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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-present Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Agricultural Economics, Society, and Education, The Pennsylvania State University

AFFILIATIONS

2023-present Faculty Affiliate, Center for Economic and Community Development, The Pennsylvania State University

2022-present Associate, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

2021-present Faculty Affiliate, Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction, The Pennsylvania State University

Co-hire, Social Science Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

2019-2021 Affiliate, Immigration Initiative at Harvard, Harvard Graduate School of Education

2015-2021 Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
Committee: Mario L. Small (Chair), Jocelyn Viterna, William Julius Wilson
Dissertation: In the Epicenter: Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families amid the Rural Opioid Crisis

2018 A.M., Sociology, Harvard University
Qualifying exams: Social Stratification, Organizations, Race and Ethnicity, Political Sociology
Qualifying paper: 'Fake' Disabilities and Drug Money: Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era

2014 A.B., Sociology (with Honors), University of Chicago
A.B., Economics, University of Chicago

AREAS OF INTEREST

Child welfare, criminal justice, drug use and addiction, ethnographic methods, family, poverty and inequality, rural sociology, social policy

PUBLICATIONS (* denotes graduate student co-author; ** undergraduate student co-author)

Books

Forthcoming Gonzales, Roberto G., Benjamin Roth, and **Kristina Brant**. *Un(DACA)mented*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Forthcoming Jones, Abenaa, Sienna Strong-Jones*, Rachael Bishop*, **Kristina Brant**, Jill Owczarzak, Kelly Ngigi*, and Carl Latkin. "The Impact of Family Systems and Social Networks on Substance Use Initiation and Recovery among Women with Substance Use Disorders." *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*.

Apsley, Hannah B*, **Kristina Brant**, Sarah Brothers, Eric Harrison*, Emma Skogseth*, Robert P. Schwartz, and Abenaa A. Jones. "Pregnancy and Parenting-Related Barriers to Receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder: A Multi-Paneled Qualitative Study of Women in Treatment, Women Who Terminated Treatment, and The Professionals Who Serve Them." *Women's Health* 20: 1-12.

2024 Skogseth, Emma M*, **Kristina Brant**, Eric Harrison*, Hannah Apsley*, Max Crowley, Robert Schwartz, and Abenaa Jones. "Women and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Contributors to Treatment Success from the Perspectives of Women in Recovery, Women with Past Attempts in Drug Treatment, and Health and Criminal Justice Professionals." *Substance Use: Research and Treatment* 18: online first.

Brant, Kristina, Joel E. Segel, Michael P. McShane, Danielle Rhubart, Jennifer Kowalkowski, Hazel Velasco Palacios*, and Jorden Jackson*. "Implementing a Teaching Rural Mobile Health Clinic: Challenges and Adaptations." *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 35: 385-390.

2022 **Brant, Kristina**. "When Mamaw Becomes Mom: Social Capital and Kinship Family Formation amid the Rural Opioid Crisis." *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(3): 78-98.

** Winner, 2021 Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society.

2020 Gonzales, Roberto G., **Kristina Brant**, and Benjamin Roth. 2020. "DACAmented in the Age of Deportation: Navigating Spaces of Belonging and Vulnerability." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(1): 60-79.

- 2018** Gonzales, Roberto G., Basia Ellis, Sarah A. Rendón-García, and **Kristina Brant**. 2018. (Un)Authorized Transitions: Illegality, DACA, and the Life Course. *Research in Human Development* 15(3-4): 345-359.
 **Winner, 2019 Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development.

Book Chapters

Forthcoming Brant, Kristina. “Substance Use, Parenthood, and Institutional Avoidance in the Opioid Era.” In *Policing or Providing? The Child Welfare System as Poverty Governance*, edited by Kerry Woodward and Jennifer Randles. New York, NY: New York University Press.

