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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
2018-2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

EDUCATION

2018 **Ph.D. Sociology**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Dissertation title: "Caregivers and Critics: Examining Patterns of Social Network Engagement during the Onset of Alzheimer's Disease."
Dissertation committee: Brea Perry (chair), Bernice Pescosolido, Andrew Halpern-Manners, Fabio Rojas.

2016 **M.S. Applied Statistics**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2014 **M.A. Sociology**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Thesis title: "Physical Illness, Healthcare Contact, and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide."

2012 **B.A. Sociology**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY
Honors thesis title: "The Sociology of Suicide: An Exploration of the Network Perspective."

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2025 Thomas, C. D., Feyereisen, S., **McConnell, W. R.**, & Puro, N. "COVID-19 and Nurse Practitioner Autonomy: A Quantitative Analysis and Analytic Narrative of Nurse Practitioner Professionalisation amid Physician Dominance." *Health Sociology Review* (2025): 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14461242.2025.2504896>
* Best Paper Proceedings, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management.
* Best Paper Award 2021, Health Care Management Division, Academy of Management.
- 2024 Feyereisen, Scott, **William R. McConnell**, & Neeraj Puro. "Revisiting the effects of state anesthesia policy interventions: A comprehensive look at CRNA service provision in US hospitals from 2010-2021." *Journal of Rural Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12879>
- 2024 Gallan, Andrew S., Anu Helkkula, & **William R. McConnell**. "Why did this happen to me? Causal attributions of illness and cultural health capital." *Social Science & Medicine*, 350: 116923. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116923>
- 2022 Perry, Brea L., **William R. McConnell**, Max E. Coleman[±], Adam R. Roth, Siyun Peng, & Liana G. Apostolova. "Why the cognitive "fountain of youth" may be upstream: Pathways to dementia risk and resilience through social connectedness." *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 18(5), 934-941. <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.12443>

- 2022 Perry, Brea L., **William R. McConnell**, Siyun Peng, Adam R. Roth, Max Coleman[±], Mohit Manchella[±], Meghann Roessler[±], Heather Francis[±], Hope Sheean[±], & Liana A. Apostolova. "Social Networks and Cognitive Function: An Evaluation of Social Bridging and Bonding Mechanisms." *The Gerontologist*, 62(6), 865-875. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab112>
- 2021 Feyereisen, Scott, **William R. McConnell**, Clayton Thomas, & Neeraj Puro. "Physician dominance in the 21st century: Examining the rise of non-physician autonomy through prevailing theoretical lenses." *Sociology of Health & Illness*, 43(8), 1867-1886. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9566.13366>
- 2021 Keister, Lisa A., Chad Stecher, Brian Aronson, **William R. McConnell**, Joshua Hustedt, & James W. Moody. "Provider Bias in prescribing opioid analgesics: A study of electronic medical records at a hospital emergency department." *BMC Public Health*, 21(1), 1-9. <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-021-11551-9>
- 2020 Feyereisen, Scott, Neeraj Puro, Clayton Thomas, & **William R. McConnell**. "A new kind of gatekeeper: The increasing prevalence of Advanced Practice Nurses as case managers in US hospitals." *Health*, 25(5), 596-612. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363459320976758>
- 2020 Feyereisen, Scott L., Neeraj Puro, & **William R. McConnell**. "Addressing provider shortages in rural America: The role of state opt-out policy adoptions in promoting hospital anesthesia provision." *The Journal of Rural Health*, 37(4), 684-691. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12487>
- 2019 Perry, Brea, Kelda Harris Walsh, Martin H. Plawecki, Jill C. Fodstad, Hillary S. Blake, Amber Hunt, Carol Ott, Richard Rowlinson, **William R. McConnell**, Kaitlyn Kleimola, & Leslie A. Hulvershorn. "Change in psychotropic prescribing patterns among youth in foster care associated with a peer-to-peer physician consultation program." *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 58(12):1218-1222.e1. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2019.06.014>
- 2019 **McConnell[±], William R., & Emma D. Cohen[±]**. "Fear of fraudulence: graduate school program environments and the impostor phenomenon." *The Sociological Quarterly*, 60(3), 457-478. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2019.1580552>
[±] These authors contributed equally to this work and may choose to list their name first.
* Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association.
- 2017 **McConnell, William R.** "Cultural guides, cultural critics: Distrust of doctors and social support during mental health treatment." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 54(4), 503-519. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146517736291>
* Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Sociology Department, Indiana University.
* Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association.
- 2016 **McConnell, William R., & Brea L. Perry.** "The revolving door: Patient needs and network turnover during mental health treatment," in Brea L. Perry (ed.), *50 Years after Deinstitutionalization: Mental Illness in Contemporary Communities (Advances in Medical Sociology, 17)*, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 119-145. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S1057-629020160000017005>
- 2016 Maupome, Gerardo, **William R. McConnell**, & Brea L. Perry. "Dental problems and familismo: Social network discussion of oral health issues among adults of Mexican origin

