

# THEODORA K. HURLEY

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## Education

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- Expected 2028    Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago  
Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies  
College Teaching Certificate
- 2023              M.A., Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2020              B.A. *magna cum laude*, Bowdoin College  
Sociology (major, with honors) and Environmental Studies (minor)

## Research Interests

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Gender and sexuality, health and medicine, reproduction, knowledge, race and ethnicity, inequality

## Works in Progress

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- Hurley, Theodora K. "Separating the Effects of Sexual Orientation and Gender on Health: The Case of Bisexuals."
- Hurley, Theodora K. "Subordinated Femininity and Contested Expertise in American Alternative Health Practices."

## Book Reviews

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- Hurley, Theodora K. 2023. "Diagnosing Desire: Biopolitics and Femininity into the Twenty-First Century by Alyson K. Spurgas (review)." *IJFAB: International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 16(1):232-236. <https://doi.org/10.3138/ijfab-2022-0027>.

## Honors and Awards

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- 2024              Graduate Lectureship Prize, University of Chicago Pozen Family Center for Human Rights
- 2020              Matilda White Riley Prize for best honors thesis in Sociology, Bowdoin College
- 2020              Phi Beta Kappa

## Fellowships and Grants

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- 2024 Dissertation Grant, National Institute of Social Sciences (\$2,750)
- 2024 Research/Travel Grant for Graduate Students, University of Chicago Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (\$900)  
“Gendering Challenges to Mainstream Medicine: The Case of Women’s Alternative Health Practices”
- 2024 Conference Travel Grant, University of Chicago Department of Sociology (\$2,000)
- 2023 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$147,000)  
“Understanding the Relationships between Sexuality and Health through Bisexual Health Disparities”
- 2023 Charles R. Henderson Research Fund Grant, University of Chicago Department of Sociology (\$3,000)  
“Disentangling the Effects of Gender and Sexuality on Health: The Case of Bisexuals”
- 2022 Creating Connections Consortium PAVE Visit Grant (\$500)
- 2022 Charles R. Henderson Research Fund Grant, University of Chicago Department of Sociology (\$2,000)  
“Private Organizations in a New Era of Restricted Abortion”
- 2022 Graduate Global Impact Pitch Internship, UChicagoGRAD (\$6,000)  
“Implementing Inclusive Survey Design at a Feminist Health Center”
- 2020 Career Accelerator Grant, Bowdoin College (\$2,000)  
“Health Disparities, Exposure to Violence, and Substance Use among LGBTQ+ Youth in Maine”
- 2019 Craig A. McEwen Student Research Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Bowdoin College (\$5,400)  
“Women’s Reproductive Decision-Making”
- 2018 Mellon Humanities Fellowship, Bowdoin College (\$5,400)  
“Queer Experiences of Birth Care”

## **Presentations**

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- 2024 “Experiencing the Body, Experiencing Institutions: Embodiment and Resistance to Mainstream Institutions in Western Herbal Medicine”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 11, 2024.

## **Teaching**

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*University of Chicago*

- 2024 Gender, Sexuality, and Medicine (Undergraduate)  
Instructor of Record
- 2022, 2023 Qualitative Methods: Coding and Thematic Analysis (Graduate)  
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Brianne Painia

*Bowdoin College*

- 2016 – 2017 English for Multilingual Speakers Tutor, Baldwin Center for Learning and Teaching

**Service**

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*To the profession*

- 2024 – 2025 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2024 – 2025 Organizer, Chicago Ethnography Conference (April 26, 2025)
- 2022 – 2024 Assistant Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

*University of Chicago*

- 2022 – Communications, Website, and Social Media Coordinator, Department of Sociology
- 2022 – Member, B.A. Thesis Awards Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2024 Moderator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, College Center for Research and Fellowships
- 2024 Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Department of Sociology
- 2022 – 2023 Co-coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, Council on Advanced Studies

*Bowdoin College*

- 2019 – 2020 Member, Center for Arctic Studies Program Committee

**Languages**

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English (native), French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)