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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Human Sexuality Studies

Widener University, Chester, PA

Dissertation defended in February 2026 with degree conferral in May 2026

Dissertation: Constructing the Digital Self: Fat Gay Men's Experiences on Location-Based Real-Time Dating Apps in Appalachia

Master of Arts in Sociology

American Public University, Charlestown, WV

Anticipated August 2027

Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA — August 2021

Capstone Presentation: "Behind the Glass: Fantasy, Fetishization, and Anonymity Through Use of Gay Dating Apps"

Master of Education in Human Sexuality Studies

Widener University, Chester, PA — December 2018

Final Curriculum Project: That's A Choice: A Sexual Assault Curriculum for Colleges and Universities

Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV — May 2013

Capstone Project: Creating a Campus Climate with Accessibility: Understanding Students with Disabilities

Bachelor of Science in Sociology (Minor: Psychology)

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV — December 2010

Research Methods Project: Material Reality: Impressing Society

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teaching Interests

- Technology and Sexuality
- Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies
- Masculinity Studies
- Intersectionality and Social Justice Pedagogy
- Sexual Health and Wellness
- Digital Cultures and Intimacy
- Bodies, Embodiment, and Stigma
- Fat Studies and Sizeism
- Queer Theory and Lived Experience
- Health Inequities and Marginalized Populations
- Identity Development Across the Life Course
- Media, Representation, and Sexual Politics
- Critical Approaches to Online Communities
- Ethics, Consent, and Power in Sexual Relationships

Research Interests

- Disinhibition and Dating Apps
- Queer Sexualities and Body Image
- Fat Studies and Toxic Masculinity
- Queer Life and Digital Intimacy
- Digital Self-Presentation and Identity Construction
- Anti-Fat Bias in Queer Communities
- Rural and Regional Queer Experiences
- Sexual Script Theory in Online Contexts
- Embodiment, Visibility, and Surveillance Online
- Intersectional Experiences of Queer Men
- Technology-Mediated Intimacy and Belonging
- Pleasure, Risk, and Negotiation in Digital Sexual Cultures

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH Adjunct Instructor, General Education/First Year Experience Course: WMST 2601: Introduction to Women's Studies (Online)	August 2026-Present
Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH Adjunct Instructor, General Education/First Year Experience Courses: ADJ 355: Social Justice (Online) IDLS 100: Perspectives in Liberal Arts (Online) IDLS 400: Wellness (Online)	July 2020-Present
Temple University — Philadelphia, PA Adjunct Instructor, College of Liberal Arts: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Courses: GSWS/LGBT 0851: Gender in America (Online) GSWS/LGBT 2815: Love, Marriage, & Family (Online) GSWS/LGBT 3456: Sexuality & Gender (In-Person)	August 2016-Present August 2019-Present
Adjunct Assistant Professor / Adjunct Instructor College of Education and Human Development: Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies Course: EDAD 0855: Why Care About College: Higher Education in American Life (Online & In-Person)	August 2016-Present
Adjunct Instructor, Undergraduate Studies Course: UNVS 1002: First Year Seminar II (In-Person)	January 2017-December 2019
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social and Applied Behavioral Sciences/ Adjunct Instructor, First Year Experience Courses: FYEX 102: Friday Night at the Movies (In-Person) SOC1 203: General Sociology (Online) SOC1 301: Social Science Writing (Online) SOC1 303: The Family (Online) SOC1 399A: Cultural Construction of Race (Online) SOC1 403: Race and Ethnic Relations (Online)	January 2021-May 2025 August 2012-December 2012
Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA Adjunct Instructor, College of Humanities & Sciences: American Diversity and Gender Studies Courses: ADIV 206: Gender and Diversity in the US (Online & In-Person) PHIL 499: Philosophies of the Good Life (Online & In-Person)	August 2020-July 2022

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Director of Administration

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | June 2024–Present

Assistant Director of Housing Operations

Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ | November 2022–June 2024

Senior Academic and Student Services Specialist

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | February 2020–September 2021

Academic Advisor – Academic English

INTO George Mason University, Fairfax, VA | June 2019–February 2020

Graduate Administrative Coordinator – Computer and Information Sciences

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | January 2019–June 2019

Academic Advisor – Continuing Studies

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | November 2016–January 2019

Area Coordinator

Cabrini University, Radnor, PA | December 2015–November 2016

Residence Director

Marshall University, Huntington, WV | March 2015–December 2015

Coordinator, LGBT Office – Intercultural Affairs

Marshall University, Huntington, WV | May 2014–December 2015

Student Resource Specialist

Marshall University, Huntington, WV | February 2014–March 2015

Coordinator of Housing and Student Life

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), Philadelphia, PA | August 2013–February 2014

INTERNSHIPS & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Assistant, College of Health & Human Services

Widener University, Chester, PA | January 2022–July 2022

College Education and Outreach Intern

National Coalition for Sexual Freedom | December 2017–May 2018

Coordinator, WV State Leadership Conference (Graduate Practicum)

Shepherd University & West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission | January 2012–May 2012

Graduate Hall Director

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV | July 2011–May 2013

Graduate Intern (Graduate Practicum)

American College Personnel Association (ACPA) | January 2011–May 2011

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bryant, C. C., DeWitt, A. L., & Stevens, R. *Campus Closure and LGBTQ+ Student Experiences of Support: Belonging, Health, and Institutional Responses During COVID-19*. Manuscript under review at Journal of Queer and Trans Studies in Education.