- living in the United States.” *Community Dental Health*, 33, 303-308. https://doi.org/10.1922/cdh_3946maupome06
- 2016 Maupome, Gerardo, **William R. McConnell**, Brea L. Perry, Rodrigo Mariño, & Eric R. Wright. “Psychological and behavioral acculturation in a social network of Mexican-Americans in the United States, and their use of dental services.” *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology*, 44, 540-548. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdoe.12247>
- 2015 An, Weihua, & **William R. McConnell**. “The origins of asymmetric ties in friendship networks: from status differential to self-perceived centrality.” *Network Science*, 3(2), 269-92. <https://doi.org/10.1017/nws.2015.12>
- 2014 Resh, William, Saba Siddiki, & **William R. McConnell**. “Does the network centrality of government actors matter? Examining the role of government organizations in aquaculture partnerships.” *Review of Policy Research*, 31(6), 584-609. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ropr.12101>

Published Conference Proceedings

- 2024 **McConnell, William R.**, Katherine Hagggar, Justin Hinson, Jackeline Linares, Jo Ann Bamdas, & María Ortega Hernández. “Family Structure and Dementia Caregiver Network Composition.” *Innovation in Aging*, 8(Suppl 1). <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igae098.1316>
- 2023 **McConnell, William R.**, Katherine Hagggar[±], & María Ortega Hernández. “Examining caregiver network structure, composition, and coordination for older adults with Alzheimer’s disease.” *Innovation in Aging*, 7(Suppl 1). <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igad104.0060>
- 2022 **McConnell, William R.**, Katherine Hagggar[±], Mohit Manchella[±], Adam R. Roth, & Brea L. Perry. “Social networks and cognitive function: Policy implications from recent research.” *Innovation in Aging*, 6(Suppl 1), 402. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.1583>
- 2021 Thomas, Clayton, Scott Feyereisen, **William R. McConnell**, & Neeraj Puro. “Nursing autonomy and Covid-19: A temporal theory of how challengers make gains in unsettled times.” In *Academy of Management Proceedings* (Vol. 2021, No. 1, p. 12650). Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510: Academy of Management. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2021.139>
* Selected for 2021 Best Paper Proceedings by the Academy of Management.
- 2020 Feyereisen, Scott, Neeraj Puro, **William R. McConnell**, & Clayton Thomas[±]. “Physician dominance in the 21st century: Examining the rise of non-physician autonomy.” In *Academy of Management Proceedings* (Vol. 2020, No. 1, p. 21049). Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510: Academy of Management. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2020.21049abstract>
- 2019 **McConnell, William R.**, & Robbie Dembo. “Disablement in context: Do social networks moderate the impact of increasing functional impairment on well-being?” *Innovation in Aging*, 3(Suppl 1), S565. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igz038.2088>
- 2017 Perry, Brea L., **William R. McConnell**, Evan Finley, Tugce Duran, Bernice Pescosolido, Frederick W. Unverzagt, Liana G. Apostolova, & Andrew J. Saykin. [P1–552]: “Social networks and cognitive performance in older adults with normal cognition, mild cognitive impairment, and mild Alzheimer’s disease.” *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 13(7S_Part_10), P505-P506. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jalz.2017.06.568>

[±] Indicates a graduate student coauthor at time of publication.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- “Dementia Caregiver Networks and Health-Related Cultural Resources.”
- “Examining Variations in Dementia Caregiver Network Structure and Informal-Professional Composition.”
- “Associations between Dementia Caregiver Network Complexity and Primary Caregiver Burden and Mental Health.”

