

Shay N. Valley

University at Buffalo
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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo, State University of New York
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Policy
Higher Education

Buffalo, NY
Expected May 2028

The Ohio State University
Master of Arts in Educational Studies
Higher Education and Student Affairs
GPA: 3.98

Columbus, OH
May 2023

The Ohio State University
Bachelor of Arts in Chinese and International Studies
GPA: 3.90

Columbus, OH
May 2016

PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Transgender and gender non-conforming students' experiences in higher education
- Asexual and aromantic students' experiences in higher education
- Mental health of LGBTQ+ students in higher education
- Neurodivergent students' experiences in higher education

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

Valley, S. N., Mollet, A. L., & Fitzsimmons, B. (2025). "There's no roadmap for this": Asexual and aromantic students' healthy intimate relationships. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-025-01083-x> [5-year impact factor = 2.9]

Duran, A. & **Valley, S. N.** (2024). Interrogating the interconnections between servingness and LGBTQ+ inclusion at a Hispanic-serving institution: An exploratory case study. *Journal of Latinos and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15348431.2024.2332753>. [5-year impact factor = 1.1]

Combs, L. D., Dellarosa, M., Kim, M., Pittman, A. G-J, Gilbert, C., Smith, S. J., Smith, T., **Valley, S. N.,** & Pasque, P. A. (2021). Radical interrelated qualitative space in the midst of multipandemics: A collaborative scholarly personal narrative. *Cultural Studies<=>Critical Methodologies*, 21(6), 509-520. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15327086211044827> [5-year impact factor = 1.0]

Book Chapters

Mollet, A. L., **Valley, S. N.**, & Fitzsimmons, B. (2024). Have your cake and eat it too: Supporting asexual and aromantic college students. In K. Prieto & A. Herridge (Eds.), *LGBTQIA Students in Higher Education: Approaches to Student Identity and Policy*. IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/979-8-3693-2853-8.ch004

Invited Publications

Valley, S. N. (2025, March 31). *Trans Visibility, Resistance, and Hope in an Anti-Trans U.S. Political Climate*. Social Science Space. <https://www.socialsciencespace.com/2025/03/trans-visibility-resistance-and-hope-in-an-anti-trans-u-s-political-climate/>

Other Publications

Valley, S. N. (2022). Binary-free belonging: Higher education's responsibility to support non-binary students' mental health. *NASPA Gender & Sexuality Knowledge Community Lavender Paper*, 10(1), 32-41.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RbhkFpAOtNs5Yy_FbvIH8pWF3ftm5ZLU/view

Under Review

Mollet, A. L., **Valley, S. N.**, & Fitzsimmons, B. Expansive intimacies: Celebrating the intimacy of asexual and aromantic people. *The Journal of Sex Research*. [5-year impact factor = 3.7]
[revise and resubmit]

PRESENTATIONS

Major International/National Refereed Presentations

Santa-Ramirez, S. & **Valley, S. N.** (2025). *Higher Education as a Site of Joy: A Systematic Literature Review of Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Undocumented Students*. Accepted for presentation at the 2025 Association for the Study of Higher Education annual conference. Denver, CO.

Mollet, A. L., **Valley, S. N.**, Fitzsimmons, B., & Smith, E. (2025, February 18). *Expansive Intimacies: Bringing an Asexual/Aromantic Lens to Relationship Education*. Presented at the 2025 ACPA – College Student Educators International annual conference. Long Beach, CA.

Smoot, J., **Valley, S. N.**, Mollet, A. L., & Fitzsimmons, B. (2024, November 21). “*It’s Our Little Magical Wonderland*”: *A Qualitative Study Celebrating Trans Collegians' Healthy Intimate Relationships*. Presented at the 2024 Association for the Study of Higher Education annual conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Mollet, A. L., Fitzsimmons, B., & **Valley, S. N.** (2024, November 21). *Expansive Intimacies: Towards a New Asset-Based Definition of Asexuality*. Presented at the 2024 Association for the Study of Higher Education annual conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Valley, S. N. & Mollet, A. L. (2024, March 19). *“There’s No Roadmap for This”: Asexual and Aromantic Students’ Healthy Intimate Relationships*. Presented at the 2024 ACPA – College Student Educators International annual conference. Chicago, IL.

Combs, L D., Dellarosa, M., Kim, M., Pittman, A. G-J., Gilbert, C., Smith, S. J., Smith, T., **Valley, S. N.**, & Pasque. P. A. (2021, May 22). *Cultivating a Collaborative Scholarly Personal Narrative: Creating Qualitative Space in the Midst of Multi-Pandemics*. Presented at the 2021 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry annual conference. Virtual conference.

Minor Presentations

Hale, S. A., Kieffer, S., & **Valley, S. N.** (2025, April 8). *Overlooked Identities and Resistance in Higher Education*. Presented at the annual Graduate School of Education Research Symposium. Buffalo, NY.

Valley, S. N. et al. (2024, November 8). *Student Panel* [Panel discussion]. Presented at Looking at Accessibility through the Lens of Public Health: Intersections in the LGBTQIA + Disabled Communities event. Buffalo, NY.

Valley, S. N. (2021, January 28). *Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Students: Roadblocks and Support from a Student Affairs Perspective*. Presented at the 2021 Ohio College Professionals Association’s annual conference. Virtual conference.

