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## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD</b> | Kansas State University, Applied Human Sciences<br>Specialization: Couple and Family Therapy<br>Dissertation: "Exploring Nonbinary People's Mechanisms for Navigating Gender Norms"<br>Committee: Dr. Amber Vennum (chair), Dr. Melinda Markham, Dr. Christi McGeorge, Dr. Chelsea Spencer | May 2021  |
| <b>MS</b>  | Valdosta State University, Marriage and Family Therapy<br>Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Lambert-Shute<br>Master's Project: "Queer Christian Women's Navigation of Church Communities"  | July 2017 |
| <b>BS</b>  | Truett McConnell University, Psychology<br>Graduated Summa Cum Laude   | May 2015  |

## LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

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| <b>Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner</b><br>State of Nebraska (#3257)         | 2023 to Present |
| <b>Certified Marriage and Family Therapist</b><br>State of Nebraska (#229)                  | 2023 to Present |
| <b>Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist</b><br>State of Kansas (#03208)          | 2023 to Present |
| <b>AAMFT Approved Supervisor</b>  | 2021 to Present |
| <b>Polyvagal Informed Embodied Equity Certificate</b>                                       | 2023 to Present |
| <b>Internal Family Systems Level 1 Training</b>   | 2023 to Present |
| <b>EMDRIA Approved: Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Basic Training</b> | 2021 to Present |
| <b>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist</b><br>State of Kansas (#3047)                    | 2019 to 2023    |

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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| <b>Assistant Professor</b><br>Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies<br>Faculty Affiliate, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln | 2021 to Present |
| <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b><br>Department of Applied Family Sciences<br>Kansas State University   | 2019 to 2021    |
| <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b><br>School of Education<br>North Dakota State University   | 2017 to 2018    |

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

CYAF 458/858: Family Stress and Crisis, Coping and Recovery  
CYAF 870: Systemic Treatment of Diverse Couples and Families  
CYAF 956: Couples and Sex Therapy  
CYAF 997: Practicum in Family Therapy

### Kansas State University

HDFS 300: Sexual Violence  
HDFS 301: Helping Relationships  
HDFS 303: Developing Intimate Relationships  
HDFS 350: Family Relationships and Gender Roles  
CFT 872: Family Therapy (co-instructor; professor of record: Dr. Amber Vennum)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Refereed Journal Articles*

\* Co-authors were students when the bulk of the paper was written

McGeorge, C. R. & Coburn, K. O. (in press, published online). Mainline Christian pastors' perspectives on therapists refusing to work with transgender and nonbinary clients. *Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal*.

Edwards, K. M., Diamond-Welch, B., Hayes, L., Catlett, J., Herrington, R., Farquhar-Leicester, A., Coburn, K., Green-Maxomi, C., Matson, A., Schrader, L., Hespe, P., Spitz, C., Hunt, K., & Ryan, C. (in press, published online). "We've always been here": A multi-method, multi-informant study documenting challenges and strengths of Lakota LGBTQ2S+ youth. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000717>

- Coburn, K. O.**, Vennun, A., McGeorge, C. M., Markham, M. S., & Spencer, C. M. (2024). "It's like a happy little affirmation circle": A grounded theory study of nonbinary peoples' internal processes for navigating binary gender norms. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 25(4), 751-769. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2023.2268052>
- Bearss, B.\*, Martin, A., Dorsey Vinton, S., Chaidez, V., Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., Mollard, E., Edison-Soe, L., Chan, N., Estrada Gonzalez, E., Carter, M.\*, **Coburn, K.**, Xia, Y., & Tippens, J. A. (2024). "Too many jobs and not enough hands": Immigrant and refugee community health workers at the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic. *Qualitative Health Research*, 34(1–2), 86–100. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323231204741>.
- McGeorge, C. R. & **Coburn, K. O.** (2024). "Extremely toxic and evil" Reflections on gender identity change efforts by Christian religious leaders: Implications for therapy with transgender and nonbinary clients. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*, 50(2), 368-389. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12699>
- McGeorge, C. R., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Walsdorf, A.A. (2023). Ending sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts: Steps professional mental health associations can take. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 35(1), 85–105. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952833.2022.2144895>
- McGeorge, C.R., **Coburn, K.O.**, Walsdorf, A.A., & Nguyen, H.N. (2022). "We Need to State it Overtly": MFT's rationales for labeling SOCE and GICE as unethical in the code of ethics. *Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal*, 44, 436–451. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10591-022-09649-2>
- Coburn, K. O.** & McGeorge, C. R. (2022). Perspectives of mainline Protestant Christian pastors on the consequences of familial acceptance and rejection of LGB members: Understanding the role of religion for family therapists. *Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal*, 44, 360–372. <https://doi-org.libproxy.unl.edu/10.1007/s10591-022-09652-7>
- McGeorge, C. R., & **Coburn, K. O.** (2022). Approaches mainline Protestant pastors use to work with LGB people and their families: Implications for family therapists. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 34(3-4), 343-369. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952833.2022.2142410>
- Coburn, K.O.**, Spencer, C.M., & Kelly, L.C. (2022). Comparing binary transgender and nonbinary people: Factors associated with psychological well-being among a predominantly People of Color sample. *Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal*, 44(3), 222-233. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10591-022-09634-9>