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Note: Underlined author(s) responsible for oral presentation including materials, delivery, and Q&A.

International conferences (8)

- 2025 “Examining variations in dementia caregiver network structure and professional composition.” *Alzheimer’s Association International Conference*. Toronto, Canada. William R. McConnell & Haggar, K. (Published proceedings)
- 2021 “Social Networks and Cognitive Function: An Evaluation of Social Bridging and Bonding Mechanisms.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, (virtual). Perry, B., William R. McConnell et al. (Published)
- 2019 “Egocentric Social Networks Moderate the Effect of Functional Impairment on Social Activity in Late Adulthood.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, Montreal, QC. William R. McConnell & Dembo, R.
* Sunbelt 2019 Best Poster Award.
- 2018 “The Coevolution of Egocentric Network Structure, Social Support, and Cognitive Impairment among Older Adults facing Alzheimer’s Disease.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, Utrecht, Netherlands. William R. McConnell.
- 2017 “Social Networks and Cognitive Performance in Older Adults with Normal Cognition, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Early Stage Alzheimer’s Disease.” *Alzheimer’s Association International Conference (AAIC)*, London, UK. Perry, B., William R. McConnell, Finley, E., Duran, T., Pescosolido, B., Unverzagt, F., Apostolova, L., Saykin, A. (Published proceedings)
- “Healthcare Knowledge in Discussion Networks Predicts Improved Quality of Life among Older Adults Experiencing Cognitive Impairment.” *International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci)*, Indianapolis, IN. William R. McConnell.
- 2016 “Health and Familismo: Social Network Discussion of Oral Health Problems among Immigrants of Mexican Origin in the USA.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, Newport Beach, CA. William R. McConnell, Maupome, G., Perry, B. & Wright, E. (Published)
- 2015 “Social Networks and Oral Health Disparities in a Mexican Community in the United States.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, Brighton, UK. Maupomé, G., William R. McConnell, Perry, B., McCranie, A., Wright, E., Bell, DC. (Published)

National conferences (19)

- 2025 “Associations between Dementia Caregiver Network Complexity and Primary Caregiver Burden and Mental Health” *Gerontological Society of America*, Boston, MA. William R. McConnell & Katherin Haggar. (Accepted)
- 2024 “Family Structure and Dementia Caregiver Network Composition.” *Gerontological Society of America*, Seattle, WA. William R. McConnell, Haggar[±], K., Hinson[±], J., Linares[±], J., Bamdas, J., & Ortega, M.
- 2023 “Examining Caregiver Network Structure, Composition, and Coordination for Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease.” *Gerontological Society of America*, Tampa, FL. William R. McConnell, Haggar[±], K., & Ortega Hernández, M. (Supported funded NIH grant proposal)
- 2022 “Network Analysis of Informal and Professional Caregiving for Community-Residing Older Adults with Dementia.” *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA. William R. McConnell, Haggar[±], K., & Ortega, M. (Supported funded NIH grant proposal)
- “Social Networks and Cognitive Function: Policy Implications from Recent Research.” *Gerontological Society of America*, Indianapolis, IN. William R. McConnell, Haggar[±], K., Manchella[±], M., Roth, A., & Perry, B.
- 2021 “Small Wins and Punctuated Equilibria: COVID-19 Illustrates How Challenging Occupational Groups Pursue Professional Autonomy.” *American Sociological Association*, (virtual). Thomas, C., Feyereisen, S., William R. McConnell, & Puro, N. (Paper under review)
- “Social Networks and Cognitive Function: An Evaluation of Social Bridging and Bonding Mechanisms.” *American Sociological Association*, (virtual). Perry, B., William R. McConnell et al. (Published)
- “Nursing Autonomy and Covid-19: A Temporal Theory of How Challengers Make Gains In Unsettled Times.” *Academy of Management*, (virtual). Thomas, C., Feyereisen, S., William R. McConnell, & Puro, N. (Published proceedings)
- 2020 “Friendship & Kinship: How Diverse Social Networks Shape Mental Health During the Onset of Disability” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA (virtual). William R. McConnell & Dembo, R.
- “Physician Dominance and the Rise of Non-Physician Autonomy Examined through Prevailing Theoretical Lenses” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA (virtual). Feyereisen, S., William R. McConnell, Thomas[±], C., & Puro, N. (Published)
- “Physician Dominance in the 21st Century: Examining the Rise of Non-Physician Autonomy.” *Academy of Management*, (virtual). Feyereisen, S., Puro, N., William R. McConnell, & Thomas[±], C. (Published proceedings; Published)
- 2019 “Learning to Cope: Social Support and the Effect of Cognitive Impairment on Depression in Adulthood.” *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY. William R. McConnell.