2023 Brant, Kristina. “Social Parenthood and Legal (Un)Recognition in the United States.” In *Social Parenthood in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Clare Huntington, Courtney Joslin, and Christiane von Bary. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Papers Under Review

Brant, Kristina. “Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Assistance, Drug Use, and Local Moral Economies in the Opioid Era.” 2nd revise and resubmit *American Journal of Sociology*.
 ** Winner, 2020 Bruce D. Johnson Award, Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

** Winner, 2021 Graduate Student Paper Award, Disability Section of the American Sociological Association.

Small, Mario L., **Kristina Brant**, and Maleah Fekete*. “The Avoidance of Strong Ties.” Revise and Resubmit *American Sociological Review*.

Strong-Jones, Sienna*, **Kristina Brant**, Derek Kreager, Jennie Noll, Eric Harrison, Melissa Kusi-Amponsah, and Abenaa Jones. “Criminal Justice Involvement as Trauma: The Role of Incarceration and Reentry on Substance Use Trajectories Among Women with Substance Use Disorder.” 2nd Revise and Resubmit *BMC Global and Public Health*.

Jones, Abenaa, Sienna Strong-Jones*, Rachael Bishop*, **Kristina Brant**, Eric Harrison*, and Jacquelyn Campbell**. “The Role of Child Maltreatment and Reoccurring Trauma on Substance Use Trajectories among Women Involved in the Criminal Justice System.” Submitted.

Jones, Abenaa, **Kristina Brant**, Rachael Bishop*, Sienna Strong-Jones*, Derek Kreager, and Jacquelyn Campbell. “Justice-Involved Women’s Perceptions of Gender Inequity in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders.” Submitted.

Harrison, Eric*, **Kristina Brant**, Carl Latkin, Hannah Apsley*, Emma Skogseth*, and Abenaa Jones. “Social Determinants of Health Throughout the Continuum of Active Substance Use, Treatment, and Recovery: Perspectives from Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Criminal Justice and Treatment Professionals.” Submitted.

Skogseth, Emma*, **Kristina Brant**, Latkin, Carl, and Abenaa Jones. “Physical Accessibility Barriers to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment: A Qualitative Study of Perspectives from Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Health and Criminal Justice Professionals.” Submitted.

Harrison, Eric*, **Kristina Brant**, Sienna Strong-Jones*, Emma Skogseth*, Carl Latkin, and Abenaa Jones. “Challenges and Recommendations for Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction in an Era of Fentanyl and Xylazine: Perspectives of Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Professionals.” Submitted.

Works in Progress

Brant, Kristina. *In the Epicenter: Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families amid the Rural Opioid Crisis.*

Brant, Kristina. “The ‘Fix Appalachia’ Industry: Cultural Barriers to the Implementation of MOUD Clinics and Syringe Service Practices in Rural Appalachia.”

Brant, Kristina. “Expanding Rural Access and Deepening Rural Inequality: Lessons from the U.S. Opioid Crisis.”

McCracken, Aden**, **Kristina Brant**, and Abenaa Jones. “Bodily Autonomy in the Methadone Clinic: Patients’ Perspectives on Barriers to Retention in MOUD Treatment.”

Quadri, Oluwaseyi*, **Kristina Brant**, Emma Skogseth*, Eric Harrison*, and Abenaa Jones. “The Role of Perceived, Enacted and Internalized Stigma on the Uptake of MOUD among Women in the Criminal Legal System.”

Strong-Jones, Sienna*, **Kristina Brant**, and Abenaa Jones. “Mental Health Care Barriers for Women Involved in the Criminal Legal System with Substance Use Disorders: A Qualitative Study.”

Velasco Palacios, Hazel*, **Kristina Brant**, Jorden Jackson*, and Danielle Rhubart. “Navigating the Loss of Primary Health Care Infrastructure in Rural America.”

McShane, Michael, Jennifer Kowalkowski, and **Kristina Brant**. “Student Learning Benefits Aboard a Rural Mobile Health Clinic.”

