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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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

**AFFILIATIONS**

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**2024-present** Faculty Affiliate, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

**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

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

**EDUCATION**

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**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**

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Appalachia; child welfare system; criminal legal system; family; poverty and inequality; qualitative methods; rural health; substance use; social policy

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

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**Books**

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

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

**Forthcoming** Jones, Abenaa, **Kristina Brant**, Rachael Bishop\*, Sienna Strong-Jones\*, and Derek Kreager. “‘Just an Unfair Score’: Perceptions of Gender Inequity in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders among Women Involved in the Criminal Legal System.” *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*.

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.” *Contemporary Drug Problems*.

**2024** Velasco Palacios, Hazel\*, **Kristina Brant**, Danielle Rhubart, and Jorden Jackson\*. “Community Responses and Adaptations following the Closure of a Rural Pharmacy and Primary Care Facility.” *Journal of Rural Health*.

McCracken, Aden\*\*, **Kristina Brant**, Carl Latkin, and Abenaa Jones. “Tethered by this Ball and Chain: Women’s Perspectives on Bodily Agency in Opioid Treatment Programs.” *International Journal of Drug Policy* 134: 104645.

Rhubart, Danielle, Jennifer Kowalkowski, Hazel Velasco Palacios\*, and **Kristina Brant**. “The Loss of Rural Vital Places: A Case Study.” *Wellbeing, Space, and Society* 7: 100228.

Small, Mario L., **Kristina Brant**, and Maleah Fekete\*. “The Avoidance of Strong Ties.” *American Sociological Review* 89(4): 615-649.

\*\* Highlighted in *Science*, vol 385, issue 6715, pp. 1312-1313.

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.” *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*.

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*.

Strong-Jones, Sienna\*, **Kristina Brant**, Derek Kreager, Eric Harrison\*, and Abenaa Jones. “Criminal Justice Involvement as Trauma: The Role of Incarceration and Reentry on Substance Use Trajectories Among Women with Substance Use Disorder.” *BMC Global and Public Health* 2: 26.

**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.

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.

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.

**2022** **Brant, Kristina**. “When Mamaw Becomes Mom: Social Capital and Kinship Family Formation amid the Rural Opioid Crisis.” *RJF: 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. “DACAdmented 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.

## Papers Under Review

**Brant, Kristina**. “Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Assistance, Drug Use, and Local Moral Economies in the Opioid Era.” 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Crittenden, Jennifer A., Darlene Sansone, **Kristina Brant**, Jennifer Odum, Caitlin O’Brien, and Lisa McCormick. “Learning from Experience: What is Successful Respite During and Post-Pandemic?” Revise and Resubmit *GrandFamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice and Policy*.

Skogseth, Emma\*, Sienna Strong-Jones\*, **Kristina Brant**, Oluwaseyi Quadri\*, and Abenaa Jones. “Mental Health Care Barriers for Women Involved in the Criminal Legal System with Substance Use Disorders: A Qualitative Study.” Revise and Resubmit *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

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

Quadri, Oluwaseyi\*, Emma Skogseth\*, **Kristina Brant**, and Abenaa Jones. “The Role of Perceived, Enacted, and Internalized Stigma on Engagement with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Women in the Criminal Legal System.” Revise and Resubmit *BMC Women’s Health*.

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.

McShane, Michael, Jennifer Kowalkowski, **Kristina Brant**, Joel Segel, Ashley Visco, Philip Volpe, and Mark Stephens. “Tailgate Medicine as an alternative method of health care delivery for rural populations.” Submitted.

**Brant, Kristina**, Oluwaseyi Quadri\*, Aden McCracken\*\*, and Abenaa Jones. “Beyond Textbook Knowledge: The Benefits and Potential Biases of Lived Experience in Recovery Support.” Submitted.

Kampman, Halie, **Kristina Brant**, Maya Weinberg\*, Glenn Sterner, and Brian King. “Initial Stakeholder Perceptions around Opioid Settlement Funds in Pennsylvania.” Submitted.

### Book Chapters

**Forthcoming** Rhubart, Danielle, **Kristina Brant**, and Alexis Santos. “Rural Health and Mortality.” In *Rural America in the 2020s: Shocks, Stressors, and Successes*, edited by Shannon Monnat and John Green. Chapel Hill, NC: UNC Press.