- “Disablement in Context: Do Social Networks Moderate the Impact of Increasing Functional Impairment on Well-being?” *Gerontological Society of America*, Austin, TX. William R. McConnell & Dembo, R. (Published proceedings)
- 2018 “Caring Culture: How Healthcare-related Knowledge in Social Networks Affects the Management of Alzheimer’s Disease.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA. William R. McConnell.
- 2017 “Caregivers and Critics: How Healthcare Knowledge Shapes the Social Networks of Older Adults Facing Neurocognitive Disorders.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Montreal, QC. William R. McConnell.
- 2016 “The Revolving Door: Patient Needs and Network Turnover during Mental Health Treatment.” *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA. William R. McConnell & Perry, B. (Published)
- 2015 “Network Health Culture and Patients’ Social Support in Mental Health Treatment.” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL. William R. McConnell. (Published)
- “Fear of Fraudulence in Graduate School: The Social Psychology of the Impostor Phenomenon.” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL. Cohen, E.[±] & William R. McConnell. (Published)
- 2014 “Save Me a Seat! Patterns and Dynamics of Segregation in Lunchroom Seating Networks,” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA. Calarco, J., An, W., & William R. McConnell.
- “Physical Illness, Healthcare Contact, and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA. William R. McConnell.

Regional conferences (1)

- 2013 “In the Shadow of Hierarchy: Does the Centrality of Government Actors Matter?” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL. Resh, W., Siddiki, S., & William R. McConnell (Published)

[±] Indicates a student coauthor at time of presentation.

NON-REFEREED & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Invited panelist. “Caregiver Symposium.” November 18th, Dementia Care Navigation Program, FAU Schmidt College of Medicine, Boca Raton, FL. (Community event, 40+ attendees)
- 2025 Invited speaker. “The Cognitive Benefits of Strong Social Networks.” Alzheimer’s Community Care 26th Education Conference, May 7th, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. (Community event, 100+ attendees including family caregivers and health professionals)
- 2025 Invited speaker. “Social Network Analysis and Health: Overview and R Demonstration.” Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Club, April 10th, College of Nursing, FAU.

- 2024 Invited speaker. “Social Connectedness and the Aging Brain.” July 30th, Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, Delray Beach, FL. (Community event, 75+ attendees)
- 2024 Invited speaker. “Social Connectedness and the Aging Brain.” Monthly meeting of the Palm Beach County Partnership for Aging, West Palm Beach, FL. (Community event, 25+ attendees)
- 2021 “Friendship & Kinship: How Diverse Social Networks Shape Mental Health During the Onset of Disability.” Workshop on Sociological Research Series, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.
- 2019 “Learning to Cope: Caregiver Education Moderates the Effectiveness of Cognitive Impairment on depression in Late Adulthood.” Workshop on Sociological Research Series, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.
- 2017 “Caregivers & Critics: Social Network Engagement during the Onset of Alzheimer’s Disease.” Social Psychology, Health and the Life Course Workshop (SHeL), Bloomington, IN.
- 2016 Invited speaker. “Mental Health Care after Deinstitutionalization: The Problems with Progress.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.

