggressions on Relationship Quality.</i>
2022-2023	Presidential Fellowship, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$10,000)
2021-2022	Presidential Fellowship, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$10,000)
2016-2020	Provost Scholarship, University of Denver

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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.

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.

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.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Basic Statistics for Social Scientists

Teaching Assistant

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

SERVICE

Departmental Service

2025 Peer Mentor

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

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

2022-present	American Sociological Association Section on Family Section on Sociology of Sexualities Section on Sex and Gender
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)