

# Sofia Jawed-Wessel, PhD, MPH

Curriculum Vitae

## **A. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2009–2012 **Doctor of Philosophy**  
Major: Health Behavior  
Minor: Mixed Methods Research Design  
Department of Applied Health Science  
School of Public Health  
Indiana University: Bloomington, Indiana  
Dissertation Title: “Understanding sexuality during pregnancy: The development and psychometric analysis of two scales.”
- 2007--2009 **Master of Public Health**  
Major: Social and Behavioral Research  
Department of Applied Health Science  
School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
Indiana University: Bloomington, Indiana  
Thesis Title: “Demographic characteristics and previous toy experiences among a sample of women who attend in-home sex toy parties.”
- 2001—2005 **Bachelor of Science**  
Major: Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2001—2005 **Bachelor of Arts**  
Major: Biology  
Minor: English  
Department of Biology  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

## **B. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Current Positions**

- 2018—Present **Associate Professor**  
School of Health and Kinesiology  
College of Education  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Omaha, NE
- 2015—Present **Courtesy Faculty Appointment**  
College of Public Health  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Omaha, NE

2012—Present      **Joint Appointment Faculty**  
Women and Gender Studies  
College of Arts and Sciences  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Omaha, NE

**Previous Positions**

2012—2018      **Assistant Professor**  
School of Health and Kinesiology  
College of Education  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Omaha, NE

2009--2012      **Associate Instructor**  
Department of Applied Health Science  
School of Public Health, Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN

2009--2016      **Research Assistant**  
Bloomington Area Birth Services  
Bloomington, IN

2009--2012      **Project Coordinator**  
Center for Sexual Health Promotion  
School of Public Health, Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN

2008--2009      **Public Health Intern**  
Bloomington Area Birth Services  
Bloomington, IN

2005--2007      **Clinical Research Assistant**  
Risk and Protective Factors for Sexually Transmitted Infections  
Riley Hospital for Children, Department of Adolescent Medicine  
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

2004--2005      **Laboratory Research Assistant**  
The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

**B. RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

**Current Positions**

2018—Present      **Co-Director**

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Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative  
University of Nebraska  
Omaha, NE

**Previous Positions**

2014—2018

**Associate Director**

Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative  
University of Nebraska  
Omaha, NE

2012—2014

**Assistant Director**

Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative  
University of Nebraska  
Omaha, NE

2009 – 2016

**Research Assistant**

Bloomington Area Birth Services  
Bloomington, IN

2011 – 2012

**Research Coordinator**

Center for Sexual Health Promotion  
Department of Applied Health Science, Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN

2008 -- 2009

**Intern**

Church and Dwight Incorporated  
Research and Development  
Princeton, NJ

2005-2008

**Clinical Research Assistant**

Risk and Protective Factors for Sexually Transmitted Infections, aka “The Young Women’s Project”  
Riley Hospital for Children, Department of Adolescent Medicine  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Indianapolis, IN

2003--2005

**Research Assistant**

“Assessment of female sexual arousal with the labial thermistor: response specificity and construct validity”  
The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2002--2004

**Research Assistant**

“The role of emotion and attention in variations in sexual desire”  
Department of Psychology  
Indiana University, Bloomington IN

**C. PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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## **Refereed Publications**