- Stith, S., Topham, G., Spencer, C., Jones, B., **Coburn, K. O.**, Kelly, L. & Langston, Z. (2022). Using systemic interventions to reduce intimate partner violence or child maltreatment: A systematic review of publications between 2010 and 2019. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*, 48(1), 231-250. <https://doi-org.libproxy.unl.edu/10.1111/jmft.12566>
- Heiden-Rootes, K. M., **Coburn, K. O.**, Sandage, S. J. & Hall, E. L. (2021). Minority stress & mental health for sexual minority adults from religious families: The role of religious coping. *International Journal of Systemic Therapy*, 32(4), 291-313. doi:10.1080/2692398X.2021.1984125
- McGeorge, C. R., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Walsdorf, A. A. (2021). Deconstructing cissexism: The journey of becoming an affirmative family therapist for transgender and nonbinary clients. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*, 47(3), 785-802. doi: 10.1111/jmft.12481
- McGeorge, C. R., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Walsdorf, A. A. (2021). Christian mainline protestant pastors' beliefs about the practice of conversion therapy: Reflections for family therapists. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*, 47(3), 698-712. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12447>
- Coburn, K.O.**, & McGeorge, C.R. (2019). Christian pastors' perspectives and insights on the practice of family therapists referring LGB clients: Exploring the role of religion. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 47(5), 328-343. doi: 10.1080/01926187.2019.1673260
- Coburn, K.O.**, Bishop, E.K., Lambert-Shute, J., Nguyen, H.N., McCoy, T.L., & McGeorge, C.R. (2019). The Christian closet: A phenomenological study of queer Christian women's navigation of church communities. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 31(4), 165-194. doi: 10.1080/08952833.2019.1640569.
- Baptist, J. & **Coburn, K.O.** (2019). Harassment in public spaces: The intrusion on personal space. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 31(2-3), 114-128, doi: 10.1080/08952833.2019.1634178
- Coburn, K. O.**, & McGeorge, C. R. (2019). What do Christian clergy say?: Advice from Christian Pastors to Family Therapists about Working with LGB Clients. *Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal*, 41(3), 236-246. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10591-019-09490-0>
- McGeorge, C. R., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Walsdorf, A. A. (2018). Factors predicting the inclusion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual affirmative content taught in couple and family therapy courses. *The American Journal of Family Therapy* 46(3), 306-317. doi:10.1080/01926187.2018.1526656

### ***Journal Articles Under Review***

**Coburn, K. O.** & McGeorge, C. M. (revise and resubmit). What family therapists can learn from mainline Christian religious leaders about working with transgender and nonbinary clients from religious backgrounds.

Wolter, L. C., **Coburn, K. O.**, Ryan, C., Herrington, R., Trujillo, P., Barba, A., Hopfauf, S., Hitz, C., Jackson, W., & Edwards, K.M. (under review). Community theater testing to apply the family acceptance project's culture-based family support model with Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Promise\*, **Coburn, K. O.**, Parra, G., & Dalla, R. (under review). Examining the willingness to utilize telehealth among women who own a smartphone and live in urban areas of Nigeria.

McGeorge, C. M. & **Coburn, K. O.** (under review). Developing an affirming and celebratory view of diverse gender identities: Perspectives from mainline protestant Christian religious leaders.

