

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

- 2024—Present **Professor**
School of Health and Kinesiology
College of Education
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, NE
- 2018—2024 **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

- 2023—Present **Director**
SoLi Lab for Sexuality and Gender Science
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2018—2023 **Director**
Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Previous Positions

- 2014—2018 **Associate Director**
Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2012—2014 **Assistant Director**
Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 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

Refereed Publications

(student co-authors underlined)

Ashrafinia, F., **Jawed-Wessel, S.**, Haji-Maghsoudi, S., Heydari, O., Baghini, F. S. (2025). Investigation of the validity and reliability of the Maternal Sex During Pregnancy Scale in Muslim Women. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*.

Leistner, C. E., Vigil, K. E., Heiartz-Martin, E., & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2025). Plurisexual parents and their partners: Differences between same-gender partnerships and different-gender partnerships. Special issue of *Women & Therapy*, “*Intersectional Feminism, Parenthood, and Mental Health*”.

Leistner, C.E., Lippmann, M., Myers, T., Amato, A., **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2025). Branched preferred and current relationship configurations: associations with sexual satisfaction, resilience, parent self-efficacy, and positive identity among plurisexual parents. *Sexuality & Culture*.

Leistner, C. E., & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2024). LGBTQ+ parenting and sexual well-being: A systematic and critical review. *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 1–26. <https://doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2024.2444610>.

Jawed-Wessel, S., Santo, J., Heerten-Rodriguez, L. (2024). Maternal and Partner Pregnancy Impact Expectations Scales (PIES-M/P): Development, Evaluation, and Implications. *Sex Res Soc Policy*. doi.org/10.1007/s13178-024-00993-6.

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

Ferrer, C., Leistner, C.E., Jawed-Wessel, S. (2024). First exposure of pornography: experiences and perceptions of college women. Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). San Diego. November 2024.

Jawed-Wessel, S., van Anders, S., Heerten-Rodriguez, L., Ludwick, K., (2024). Maternal Objectification: An Argument for Deconstructing the Majoritarian Maternal Image. International Academy of Sex Research (IASR) Annual Meeting. Berlin, Germany. July 2024.

- Heerten-Rodriguez, L. & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2024). Sexuality, Sizeism, and the Five Faces of Oppression: A Qualitative Study of Fat People's Experiences. International Academy of Sex Research (IASR) Annual Meeting. Berlin, Germany. July 2024.
- Fuller, C., Leistner, C. E., & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2023). Reasons Plurisexual Parents Come Out To Their Children: Associations With Positive Identity And Parent Self-Efficacy. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). New Orleans, LA. November 2023
- Lippmann, M., Leistner, C. E., & **Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2023). Effects of Relationship Structures on Sexuality- and Identity-Related Outcomes in Plurisexual Parents. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). New Orleans, LA. November 2023.
- 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, M., 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., Heerten-Rodriguez, L. (2024). Science of Sexual Satisfaction. Kiewitt Luminarium. Omaha, NE. February 29, 2024.

- van Anders SM, Herbenick D, Brotto LA, Chivers ML, **Jawed-Wessel S**, & Galarza J. (2023). Sexology, Sex Research, & Sexual Harassment. Invited Talk at the Collège International Francophone de Sexologie. Brussels, Belgium; remote. November 18, 2023.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2022). Reproductive Justice for LGBTQ+ People. Hastings College in partnership with PFLAG. September 26, 2022.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** (2022). Keynote for Sex Education Night. Women and Gender Equity Center. University of Nebraska at Omaha. September 27, 2022.
- Jawed-Wessel, S.** & Ashlei Spivey. (2021). 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 20th, 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
Nov 2024	The Nation Nebraska’s role in presidential election https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/nebraska-independents-abortion-second-cd/
May 2023	New York Magazine Intelligencer: ‘I want the bloody hands recorded’ In print and online https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/machaela-cavanaugh-nebraska-trans-bill.html?utm_campaign=nym&utm_medium=s1&utm_source=tw
June 2022	Popular Science (Magazine) Guide to Preventing, Spotting, and Managing STIs

<https://www.popsci.com/diy/sti-std-prevention-methods/>

- June 2022 Associated Press
Abortion Policies Post Roe
<https://apnews.com/article/abortion-health-new-haven-government-and-politics-114f3c304943b68f18a006340d28029f>
- May 2022 Flatwater Free Press (Newspaper)
Abortion in NE Post-Roe
<https://flatwaterfreepress.org/long-miles-big-dollars-what-abortion-for-nebraskans-looks-like-post-roe-v-wade/>
- May 2022 WOWT
Abortion rights advocates gather in downtown Omaha
<https://www.wowt.com/2022/05/04/abortion-rights-advocates-gather-downtown-omaha-after-leaked-scotus-draft/>
- 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 New York Times (Newspaper; in print and online)
Sex During Pregnancy
<https://www.nytimes.com/article/sex-during-pregnancy.html>
- 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-e7m3ppvy94vDDXGgH6cfCMioZP9z38G6lh8SBImbGNW32Owxuw#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
- 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
- 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
- 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/archive/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
- 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
- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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: Graduate Research Methods School of HPER	2	30

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University of Nebraska at Omaha		
HED-3080: Sexual Development School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	15+	40
HED-4400: Health Literacy School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	1	7
HED-8950: Graduate Public Health Leadership and Advocacy In-person and asynchronous online School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	5	10
HED-8600: Graduate Health Behavior Theory In-person and asynchronous online School of Health and Kinesiology University of Nebraska at Omaha	10+	15
HPER-F 255: Human Sexuality Department of Applied Health Science Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.	4	66
HPER-H 263: Personal Health Department of Applied Health Science Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.	2	74

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

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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

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

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

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