

Beth Gaines

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (In progress), Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Advisor: S. Crawley, Ph.D.

M.A. (2022), Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Thesis: *Going Flat: Challenging Gender, Stigma, and Cure through Lesbian Breast Cancer Experience*
Advisor: Diane Price-Herndl, Ph.D.
GPA: 4.0

B.A. (2020), Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Concentrations in Women's and Gender Studies and History
GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Medical Sociology (Breast Cancer)
- Health Disparities by Gender, Sexuality, Race and Class
- Body Politics
- Social Theory
- Qualitative Research Methods

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Journal Article

2023 "Giving Gender: Deconstructing Heteronormativity through Breast Cancer Surgical Decisions of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Women."

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review

2023 Gaines, B. (2023). Book review of *Teaching Fear*, by Nicole E. Rider. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Today*, 51 (1): 6-8.

PRESENTATIONS

- 3/2024 WGSS Thinking Sex Conference (University of South Florida, Tampa, FL), "Flat Denial: Giving Gender through the Medicalization of Breast Cancer Reconstruction Surgery."
- 1/2024 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting (Albuquerque, NM), "GIVING GENDER: Deconstructing Heteronormativity through Breast Cancer Surgical Decisions of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Women."
- 4/2023 Guest Lecturer. "Going Flat: Gender, Sex, and Health Decision-Making," Class, HSC 2130: Sex, Health, and Decision Making, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 11/2022 National Women's Studies Association Conference (Minneapolis, MN), "Going Flat: Challenging Gender, Stigma, and Cure through Lesbian Breast Cancer Experience."
- 10/2022 WGS Living Feminisms Conference (University of South Florida, Tampa, FL), "Going Flat: Challenging Gender, Stigma, and Cure through Lesbian Breast Cancer Experience."
- 3/2022 Women's and Gender Studies South Conference (Virtual), "Going Flat: Challenging Gender, Stigma, and Cure through Lesbian Breast Cancer Experience," LGBTQ Caucus.
- 3/2022 Guest Speaker. "The Gender Question." (Virtual. Bow High School, Bow, NH.)
- 4/2021 WGS Graduate Feminist Research Colloquium, "Pink Ribbon Culture: How Cause-Related Marketing Impacts Ideas of Cancer Survivorship."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT USF

- 2024-25 Teacher of Record, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida
Undergraduate Course: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2024)
Teacher of Record, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of South Florida
Undergraduate Course: Sexuality Studies (Fall 2024)
- 2023-24 Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Social Sciences (Spring 2024)
Sociology of Sexualities (Fall 2023)
- 2023 (Spring) Teacher of Record, Dept. of Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Florida
Undergraduate Course (In Person): The Politics of Women's Health (Spring, 2023)
- 2023 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Undergraduate Course (Virtual): Sociology of Sexualities
- 2021-22 Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Undergraduate Courses: Politics of Women's Health (Virtual)(Spring 2022)
Intro to LGBTQ+ Cultures (Virtual) (Fall 2021)
Intro. to Women's Studies (Virtual, In Person)(Spring 2021, Fall 2022)

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 - Present American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2023 - Present Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
- 2022 - Current National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
- 2022 - Current Southeastern Women's Studies Association (SEWSA)
- 2020 - 2022 TRIOTA Women's and Gender Studies Honors Society, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2020 - 2021 National Society of Leadership and Success, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

AWARDS

- 2023 Graduate Student Success Fellowship (3 years funding)
- 2020 Osher Reentry Scholarship (\$4000)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2019 USF Stampede of Service, Tampa, FL
2011 Habitat for Humanity Women's Build, Iowa City, IA

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023 Moderator, "4th Annual Undergraduate Humanities Conference," University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
Panel: *Improving Safety and Health for All Communities*
- 2022 Board Member, Planning Committee for "Living Feminisms" Conference, Dept. of Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2022 Panel Chair, "Living Feminisms" Conference, Dept. of Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2021-22 Graduate Council - Graduate Student Representative, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Policy and Fellowship Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 - Present Business Owner
K9 Hustle, Tampa, FL
- Providing services to 20 clients daily while maintaining accounts receivable monthly.
- 2001 - 2013 Business Owner
Precision Lawn Care, LLC, Iowa City, IA
- Managed 20+ annual employees and maintained fleet of 5 trucks/trailers and 40 large pieces of equipment. Provided services to approximately 500 clients weekly.