**Coburn, K. O.**, Vennum, A., McGeorge, C. M., Markham, M. S., Spencer, C. M., & Ackah, G.\* (under review). Nonbinary peoples' processes for navigating binary gender norms in relationships, workplaces, and communities.

**Coburn, K. O.**, Vidrine, R.\*, Ezeaku, J.\* & Vennum, A. (under review). What nonbinary people want family therapists to know: Implications for clinical practice with nonbinary people and their relationships.

### ***Journal Articles In-Preparation***

**Coburn, K. O.**, McGeorge, C. R., Ackah, G.\*, & Ezeaku, J.\* (in-preparation). Findings from a pilot test of a nervous system informed intervention to increase embodied affirmation of nonbinary people amongst Christian religious leaders.

**Coburn, K. O.**, Soumit, M.\*, & McGeorge, C.M. (in-preparation). Using internal family systems therapy to treat mental health symptoms resulting from societal, religious, and family trauma: A review of the literature.

### ***Refereed Book Chapters***

**Coburn, K. O.**, Kelly, L. C., Benson, K.E., & Springer, P. (in press). The gender-celebratory safe relationships genogram: Assessment and intervention for therapy with transgender and nonbinary adolescents. In R. Cobb (Ed.), *The Therapist's Notebook for Teletherapy with Children and Adolescents: Creative Interventions for Effective Online Therapy*. Routledge.

Benson, K.E., **Coburn, K. O.**, Kelly, L. C., & Springer, P. (in press). The gender-celebratory safe relationships genogram for parents. In R. Cobb (Ed.), *The Therapist's Notebook for Teletherapy with Children and Adolescents: Creative Interventions for Effective Online Therapy*. Routledge.

**Coburn, K. O.** & St. David, G. (2025). Spirituality in Working with TNBGE Clients, Relationships, and Families. In Carrington, A., Iantaffi, A., Thomas, M.E., Veldorale-Griffin, A. (Eds.). *Gender-Affirming Care: Guidelines for Working Systemically with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Expansive People*. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

McGeorge, C. R., Nguyen, H. N., Benson, K. E., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Walsdorf, A. A. (2024). Ethics in working with LGBTQ clients. In K. S. Brown (Ed.), *Systemic ethics textbook* (pp. 113-159). AAMFT.

McGeorge, C. R., Walsdorf, A. A., & **Coburn, K. O.** (2021). "Why can't we just learn about normal couples?" LGBTQ affirmative training strategies for CFT faculty and programs. In R. Harvey, M. J. Murphy, J. J. Bigner, & J. L. Wetchler (Eds.), *Handbook of LGBTQ-affirmative couple and family therapy* (2nd ed., pp. 417-432). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429274626>

McGeorge, C. R., Walsdorf, A. A., Edwards, L. L., Benson, K. E., & **Coburn, K.** (2020). Sexual orientation and gender identity: Considerations for systemic therapists. In K. S. Wampler, R. B. Miller, & R. B. Seedall (Eds.), *The handbook of systemic family therapy: Volume 1. The profession of systemic family therapy* (pp. 251-271). John Wiley & Sons.

### ***Encyclopedia Entries***

McGeorge, C. R., & **Coburn, K. O.** (2024). Affirmative therapy. In A. E. Goldberg (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ studies* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vol. 1, pp. 52-55). Sage.

McGeorge, C. R., & **Coburn, K. O.** (2024). Therapists' biases regarding LGBTQIA+ people. In A. E. Goldberg (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ studies* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vol. 3, pp. 1338-1342). Sage.

McGeorge, C. R., & **Coburn, K. O.** (2024). Training of therapists. In A. E. Goldberg (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ studies* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vol. 3, pp. 1342-1347). Sage.

### ***Invited Book Reviews***

Scott-Poe, D. S.\* & **Coburn, K. O.** (2023). Book Review. (The handbook of systemic family therapy: Volume 1. The profession of systemic family therapy, K. S. Wampler, R. B. Miller, & R. B. Seedall (Eds.). John Wiley & Sons). *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 49(1), 280–282. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12606>

**Coburn, K. O.** (2022). Book Review. (Life isn't binary: On being both, beyond, and in-between, M.J. Barker & A. Iantaffi, 2019). *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 48(2), 671-672. <https://doi-org.libproxy.unl.edu/10.1111/jmft.12536>

### **Technical Reports**

Spencer, C. M., Quici, H., & **Coburn, K. O.** (August 2021). VISTA fidelity project: Examining clinician fidelity to the VISTA protocol and participants' future risk of offense. *U.S. Air Force Family Advocacy Program*. Manhattan, KS.