- Kneip-Pelster, A., Coleman, J., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Irwin, J., Heerten-Rodriguez, L. & Fisher, C. (2022). Sexuality, breast cancer survivorship, and script theory. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. doi.org/10.1007/s13178-021-00672-w
- Gioia, S., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Rosenberger, J. (2021). Associations between sexual orientation disclosure and receipt of pelvic exam among sexual minority cis-women. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 55, S68-S68.
- Usuki, H., Grandgenett, N., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Rosen, A., McGrath, M. (2021). Assessment of injury history, severity, and medical care for athletes participating in jiu-jitsu. *International Journal of Athletic Therapy and Training*, 1-5. doi.org/10.1123/ijatt.2020-0071
- van Anders, S.M, Chivers, M., Brotto, L.A, Herbenick, D., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Galarza, J. (2020). Bringing more voices to the table: community responses to our sexual harassment guest editorial. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 49, 1437-1441. doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01723-w
- Herbenick, D., van Anders, S.M., Brotto, L.A. Chivers, M., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Galarza, J. (2019). Sexual Harassment in the Field of Sexuality Research. *Arch Sex Behav* 48, 997–1006. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-019-1405-x>
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Irwin, J., & Santo, J. (2019). Sexual activity and attitudes as predictors of sexual satisfaction during pregnancy. A multi-level model describing the sexuality of couples in the first 12 weeks. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 48(3):843-854. doi: 10.1007/s10508-018-1317-1
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Sevick, E. (2017). Sexual behaviors during pregnancy and after childbirth *Annual Review of Sex Research*, 54, 4-5: 411-423. DOI: [10.1080/00224499.2016.1274715](https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2016.1274715)
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Herbenick, D., Schick, V. (2017). Body image and self-consciousness during sexual and physical intimacy among first-time mothers. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, 43, 7:618-632. DOI: 10.1080/0092623X.2016.1212444
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Fortenberry, D., Cattelona, G., Reece, M. (2016). Development and validation of the Sex during Pregnancy Scales. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, 42, 8: 681-701. DOI: [10.1080/0092623X.2015.1113587](https://doi.org/10.1080/0092623X.2015.1113587)
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Herbenick, D., Schick, V. (2013). The Sexual Function Questionnaire's Medical Impact Scale (SFQ-MIS): Validation among a sample of first-time mothers. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 10:2715-2722. DOI: [10.1111/jsm.12307](https://doi.org/10.1111/jsm.12307)
- Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Jozkowski, K., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Reece, M. (2012). The sexual consumer: characteristics, expectations, and experiences of women attending in-home sex toy parties. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, 39,2:160-175.

Reece, M., Mark, K.P., Herbenick, D., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Hensel, D., & Dodge, B. (2012). An event-level analysis of adding exogenous lubricant to condoms in a sample of men who have vaginal sex with women. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 9,3: 672-678.

### **Refereed Symposia/Panel Presentations**

Morgan, D., Heerten-Rodriguez, L. **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2023). The gender to prison pipeline: the impact of mass incarceration of Black trans women and girls. Creating Change Conference; Annual Meeting of the LGBTQ Taskforce. San Francisco, CA.

### **Refereed Presentations**

Leistner, C., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2023). Bisexual/pansexual identity and parenting: Perceptions of the impact on sex and romantic relationships. Annual Meeting of Society for Sex Therapy and Research. Tampa, FL.

**Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2018). Connecting science to policy advocacy. SSSS Research Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

**Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2018). Social justice in research methods: designing, analyzing, and reporting data with a justice lens. SSSS Research Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

**Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Santo, J., Irwin, J. (2017). Sexual activity and attitudes as predictors of sexual satisfaction during pregnancy. A multi-level model describing the sexuality of couples in the first 12 weeks. Poster Presentation at the annual meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Charleston, SC. **Best Senior Poster Winner.**

Snyder, K\*, Dinkel, D.M., & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2017). A Needs Assessment of Midwestern Mothers to Better Understand Maternal Mental and Physical Health. Poster session submitted to the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.

Dinkel, D., Snyder, K\*, & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2017). Pregnant and Postpartum Women's Awareness of Existing Community Support Programs. Poster session submitted to the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.

Kough, K\*, Irwin, J., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2016). Perceptions of Menstruation, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Phoenix, AZ.

Sevick, E\*, **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2016). The development and evaluation of the breastfeeding and sexuality impact scale. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Phoenix, AZ.

**Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Hille, J., Sanders, S. (2016). Orgasm goals, experience, and satisfaction for women partnered with women. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Phoenix, AZ.