Lipscomb, Divine\*, Kurt Danysh, **Kristina Brant**, Andrea Hazelwood\*, and Derek Kreager. “A Conversation with Kurt Danysh, Director of the Cumberland House: A Peer-Led Reentry Intervention for Older, Previously-Incarcerated Men.” In *DCS Handbook on Corrections and Sentencing, Volume 10: Lessons from Lived Experience*, edited by Christopher Dum, Jamie Fader, Thomas LeBel, and Kevin Wright. Oxfordshire, England: Routledge Press.

**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.

### Research and Policy Reports

**2024** **Brant, Kristina**, Paige Kelly, Danielle Rhubart, Gloria Mangoni\*, John Green, Katherine Curtis, Jason de Koff, Sreedhar Upendrum, and Eleanor Green. “Future Directions for Rural Population Research: Findings from RPRN’s Stakeholder Listening Sessions.” Rural Population Research Network.

**Brant, Kristina**, Justine Lindemann, Hazel Velasco Palacios\*, Nicholas Demerly\*, and Jihyun Shin\*. “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. Ireri 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.

#### Extension Articles and Briefs

- 2024 Kaplan, Matthew, **Kristina Brant**, Cynthia Pollich, Darlene Sansone, Rozalia Horvath, and Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger. “Innovative Ways to Support Kinship Care Families Highlighted at the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Intergenerational Conference.” The Brookdale Foundation Group Relatives as Parents Program *Site Bulletin*.
- 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*.

#### Blogs and Op-Eds

- 2020 **Brant, Kristina**. “Supporting Kinship Families amid the COVID-19 Crisis.” Fahe.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.” WITF Mind Matters.
- Brant, Kristina**. “Substance Use, Stigma, and Support.” WITF Mind Matters.
- Brant, Kristina** and Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger. “Understanding the Legal Challenges of Kinship Families.” WITF Mind Matters.
- 2022 Kaplan, Matthew and **Kristina Brant**. “The Inaugural Pennsylvania Intergenerational Conference Video.” Mollynook Film Publications.

### Educational Products

- 2024 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

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### Pending Proposals

**2025-2028** Co-Principal Investigator, “Assessing the Flood Impact and Recovery in Rural Coal Communities: A Case Study of the July 2022 Eastern Kentucky Flood.” USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agricultural and Food Research Initiative Foundational and Applied Science Program (\$650,000).

### External Grants

**2024-2025** Co-Investigator, “Community Building among Older Men Returning from Incarceration: The Cumberland House Reentry Project (CHRP).” National Institutes of Health (\$328,037).

**2024-2025** Principal Investigator, “Access to MOUD and Harm Reduction Services Across Rural Pennsylvania,” Center for Rural Pennsylvania (\$49,824).

**2024** Principal Investigator, “Caring for Our Kin: A Curriculum for Kinship Caregiver Support Groups.” eXtension Foundation (\$20,000).

**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).

**2023-2024** Principal Investigator, “An Examination of Emergency Food Supply and Distribution in Rural Pennsylvania,” Center for Rural Pennsylvania (\$50,000).

**2019-2021** Co-Principal Investigator, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Parental Opioid Addiction and Kinship Care,” National Science Foundation, Social and Economic Sciences (\$15,613).

### Internal Grants

- 2024-2026** Collaborator, “A statewide program to prepare health and social services systems to address the health impacts of extreme heat, flooding, and worsening air quality among vulnerable populations,” Climate Solutions Accelerator, Pennsylvania State University (\$100,000).
- 2024-2025** Co-Investigator, “Connecting the Network: Establishing a Coalition Toward Increased Immunization Rates in Central Pennsylvania,” Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$50,000).
- 2023-2025** 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).
- Co-Investigator, “The Cumberland House Reentry Project (CHRP),” Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University (\$19,450).
- 2023-2024** 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).
- 2022-2024** Co-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).
- 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).
- Principal Investigator, “Developing an Educational Support Group Curriculum for Relative Caregivers in Pennsylvania and Beyond,” College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University (\$20,000).

### **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**

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- 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.