Bryant, C. C., *Masculinity Studies: A Graphic Guide to Contemporary Masculinities*. Book project in development. Currently seeking publisher and illustration funding.

PUBLICATIONS

Bryant, C. C. (2026). *Constructing the Digital Self: Fat Gay Men's Experiences on Location-Based Real-Time Dating Apps in Appalachia*. (Publication No. 32444702) [Doctoral dissertation, Widener University]. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.

Bryant, C. (2019, April). A brief history of sexuality: Understanding the complexity of sexuality theories and their necessity. The Boston pride guide, 2019, pp.14-15

Bryant, C. (2017, February). Temporarily disabled: Living my life at waist level. MACUHO Magazine, winter 2017, pp.13-14.

GRANTS

LGBT Initiatives Grant, Diversity and Equity Grant

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission | August 2015
Implemented at Marshall University | Award: \$8,480

LGBT Initiatives Grant, Diversity and Equity Grant

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission | August 2014
Implemented at Marshall University | Award: \$9,880

Diversity and Equity Grant

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission | August 2011
Implemented at Shepherd University | Award: \$5,480

CONFERENCES

Bryant, C. (2019, April). Behind the Glass: Fantasy, Fetishization, and Anonymity Through Use of Gay Dating Apps. Gender and Women's Studies Student Research Conference, Villanova University, Wayne, PA.

Bryant, C. (2018, July). Gender Not Found: A Non-Binary Approach for Advisors. NACADA International Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Bryant, C. (2018, May). In the Crux. Temple University Academic Advisor Day (TUAAD), Philadelphia. PA.

Bryant, C. (2018, March). Gender Not Found: A Non-Binary Approach for Advisors. NACADA Region II Annual Conference, Dover, DE

Bryant, C. (2017, May). Wear what makes you comfortable: Understanding gender non-binary identities. Temple University Academic Advisor Day (TUAAD), Philadelphia. PA.

Bryant, C. (2015, November). Understanding first generation Appalachian college students: What do they need to be successful? WVASPA 2015 Annual Conference, Parkersburg, WV.

Bryant, C. (2013, May). Stop the hate: Confronting hate on campus. Shepherd University Leadership Lounge, Shepherdstown, WV.

- Beard, S., Bryant, C., Cole, D., Millam, B., Sampson, T., & Skinner, S. (2012, April). Cyberbullying: Why kids can't ignore its devastating effects. Shepherd University Bullying Workshop, Shepherdstown, WV.
- Bryant, C. (2011, November). Train the trainer: The Trevor project. MACUHO Annual Conference, Reading, PA.
- Bryant, C., & Ballard, B (2010, November). Being an Ally: A Journey to Self-Discovery. MACUHO, Student/Staff Live-in Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.
- Bryant, C., & Ballard, B (2010, September). Being an Ally: A Journey to Self-Discovery. Shepherd University Student Leadership Conference, Shepherdstown, WV.
- Bryant, C., & Miller, B. (2009, September). In the Closet: Addressing the Dangers of Remaining Hidden. Shepherd University Student Leadership Conference, Shepherdstown, WV.
- Bryant, C., & Liston, N. (2011, November). Your mom didn't go to college? Understanding first generation Appalachian college students. MACUHO Annual Conference, Reading, PA.
- Bryant, C., & Small, K. (2013, November). Utilizing your mentor. VIP Session— MACUHO Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Bryant, C., & Tipton, C. (2011, September). In the Closet: Addressing the Dangers of Remaining Hidden. Shepherd University Student Leadership Conference, Shepherdstown, WV

INVITED TALKS

- Bryant, C. (2020, October). Implicit Bias and Respecting Difference. Multiple Sides of the Human Story Workshop, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV.
- Bryant, C. (2020, September). More than Whips and Chains: Understanding Consent in BDSM/Kink Relationships. McDaniel College, West Minster, MD.
- Bryant, C. (2020, March). Porn v. Reality: The Facts and Myths of Sex. McDaniel College, West Minster, MD.
- Bryant, C. (2019, October). Delineating Difference: Exploring Sub-Communities of LGBTQ+ Populations. McDaniel College, West Minster, MD.
- Bryant, C. (2018, March). Understanding Consent and IVP in BDSM/Kink. Bard College at Simon's Rock. Barrington, MA.
- Bryant, C. (2018, March). Understanding Consent and IVP in BDSM/Kink. McDaniel College SA Staff. Westminster, MD.
- Bryant, C. (2018, March). Understanding Consent and IVP in BDSM/Kink. University of Miami Spectrum Student Group Miami, FL.

UNIVERSITY TRAININGS

- Bryant, C. (2018, May). The Constellation of Privilege and Oppression. Temple University Peer Mentor Training, Philadelphia. PA.
- Bryant, C. (2017, May). The Constellation of Privilege and Oppression. Temple University Peer Mentor Training, Philadelphia. PA.
- Bryant, C. (2016, August). Archie Bunker's neighborhood. Presented at Resident Assistant Training, Cabrini University, Radnor, PA.

Stevens, R. A., Jr., & Bryant, C. (2012, August). Archie Bunker's neighborhood. Presented at Resident Assistant Training, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV.

HONORS & AWARDS

Caught in the Act of Core Values, Cabrini University	January 2016
New Professional Case Study Competition Winner, MACUHO	November 2012
Volunteer Incentive Program (V.I.P.), MACUHO	October 2010
Oliver S. Ikenberry Award Recipient, Shepherd University	April 2010
Multicultural Leadership Team Scholarship Recipient, Shepherd University	August 2009-May 2010
Program of the Year, Residence Life, Shepherd University	April 2009
Thelma Florence Shaw Scholarship Recipient, Shepherd University	May 2007; May 2008

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

President's Council on Diversity, Rider University	August 2023-June 2024
University College Inclusion Diversity Equity Action (IDEA) Committee, Temple University	June 2020-September 2021
Ombudsperson, TUCC, Temple University	March 2020-September 2021
Diversity and Equity Committee—AAG, Temple University	August 2017-January 2019
Graduate School Week, Temple University	June 2017-January 2019
Academic Advisors Day Committee, Temple University	December 2016-January 2019
Academic Advisors Group (AAG), Temple University	December 2016-January 2019
Discover Your Options Fair—Co Chair, Temple University	July 2017-October 2017
Student Life Programming Committee, Cabrini University	May 2016-December 2016
Bystander Intervention Committee, Marshall University	August 2015-December 2015
Unity Walk Planning Committee, Marshall University 2015	September 2015-November
Family Weekend Planning Committee, Marshall University	April 2014-September 2014
Resident Director Search Committee, Marshall University	May 2014-July 2014

OFFICES & POSITIONS HELD

Treasurer, Chi Sigma Alpha	May 2012-May 2013
Graduate Advisor Allies (Gay-Straight Alliance), Shepherd University	January 2011- May 2013
Hall Security Manager, Shepherd University	August 2010-Dec. 2010
Fundraising Chair, Alpha Phi Omega—Community Service Fraternity, Shepherd University	May 2010-December 2010
Vice President, Alpha Kappa Delta—Honorary Sociology Fraternity, Shepherd University	May 2009-May 2010
Advocate for Diversity—Executive Board of SGA, Shepherd University	May 2009-May 2010
President, Allies (Gay-Straight Alliance), Shepherd University	May 2009-May 2010
Student Worker, Residence Life, Shepherd University	August 2008-December 2010
Secretary, Student Life Council, Shepherd University	May 2009-May 2010
Resident Assistant, Shepherd University	January 2008-May 2010

Hall Security, Shepherd University	August 2007-May 2010
Summer Conference Assistant/Resident Assistant, Shepherd University	May 2008-August 2008
SGA Representative— Allies (Gay-Straight Alliance), Shepherd University	August 2008-May 2009

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)	August 2016-Present
American College Personnel Association (ACPA)	January 2011-Present
Coalition on Men and Masculinities	September 2019-Present
Coalition on Sexuality and Gender Identities	March 2018-Present
Commission for Graduate Students and New Professionals	March 2012-March 2015
The Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)	November 2020-Present
Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals	November 2020-Present
Mid-Atlantic Conference of University Housing Officers (MACHUO)	October 2010-November 2016
West Virginia Association of Student and Academic Affairs Professionals (WVASPA)	February 2014-December 2015
Conference Curriculum and Program, Chair	August 2014-December 2015
Academic and Student Services Representative	August 2014-December 2015
Gamma Eta Rho	April 2018
Iota, Iota, Iota	March 2018
Phi Kappa Phi	May 2012
Chia Sigma Alpha	November 2011
Alpha Phi Omega	May 2010
Alpha Kappa Delta	November 2009

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

CITI Program, Social and Behavioral Research	Issued: Jul 2025 Expires Jul 2028
Digital Accessibility in Instruction, Temple University	February 2026
College of Liberal Arts Online Teaching Program, Temple University	August 2022
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate	May 2021
University of South Florida: Muma College of Business	
ADJ 101: Online Faculty Training and Assessment	July 2020
Southern New Hampshire University	
Teaching Online Short Course: Center for the Advancement of Teaching	April 2020
Temple University	
Intersectionality for Human Service Professionals,	August 2017
The Center for Sexual Pleasure & Health	
International Educator's Academy, Temple University	April 2017