- Sevick, E\*, **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (November 2015). Black Women's Perceptions of How Breastfeeding Might Impact Their Sex Lives. Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Albuquerque, NM.
- McCarthy\*, Sikora, Kessler, **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (November 2015) Prevalence and determinants of contraceptive use among a nationally representative sample of women aged 18-24 in the US
- Coleman, J., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Gaddist, B., White, J., (November 2015) Capacity building for faith-based organizations in HIV prevention, Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Rosenberger, J., Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Reece, M. (2014). Sex and Pregnancy: A descriptive analysis of partnered and solo sexual behaviors among two samples of women. Annual Meeting for the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Irwin, J. (2014). A longitudinal examination of sex toy use among pregnant couples through the first year postpartum. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha, NE.
- Sevick, E\*., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Baumberger, K\*. (2014). Women's sexual well-being during the first year after childbirth. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Omaha, NE.
- Fisher, C., Crockett, L., Pelster, A\*., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Coleman, J., Irwin, J., Pour, A. (2014). Adult sexual literacy in the Midwest: A population-based study, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha, NE.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Rosenberger, J., Herbenick, D., Reece, M., (2013). Sexual practices of pregnant women who have sex with women. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. San Diego, CA.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Sanders, S. (2013). Women's experiences, goals and importance of orgasm during partnered sexual acts. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. San Diego, CA.
- Fisher, C., Zaner, D., Pour, A., Coleman, J., Irwin, J., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2013). The role of trust in community-based participatory sex research. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. San Diego, CA.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Fortenberry, D., Reece, M. (2013). Validation of the modified Medical Impact Scale as the Maternal and Partner Pregnancy Impact Expectations Scales. Annual meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research. Chicago, IL.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Francis, H., Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Fortenberry, D. (2012). Development and validation of the Sex during Pregnancy Scales. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Tampa, FL.

- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Herbenick, D., Schick, V. (2012). Perceived sexual changes after childbirth among a sample of first-time mothers. Eastern and Mid-continent meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Bloomington, IN.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2012). Sexual changes during and after pregnancy: a community informed project. Annual meeting of the Indiana Public Health Association. Indianapolis, IN.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Herbenick, D. (2011). Utility of the Medical Impact Scale among a sample of primiparous women. Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Houston, TX.
- Mark, K.P. & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2011). Impact of individual sexual desire and couple desire discrepancy on sexual and relationship satisfaction in a sample of couples. Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Herbenick, D. (2011). Body dissatisfaction and self-consciousness during physical intimacy among first-time mothers. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Washington DC.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Mark, K., Sanders, S. (2011). A path model of women's subjective orgasm expectations and goals related to satisfaction. Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Washington DC.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Schick, V., Herbenick, D., Reece, M. (2010). Sexual product use among a sample of women attending in-home sex toy parties. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality annual meeting. Las Vegas, NV.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Herbenick, D., Satinsky, S., Schick, V., Reece, M. (2010). The sexually "active" consumer: demographic characteristics, adult retail experience, and purchasing trends. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality annual meeting. Las Vegas, NV.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2009). Characteristics and experiences of a sample of women who attend in-home sex toy parties. Annual Women in Science Research Conference. Bloomington, IN
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Ingraham, N., Metzger, N. (2008). Exploring the adult retail industry as an avenue for sexual health education. Indiana Public Health Association annual meeting. West Lafayette, IN
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Ingraham, N., Metzger, N. (2008). Exploring the adult retail industry as an avenue for sexual health education. Annual Women in Science Research Conference. Bloomington, IN.

### **Invited Presentations, Plenaries and Keynote Addresses**

- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Reproductive Justice for LGBTQ+ People. Hastings College in partnership with PFLAG. September 26, 2022.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Keynote for Sex Education Night. Women and Gender Equity Center. University of Nebraska at Omaha. September 27, 2022.

- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Ashlei Spivey. Public Policy Power Hour: Reproductive Rights. Women's Fund of Omaha. December 10, 2021.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Emcee and Keynote: Rally for Reproductive Rights. Omaha Women's March in partnership with I Be Black Girl, Women's Fund of Omaha, Planned Parenthood North Central States and League of Women Voters. Omaha, NE. October 2, 2021.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Dismantling traditional teen pregnancy prevention initiatives: moving from a risks to a rights-based approach. Opening Plenary at the Annual Meeting of AASECT, Philadelphia, PN. June 2019:
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Sex: what are we so afraid of? Curious People Speaker Series, UNO, Omaha, NE. March 2019:
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Keynote: Cowgirl up! Women's Center for Advancement Annual Gala. October 19, 2018.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Social justice in research methods: designing, analyzing, and reporting data with a justice lens. SSSS Research Symposium. Philadelphia, PA. July 28, 2018.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Connecting science to policy advocacy. SSSS Research Symposium. Philadelphia, PA. July 29, 2018.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Schulze, Lisa. Dismantling traditional teen pregnancy prevention initiatives. Women's Fund of Omaha Adolescent Health Project Grantee Training. Omaha, NE. June 2018.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Keynote: Messages matter: transforming prevention from shame to justice. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership annual meeting. St. Louis, MO. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Redefining sexy: why the juxtaposition of sexual pleasure and motherhood is a public health issue. Texas A&M University, School of Public Health. April 5, 2018
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Birthing justice: How labor and delivery teams can resist birth oppression. Texas A&M University, School of Nursing. April 6, 2018
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Reclaiming sexual pleasure. Woven. Joslyn Art Museum. Omaha, NE. October 28, 2017.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Translating your story into advocacy. Corn This Way Annual Youth Conference, Omaha, NE. May 20, 2017.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Reproductive Justice in Politics. Democratic National Committee "Unity Tour". Omaha, NE. April, 2017
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** The Dehumanization of Reproduction. Nebraska Science Fest, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE. May 8, 2017



- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Jones, P., Anderson, A., & Aleman, A. Coloring Safe Space. Safe Space UNO, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, UNO. Omaha, NE. March 17, 2017
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Pregnancy, Parenting, and Gender Equity. Bloomington Sex Salon, Bloomington, IN. January 2017
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Women's Sexual Pleasure: What Are We So Afraid of? TedxOmaha. Omaha, NE. October 8, 2016.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Navigating adolescent sexuality without shame. UNMC. Omaha, NE. February 2016
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** What's love got to do with it? Omaha Girls Rock, July 2016.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Coleman, J. Sex Science Cafe, Science Cafe, Lincoln, NE. October 27, 2015.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Irwin J. Sex Science Cafe: Trans Science, Science Cafe, Omaha, NE. June 9, 2015
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** Panel: She's Beautiful When She's Angry, Film Streams. Omaha, NE. May 7, 2015
- Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Irwin, J., Coleman, J., Fisher, C. Panel: Sex Science Cafe, UNMC Science Cafe, Omaha, NE. April 1, 2015

### **Media Interviews/Features**

Date	Source
May 2023	New York Magazine Intelligencer: 'I want the bloody hands recorded' In print and online <a href="https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/machaela-cavanaugh-nebraska-trans-bill.html?utm_campaign=nym&amp;utm_medium=s1&amp;utm_source=tw">https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/machaela-cavanaugh-nebraska-trans-bill.html?utm_campaign=nym&amp;utm_medium=s1&amp;utm_source=tw</a>
June 2022	Popular Science (Magazine) Guide to Preventing, Spotting, and Managing STIs <a href="https://www.popsci.com/diy/sti-std-prevention-methods/">https://www.popsci.com/diy/sti-std-prevention-methods/</a>
May 2022	Flatwater Free Press (Newspaper) Abortion in NE Post-Roe <a href="https://flatwaterfreepress.org/long-miles-big-dollars-what-abortion-for-nebraskans-looks-like-post-roe-v-wade/">https://flatwaterfreepress.org/long-miles-big-dollars-what-abortion-for-nebraskans-looks-like-post-roe-v-wade/</a>
May 2022	WOWT Abortion rights advocates gather in downtown Omaha <a href="https://www.wowt.com/2022/05/04/abortion-rights-advocates-gather-downtown-omaha-after-leaked-scotus-draft/">https://www.wowt.com/2022/05/04/abortion-rights-advocates-gather-downtown-omaha-after-leaked-scotus-draft/</a>
June 2019	The Advocate (Magazine) The Sex Positive Sex Researcher Shaking up Nebraska.