Rhubart, Danielle, Jennifer Kowalkowski, **Kristina Brant**, and Hazel Velasco Palacios*. “The Mental Health Implications of Rural Infrastructure Loss.”

Research Reports

Forthcoming Brant, Kristina, Justine Lindemann, Hazel Velasco Palacios*, Nicholas Demerly*, Jihyun Shin*, Ellie Martin*, and Cristy Schmidt. “An Examination of Emergency Food Supply and Distribution in Rural Pennsylvania.” Center for Rural Pennsylvania

2019 Gonzales, Roberto G., Sayil Camacho, **Kristina Brant**, and Carlos Aguilar. “The Long-Term Impact of DACA: Forging Futures Despite DACA’s Uncertainty.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard.

- 2017** Gonzales, Roberto G., Marco A. Murillo, Cristina Lacomba, **Kristina Brant**, Martha C. Franco, Jaemin Lee, and Deepa S. Vasudevan. "Taking Giant Leaps Forward: Experiences of a Range of DACA Beneficiaries at the 5-Year Mark." Center for American Progress.
- 2016** Gonzales G., Roberto, Benjamin Roth, **Kristina Brant**, Jaemin Lee, and Carolina Valdivia. "DACA at Year Three: Challenges and Opportunities in Accessing Higher Education and Employment." American Immigration Council.
- Gonzales, Roberto G., María E. Luna-Duarte, Daysi X. Diaz-Strong, M. Ileri Rivas, and **Kristina Brant**. "How Will I Pay for It? Undocumented Students and the Barriers to College Affordability." Latino Policy Forum.
- 2015** Lee, Jaemin J., Carolina Valdivia Ordorica, and **Kristina Brant**. "Who is Gaining the Most from Obama's Deferred Action Program for Young Adult Undocumented Immigrants?" Scholars Strategy Network.

Public Writing

- 2023** **Brant, Kristina**. "How Penn State Extension Supports Pennsylvanians in Recovery." *Penn State Extension*.
- Brant, Kristina**, Matthew Kaplan, Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Rozalia Horvath, Cynthia Pollich and Darlene Sansone. "Building and Coalescing Support for Kinship Families: A Call for Action in Pennsylvania's First Statewide Intergenerational Conference." The Brookdale Foundation Group Relatives as Parents Program *RAPP Reporter*.
- 2022** Kaplan, Matthew, Cynthia Pollich, Darlene Sansone, Rozalia Horvath, Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, and **Kristina Brant**. "Family Bonding – Grandfamilies Style: Family Walks." *Penn State Extension*.
- Brant, Kristina**, Matthew Kaplan, Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Rozalia Horvath, Cynthia Pollich and Darlene Sansone. "A Weekend Together at Camp: Kinship Family Retreats as a Tool for Respite, Bonding, and Support." The Brookdale Foundation Group Relatives as Parents Program *Site Bulletin*.
- 2020** **Brant, Kristina**. "Supporting Kinship Families amid the COVID-19 Crisis." *Fabe.org*.
- 2019** Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. "DACA has changed lives—and the country—for the better. It must be preserved." *The Guardian*.
- 2017** Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. "DACA Boosts Young Immigrants' Well-Being, Mental Health." *NBCNews.com*.

Multimedia Products

2023 **Brant, Kristina** and Justine Lindemann. “Food Insecurity among Older Adults and the Emergency Food Safety Net.” WTF Mind Matters.

Brant, Kristina. “Substance Use, Stigma, and Support.” WTF Mind Matters.

Brant, Kristina and Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger. “Understanding the Legal Challenges of Kinship Families.” WTF Mind Matters.

2022 Kaplan, Matthew and **Kristina Brant.** “The Inaugural Pennsylvania Intergenerational Conference Video.” Mollynook Film Publications.