GRANT AWARDS AND SUBMISSIONS

Awarded

Grant Name (and Submission Partners)	Grant Organization	Submission Date	Award Amount
Flat Rate Scholarship	Graduate Student and New Professional Community of Practice, ACPA – College Student Educators International	December 2024	\$200
Class of 2000 Anna Furguele ELP Award	Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University at Buffalo	October 2024	\$700
Critical Differences – Professional Development Grant	The Women’s Place, The Ohio State University	November 2023	\$1,000
Research and Implementation Grant (with Penny A.	Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching	February 2021	\$2,500

Pasque and Myung-Jin Kim)	and Learning, The Ohio State University		
Career Development Grant	Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University	January 2021	\$350

Not Awarded

Grant Name (and Submission Partners)	Grant Organization	Submission Date	Requested Amount
ASHE Graduate Student Travel Grant	Association for the Study of Higher Education	July 2025	\$400
Queer and Trans People in Education Emerging Scholar Grant	University of Vermont	April 2025	\$1,500
ASHE Graduate Student Travel Grant	Association for the Study of Higher Education	July 2024	\$400
ACPA Coalition for Sexuality and Gender Identities Research Grant	Coalition for Sexuality and Gender Identities (CSGI), ACPA – College Student Educators International	June 2024	\$1,500

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Developmental Economics **Columbus, OH**

Graduate Program Manager

October 2023 – June 2024

- Provided administrative and programmatic support for the PhD and Master of Applied Economics (MAE) programs
- Oversaw recruitment and admissions for the PhD and MAE programs, including fellowship nominations and submissions
- Organized and executed prospective student visits and admitted students' orientations
- Developed and implemented strategies to grow graduate enrollments and quality of applicant pool

The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science

Columbus, OH

Program Coordinator

February 2022 – September 2023

- Provided administrative and programmatic support for graduate/undergraduate programs
- Coordinated class scheduling and staffing for undergraduate courses
- Maintained and updated graduate associate appointments, fellowships, and office assignments

- Served as the staff advisor for the Collegiate Council on World Affairs and Journal of Politics and International Affairs student organizations
- Created an AirTable database to track current and graduated students, advisors, candidacies, dissertations, funding sources, and post-graduation placements

The Ohio State University, English as a Second Language Programs **Columbus, OH**
Administrative Associate January 2018 – February 2022

- Educated current and future students about the ESL Composition, Spoken English, and American Language Programs (ALP)
- Coordinated at least ten rounds of ESL testing per semester, starting with payment collection and test scheduling through score evaluation and information dispersion
- Maintained student academic records for Spoken English and ESL Composition Programs through SIS and Excel spreadsheets
- Collaborated with the Office of International Affairs, Graduate and Professional Admissions, and Undergraduate Admissions to streamline cooperative processes

The Ohio State University, College of Arts and Sciences Administration **Columbus, OH**
Office Associate August 2016 – January 2018

- Navigated bureaucratic systems within ASC and Ohio State at large to complete projects for seven associate and assistant deans
- Documented and tracked applications for scholarships and grants administered by deans
- Organized meetings between the deans and various offices on campus, which ranged from two to twenty-five participants

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committees

The Ohio State University, QualLab Graduate Student Board **Columbus, OH**
Research Group Member September 2020 – May 2023

- Collaborated with seven PhD students and one faculty member to write, fund, and publish a scholarly personal narrative on how we as graduate students experienced tensions created by COVID-19 and the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020-2021
- Presented this paper at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in May 2021

Practicum

The Ohio State University, Center for Belonging and Social Change **Columbus OH**
Practicum Student Spring 2021

- Conducted a program review of the LGBTQ+ support services offered by the Center for Belonging and Social Change

SERVICE

University

The Ohio State University, Office of Student Life

Columbus, OH

Leadership & Community Engagement Awards Judge February 2023

- Reviewed and scored nominations for the Dr. Ellamae Simmons Award

College

The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology Columbus, OH
Advanced Methods Institute Session Facilitator June 8-9, 2023

- Moderated Dr. Z Nicolazzo's session, "Grief-as-Gateway: Imagining a Genealogical Approach to Ethnographic Practice"

The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology Columbus, OH
QualLab Lunch Talk Facilitator October 2021 – May 2023

- Served as lead organizer and moderator for Dr. Z Nicolazzo's Lunch Talk, "Grief Work through Qualitative Research"

The Ohio State University, College of Arts and Sciences Columbus, OH
ASC Graduate Student Awards Selection Committee March 2023

- Reviewed and scored nominations for the Graduate Student Award for Teaching Excellence

The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology Columbus, OH
Advanced Methods Institute Session Facilitator June 2-4, 2021

- Moderated Dr. Winston Thompson's session, "Must an Education in Research Ethics Engage Issues of Culture, Context, and Community?"

Department

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology Columbus, OH
Student Research Assistant Summer 2015

- Submitted applications to engineering job postings per PI's instructions to examine gender bias in hiring

Community

The Ohio State University, Baker West Arts Council Columbus, OH
Treasurer/General Body Member August 2012 – May 2015

- Coordinated entertaining and educational events for the residents of Baker Hall West
- Maintained the residence's hall's budget in conjunction with the hall director; met weekly to discuss the budget and process reimbursements

Service to the Field

IGI Global September 2023 – October 2023
Chapter Reviewer, *LGBTQIA Students in Higher Education: Approaches to Student Identity and Policy*

HONORS AND AWARDS

ACPA Annuit Coeptis Emerging Professional Award February 2025
ACPA – College Student Educators International

Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship August 2024 – May 2028
University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Student Leader of the Year June 2022
The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology, QualLab Grad Student Board

Summa Cum Laude Latin Honors May 2016
The Ohio State University

Outstanding Leader Award April 2014
The Ohio State University, Office of Student Life

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Center for the Study of LGBTQIA+ College Students August 2024 – present
 Affiliate University of Kansas

Association for the Study of Higher Education July 2024 – present
 Member

ACPA – College Student Educators International April 2023 - present
 Member

Ohio College Professionals Association December 2020 – December 2021
 Member