<https://www.advocate.com/exclusives/2019/6/10/out-sex-positive-researcher-shaking-nebraska>

- May 2019 The Advocate (Magazine)  
The Advocate's Champions of Pride.  
<https://www.advocate.com/pride/2019/5/28/meet-our-104-champions-pride-2019?fbclid=IwAR0NCCt8-e7m3ppvy94vDDXGgH6cfCMioZP9z38G6lh8SBlmbGNW32Owxuw#media-gallery-media-55>
- September 2017 Omaha World Herald (Newspaper)  
Mentioned as a subject of Watie White's "100 People" Project  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate\\_us\\_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate_us_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780)
- Summer 2017 Today's Omaha Woman (Magazine)  
Interviewed for expertise in Title X related policy  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate\\_us\\_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate_us_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780)
- May 2017 Community Engagement Spotlight, UNO  
Interviewed about Public Health Career  
<https://www.unomaha.edu/news/2017/05/community-engagement-spotlight-sofia-jawed-wessel.php>
- April 2017 Huffington Post (Blog)  
Interviewed for expertise in reproductive rights politics  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate\\_us\\_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/elizabeth-warren-democrats-abortion-debate_us_58ff722ee4b0c46f07828780)
- April 2017 Common Dreams (Blog)  
Interviewed for expertise in reproductive rights politics  
<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2017/04/25/why-was-heath-mello-thrown-under-bus>
- April 2017 The Nation (Magazine)  
Interviewed for expertise in reproductive rights politics  
<https://www.thenation.com/article/why-was-heath-mello-thrown-under-the-bus/>
- April 2017 The Atlantic (Magazine)  
Interviewed for expertise in reproductive rights politics  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/04/pro-life-democrats-abortion-sanders-perez-party/524394/>
- March 2017 The Unicameral Update (Legislative News Source)  
Testimony quoted  
<http://update.legislature.ne.gov/?p=21125>

- February 2017 Today's Omaha Woman (Magazine)  
Interviewed for Public Health expertise in local legislative bill  
<http://www.todaysomahawoman.com/news/dollars-and-sense/>
- January 2017 Omaha World Herald (Newspaper)  
Interviewed for expertise in gender based sexual harassment.  
[http://www.omaha.com/columnists/hansen/hansen-telling-a-woman-to-smile-may-seem-like-an/article\\_06daf2f9-7cc3-53b9-b9ba-f5534a5d6223.html](http://www.omaha.com/columnists/hansen/hansen-telling-a-woman-to-smile-may-seem-like-an/article_06daf2f9-7cc3-53b9-b9ba-f5534a5d6223.html)
- January 2017 Omaha World Herald (Newspaper)  
Featured for TEDxOmaha Talk promoted by TED.com  
[http://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/sex/uno-professor-s-lecture-on-women-s-sexuality-promoted-on/article\\_2f864c74-2577-5b9c-929d-7760b9acd6e4.html](http://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/sex/uno-professor-s-lecture-on-women-s-sexuality-promoted-on/article_2f864c74-2577-5b9c-929d-7760b9acd6e4.html)
- January 2016 Today's Omaha Woman (Magazine)  
Interviewed on my role in comprehensive sex education advocacy  
<http://www.todaysomahawoman.com/news/winter-2016/the-more-you-know/>
- November 3, 2015 Omaha World Herald (Newspaper)  
Invited Essay on Comprehensive Sex Education  
[http://www.livewellnebraska.com/sex/omaha-sex-researcher-parent-says-ops-needs-updated-sex-ed/article\\_be8ed0a4-81b1-11e5-b70c-f7c00d4da335.html?mode=jqm](http://www.livewellnebraska.com/sex/omaha-sex-researcher-parent-says-ops-needs-updated-sex-ed/article_be8ed0a4-81b1-11e5-b70c-f7c00d4da335.html?mode=jqm)
- August 25, 2015 Mic.com (Internet)  
Interviewed for expertise on male anatomy and sexuality  
<http://mic.com/articles/124380/this-lelo-sex-toy-hugo-bruno-is-teaching-men-that-anal-play-is-a-ok#.ogolpBaHj>
- August 17, 2015 Teen Vogue (Magazine)  
Interviewed for expert advice to young women on masturbation  
<http://www.teenvogue.com/story/masturbation-advice-for-young-women>
- August 16, 2015 Elle (Magazine)  
Interviewed on expert advice on how to select a vibrator  
<http://www.elle.com/beauty/news/g15887/the-best-vibrators-for-every-situation/>
- June 24, 2015 Mic.com (Internet)  
Interviewed on expertise on male anatomy  
<http://mic.com/articles/121274/we-asked-men-what-they-wish-women-knew-about-penises-here-are-their-honest-answers#.gRMWZSEMO>
- June 15, 2015 Mic.com (Internet)  
Interviewed on myths related to male sexuality  
<http://mic.com/articles/120698/12-surprising-facts-that-can-change-how-we-think-about-male-sexuality#.f8nCwMAle>