Spencer, C. M., Quici, H., & **Coburn, K. O.** (October 2020). Change step fidelity project: Examining clinician fidelity to the change step protocol and participants' future risk of offense. *U.S. Air Force Family Advocacy Program*. Manhattan, KS.

Spencer, C. M., **Coburn, K. O.**, & Harden, J. (July 2020). Resilience promotion during #alonetogether: A rapid review of public health/mental health recommendations to combat effects of self-isolation/quarantine. *Air Force Medical Readiness Agency AFMRA SGHW*. Manhattan, KS.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

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\* Co-presenter was a student when the bulk of the presentation was prepared/presented

**McGeorge, C. R. & Coburn, K. O.** (2025). *Developing an affirming and celebratory view of diverse gender identities: Perspectives from mainline protestant Christian religious leaders*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.

**McGeorge, C. R. & Coburn, K. O.** (2025). *Embrace inclusivity: Christian leaders' perspectives on refusing therapy to trans & nonbinary folk*. 2025 World Family Therapy Congress. Aberdeen, Scotland.

**Coburn, K.O. & McGeorge, C. R.** (2024). *Religious leaders advice for family therapists on working competently and ethically with transgender and nonbinary clients and their families*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Bellevue, WA.

**McGeorge, C. R. & Coburn, K.O.** (2024). *Pastors' perspectives on therapists refusing to work with transgender and nonbinary clients: An exploration of the role of religious beliefs*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Bellevue, WA.

**Coburn, K. O.**, Benson, K., & Springer, P. (2024). *The Gender-Celebratory Safe Relationships Genogram*. Poster presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Bellevue, WA.

McGeorge, C. R. & **Coburn, K. O.** (2024). *Perspectives of Religious Leaders on Gender Identity Change Efforts: Ramifications for Therapy*. 2024 World Family Therapy Congress. Toyoma, Japan.

**Coburn, K.O.**, Vennum, A., McGeorge, C. R., Markham, M. S., & Soumit, M.\* (2023). *How nonbinary people navigate binary gender norms in interpersonal relationships: Contextual factors and implications for family therapists*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

McGeorge, C. R. & **Coburn, K. O.** (2023). *"I'm horrified:" Perspectives of religious leaders on gender identity change efforts: Ramifications for therapy with transgender and nonbinary clients*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

Herrington, R., Edwards, K. M., Welch, B. D., Catlett, J., Hayes, L., Farquhar Leicester, A., **Coburn, K.**, Green Maximo, C., Matson, A., Schraeder, L., Hespe, P., Spitz, C., Hunt, K., Ryan, C. (2023). *We've always been here": A multi-method, multi-informant study documenting challenges and strengths of Lakota LGBTQ2S+ youth*. Paper presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Catlett, J., Edwards, K. M., Dimond-Welch, B., Hayes, L., Herrington, R., Farquhar-Leicester, A., **Coburn, K.**, Green-Maximo, C., Matson, A., Schrader, L., Hespe, P., Spitz, C, Hunt, K., Ryan, C. (2023). "When I'm outside I just want to change the world": A photovoice study to document strengths of Lakota LGBTQ2S+ youth. In Edwards, K. M. *Using photovoice to understand strengths among Indigenous relatives to inform violence prevention and response efforts*. ResilienceCon. Nashville, TN, United States.

**Coburn, K.O.**, Pillai, S.\*, & Vennum, A. (2022). *What nonbinary people want family therapists to know: Working with nonbinary people and their relationships*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

**Coburn, K.O.** & McGeorge, C.R. (2022). *Systemic and individual consequences of families accepting or rejecting LGB members: Perspectives of mainline protestant Christian pastors*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

McGeorge, C.R., **Coburn, K.O.**, Walsdorf, A.A., & Nguyen, H.N. (2022). *Labeling sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts unethical: An exploration of marriage and family therapists' rationales*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