GRANTS

External

Funded

- 2024 Subaward to CVS Health Foundation grant to Palm Health Foundation
PI: William R. McConnell (12.5% FTE)
Funder: CVS Health Foundation (via Palm Health Foundation)
Total costs: \$52,477 (direct costs: \$45,632)
Period: 10/2024-10/2029
Title: “Healthier Aging in Boynton Beach”
- 2023 R21AG083184
PI: William R. McConnell (25% FTE); Co-I: María Ortega Hernández
Funder: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Total costs: \$290,190 (direct costs: \$198,000)
Period: 09/2023-08/2026
Title: “Network Analysis of Family Caregiving for People Living with Dementia: A Survey of Caregiver Networks in Clinical and Community Settings.”
- 2023 Subaward to R01AG057739
PI: William R. McConnell (25% FTE); Parent R01 PI: Brea Perry
Funder: National Institutes of Health (via Indiana University)
Total costs: \$35,080 (direct costs: \$23,003)
Period: 08/2023-05/2024
Title: “Leveraging Neuroimaging Biomarkers to Understand the Role of Social Networks in Alzheimer’s Disease.”

In preparation / Under review

MPIs: William R. McConnell & Clayton D. Thomas; Co-I: Neeraj Puro
Title: “Nurse Practitioners in the Dementia Care Workforce: An Analysis of Work Conditions and Patient Outcomes.”

MPIs: William R. McConnell & Brea Perry; Co-I: Siyun Peng
Title: "A Technology-based Social Network Intervention to Delay Cognitive Decline in ADRD through Stimulating Social Interaction"

Not-funded

- 2025 National Dementia Workforce Study Pilot Grant, University of Michigan Medical School, “Nurse Practitioners in the Dementia Care Workforce: An Analysis of Work Conditions and Patient Outcomes.” Role: Co-PI with Clayton Thomas. Total request: \$133,113.
- 2024 National Dementia Workforce Study Pilot Grant, University of Michigan Medical School, “Examining the Prevalence and Impact of Nurse Practitioner Services Provision for Dementia Care in Underserved Communities.” Role: Co-PI with Clayton Thomas. Total request: \$121,008.
- 2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security, “Mobility Trends and Health Disparities during COVID-19.” Role: Co-PI with Won-tak Joo. Total request: \$129,044.
- 2022 Retirement Research Foundation, Research Grant, “Measurement and Evaluation of Secondary Caregiver Networks Supporting Primary Caregivers for Adults with Dementia.” Role: PI. Total request: \$120,000.
- 2021 National Institute on Aging, R21, PAR-19-071. “Network Analysis of Informal and Professional Caregiving over the Course of Dementia: A Survey of Caregiver Networks in Clinical and Community Settings.” Role: PI. Total request: \$256,585.
- 2020 National Institute on Aging, R21, PAR-19-071. “Who Cares? Network Analysis of Extended Caregiver Support Systems for Older Adults with Dementia.” Role: PI. Total request: \$161,110.
- 2019 Russell Sage Foundation, Letter of Intent for Standard Research Grant, “Optimizing Physicians’ Clinical Decision-Making through Strategic Implementation of Health Information Technology Tools across Professional Networks.” Role: Co-PI (with Chad Stecher). Total request: \$68,458.

Internal

Funded

- 2025 Collaborative & Interdisciplinary Research Grant, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
MPIs: William R. McConnell, Neeraj Puro
Total costs: \$7,500
Title: “Nurse Practitioners in the Dementia Care Workforce: Analyzing Work Conditions and Job Satisfaction”
- 2025 Scholarly and Creative Achievement Fellowship, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
Award: Two course releases.
- 2024 Summer Research Buyout, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
Total costs: \$8,654
- 2024 Supplemental Faculty Research Support Award, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
Total costs: \$1,100
- 2021 Scholarly and Creative Achievement Fellowship, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
Award: Two course releases.