Educational Products

Forthcoming Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Rozalia Horvath, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone. “How to Use the Curriculum.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger and **Kristina Brant.** “The Grand Plan: An Introduction to the Kinship Support Group Modules.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Act Your Age! Child and Youth Development and ACEs.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger and **Kristina Brant.** “Your Unique Child: Understanding Personalities, Temperaments, and Emotions.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Listen to This! Effective Family Communication.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Dial Down the Drama! Child Behavior and Positive Discipline.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Digital Media Literacy: Understanding Technology and Social Media.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Kristina Brant, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “It’s a Matter of the Law! Navigating the Legal System.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Back to School! Navigating the School System.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Kristina Brant, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Fostering Resilience: Parental Substance Use and the Other Complex Reasons for Kinship Care.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger and **Kristina Brant**. “Healing Hearts: Finding a Way through Grief and Loss” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Care for the Caregiver: Self-Care and Stress Management.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger, **Kristina Brant**, Ami Cook, and Gina Taylor. “Just for the Health of It: Creating a Healthy Lifestyle.” *Caring for Our Kin: A Kinship Support Group Curriculum*. Penn State Extension and WVU Extension.

RESEARCH & EXTENSION FUNDING

External Grants

2024	Principal Investigator, “Caring for Our Kin: A Curriculum for Kinship Caregiver Support Groups.” eXtension Foundation (\$20,000.00).
2024-2025	Principal Investigator, “Access to MOUD and Harm Reduction Services Across Rural Pennsylvania,” Center for Rural Pennsylvania (\$49,824.00).
2023-2026	Co-Principal Investigator, “Opioid and Drug Overdose in Rural Coal Communities in the Post-COVID Era of Energy Transition: An Exploratory Study of the Central Appalachian Coal Region,” USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agricultural and Food Research Initiative Foundational and Applied Science Program (\$649,897.00).
2023-2024	Principal Investigator, “An Examination of Emergency Food Supply and Distribution in Rural Pennsylvania,” Center for Rural Pennsylvania (\$50,000.00).
2019-2021	Co-Principal Investigator, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Parental Opioid Addiction and Kinship Care,” National Science Foundation, Social and Economic Sciences (\$15,613.00).

Internal Grants

- 2023-2025** Principal Investigator, “Exploring the Impacts of Flooding Events on Substance Use in Rural Appalachia,” Institutes of Energy and the Environment, Pennsylvania State University (\$21,848.00).
- Co-Investigator, “Opioid Misuse and Overdose in Rural Coal Communities During the Confluence of COVID-19 and Energy Transition,” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$19,700.00).
- Co-Investigator, “The Cumberland House Reentry Project (CHRP),” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$19,450.00).
- Principal Investigator, “Research-Extension-Community Partnerships: Co-Creating Agri-Food System Interventions for Community Vitality and Resilience,” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$17,249.00).
- Co-Investigator, “SSRI Working Group on Social Science Research on Rural Population Health,” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$5,000.00)
- 2022-2024** Co-Principal Investigator, “Towards Sustainable Rural Health Care Delivery: A Pilot Study to Explore Preventive Health Care Access Using a Mobile Health Clinic,” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$34,407.00).
- Co-Investigator, “Organizing Proposal to Develop a Longitudinal Evaluation of the 2022 Opioid Settlement Funding Impacts in Pennsylvania,” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$249,635.00).
- Principal Investigator, “Developing an Educational Support Group Curriculum for Relative Caregivers in Pennsylvania and Beyond,” College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University (\$20,000.00).
- 2018** Principal Investigator, “Navigating Rental Housing Markets in Rural Appalachia,” Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University (\$1,000.00)
- 2016** Principal Investigator, “Coping with Concentrated Poverty in Rural Appalachia,” Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University (\$1,000.00)

Research Fellowships

- 2021-2024** National Institute on Drug Abuse T32 Fellowship, Science of Co-occurring Disorders, Center for Technology and Behavioral Health, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College (declined).