- Coburn, K.O.** & Vennun, A. (2022). *Joyful Authenticity: Nonbinary People Navigating Gender Norms*. Paper presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy: Queer and Trans Advocacy Network Conference. Virtual.
- McGeorge, C.R. & **Coburn, K.O.** (2021). *Accepting or Rejecting: What Religious Leaders Can Teach Family Therapists About Working with the Families of LGB People*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Virtual.
- Coburn, K.O.**, McGeorge, C.R., & Burningham, K. (2020). *Deconstructing Norms & Isms: Therapy with Trans & Nonbinary Clients*. Workshop presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Virtual.
- McGeorge, C. R., Nguyen, H. N., **Coburn, K. O.**, Benson, K. E., & Walsdorf, A. A. (2020). *Helping Family Therapists Work Ethically with LGBTQ Clients*. Workshop presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Virtual.
- Coburn, K.O.** & McGeorge, C.R. (accepted, 2020). *Religious Leaders' Perspectives on Referring LGB Clients*. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. Canceled due to re-structuring of conference.
- Heiden-Rootes, K., Burningham, K., & **Coburn, K.O.** (accepted, 2020). *Queering Religiousness for LGBQ Adults*. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. Canceled due to re-structuring of conference.
- McGeorge, C.M., **Coburn, K.O.**, Walsdorf, A.A. (accepted, 2020). *Conversion Therapy & Religiosity: Pastors' Perspectives*. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. Canceled due to re-structuring of conference.
- Coburn, K.O.**, Spencer, C.M., Kelly, L.C. (2020). *Comparing the Well-Being of Binary Transgender and Non-Binary People*. Paper presented at AAMFT Institutes for Advanced Systemic Family Therapy. Honolulu, HI. In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Presented virtually.
- Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Deconstructing Transnormativity: Working with Non-Binary Clients*. Poster presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Fort Worth, TX.
- Coburn, K.O.**, & McGeorge, C.R. (2019). *Christian Religious Leaders' Perspectives and Insights on the Practice of Family Therapists Refusing to work with LGB Clients*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Fort Worth, TX.

- McGeorge, C.R., **Coburn, K.O.**, & Walsdorf, A.A. (2019). *Factors Influencing Family Therapy Faculty's' Inclusion of LGB Affirmative Therapy Course Content*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Fort Worth, TX.
- Coburn, K. O.** & Kelly, L. C. (2019). *Trans\* People of Color: Factors Associated with Well-Being*. Poster presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Austin, TX.
- McGeorge, C.R., **Coburn, K.O.**, Walsdorf, A.A. (2019). *Predicting Faculty's Inclusion of LGB Affirmative Course Content*. Poster presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Austin, TX.
- Coburn, K.O.** & McGeorge, C.R. (2019). *Pastors Perspectives: LGB Inclusive Therapy*. Poster presented at AFTA 2019 Annual Meeting and Open Conference. Oakland, CA.
- McGeorge, C. R., Benson, K. E., **Coburn, K.O.** (2018). *Helping Parents of LGBTQ Youth: Affirming and Inclusive Practices*. Workshop presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.
- Coburn K.O.**, Bishop, E., Lambert-Shute, J., McGeorge, C., McCoy, T., Nguyen, H. (2018). *Working with LGB Christians: A Focus on Clinical Strategies*. Workshop presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.
- Coburn, K.O.** & McGeorge, C.R. (2018). *LGB Affirmative Pastors' Advice to Family Therapists*. Poster presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.
- Coburn, K.O.**, Bishop, E., Lambert-Shute, J., McCoy, T., Nguyen, H. (2018). *Sexual Identity at Church: Navigating Early Childhood Messages*. Poster presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.
- Coburn, K.O.**, McGeorge, C. (2018). *Working with LBG Clients: Christian Pastors' Advice to Family Therapists*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Coburn, K.O.**, Bishop E., Lambert-Shute, J. (2018). *Navigating Identities: Faith and Orientation*. Poster presented at American Family Therapy Academy Annual Meeting and Conference. Austin, TX.
- Kim, L., Lambert-Shute, J., Laughlin M., McCoy, T., **Coburn, K.O.**, Bishop, E., Mulkey, K., Peterson, P. (2017). *Hearing the Story Beyond the Words: An Immersive Training Experience in Therapeutic Listening*. Roundtable presented at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

**Coburn, K.O.**, Bishop, E., Lambert-Shute, J., Nguyen, H., McCoy, T. (2017). *Christian Women's Revelations from the Church Closet*. Poster presented at American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Bishop, E., **Coburn, K.O.**, Lanier, A., & Vrandopulo, C. (2016). *Gender Roles in Binational Couples of Mixed-Immigration Status*. Poster presented at Georgia Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Spring Conference. Jekyll Island, GA.