2020 Seed Grant, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
 PI: William R. McConnell; Co-I: Maria Ortega
 Total costs: \$13,200
 Title: “Who Cares? Network Analysis of Extended Caregiver Support Systems for Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Not-funded

2022 New Horizons in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Pilot Funding Program, “Assessment of Social Interaction Interventions to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness in Persons Living with ADRD and their Caregivers.” Role: Co-PI (with Rebecca Koszalinski & Ruth Tappen). Total request: \$37,454.
 2020 College of Medicine Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Pilot Award. “Who Cares? Network Analysis of Extended Caregiver Support Systems for Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease.” Role: Co-PI (with Maria Ortega). Total request: \$18,100.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

BA Survey of Research Methods
 Sociology of Aging and Dying
 Sociology of Mental Health
 Data Literacy for a Digital Society (course proposed)
 MA/PhD Sociology of Healthy Aging (cross-listed MA/PhD course)
 Sociology of Mental Health (cross-listed MA/PhD course)

Instructor of Record, Florida’s Summer Institute in Biostatistics and Data Science (SIBDS) Program

2024 Network Analysis and Health (7-hour workshop)
 2023 Network Analysis and Health (8-hour workshop)
 2022 Network Analysis and Health (8-hour workshop)

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

BA Sociology of Mental Illness
 Charts, Graphs, and Tables
 Introduction to Sociology

Teaching Assistant (graduate-level course), Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

2015 Network Analysis, with Ann McCranie

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

2014 Social Inequality, with Arthur Alderson
 2013 Medicine in America, with Bernice Pescosolido
 Inequality in the Workplace and Economy, with Youngjoo Cha

2012 Medicine in America, with Bernice Pescosolido

Graduate Student Thesis Committees

K. Haggar, Comparative Studies Ph.D., co-chair with Laura Backstrom (graduated 2024)
J. Kessel, Comparative Studies Ph.D., member (graduated 2024)
J. Perrys, Executive PhD in Business Administration, member (graduated 2024)
J. Wilson, Sociology M.A., chair (graduated 2023)

Supervision of Postdoctoral Scholars

2024-2025 K. Haggar, Postdoctoral Researcher
Project: “Network Analysis of Family Caregiving for People Living with Dementia” (NIH)

Supervision of Graduate Students

2025 A. Desormeaux, Directed Independent Study
DIS title: “Military Sociology”

2024-2025 J. Hinson, Research Assistant (part-time), Interviewer
Project: “Network Analysis of Family Caregiving for People Living with Dementia” (NIH)

J. Linares, Research Assistant (part-time), Interviewer
Project: “Network Analysis of Family Caregiving for People Living with Dementia” (NIH)

2024 J. Hinson, Directed Independent Study
DIS title: “Health & Disability Studies”

2023-2024 K. Haggar, Study Director (full-time)
Project: “Network Analysis of Family Caregiving for People Living with Dementia” (NIH)

2023 D. Boyalikli, Directed Independent Study
DIS title: “Mental Health Stigma & Help-seeking Behaviors among Med Students”

2022 J. Wilson, Directed Independent Study, graduated Spring 2023
DIS title: “Research in the Sociology of Mental Health”

2021-2022 K. Haggar, Research Assistant (full-time), Project Manager, Interviewer
Project: “Who Cares? Network Analysis of Extended Caregiving Support Systems for Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease”

A. Thompson, Research Assistant (part-time), Interviewer
Project: “Who Cares? Network Analysis of Extended Caregiving Support Systems for Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease”

2020 P. Wynter, Directed Independent Study, graduated Spring 2020
DIS title: “Gender Disparities in Suicide: Application of Suicide Theories”

- K. Haggar, Directed Independent Study, graduated Spring 2020
DIS title: "Quantitative Research Practicum"
- 2019 D. Downs, Directed Independent Study, graduated Spring 2020
DIS title: "Chronic Depression into Old Age: Can the term successful aging expand to include mental health illnesses?"
- K. Haggar, Directed Independent Study, Graduated Spring 2020
DIS title: "Intergenerational Interchangeable Forms of Abuse within Families"
- Supervision of Undergraduate Students*
- 2019-2020 S. Riggs, Member of BA Honors Thesis Committee, graduated Spring 2020.
Thesis title: "Gender Differences in Coping with Stress among Student-Athletes"
- 2019 A. Tillman, Honors Compact, graduated Spring 2020
Compact title: "The Effect of Student Participation In Accelerated Programs On Mental Health, Self Identity, and the Transition to Adulthood"
- S. Riggs, Honors Compact, graduated Spring 2020
Compact title: "Research Proposal: The Mental Health of Student-Athletes"
- 2018 V. Ellwood, Honors Compact, graduated Spring 2021
Compact title: "Gender and Aging among Three Generations"