February 10, 2015 The Reader (Magazine)  
Interviewed on expertise in sexuality  
[http://www.thereader.com/story/sexperts\\_dr\\_sofia\\_jawed\\_wessel](http://www.thereader.com/story/sexperts_dr_sofia_jawed_wessel)

January 2015 Conditionally Accepted (Internet Blog)  
On becoming a sex researcher  
<https://conditionallyaccepted.com/2015/01/20/sex-researcher>

January 15, 2015 Omaha World Herald (Newspaper)  
Expert interview on sexual harassment in bars and night clubs  
[http://www.omaha.com/go/dundee-cork-bottle-incident-sparks-discussion-on-sexual-harassment-at/article\\_63162ac4-4628-5a65-87e3-9b94bfc08e3e.html](http://www.omaha.com/go/dundee-cork-bottle-incident-sparks-discussion-on-sexual-harassment-at/article_63162ac4-4628-5a65-87e3-9b94bfc08e3e.html)

January 2, 2015 Cosmopolitan (Magazine)  
Interviewed on my career path. <http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/news/a35014/how-i-became-a-sex-researcher/>

#### D. TEACHING

##### Courses Instructed Independently

Course	Sections Taught	Average Enrollment
HPER-H 8030: <b>Graduate Research Methods</b> School of HPER University of Nebraska at Omaha	2	30
HED-3080: <b>Sexual Development</b> School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	15+	40
HED-4400: <b>Health Literacy</b> School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	1	7
HED-8950: <b>Graduate Public Health Leadership and Advocacy</b> In-person and asynchronous online School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	5	10
HED-8600: <b>Graduate Health Behavior Theory</b> In-person and asynchronous online School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	10+	15
HPER-F 255: <b>Human Sexuality</b> Department of Applied Health Science	4	66

Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.

HPER-H 263: **Personal Health**  
Department of Applied Health Science  
Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.

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**Teaching Assistant**

HPER H263: Personal Health  
Spring 2008

HPER F347: Human Development III: Early to Late Adulthood  
Fall 2007

**E. AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Awards and Recognitions**

2023	Faculty Marshall Spring Commencement
2023	UNO Finalist for President's Faculty Excellence Award (IDEA)
2022	Society for Family Planning Changemaker Fellowship
2022	Faculty Excellence in Community Engagement Award, UNO
2019	The Advocate, 104 Champions of Pride
2017	Ten Outstanding Young Omahans Honoree, Omaha Jaycees
2017	Artist Watie White's "100 People" subject displayed in Blackstone Omaha, NE
2017	IASR Best Senior Research Poster; \$1000 award
2017	Women's Center for Advancement Tribute to Women Honoree
2017	The Chancellor's Commission on Women's Outstanding Achievement Award, UNO
2017	TED.com promotion of TEDxOmaha talk
2016	Ten Outstanding Young Omahans Top 15 Finalist, Omaha Jaycees
2015	Mary Lamana award for Excellence in Women and Gender Studies
2011	School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Research Fellowship
2011	Updyke President's Challenge Fellowship
2009	Donald J. Ludwig Scholarship
2009	Women in Science Outstanding Research Award: Second Place
2008	Donald J. Ludwig Scholarship
2007-2009	Graduate Assistantship