National Institute on Drug Abuse T32 Fellowship, Research Training in Drug Abuse Behavior, Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, University of Kentucky College of Medicine (declined).

- 2020-2021** Presidential Scholar Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
- 2018-2019** Inequality & Social Policy Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School.
- 2014-2016** Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023** Roy C. Buck Faculty Award, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2022** Early Career Research Award, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2021** Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society.
- Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Disability Section.
- 2020** Bruce D. Johnson Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems Drinking and Drugs Division.
- 2019** Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2019** Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development.
- 2017** Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University.
- 2016** Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University.
- 2014** Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter.
- 2010** National Merit Scholar, University of Chicago.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2024** “Responsible Research with Rural Populations: Best Practices & Lessons Learned.” Penn State Social Science Research Institute. Symposium on Social Science Research on Rural Health. (With Kathy Sexsmith).
- “Exploring Local Decision-Making Processes for Opioid Abatement.” Penn State College of Medicine. Topics in Addiction Seminar.
- 2023** “Flood Bound.” Penn State Sustainability Institute and Penn State Water Institute. Soundings Water Film Series.
- “Recovery Friendly Workplaces for Workforce Development.” Philadelphia Federal Reserve. Rural Community Action Assemblies.
- “Community-Engaged Research: Models for Research-Practice Partnerships.” Fahe. Lunch and Learn Research Series.
- “Challenges and Adaptations Implementing a Mobile Clinic in a Rural Community.” Penn State College of Medicine Project ECHO. Mobile Health: Best Practices and Lessons Learned ECHO Series.
- “Kinship Family Formation and the Reproduction of Rural Inequality.” Pennsylvania State University Department of Geography Coffee Hour.
- 2021** “The Opioid Crisis and the Reproduction of Rural Inequality.” Center for Technology and Behavioral Health, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College.
- “Inequality and the Opioid Crisis in Rural America.” Harvard College Japan Initiative.
- 2019** “What’s Next for DACA? Report Launch and Panel Discussion to Coincide with Supreme Court Hearing.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard. (With Roberto Gonzales).
- “From Local Voices to National Policy: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Appalachian Kentucky.” Arnow Conference for the Humanities, Somerset Community College.
- 2015** “From Undocumented to DACAmended: Understanding Legal Status in a New Policy Context.” Culture and Institutions Colloquium, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (With Roberto Gonzales).

Conference Presentations

- 2023** “Expanding Rural Access and Deepening Rural Inequality: Perspectives from Appalachian Practitioners.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“Overcoming Barriers to Health in Rural America: A Critical Analysis of Disparities and Potential Solutions.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Hazel Velasco Palacios*, Jorden Jackson*, Danielle Rhubart, and Michael McShane).

“Fracturing Families: How Kinship Care Policy Shapes Intimate Family Dynamics.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“LION Mobile Clinic: Best Practices when Expanding Preventative Health Services to Rural Pennsylvania.” Pennsylvania Community and Public Health Annual Conference. (With Michael McShane).

“Women and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Contributors to Treatment Success from the Perspectives of Women in Recovery, Women with Past Attempts in Drug Treatment, and Health and Criminal Justice Professionals.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 85th Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Emma Skogseth*, Robert Schwartz, Eric Harrison*, Robert Crowley, and Abenaa Jones).

“The Impact and Evolution of Structural Vulnerabilities throughout Substance Use Initiation, Treatment, and Recovery: Perspectives from Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Providers.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 85th Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Eric Harrison*, Hobart Cleveland, Hannah Apsley*, Emma Skogseth*, and Abenaa Jones).

“Initiation and Retention in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) among Women: A Multi-Paneled Qualitative Study of Women in Recovery, Women who Terminated Treatment, and the Professionals who Serve Them.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 85th Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Hannah Apsley*, Robert Schwartz, Hobart Cleveland, Eric Harrison*, Sarah Brothers, and Abenaa Jones).