## **MEDIA MENTIONS**

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- 2024** “Health systems in Arkansas are broadening access to services through mobile units,” Campbell Roper, Arkansas Democrat Gazette, August 18.  
“Food insecurity hits seniors hardest as inflation squeezes families,” Anthony Hennen, The Center Square, August 1.  
“Pharmacy closures in rural communities lead to unique workarounds, says Penn State research,” Sydney Roach, WPSU, February 22.  
“PSU researcher shares how preliminary findings on how counties are spending opioid settlement funds,” Sydney Roach, WPSU, January 25.  
“Counties throw darts to find best use of opioid settlement funds,” Anthony Hennen, The Center Square, January 24.
- 2023** “Recovery-friendly workplaces can help those on the path to healing,” Kristi Eaton, Daily Yonder, September 11.

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Presentations**

- 2024** “The Importance of Social Infrastructure for Strengthening Community Preparedness and Adaptation to the Health Challenges Associated with Climate Change.” GreenGov Council and Penn State Sustainability. (With Erica Husser).

“Where the rubber meets the road: Service, education, and research aboard the LION Mobile Clinic.” Center for Economic and Community Development. Penn State University. (With Michael McShane).

Panelist on “Rural Sociology beyond Academia: Public Scholarship for Students and Early-Career Professionals.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

“Perceptions of Gender Inequity in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders among Women Involved in the Criminal Justice System.” The Research Society on Alcoholism Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Abenaa Jones, Rachael Bishop\*, Sienna Strong-Jones\*, Derek Kreager, and Jacquelyn Campbell).

“A Snapshot of Rural America: Impact of a Clinic Closure, Mobile Clinic, and Community Building.” Grand Rounds, Penn State College of Medicine. (With Michael McShane and Paula Moodie.)

Panelist on “Adventures in Community-Engaged Climate Research.” Climate Solutions Symposium. Penn State University.

“Exploring the Impacts of Flooding Events on Substance Use in Rural Appalachia.” Panel presentation for “Climate Change, Demography, and Population Health.” Climate Solutions Symposium. Penn State University. (With Mengjun Ge\*.)

“Exploring the Impacts of Flooding Events on Substance Use in Rural Appalachia.” Panel presentation for “Advancing Resilience in the Face of Increasing Flood Risk across the Appalachian Landscape.” American Water Resources Association Spring 2024 Conference.

“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 DACAmented: Understanding Legal Status in a New Policy Context.” Culture and Institutions Colloquium, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (With Roberto Gonzales).

### **Conference Presentations**

**2024** “Building Social Networks of Older Men during Reentry: The Cumberland House Reentry Project (CHRP)” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (With Derek Kreager, Gary Zajac, Sarah Brothers, Brandy Henry, and David Schaefer).

“Future Directions for Rural Population Research: Findings from Rural Population Research Network’s Stakeholder Listening Sessions.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Paige Kelly, Danielle Rhubart, John Green, Katherine Curtis, Jason DeKoff, and Sreedhar Upendram).

“The Rise of the Trunk Model of Emergency Food Distribution: (In)efficiencies and Choice.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Justine Lindemann and Jihyun Shin).

“We’re Giving Back: Narratives and Actions of Deservingness among Emergency Food Recipients.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Nicholas Demerly and Justine Lindemann).

“On the Backs of a Bunch of Grandmas In Church Basements: Volunteerism and the Emergency Food Network.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Ellie Martin and Justine Lindemann).

“Exploring the Role of Food Pantries as Third Spaces for Community Building and Immigrant Integration.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (With Hazel Velasco Palacios and Justine Lindemann).

“Building Social Networks of Older Men Returning from Incarceration: The Cumberland House Reentry Project (CHRP).” INSNA Sunbelt. (With Derek Kreager, David Schaefer, Brandy Henry, Sarah Brothers, and Gary Zajac).

“Opioid Settlement Funding in PA: Utilizing Community Listening Sessions and Data Analysis for Effective Spending.” Syndemic Summit, Community Education Group. (With Glenn Sterner III and Joel Segel).

“Exploring the Impacts of Flooding Events on Substance Use in Rural Appalachia.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Penn State University. (With Zhen Lei.)