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#### EXTERNAL GRANTS

Edwards, K. M. (PI), **Coburn, K.** (Co-I), & Wheeler, L. (Co-I). (March 2024-January 2027). *Development And Evaluation of an Indigenized Family Acceptance Project for Lakota LGBTQ2S+ Youth*. National Institutes of Health. \$699,750 (3 Years).

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#### INTERNAL GRANTS

**Coburn, K.O.** (PI) & McGeorge, C. R. (Co-I). (August 2023-July 2025). *Pilot Test of a Nervous System Informed Intervention to Increase Embodied Affirmation of Nonbinary People*. Layman Seed Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. \$10,000.

**Coburn, K.O.** (PI) & Vennum, A. V. (Co-I). (August 2020-May 2021). *Identifying the Processes of Resistance to Gender Norms for Non-Binary Populations: Improving Mental Health Treatment*. Robert H. Poresky Assistantship in Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University. \$2,500.

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#### INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Coburn, K. O.**, Gosset, C. & zamantakis, a. (2025). *What to the Gender-Nonconformist is Masculinity?* Panelist. George Washington University, Department of Sociology. *Intersectional Masculinities: At the Junction of Multiculturalism and Patriarchy Seminar Series*

**Coburn, K. O.** (2023). *Utilizing Internal Family Systems Therapy with Couples and Relationships*. Kelly and Associates Therapeutic Services. Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Coburn K. O.** (2023). *Therapy with LGBTQ+ Clients Using Internal Family Systems*. Kansas State University, Couple and Family Therapy Program. Manhattan, Kansas.

Baptist, J., **Coburn, K. O.**, Sarmiento, T., Shakoory, A. (2023). *Drawing on your power to be an everyday peace builder*. Panelist. Kansas State University, Department of Applied Human Sciences. Manhattan, Kansas.

**Coburn, K. O.** (2023). *Transgender Day of Visibility Panel Discussion*. BD (<https://www.bd.com/en-us>). Virtual. Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Coburn, K. O.** (2022). *Therapy with LGBTQ+ People and Families: Embracing Support and Celebration*. Keynote Speaker. Nebraska Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Spring 2022 Conference. Virtual. Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### **CAMPUS, DEPARTMENTAL, AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

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Clausing, E., **Coburn, K. O.**, Hanna, A., Raul Balboa, G., & Teixeira, J. (2023). *Thoughts from the Faculty: Tales from the Other Side of the First Year and Beyond*. Panelist. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, New Faculty Orientation.

**Coburn, K. O.**, Leon, G., Li, H., & Olagoke, A. (2023). *Preparing Future Faculty Panel: New Faculty Experiences*. Panelist. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Preparing Future Faculty Seminar.

**Coburn, K. O.** (2023). *Mental health and improving nonbinary individuals' well-being in their interpersonal, family, and community relationships*. PFLAG Lincoln Nebraska Chapter.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2022). *Understanding the Relationship between the Gender Binary and Nonbinary Peoples' Mental Health: How Nonbinary People Cope*. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies. Scholarly Brown Bag.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2021). *Nonbinary People's Processes of Navigating Gender Norms: Implications for How Everyone Can Create a More Gender Equitable World*. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Gender Equity Conference.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Deconstructing Cisnormativity and Transnormativity: Working with Transgender and Non-Binary Clients*. Kansas State University, Couple and Family Therapy Program.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Mental Health: Identifying, Referring, and Supporting*. Kansas State University, Department of Housing, Senior Staff Professional Development Training.

Kelly, L.C. & **Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Privilege Awareness & Multi-Dimensional Selves*. Kansas State University, Critical Conversations Committee.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Identity Based Trauma: What It Is and How to Cope*. Kansas State University, Department of Housing, Student Staff Training.

**Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Compassion Fatigue & Self-Care*. Kansas State University, Department of Housing, Senior Staff Training.