“Criminal Justice Involvement as Trauma: The Role of Recidivism and Reentry on Substance Use Trajectories Among Women with Substance Use Disorders.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 85th Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Sienna Strong-Jones*, Derek Kreager, Eric Harrison*, Jennie Noll, Melissa Kusi-Amponsah, and Abenaa Jones).

“LION Mobile Clinic: Piloting an Initiative to Expand Preventive Health Care Access in Rural Pennsylvania.” Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. (With Michael McShane, Danielle Rhubart, Joel Segel, and Mark Stephens).

2022

“Fear of Child Welfare and Institutional Avoidance in the Opioid Era.” Symposium on Substance Use Research.

“Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Receipt in the Opioid Era.” Summit on Substance Use Disorder Stigma Reduction.

“Social Parenthood and Non-Parental Primary Caregivers.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.

- 2021** “Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Assistance, Drug Use, and Local Moral Economies in the Opioid Era.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- “‘Fake’ Disabilities and Drug Money: Everyday Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020** “Policing Families in the Opioid Era.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2019** “The Classed Consequences of Opioid Addiction in Rural Appalachia.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- “Communities in Crisis: The Social Consequences of Opioid Addiction and Rising Disability.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2018** “The Morality of Addiction, Disability, and Economic Honesty in Post-Coal Central Appalachia.” Mini-Conference on Class and Culture, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2018.
- 2015** “Beyond the Trust-Mistrust Dichotomy: Assessing Police Perceptions of Undocumented Young Adults.” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.

Extension Presentations

- 2024** “Caring for Our Kin Curriculum Review Workshop #3.” Penn State Extension. (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone).
- “Caring for Our Kin Curriculum Review Workshop #2.” Penn State Extension, (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone).
- “Caring for Our Kin Curriculum Review Workshop #1.” Penn State Extension, (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone).
- 2023** “Recovery-Friendly Workplaces.” Substance Use Education Team Meeting, Penn State Extension.
- “Using a 12-Module Curriculum to Create and Sustain Educational Support Groups Serving Kinship Caregivers.” Penn State Extension Educator Institute Poster Exhibit. (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone).
- “Respite for RAPPs: Pivoting from Kinship Family Retreats to Kinship Family Fairs.” Brookdale Foundation Relatives as Parents Program Annual Meeting. (With Matthew Kaplan, Darlene Sansone, and Rozalia Horvath).
- “Legal Issues.” Clearfield Kinship Family Fair.

“Building a Community of Support for Kinship Caregivers.” National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting. (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Ami Cook).

“Using a 12-Module Curriculum to Create and Sustain Educational Support Groups Serving Kinship Caregivers.” Generations United Global Intergenerational Conference. (With Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, and Darlene Sansone).

“Legal Assistance for Kinship Caregivers.” Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Symposium – Wyoming County.

2022 “RAPP Yourself Around Kinship Engagement.” Pennsylvania Intergenerational Conference.

“Connecting Scholarship and Practice to Support Kinship Families in the Commonwealth.” Pennsylvania Intergenerational Conference.

“Substance Use, Parenthood, and the Family.” Substance Use Education Team Webinar, Penn State Extension.

Workshop Presentations

2024 “An Examination of Emergency Food Supply and Distribution in Rural Pennsylvania.” Rural Sociology Cluster Brown Bag, Pennsylvania State University. (With Justine Lindemann and Ellie Martin).

2023 “Extension Possibilities for Recovery and Reentry.” Rural Sociology Cluster Brown Bag, Pennsylvania State University. (With Justine Lindemann and Zoe Chambliss).

“Early Findings from the Elevate Pennsylvania Initiative.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Workshop, Pennsylvania State University.

2022 “Mobile Medical Units: Piloting an Initiative to Expand Preventive Health Care Access in Rural Pennsylvania.” Updates in Clinical Medicine Workshop, Pennsylvania State University. (With Michael McShane).

“The Paradox of Family Foster Care.” Family Demography Workshop, Pennsylvania State University.

