

# Niamh May Winters

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## Education

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**Master of Arts, Sociology** Anticipated May 2027  
Washington University, St Louis, MO.

**Bachelor of Science, Social Sciences** May 2025  
Emphasis: Psychology and Sociology GPA: 3.87  
Minor: Gender Studies  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

## Research Experience

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**Research Assistant**, Syringa State Community Research Lab, Feb 2025 – August 2025  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

*Project: Boise Free Meal Program*

PI: Dr. Vanessa Fry

SSCRL Directors: Dr. Arthur Scarritt and Dr. Michael Kreiter

- Scheduled several hour-long focus groups with parents of students in the Boise School District.
- Roughly transcribed interview data.
- Analyzed focus group transcripts to identify key patterns and themes relevant to the benefits of free breakfasts and lunches.
- Combined research findings into an analysis paper for our partners, the Idaho Policy Institute.

**Research Assistant**, AIROE, Dec 2024 – April 2025  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

*Project: AI in Research Optimized Ethically (AIROE)*

PI: Dr. Vicken Hillis

- Coordinated and scheduled interviews with academic research faculty as part of a qualitative research study.
- Conducted semi-structured interviews, ensuring adherence to ethical and methodological standards.
- Transcribed interview data with precision and efficiency, supporting qualitative data analysis.
- Participated in regular project meetings for procedural updates and collaborative debriefings.

**Student Researcher**, Intermountain Social Research Lab,  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Aug 2024 – May 2025

*Project: Women against merit*

PI: Dr. Arthur Scarritt

- Extensive literature was read and reviewed for the theoretical framework of neoliberalism, meritocracy in higher education, and masculinity.
- Conducted over 20 qualitative interviews with three other student researchers.
- Transcribed interviews.
- Analyzed and found patterns within the interviews using interview coding tool, NVivo.
- Concluded that students' meritocratic mindsets reinforce systemic sexism in higher education through the belief in women's modern-day privilege.
- Presented at the 2025 Pacific Sociological Association Conference on a panel.

**Independent researcher**, McNair Scholars Program,  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Aug 2023 – Aug 2024

*Project: Gendered Disparities in the Idahoan LGBTQ+ Community*

Mentor: Dr. Lisa McClain

- Conducted a literature review of LGBTQ+ history.
- Observed and collected archival information through the Boise State Archives.
- Conducted an Oral History independently.
- Transcribed and formatted an hour-long Oral History.
- Analyzed data for patterns of sexism in the Idahoan LGBTQ+ Community.
- Presented project findings at multiple conferences.

**Student Researcher**, Intermountain Social Research Lab,  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Aug 2023 – May 2024

*Project: The Great Decline in Higher Education: All Roads Lead to Neoliberal Feminism*

PI: Dr. Arthur Scarritt

- Extensive literature was read and reviewed for the theoretical framework of neoliberalism and neoliberal feminism.
- Conducted over 20 qualitative interviews with two other student researchers.
- Transcribed interviews.
- Analyzed and found patterns within the interviews using the interview coding tool, MAXQDA.
- Concluded that neoliberal feminism was present in our neoliberal higher education in a research paper.
- Presented at the Gender and Sexualities roundtable at the 2024 Pacific Sociological Association Conference.

**Student Researcher**, Department of Sociology,  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Spring 2023

*Project: Poor Education leading to Poor Choices*

Professor: Dr. Michael Kreiter

- Collected statistical data on teen pregnancies and sex education in the United States.
- Combined data using RStudio to find a correlation between teen pregnancies and the quality of sex education.
- Finalized research with writing a white paper on findings that showed us lower quality education seems to be correlated with teen pregnancies.

## **Conference Presentations**

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2025 *Women Against Merit*, **Oral Presentation**, InterMountain Social Research Lab (IMSRL) Conference, Boise State University, Boise, ID.

2025 *Teaching Gender and Race to Disempower Students*, **Panel Presentation**, Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) Conference, San Francisco, CA.

2024 *Gendered Disparities in the Idahoan LGBTQ+ Community*, **Poster Presentation**, Idaho Conference on Undergraduate Research (ICUR), Boise State University, Boise, ID.

2024 *The Great Decline in Higher Education: All Roads Lead to Neoliberal Feminism*, **Oral Presentation**, InterMountain Social Research Lab (IMSRL) Conference, Boise State University, Boise, ID.

2024 *The Great Decline in Higher Education: All Roads Lead to Neoliberal Feminism*, **Roundtable Presentation**, Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) Conference, San Diego, CA.

2024 *Gendered Disparities in the Idahoan LGBTQ+ Community*, **Poster Presentation**, National Conference for McNair Scholars, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

## **Teaching Experience**

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Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Sociology  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Jan 2025 – May 2025

- TA for Social Change 303
- Grading students' assignments weekly
- Leading group discussions on class material and weekly readings
- Guiding Students through the creation of a formal research paper

Research Mentor, Intermountain Social Research Lab  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Aug 2024 – May 2025

- Guiding incoming research students through the process of conducting a research proposal.
- Guiding research students on conducting interviews and interview questions.
- Guiding research students on their journey to create a fully complete research paper.

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Psychological Sciences  
Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

- TA for Psychology 101.
- Graded student assignments and essays in a timely manner.
- Provided feedback on student papers and assignments.
- Met with students during certain office hours and via email daily for assistance with class assignments.
- Led class discussions on lecture material.

### **Scholarships and Fellowships**

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Idaho Opportunity Scholarship (\$3,500)	2024-2025
Osborne Sociology Scholarship (\$350)	2024-2025
Dufresne Benefactor Fund (\$1,650)	2024-2025
Ronald E, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (\$2,800)	2024
Pat Dorman Women’s Studies Scholarship (\$932)	2023-2025
Martin Scheffer Sociology Scholarship (\$500)	2023-2024
Gender Studies Scholarship (\$984)	2023-2025
Boise State True Blue Scholarship (\$6000)	2021-2025

### **Specialized Training**

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CITI Training  
R-studio  
MaxQDA  
NVivo

### **Academic Honors**

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Dean’s list with Highest Honors.  
Fall 2022/Spring 2024/Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Dean’s list with High Honors.  
Fall 2021/Fall 2023

Dean’s list with Honors.  
Spring 2023