**Research and Community Service Grants and Contractual Research Agreements**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Changemaker Fellowship in Family Planning</b>
Funding Agency:	Society for Family Planning
Amount:	\$70,000 (2022)
Status:	<b>Funded</b>
Role:	PI

<b>Project:</b>	<b>LGBTQ Leadership and Community Capacity Building</b>
Funding Agency:	Weitz Family Foundation
Amount:	\$135,000 (2019-2021)
Status:	<b>Funded</b>

Role: PI

**Project: LGBTQ Leadership and Community Capacity Building**  
Funding Agency: Weitz Family Foundation  
Amount: \$28,460 (2020)  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: PI

**Project: Adolescent Health Project**  
Funding Agency: Women's Fund of Omaha  
Amount: \$806,449 (2018-2022)  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Co-PI

**Project: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative Evaluation Program**  
Funding Agency: US Office of Adolescent Health/Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
Amount: \$466,050 subcontract of \$3 million (2015-2020)  
PI: Sofia Jawed-Wessel  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: PI

**Project: Integrated Plan for HIV 2017-202**  
Funding Agency: NE DHHS  
Amount: \$28,428 (2016)  
PI: Coleman, J  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Co-investigator

**Project: Assessment of the Mental Health Needs of AA in DC**  
Funding Agency: UNMC, State  
Amount: \$13,500 (2016)  
PI: Coleman, J.  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Co-Investigator

**Project: Comprehensive Community Sexual Health Assessment**  
Funding Agency: Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
Amount: \$4,000 (2015-2016)  
PI: Jawed-Wessel, S.  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: PI

**Project: Faith Based HIV/AIDS Prevention Project**  
Funding Agency: South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council  
Amount: \$750 (2014)

PI: Jason Coleman  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Statistical Consultant

**Project: Understanding Movement Variability among Patients on Antiretroviral Treatment for HIV**

Funding Agency: Nebraska Biomechanics Research Building  
Amount: \$45,571 (2014-2015)  
PI: Jason Coleman  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Co-investigator

**Project: Postpartum Sexual Health Follow-up**

Funding Agency: University of Nebraska at Omaha UCRCA  
Amount: \$5,000 (2013)  
PI: Sofia Jawed-Wessel  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: PI

**Project: Nebraska Sexual Health Summit**

Funding Agency: University of Nebraska at Lincoln—College of Arts and Sciences Seed Grant Program  
Amount: \$5,375 (2012)  
PI: Christopher M. Fisher and Lisa J. Crockett  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: Collaborator

**Project: Exploring changes in women’s sexuality during the postpartum period, 2010**

Funding Agency: Indiana University Grant-in-Aid  
PI: Sofia Jawed-Wessel  
Status: **Funded**  
Role: PI

**G. SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Service to the University**

**Committee Chair**

2022—2023 Faculty in H&K Search Committee  
2019 - 2020 School of H&K RPT  
2015 - 2016 University Committee on Research and Creative Activity  
2014 - 2015 Faculty in H&K Search Committee

**Committee Membership**

2021 --Present Faculty Senate  
2022 - Present School of H&K RPT  
2020 – Present Student Affairs

2020 – 2022	COEHHS RPT
2015 – 2022	Graduate Programs Committee
2015 – 2017	Student Affairs Committee
2014 – 2016	BS in Public Health Accreditation Committee
2013 - 2015	University Committee on Research and Creative Activity
2013 - 2014	Faculty in Athletic Training Search Committee
2013 - 2016	Women’s and Gender Studies Department
2012 - 2015	Part Time and Joint Appointment Awards Committee

**Service to the Profession**

**Manuscript Reviewer**

2015—Present	Journal of Sex Research
2015—Present	Archives of Sexual Behavior, Editorial Board (2022 - Present)
2012—Present	Health Education Journal
2012—Present	International Journal of Sexual Health
2011-- Present	California Journal of Health Promotion

**Abstract Reviewer**

2009--Present	Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
2008--Present	American Public Health Association

**Scientific Session Moderator**

2010 - 2012	Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
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**Service to the Community**