Nominated Students for Awards – Awarded

- 2019 D. Johnson, Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship, Conference USA, \$4,000
M. Prater, Fellowship for Advancing Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Service to Department

- 2025-2026 Assistant Professor Search Committee (member)
2025-2026 Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee (member)
2024-2025 Enrollment, Marketing, & Promotion Committee (chair)
2023-2024 Assistant Professor Search Committee (member)
2023-2024 Course Development Committee (chair)
2022-2023 Sociology Undergraduate Student Survey Committee (chair)
2020-2021 Promotion and Tenure Review Subcommittee (member)
2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee (member)
2019-2020 Assistant Professor Search Committee (two searches)
2018-2019 Graduate Program Assessment Committee (member)
2018-2019 Writing Enriched Curriculum Initiative (working group member)

Service to College

- 2025-2026 Undergraduate Program Committee (member)
2020-2026 Grade Appeals Committee (member)
2018-2026 College Scholarship Committee (member)

Service to University

- 2024-2026 University Faculty Senate, Senator for College of Arts & Letters (two-year term)
2020 Division of Research, Judge for “COVID-19 Change Challenge” student competition

Service to Profession

- 2023 Session Moderator, “Exploring the Connection between Social Networks and Caregiving,” Gerontological Society of America (GSA 2023), Tampa, FL.
2019-2020 Mentor, Mentorship Program, American Sociological Association Section on Mental Health
2019 Session Organizer, “Section on Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtables,” American Sociological Association (ASA 2019), New York, NY.
2019 Session Organizer, “Health Care Provider Networks.” International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt 2019), Montreal, Canada.
2018 Session Organizer, “Health Care Provider Networks.” International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt 2018), Utrecht, Netherlands.
2017-2018 Graduate Student Representative, American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Mental Health Council
2017- Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Research*, *Network Science*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

Service to Community

- 2025 Grant Review Committee, Palm Beach County Partnership for Aging

Professional Development

- 2024 Alzheimer’s Community Care 25th Education Conference: The Intersection of Health and Hope, May 25th, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
2021 Virtual Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration, National Institutes of Health
2020 HyFlex Classroom Training for hybrid/online teaching, FAU
2020 Mental Health Literacy Training for University Faculty and Staff (Kognito), FAU
2018-2020 Writing Enriched Curriculum (WEC) training, Sociology Department, FAU

Professional Memberships

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
Palm Beach County Partnership for Aging (PFA)
FAU Biostatistics Collaborative Core
FAU Human Health and Dementia Research Focus Group

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Scholar of the Year – Assistant Professor, College of Arts & Letters, FAU
2025 Nominated as presenter for College of Arts & Letters (1 of 2), Research Renewal 2025, FAU
2025 Scholarly and Creative Achievement Fellowship, College of Arts and Letters, FAU

2024 Invited participant, Science of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) for Social Scientists Program, USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics

2023 Faculty Recognition Award, College of Arts & Letters, FAU

2021 Best Paper Award, Health Care Management Division, Academy of Management

2021 Selected for Best Paper Proceedings, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management

2021 Scholarly and Creative Achievement Fellowship, College of Arts and Letters, FAU

2020 Invited participant, RAND Summer Institute 'Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists' and 'Demography, Epidemiology, Psychology & Economics of Aging' Virtual Conferences, Center for the Study of Aging, RAND Corporation

2019 Best Poster Award, Sunbelt 2019, International Network for Social Network Analysis

2018-2019 Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (declined)

2018 Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

2017-2018 Social Networks and Health Fellowship, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University

2017-2018 Atherton-Bean Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

2015 Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award in Medical Sociology, ASA, Medical Sociology section

2014 Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

2014 Schuessler Scholarship for Study at ICPSR, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

2012 Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society

2012 National Debate Champion, United States Universities Debating Championship

2011-2012 Eric Hall Anderson Annual Fund Scholarship, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

2011 Irving Louis Horowitz Prize in Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

2008-2011 Trustee Scholarship, Hobart and William Smith Colleges