Samuel Cotthoff

Curriculum Vitae | May 2026

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Centre College, Danville, KY, May 2026
Major: Anthropology & Sociology; Minor: Music
Study Abroad: Bhutan and India, WinterTerm 2024; London, England, WinterTerm 2026
Cumulative GPA: 3.963

Masters of Education, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, May 2028
Higher Education Leadership and Policy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sorority and fraternity life, queer socialization, inclusivity, and belonging in fraught spaces (e.g., higher education, Greek Life, sports), queer youth self-efficacy and self-image, queer narratology in pop music

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024-2025	**Atkins Scholar,** Justice and Equity Honors Thesis Research Balancing Lettered Identities: The Lived Queer+ Experience in Greek Life at Centre College; Advisor: Dr. Jamie Shenton
2024	**Researcher,** Independent Project, Exploring Helpful Interdependence in Aging at a Kentucky Assisted Living Home. Advisor: Dr. Jamie Shenton
2023	**Researcher,** Throwing Queerness into the Ring; Advisor: Dr. Chelsea Cutright

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	**Palmer G. Vance II Scholarship**, Omicron Delta Kappa *Awarded to an initiate at an institution in the Commonwealth of Kentucky*
2026	**William C. Scheetz Memorial Scholarship**, Beta Theta Pi *Scholarship for undergraduate or graduate member*
2022 - 2026	**James G. Brown Fellowship**, Centre College *Four year full-ride merit scholarship for leadership and academic achievement*
2022 - 2026	**Dean's List**, Centre College, Kentucky
2026	**Senior Speaker**, Centre College Honors Convocation
2026	**Student Life Leadership Award**, Centre College Honors Convocation G*iven in honor of past, present, and future professional student life staff educators to a senior student who has demonstrated a robust and consistent commitment to student activities, campus life, and leadership.*
2026	**Max P. Cavnes Prize**, Centre College Honors Convocation *Awarded to the best-loved and most-respected seniors*
2025	**Junior Marshal**, Centre College, Kentucky, top 19 in graduating class
2025	**Jules Delambre Student Paper Contest Winner**, 56th Annual Meeting of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky (ASK)

2025 **John Marshall Harlan Award**, Centre College Honors Convocation
Presented to the junior who most conspicuously displays the quality of leadership

2024 **Selected Speaker**, Scholarship Alumni Dinner, Centre College, Kentucky
Spoke to donors and scholarship recipients

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023, 2024 **Class Facilitator**, Leadership Seminars taught at the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. Mixture of lecture, discussion, activities for 18 scholars.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

2025 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. "Anecdotes of a Queer Gemini." Co-Producer, Songwriter, Composer, Main Artist. Independent release. Available on streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple Music, Youtube, Amazon, Tidal, and Qobuz.

2025 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. "Balancing Lettered Identities: The Lived Queer+ Experience in Greek Life at Centre College." Digitally available on the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky website. https://sites.google.com/view/ant-soc-kentucky/student-awards/prior-student-awards

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Love's A Queer Little Thing, Isn't It?: Autoethnography and Queer(ing) Love Songs. Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky.

2026 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Balancing Lettered Identities: The Lived Queer+ Experience in Greek Life at Centre College. Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2025 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Balancing Lettered Identities: The Lived Queer+ Experience in Greek Life at Centre College. Paper presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky.

2025 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Balancing Lettered Identities: The Lived Queer+ Experience in Greek Life at Centre College. Presented at the 17th Annual Research, Internships, Creative Endeavors Symposium (RICE) at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

2024 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Helping Behaviors and Caring Relationships at a Kentucky Assisted Living Home. Presented at the 16th Annual Research, Internships, Creative Endeavors Symposium at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

2024 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Empowering College Students and Community Partners through Community Based Learning. Panel at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Moderator: Dr. Jamie Shenton.

2023 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. Throwing Queerness into the Ring. Presented at the 15th Annual Research, Internships, Creative Endeavors Symposium (RICE) at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

NON-CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. "Gay and Greek: Queer Inclusivity in Greek Life at Centre College." Presentation at 6th Annual Building Bridges and Community Day at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

2022, 2024 **Cotthoff, Samuel**. "Sharing is Caring and Caring is Cool." Presentation at 3rd and 5th Annual Building Bridges and Community Day at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

2026 Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society

2025 Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society

ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

Centre College Student Government Association *(knowledge of systems, collaboration)*

2025 - 2026 Chair of Programming

2023 - 2025 Speaker of the House

2022 - 2023 Class Representative

Student Judiciary *(organization, communication, levelheadedness)*

2025 - 2026 Chair

2024 - 2025 Elected Member

College Council *(communication, administration, adaptability)*

2024 - 2026 Steering Committee Member

2023 - 2024 Public Art Committee Member

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Epsilon Chapter *(resilience, patience, organization)*

2025 - 2026 Secretary of Administration

2024 - 2026 Director of Social Media and Design

2024 - 2025 Historian

2023 - 2024 Vice President of Risk Management

Centre College Anthropology/Sociology Department *(interviewing, advising)*

2025 - 2026 Peer Tutor

2024 - 2026 Program Representative

Student Activities Council *(event planning, collaboration, project management)*

2023 - 2024 Big Events Chair

2022 - 2026 Member

Centre Players *(creativity, organization, public speaking)*

2025 "Eurydice", actor, Eurydice's Father
2023 - 2024 Public Relations Chair
2023 Assistant Stage Manager**,** "Steel Magnolias"

WORK EXPERIENCES

2026 - present **Sorority and Fraternity Life Graduate Assistant**, **UT Austin**

- Assist with daily office tasks, council events, chapter programming, and president coaching
- Supervise four undergraduate SFL Ambassadors through content creation, event planning, and talking with prospective students interested in sororities and fraternities

2026 **Head Resident Advisor, Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program**

- Planned and executed large events and daily activities for scholars
- With fellow Head RA, coached and supervised 18 Resident Advisors and their committees
- Coordinated medical visits and worked with Murray Housing and Facilities on maintenance requests

2022 - 2026 **Ambassador, Centre Ambassadors Program**

- Lead guided tours to prospective students and families, new faculty and staff hires
- Work Open House Events for prospective students and families, including tours and panels

2024 - 2026 **First Year Mentor**

- Guide first year students through Orientation Week and be a teaching assistant for a First Year Seminar class to help first year students adjust and succeed at Centre

2025 - 2026 **Centre Social Media Ambassador**

- Collaborate on and create social media content for Centre College

2023 - 2024 **Resident Assistant, Centre College**

- Live on a first year hall and assist residents with personal, social, and residential needs
- Work with other Residence Life Office staff to maintain safety on campus

2023, 2024 **Resident Advisor, Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program**

- Foster intellectual excitement amongst students and assist with supervision and instruction at Kentucky's top summer program for rising high school seniors
- Create lesson plans for and lead Leadership Seminar classes with a faculty partner

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS

CITI Human Subjects Research Certification - Social, Behavioral, and Education Sciences
Completed 2025; ID #61141936
Qualitative methods (data collection and analysis)
Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, Canva, iMovie, Cubase, social media