Kelly, L.C. & **Coburn, K.O.** (2019). *Cultural Competency vs. Cultural Sensitivity/Humility: A Multidimensional View*. Kansas State University, Couple and Family Therapy Program.

## INVITED GUEST LECTURES

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- Coburn, K.O.** (2023). *Applying Queer Theory in Research and Practice*. HDFS 5523: Family Theory. Oklahoma State University, Department of Human Development and Family Science.
- Coburn, K.O.** (2023). *Deconstructing cissexism and working with transgender, neurodivergent clients*. CFT 853: Family Systems in Cultural Context. Kansas State University, Applied Human Sciences.
- Coburn, K.O.** (2022). *Paths to Academia After Getting the Ph.D.* CYAF 901: Professional Development Seminar. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Child, Youth, and Family Studies.
- Coburn, K.O.** (2021). *The MFT Program at UNL: Why choose here?*. HDFS 487: Overview of Marriage and Family Therapy. Northern Illinois University, Human Development and Family Sciences Program.

## AWARDS

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| <b>College Distinguished Teaching Award</b><br>College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln   | 2025 |
| <b>Nominated for Emerging Scholar Research/Creative Award</b><br>College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln   | 2024 |
| <b>Outstanding Teaching Award</b><br>College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln   | 2024 |
| <b>Family Therapy Section New Professional Paper Award</b><br><i>How Nonbinary People Navigate Binary Gender Norms in Interpersonal Relationships: Contextual Factors and Implications for Family Therapists</i><br>National Council on Family Relations | 2023 |
| <b>Nominated for Valdosta State University Distinguished Alumni Award</b><br>Nominated by VSU Marriage and Family Therapy Program Faculty  | 2023 |
| <b>Family Therapy Section New Professional Paper Award</b><br><i>Systemic and Individual Consequences of Families Accepting or Rejecting LGB Members: Perspectives of Mainline Protestant Christian Pastors</i><br>National Council on Family Relations  | 2022 |
| <b>Outstanding Research Award</b><br>Couple and Family Therapy Program; Kansas State University  | 2020 |

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| <b>Family Therapy Section Best Student Research Paper Award</b>  | 2019 |
| <i>Christian Religious Leaders' Perspectives and Insights on the Practice of Family Therapists Refusing to Work with LGB Clients</i> |      |
| National Council on Family Relations   |      |

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| <b>Excellence in Marriage and Family Therapy Scholarship Award</b> | 2016 |
| Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Valdosta State University     |      |

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| <b>Minority Fellowship Program-Doctoral</b>                    | 2020 |
| American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (\$20,000) |      |

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| <b>Minority Fellowship Program-Doctoral</b>                    | 2019 |
| American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (\$21,000) |      |

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| <b>Timothy R. Donoghue Scholarship</b> | 2019 |
| Kansas State University (\$5,000)      |      |

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| <b>Timothy R. Donoghue Scholarship</b> | 2018 |
| Kansas State University (\$5,000)      |      |

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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National Council on Family Relations, 2018-Present

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, 2016-Present

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#### SERVICE

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##### Professional Organizations

**Students and New Professionals Representative of the Family Therapy Section**  
National Council on Family Relations, November 2024-November 2026

##### **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

- LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal Reviewer, 2025- Present
- International Journal of Transgender Health, 2023-Present
- Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2023-Present
- Journal of Feminist Family Therapy, 2022-Present
- Journal of Homosexuality, 2022-Present
- Contemporary Family Therapy, 2021-Present

##### **Conference Proposal Reviewer**

- National Conference on Family Relations, 2022-Present

- American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, 2017-Present

### **Roundtable Session Facilitator, Family Policy and Research**

National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, 2019

### **Student Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals**

- Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, 2019-2021
- Journal of Feminist Family Therapy, 2018-2021

### **Community Organizations**

#### **Nebraska Association of Marriage and Family Therapy**

- Elections Committee Member, 2022-2025

### **University Committees**

#### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

##### *Department level:*

- CYAF Graduate Education Committee, 2024- Present
- Assistant Professor in Marriage and Family Therapy Faculty Search Committee Member, 2023-2024
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Practice in Family & Consumer Sciences Education Faculty Search Committee Member, 2022-2023
- CYAF Chair's Advisory Committee, 2022-Present
- CYAF Strategic Plan, Action Team 5 Member, 2021-2023

