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EDUCATION

2022 (*In progress*) **Ph.D. Student, Sociology**
North Carolina State University

2018 **M.S., Educational Foundations and Research**
The University of Southern Mississippi

2016 **B.S., Sociology**
Minor: Psychology
The University of Southern Mississippi

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Work and the Global Economy, Gender, Social and Cultural Capital, Rural Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-2018 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Office of the Provost, The University of Southern Mississippi

2017-2018 *Research Assistant to the Vice Provost*

- Conduct literature reviews on student transitions to college, retention and student persistence, and Millennial/Generation Z patterns
- Provide literature review reports to the Vice Provost
- Continue and expand data analysis from research collected by team in 2016-17
- Support additional research on student perspectives on proposed academic changes by facilitating focus groups for the Office of the Provost

2016-2017

Research Team Member, The Gateway Project

- Worked closely with the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs on an array of student success initiatives
- Conducted literature reviews on retention and student success, growth mindset, and interventions with at-risk students
- Oversaw outreach to struggling students in a high-challenge biology course; worked regularly with faculty instructor to identify students at risk of failure
- Contacted students seeking to drop the Biology course to provide information and refer to appropriate resources
- Worked with a research team to design and carry out in-depth qualitative research project on academically struggling students in a series of high-challenge courses
- Conducted, transcribed, and analyzed in-depth interviews with academically precarious students
- Organized academic support programs for students

PUBLICATIONS

2017

“If They Don’t Care, I Don’t Care’: Millennial and Generation Z Students’ and the Impact of Faculty Caring.” Submitted to *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* in November 2017, Accepted June 2018. Co-authored with Amy Chasteen Miller, Ph.D.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

2018

“A New Framework for Grit: A Sociological Perspective” To be submitted to *Critical Questions in Education* in January 2019. Co-authored with Amy Chasteen Miller, Ph.D.

2017

“Division of Labor” To be published in 2019 by Macmillan Reference USA/Gale, a Cengage Company: *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Submission date: July 2018. Co-authored with Katie James, Ph.D.

2017

“Work and Family: Housework” To be published in 2019 by Macmillan Reference USA/Gale, a Cengage Company: *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Submission date: July 2018. Co-authored with Katie James, Ph.D.

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PRESENTATIONS

- 2017** “Building Trust and Encouraging Persistence: A Strengths- Based Team Approach to Analyze, Support and Improve Student Success in High-Challenge Gateway Courses.” Presented with Amy Miller, Ph.D., Christina Jacobs, Max McPherson, and Kaitlyn Hall at the Jon C. Dalton Institute Conference in Tallahassee, Florida, February 2, 2017.
- 2017** “Let’s Talk About Sex.” Presented with Olivia Ismail at the National Association for Social Workers Mississippi Chapter Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, March 29, 2017.
- 2016** (*Invited*) “Implications of School to Prison Pipeline.” Invited to present with Christina Jacobs at the Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference in Phenix City, Alabama, October 6, 2016.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016** **University of Exeter** (Devon, England)
Exchange Student, *Department of Sociology, Philosophy, and Anthropology*
Studied *Sociology of Media, Cultural Sociology, and Pharmaceutical Cultures*
- 2014** **Caribbean Studies Program** (Montego Bay, Jamaica)
Studied *Health and Culture of Jamaica*

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016** Nation International Scholarship, recipient
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2012-2016** Luckyday Citizenship Scholarship, recipient
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2015** President’s List
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2014** Luckyday Study Abroad Scholarship, recipient
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013** National Resident of the Month Award
National Residence Hall Honorary

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ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2017-present** **Alumni Advisory Board**, member
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2017-2018** **Student Success Advisory Board**, member
Undergraduate Retention, The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2014-2015** **Anthropology and Sociology Club**, member
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013-2014** **Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Executive Board**, member
The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013-2014** **Resident Assistant**
Century Park, The University of Southern Mississippi
- 2012-2013** **Student Alumni Association Board**, member
The University of Southern Mississippi

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2013** **Student Observer**
Honors College, The University of Southern Mississippi
Selected to participate in active learning experience for Theatre Appreciation 101, studying the Broadway experience in New York City, New York.
- 2012** **Student Researcher**
Honors College, The University of Southern Mississippi
Selected to participate in active learning experience for Psychology 110, studying Dolphin Psychology at the Dolphin's Plus Institute in Key Largo, Florida.

Professional Memberships

Alpha Kappa Delta, *The International Sociology Honor Society*
American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society