- “Accepting Risk to Reduce Risk: The Disparate Landscape of Harm Reduction Services.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky.
- “Understanding the Rural Risk Environment for Drug-Related Harms.” Symposium on Social Science Research on Rural Health, Penn State Social Science Research Institute.
- 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\*, Jordan 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).
- “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.

### **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.

### **Poster Presentations**

- 2024** “The Role of Perceived, Enacted, and Internalized Stigma on the Uptake of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Women in the Criminal Legal System” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Oluwaseyi Quadri\*, Emma Skogseth\*, Eric Harrison\*, and Abenaa Jones.)
- “Mental Health Care Barriers for Women Involved in the Criminal Legal System with Substance Use Disorders: A Qualitative Study.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Sienna Strong-Jones\*, Emma Skogseth\*, Oluwaseyi Quadri\*, and Abenaa Jones).
- “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.” The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. (With Emma Skogseth\*, Carl Latkin, and Abenaa Jones).
- “Broadband Access, Local MOUD Treatment, and Opioid Overdose Deaths Post-COVID.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Penn State University. (With Mengjun Ge\* and Zhen Lei).
- “The Role of Perceived, Enacted, and Internalized Stigma on the Uptake of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Women in the Criminal Legal System” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Penn State University. (With Oluwaseyi Quadri\*, Emma Skogseth\*, Eric Harrison\*, 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.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Penn State University. (With Eric Harrison\*, Sienna Strong-Jones\*, Emma Skogseth\*, Carl Latkin, and Abenaa Jones).

“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.” Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Penn State University. (With Emma Skogseth\*, Carl Latkin, and Abenaa Jones).

**2023** “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).

## **EXTENSION EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Extension Symposia and Workshops**

**2024** Community-University Partnerships for Radical Community Transformation Symposium. Penn State University. 1.5-day event for faculty, staff, students, Extension educators, and community partners. Organized and facilitated with Justine Lindemann.

Caring for Our Kin Curriculum Review Workshop. Penn State Extension. Organized and facilitated with Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, Cynthia Pollich, Rozi Horvath, and Darlene Sansone. 3-hour workshop held on 3 separate occasions for community organizations.

### **Extension Presentations**

**2024** “Research-Informed Program Development to Support Kinship Families.” The Mid-Atlantic Intergenerational Conference.

“Building a Community of Support for Kinship Caregivers.” The Mid-Atlantic Intergenerational Conference. (With Darlene Sansone, Rozi Horvath, Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger, and Cynthia Pollich).

“Abolitionist and Agrarian Possibilities for Collective Healing and Community Resilience.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky. (With Justine Lindemann.)

**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. (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.

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

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### **Students Supervised**

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

Nicholas Demerly (MS thesis advisor, 2023-present)

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)

Crystal Simmons (MPS capstone committee member, 2024)

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

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

*Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology*

Andrea Hazelwood (PhD dissertation committee member, 2024-present)

*Pennsylvania State University, College of Nursing*

Olivia Rubio (PhD dissertation committee member, 2024-present)

*Pennsylvania State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies*

Eric Harrison (MS thesis committee member, 2023)

*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, Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center*

“Community-Engaged Research with Rural Populations,” Prevention and Methodology Training Program (Spring 2024)

*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*

“Research Ethics and Fieldworker Safety”, Qualitative Research Methods (Spring 2024)



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

“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**

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### **Service to the Department**

- 2024-present** Reviewer, CEDEV Certificate Program Admissions, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2022-present** Member, Graduate Student Committee, Rural Sociology Cluster, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2022-2024** Member, Hiring 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**

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**2024-present** Co-Organizer, Community-University Partnerships for Radical Community Transformation, Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State 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, Social Science Research on Rural Population Health Working Group, Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University.

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

**2022-2023** 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.

**2022** Panel Discussant, Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference, Pennsylvania State University, May 2022.

**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.

**2023-2024** Co-Organizer, Stakeholder Listening Sessions on Rural Population Health, W5001 USDA-NIFA Multi-state Hatch Project.

**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*, *Healthcare*, *Journal of Drug Issues*

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association (sections: Children and Youth; Community and Urban Sociology; Drugs and Society; Family; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility)

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Appalachian Translational Research Network

Rural Sociological Society (sections: Community, Health, and Family; Rural Poverty)

Scholars Strategy Network