##### *University level:*

- Graduate Fellowship Committee, Spring 2025; Spring 2023
- Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Gender and Sexual Identity, 2022-2025

#### **Kansas State University**

- Student Association Organization, Critical Conversations Committee Liaison, 2020-2021
- Critical Conversations Committee, Student Association Organization Liaison, 2019-2021

#### **North Dakota State University**

- Couple and Family Therapy Club, President, 2017-2018

#### **Valdosta State University**

- Search Committee Member, College of Nursing Academic Advisor, 2016-2017

### **STUDENT MENTORSHIP**

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### **Doctoral Students-Chair**

#### ***University of Nebraska-Lincoln:***

Upcoming: Brittany Bearss (expected graduation: May 2026)

Upcoming: Gloria Ackah (expected graduation: May 2028)

Upcoming: Promise Emmanuel (expected graduation: May 2028)

Upcoming: Joy Ezeaku (expected graduation: May 2029)

### **Doctoral Students-Dissertation Committee Member**

#### ***University of Nebraska-Lincoln:***

2024: Genese Clark and Sarah Barker Ladd (Global Family Health and Wellbeing)

2025: Yunqi Wang (Global Family Health and Wellbeing)

Upcoming: Michaela Pierson (expected graduation: May 2026; Counseling Psychology)

Upcoming: Caroliena Cabada (expected graduation: May 2026; English)

Upcoming: Patrick Meyer (Counseling Psychology)

Upcoming: Jace Meunier (Counseling Psychology)

### **Master's Students Advisees**

#### ***University of Nebraska-Lincoln:***

*\*denotes that I am chair of the student's thesis committee*

2024: Jamie Rojas; Payton Horacek; Laura Vasquez

2025: Emily Abernathy; Kiya Hudson; Ayla Shehryar

Upcoming: Ray Vidrine (expected graduation: August 2026)\*

Upcoming: Kateryna Portorocho (expected graduation: August 2026)

Upcoming: Alexandra Romanova (expected graduation: August 2026)

Upcoming: Elise Chaffin (expected graduation: August 2027)

## **Master's Students-Thesis Committee Member**

### ***University of Nebraska-Lincoln:***

2025: Rissa Farr (M.A. Anthropology)

## **External Examiner**

Master's Thesis, Athabasca University, 2021: Rachael Babcock (*The Experiences of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals Participating in a Non-Affirming Religion*)

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Couple and Family Therapist**, Nebraska and Kansas 2020 to Present  
Private Practice

- Private practice specializing in serving LGBTQIA+ clients
- Assist transgender and nonbinary clients in navigating gender transition related care

**Clinical Supervisor Intern**, Manhattan, KS 2019 to 2021  
The Family Center

- Provide live and consult case supervision to Couple and Family Therapy master's students

**Family Therapist Intern**, Manhattan, KS 2018 to 2021  
The Family Center

- Provide individual, couple, and family therapy to the community as part of Kansas State University's Couple and Family Therapy Program
- Maintain client files and manage an active caseload
- Collaborate with colleagues and supervisors

**Couple and Family Therapy Intern**, Manhattan, KS 2018 to 2019  
Department of Housing and Dining Services, Kansas State University

- Provided individual, couple, and family therapy to employees within the Department of Housing and Dining Services at Kansas State University
- Developed and facilitated support groups
- Assisted in planning and executing employee engagement and development programs

**Clinical Supervisor Intern**, Fargo, ND 2017 to 2018  
Community Counseling Services

- Provided live and consult case supervision to Clinical Mental Health master's students

**Family Therapist Intern**, Valdosta, GA 2016 to 2017  
FamilyWorks Clinic

- Provided individual, couple, and family therapy to the community as part of Valdosta State University's Marriage and Family Therapy Program
- Maintained client files and managed an active caseload
- Collaborated with colleagues and supervisors

**Volunteer Family Therapist**, Valdosta, GA  
Georgia Farm Workers Health Program

2016 to 2017

- Provided therapeutic services to farm workers and their families in the fields in collaboration with physicians, physical therapists, and interpreters

**Clinical Intake Worker**, Valdosta, GA  
FamilyWorks Clinic

2015 to 2016

- Coordinated intakes, participated in community outreach, and upheld the policies and procedures of FamilyWorks Clinic