“Family Foster Care and Parental Substance Use.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Workshop, Pennsylvania State University.

“The Paradox of Family Foster Care.” Rural Sociology Cluster Brown Bag, Pennsylvania State University.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Students Supervised

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education

Nicholas Demerly (MS thesis advisor, 2023-present)

Jarod Rachu (MPS thesis committee member, 2021-2023)

Elena Yeargan (MPS thesis committee member, 2021-2022)

Hazel Velasco Palacios (PhD dissertation committee member, 2023-present)

Jorden Jackson (PhD dissertation committee member, 2023-present)

Mengjun Ge (PhD dissertation committee member, 2023-present)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies

Eric Harrison (MS thesis committee member 2023-present)

Pennsylvania State University, College of Information Sciences and Technology

Nasim Motalebi (PhD dissertation committee member, 2022-2023)

Harvard University, Department of Sociology

Emily Moss (Undergraduate thesis advisor, 2020-2021)

Kaycie Bennett (Undergraduate thesis advisor, 2018-2019)

Courses Taught

University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Department of Sociology

Social Inequalities (Lecturer, Fall 2018)

Criminology (Lecturer, Fall 2018)

Harvard University, Department of Sociology

Education and Culture (Teaching Fellow, Spring 2017)

** Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

American Society and Public Policy (Teaching Fellow, Fall 2016)

** Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

Guest Lectures

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education

“Ethnography with Vulnerable Populations,” Decolonial Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (Fall 2023)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology

“Studying Parents Who Use Drugs and the Child Welfare System,” Developmental Science in Addictions (Fall 2023)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Geography

“Early Results from the Elevate PA Initiative,” Profits over Public Health: Geographic Impacts of the Corporate Drug Trade (Fall 2023)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology

“Immigration and DACA”, Population and Policy Issues (Spring 2022)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education

“Rural Poverty”, Change in Rural Society (Spring 2022)

“Researcher Identity and the Construction of Knowledge”, Qualitative Research Methods (Spring 2022)

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies

“Immigration and Health,” Social Epidemiology (Spring 2022)

Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, Institute of Sociology

“The Opioid Crisis in Rural Appalachia,” White Trash (Summer 2022)

SERVICE

Service to the Department

2022-2024 Member, Hiring Committee, Rural Sociology Cluster, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Pennsylvania State University.

Member, Graduate Student Committee, Rural Sociology Cluster, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Pennsylvania State University.

2022 Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Planning Committee, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Pennsylvania State University.

Service to the College

2024-present Reviewer, Graduate Student Fellowships, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

2023-present Reviewer, Penn State Extension Food, Families, and Health Unit Peer Review.

Reviewer, William J. and Anne E. Scarlett Award in Watershed Stewardship, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

Reviewer, Paul Hand Award for Graduate Student Research Achievement, Pennsylvania State University.

2021-present Reviewer, Graduate Student Competitive Grant Program, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

2022 Reviewer, Evans Family Award for Graduate Student Extension Achievement, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

Service to the University

2023-present Member, Internal Advisory Board, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University.

Member, Troubleshooting Team, Population Research Institute and Computation and Spatial Analysis Core, Pennsylvania State University.

Co-Organizer, Rural Population Health Working Group, Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University.

Organizer, Family and Gender Working Group, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University.

2022-present Judge, Graduate Exhibition, Graduate School of Penn State.

2023 Panel Discussant, National Symposium on Family Issues, Pennsylvania State University.

Panel Organizer, Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Pennsylvania State University.

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2021-2022 Member, Schreyer Honors College Selection Committee, Pennsylvania State University.

Service to the Discipline

2023-present Co-Chair, Rural Poverty RIG, Rural Sociological Society.

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2022-2023 Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association.

Member, Reception Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2020-2021 Member, Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Occasional reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Rural Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Children & Youth Services Review*, *SSM – Mental Health*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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