**Expert Testimonies**

March 23, 2022	Judiciary Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 933, Abortion ban
March 2019	Judiciary Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 209, Abortion “reversal”
March 20, 2019	Judiciary Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 503, Telehealth for Abortion
Mar 15, 2017	Health and Human Services Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 120, Access to Reproductive Health Services
Mar 2, 2016	Judiciary Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 767, Late term abortion method ban
Feb 8, 2016	Health and Human Services Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 782, Access to Reproductive Health Services
Feb 1, 2016	Business and Labor Committee, NE Unicameral: LB 850: Paid Family Leave
Sep 10, 2015	Education Committee, NE Unicameral: LR 334, Comprehensive Sex Education
April 2, 2015	NE State Board of Education, Comprehensive Sex Education
April 2015-Dec 2016	Omaha Public School Board, Comprehensive Sex Education

**Event Organizer/Coordinator**

2017	SisterSong: Professional Training in Reproductive Justice (3 day event)
2017	Corn This Way: NE LGBTQ Youth Summit
2016	Omaha Policy Summit
2015	Nebraska Sexual Health Summit
2013	Annual Meeting for the Society of the Scientific Study of Sexuality
2008--2012	Postpartum Depression Task Force Community Panel

**Consultant**



2017	Safe Space Nebraska
2017	Omaha Arts and Entertainment Awards Host (First woman to host)
2016, 2017	BFF Femme Fest
2015 – 2016	Widener University
2015 - 2016	Bombshelter Radio Host
2013 – 2021	Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
2009-2016	Bloomington Area Birth Services

**Volunteer**

2011, 2012	Spencer Gay Pride Festival Center for Sexual Health Promotion
2010	Sexploration Week Indiana University
2008-2012	Postpartum Depression Taskforce Bloomington, IN Hospital
2007-2009	Positive Link HIV/AIDS Clinic Community Condom Distribution Bloomington, IN Hospital

**Blog Contributor**

2015	Conditionally Accepted
2009-2015	Bloomington Area Birth Services

**Professional Affiliations and Service**

2021 – Present	Editorial Board, Archives of Sexual Behavior
2019--2021	Board President, Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
2018—2021	Board Member, Planned Parenthood North Central States Advocates of Nebraska
2018--2019	Board Treasurer, Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
2017--2021	Board of Directors, Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
2012--Present	International Academy of Sex Research
2018--2020	Board of Directors, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
2010--2022	Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
2015--2018	Finance Committee, SSSS
2013--2016	Sponsorships and Exhibits Committee Chair, SSSS
2012--2013	Sponsorships and Exhibits Committee, SSSS
2007-- Present	American Public Health Association

**F. CONTINUING PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

2022	UNO Digital Learning Course Development Coaching
2021	UNO Digital Learning Course Refresh for PHHB 8600

- 2019 UNO Digital Learning Course Review for PHHB 8600
- 2018 UNO Digital Learning Online Course Development Coaching
- 2017 **SisterSong: Professional Training in Reproductive Justice**  
SisterSong  
Community Engagement Center, UNO
- 2016 **Trio Model of Evaluations**  
Women's and Gender Studies  
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2015 **TABS (Teaching Assistance By Students)**  
Center for Faculty Development  
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2014 **Helping Introverts Thrive in an Active Learning Classroom**  
Center for Faculty Development  
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2014 **Sexual Attitude Reassessment Workshop**  
Kathleen L. Baldwin, MSW, CSE, CLC  
Wayne Pawlowski, MSW, LICSW, CSE  
Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- 2011 **Associate Instructor Teaching Workshop**  
Dr. Catherine Sherwood, Department of Applied Health Science  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2010 **Improving Learning in Lectures Through In-class and Out-of-class Activities**  
Dr. Katie Kearns and Lisa Kurz, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2010 **Teaching for Engagement: Facilitating Active Learning in your Classroom**  
Dr. Maria Schmidt, Department of Applied Health Science  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2010 **Uncovering the Hidden Consideration of Race in Classroom Pedagogical Practices**  
Dr. Marissa Murray, Department of Applied Health Science  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2009 **Motivating Students**  
Dr. Leah Savion, Department of Philosophy  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN