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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: United States of America, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and Germany

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## EDUCATION

2027 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Literary Studies  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2022 **Master of Arts** in Native American Studies  
 Montana State University-Bozeman  
 Thesis: Settler Salvaging and the Fallacy of Identity Arbiters in the United States

2021 **Master of Social Work**, Trauma Specialization  
 Widener University

2021 **Master of Education** in Human Sexuality Studies with Sex Therapy Specialization  
 Widener University

2018 **Master of Arts** in Gender/Cultural Studies  
 Simmons College  
 Capstone: The Medicalized Gatekeeping of Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Bodies:  
 A Qualitative Study

2014 **Bachelor of Arts** in Psychology and Gender Studies  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Five College Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies Certification

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Queer) Indigenous Studies      Settler Colonialism Studies      Gender and Queer Theory  
 Transgender Studies      Human Sexuality Studies      Controversies in Psychology

## PUBLICATIONS

Galupo, M. Paz, Lex Pulice-Farrow, and Emerson Parker Pehl. ““There is Nothing to Do About It”:  
 Nonbinary Individuals’ Experience of Gender Dysphoria.” *Transgender Health* (2020).

Pehl, Emerson Parker. "(Trans)Gender Fluidity." *Body Studies Journal* no. 2 (2020): 1-8.

Pehl, Emerson Parker. "Hierarchies of 'Treatment': The Influences of Comorbid Psychiatric Diagnoses on Individuals with Gender Dysphoria." *Gender Forum* no. 68 (2018): 25-40.

## **REVIEWS**

Pehl, Emerson Parker. Review of jaye simpson, *it was never going to be okay* (Nightwood Editions, 2020), *Transmotion* vol. 7, no. 2 (2021): 202-206.

## **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

Pehl, Emerson Parker. "Two-Spirit Expropriation as a Logic of Elimination." *Transmotion* (2022).

## **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

2022-2023 HRI Interseminars Graduate Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

January 2021 Phi Alpha Honor Society, Widener University Chapter

February 2020 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Montana State University Chapter

May 2019 Gamma Eta Rho National Honor Society of Human Sexuality Studies

March 2019 Iota, Iota, Iota (Triota) National Honor Society of Women's and Gender Studies

July 2016 Program Director's Scholarship, Simmons College

May 2012 Ellen Pulford Reese Fund, Mount Holyoke College

May 2011 Merrill Prize in Freshman English, Mount Holyoke College

## **SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

2021 "Two Spirit Expropriation: The Decontextualization of Indigenous Sexuality, Spirituality, and Sovereignty to Validate Settler/Colonialist Gender Non-Conformity," "Sovereign Erotic" - 42<sup>nd</sup> American Indian Workshop. Engomi, Cyprus. July.

2020 "Settler Salvaging and the Fallacy of Identity Arbiters in the United States," Midwest Popular Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN. October.

2020 "Two Spirit Expropriation: The Decontextualization of Indigenous Sexuality, Spirituality, and Sovereignty to Validate Settler/Colonialist Gender Non-Conformity," "Queer Beyond the State(s)": The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Queer Studies Symposium. College Park, MD. March.\*

2020 "Two Spirit Expropriation: The Decontextualization of Indigenous Sexuality, Spirituality, and Sovereignty to Validate Settler/Colonialist Gender Non-Conformity," 21<sup>st</sup> Annual American Indian Studies Conference. Tempe, AZ. February.\*

- 2019 “Trans Fantastical Embodiment: Legitimizing Genital and Sexual Fantasies as Real,” 2019 NWSA Annual Conference: Protest, Justice, and Transnational Organizing. San Francisco, CA. November.
- 2019 “Decolonizing Polyamory: A Critical Indigenous Critique of Non-Monogamous Settler Colonialist Relationships,” NAISA 2019 Annual Meeting, The University of Waikato, Aotearoa, New Zealand. June.
- 2018 “Problematizing Sexual Orientation: Beyond the Cisnormative Conflations of Sex and Gender,” 2018 NWSA Annual Conference: JUST IMAGINE. IMAGINING JUSTICE: Feminist Visions of Freedom, Dream Making, and the Radical Politics of Futures. Atlanta, GA. November.
- 2018 “(Trans)Gender Fluidity,” Interdisciplinary Trans Studies Graduate Student Conference 2018, York University, Toronto, ON. June.
- 2018 “The Racial Implications of Cuckolding,” Race, Sex, and Power Conference 2018, Chicago, IL. April.
- 2017 “More Than Just Complicit: The Horrors of White Womanhood in *Get Out*,” The 2017 *Film & History* Conference on Representing “Home”: The Real and Imagined Spaces of Belonging, Milwaukee, WI. November.
- 2017 “Hierarchies of ‘Treatment’: The Influences of Comorbid Psychiatric Diagnoses on Individuals with Gender Dysphoria”; “The Medicalized Gate-Keeping of Trans Bodies: A Qualitative Study,” The 2017 Dean Hopper Conference #QueerAF (Re)Presenting Gender and Sexuality in History and Cultural Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ. May.
- 2017 “Did a White Person Write This?: A Critical Analysis of Problematic Incorporations of #BlackLivesMatter in American Popular Culture,” 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Comparative World Literature Conference, California State University, Long Beach CA. April.
- 2017 “What Happens When Nothing Goes According to Plan?” Eastern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA. February.

### **SELECTED EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 Educational Consultant, “Homophobia is Not Native to these Shores: An Indigenist Education Training on LGBTQIA2s(+) Identities and Experiences,” Missoula Urban Indian Health Center, Missoula, MT. March.
- 2019 Invited Guest Panelist, Towson University, Towson, MD. May.
- 2019 Invited Guest Panelist, Towson University, Towson, MD. April.
- 2017 Invited Guest Lecturer, “Trans Advocacy at BLA”, Boston Latin Academy, Dorchester, MA. March.
- 2013 Panelist on the Trans Panel, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA. February.

2012 Invited Guest Lecturer, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. October.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

- Fall 2020 Addressing Low Sexual Satisfaction in Native People Who Have Experienced Child Sexual Abuse as Both Victims and Perpetrators
- Fall 2019 Settler Salvaging
- Fall 2019 “Why Do White People Get to be Cherokees and Black People Don’t?”: The Influence of Blood, Race, and Sovereignty on the Contestation of Black Cherokee Freedmen’s Citizenship to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- Summer 2018 Decolonizing Polyamory: A Queer Indigenous Critique of Non-Normative Settler Colonialist Relationships
- Spring 2018 The Racial Implications of Cuckolding
- Fall 2017 Problematizing Sexual Orientation: Beyond the Cisnormative Conflations of Sex and Gender
- Spring 2017 The Medicalization of Trans Bodies: A Qualitative Study

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Graduate Instructor of Record**

- Spring 2022 Writing and Research for Global Crossroads LLC (RHET 105, 1 section)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana IL
- Fall 2021 Writing and Research (RHET 105, 1 section)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana IL

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistantships**

- Spring 2018 Social Movements (SOC 225, 1 section)  
Simmons College, Boston MA

#### **Teaching Honors and Awards**

- Fall 2021 CITL’s List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent at the University of Illinois

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- January 2019 – July 2019 Graduate Research Assistant of Human Sexuality Studies  
Widener University, Chester PA
- May 2012- May 2013 Psychology Research Assistant  
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley MA

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

January 2021 – August 2021	Clinical Sexology Social Work Intern at Harlem United
March 2020 – August 2020	Youth Counselor at the Dennis Radtke Home for Boys at Youth Homes
January 2020- August 2020	Clinical Social Work Intern at All Nations Health Center, formerly Missoula Urban Indian Health Center (MUIHC)
December 2017- July 2018	Social Worker I at Massachusetts’s Department of Children and Families
May 2016- July 2018	Milieu Counselor at Boston Children’s Hospital’s ICBAT Unit
November 2015 – May 2016	Therapeutic Support Staff at NHS Human Services
April 2015 – August 2015	Senior Teacher Counselor at Youth Villages Germaine Lawrence
July 2014 – April 2015	Teacher Counselor at Youth Villages Germaine Lawrence

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

October 2018 – Present	American Studies Association (ASA)
August 2018 – Present	Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)
November 2017 – Present	National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
June 2017- Present	American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)
2017 – Present	National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
2017-2018	Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

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## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

#### Anthropology

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Evidence

#### American Indian Studies

Indigenous Literature and Decolonial Love

#### English

Modern Theory and Criticism

Professional Seminar: Teaching College Writing

### **Widener University**

#### Human Sexuality Studies

Practicum in Clinical Sexology I & II

Sensitive Issues in Clinical Sexology

Sex Therapy III: Advanced Clinical Sexology Practice

Sex Therapy II: Sexual Dysfunctions and Treatment

Sex Therapy I: Couples and Relationship Therapy

Education Methods for Clinical Sexologists

Sexuality and Chronic Illnesses and Disabilities

Biological Foundations of Human Sexuality

Cross Cultural Perspectives of Human Sexuality

Non-Monogamies

History and Ethics of Human Sexuality Studies

Behavioral Foundations in Human Sexuality

Concepts of Human Sexuality

#### Social Work

Field Placement Education I, II, III, & IV

Trauma Specialization Seminar I & II

Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan

Clinical Social Work with Families

Clinical Social Work Practice with Individuals

Advanced Generalist Practice Seminar

Treating Trauma

Social Work Practice I & II

Organizations and Programs

Human Behavior and the Social Environment I & II

Social and Economic Justice I & II

Methods of Social Work Research

Interpersonal Processes

### **Montana State University-Bozeman**

#### Native American Studies

Native Art, Agency, and Activism

Contemporary Issues in AIS

Native America: Dispelling the Myths

Federal Law and Indian Policy

Research Praxis in NASX

### **Simmons College**

#### Gender and Cultural Studies

Seminar in Gender/Cultural Studies

Cultural Theory

Disability Studies

#### Sociology

Antiracism and Justice Work

Qualitative Research Workshop

#### Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Gender and Queer Theory