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Curriculum Vitae

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POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dartmouth College (2013-Present)
Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW Madison
Affiliate, Center for Financial Security, UW Madison
Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW Madison
Honorary Fellow, Dept. of Population Health Sciences, UW Madison
Member, Scholars Strategy Network

Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011-2013).
Affiliate, Center for Financial Security and Center for Demography and Ecology

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University

- Ph.D., Sociology and Demography (2011)
- M.A., Sociology and Demography (2007)

The University of Maine

- B.A. Sociology, with highest honors, *summa cum laude* (2005)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Mental Health, Health Disparities, Social Stratification and Mobility, Life Course, Debt

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Houle, Jason and Lonnie Berger. 2017. "Children with Disabilities and Trajectories of Parents' Consumer Debt Across the Life Course." *Social Science Research* 64:184-196

Houle, Jason* and Michael T. Light*. 2017. "The Harder They Fall? Race and Sex Specific Suicide Rates in the Foreclosure Crisis." *Social Science & Medicine* 180:114-124

**author listing is alphabetical, authors contributed equally to the manuscript*

Houle, Jason and Cody Warner. 2017. "Into the Red and Back to the Nest? Student Debt, College Completion, and Returning to the Parental Home among Young Adults." *Sociology of Education* 90:89-108.

**Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including New York Times*

(http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2017/01/08/us/ap-us-college-debt-returning-home.html?_r=0), ABC News (<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/study-explores-link-college-debt-boomerang-effect-44635031>) Time Magazine (<http://time.com/money/4626120/student-debt-race-gap-boomerang/>), Forbes (<http://www.forbes.com/sites/eriksherman/2017/01/11/why-millennials-boomerang-home-its-not-student->

[loans-its-worse/#393a9d3e6e5d](#)), MarketWatch (<https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2017/01/09/study-debt-not-responsible-boomeranging>), Vermont Public Radio (<http://digital.vpr.net/post/new-study-explores-reasons-why-young-adults-boomerang-home-parents#stream/0>), Fast Company (<https://www.fastcoexist.com/3067270/crushing-student-debt-is-forcing-black-college-graduates-to-move-back-home>) and InsideHigherEd (<https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2017/01/09/study-debt-not-responsible-boomeranging>), among other outlets.

Addo, Fenaba, **Jason Houle**, and Daniel Simon†. 2016. “Young, Black, and (Still) In the Red: Parental Wealth, Race, and Student Loan Debt.” *Race and Social Problems* 8:64-76.

†undergraduate mentee, current graduate student

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including NBC News:

(<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/personal-finance/even-well-black-students-carry-more-loan-debt-study-n536751>), Brookings (<http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2016/05/02-the-bigger-than-we-realized-role-race-plays-in-college-debt-reeves>) BuzzFeed (http://www.buzzfeed.com/mollyhensleyclancy/why-even-wealthy-black-students-have-more-student-loan-debt?utm_term=.waxPoyneba#.jxvVJPkr42) and Inside Higher Ed (<https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2016/03/09/new-study-black-white-gap-student-loan-debt>), among other outlets.

Lonnie Berger and **Jason Houle**. 2016. “Parental Debt and Children’s Socioemotional Well-being.” *Pediatrics* 137:1-8.

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including Time Magazine:

(time.com/money/4190285/parental-debt-effects-children/), Slate (slate.com/articles/business/the_bills/2016/02/good_debt_and_bad_debt_are_real_and_they_have_a_big_impact_on_families.html), Pacific Standard (<http://www.psmag.com/business-economics/parents-debt-impacts-kids-well-being>) and US News and World Reports (<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/articles/2016-01-21/parental-debt-may-affect-kids-behavior>), among other outlets.

Houle, Jason and Lonnie Berger. 2015 “Is Student Loan Debt Discouraging Home Buying Among Young Adults?” 89:589-621, *Social Service Review*

*lead article

*Finalist, 2016 Breul Prize for Best Published Article in *Social Service Review*

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including the Wall Street Journal:

(<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2014/06/20/student-debt-is-hurting-homeownership-for-blacks-more-than-whites/>), Reuters (<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/20/us-column-homeownership-debt-students-idUSKCN0I91ZE20141020>), The Economist (<http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21697242-home-owning-falling-among-young-adults-dont-blame-student-debt-delayed>) and Fortune Magazine (<http://fortune.com/2016/03/25/the-housing-crisis-never-really-ended/>)

Houle, Jason, J Michael Collins, and Max Schmeiser. 2015. “Flu and Finances: Influenza Outbreaks and Loan Defaults in U.S. Cities, 2004-2012” *American Journal of Public Health* 105:e75-e80

*winner of the 2016 Health and Society Research Prize, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Houle, Jason* and Danya Keene*. 2015. “Getting Sick and Falling Behind: Health and the Risk of Mortgage Default and Home Foreclosure” *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* 69:382-387.

*author listing is alphabetical, authors contributed equally to the manuscript

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including Reuters

(<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/07/us-health-finances-foreclosure-idUSKBN0KG2D420150107>) and the Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2015/01/21/can-getting-sick-push-you-into-foreclosure/>)

Houle, Jason. 2014. "Mental Health in the Foreclosure Crisis" *Social Science & Medicine* 118:1-8.

*lead article

Houle, Jason. 2014. "A Generation Indebted: Young Adult Debt Across Three Cohorts" *Social Problems* 61:448-465.

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including The Wall Street Journal (<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2014/09/09/compared-with-earlier-generations-young-americans-now-far-more-saddled-with-debt/>)

Blackstone, Amy, **Jason Houle**, and Christopher Uggen. 2014. "'At the Time, I Thought it was Great': Age, Experience, and Workers' Perceptions of Sexual Harassment." *Sociological Spectrum* 34:314-337.

Houle, Jason and Michael Light. 2014. "The Home Foreclosure Crisis and Rising Suicide Rates, 2005-2010." *American Journal of Public Health* 104:1073-1079

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including Huffington Post (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/19/foreclosure-suicides_n_5351219.html), New York Magazine (<http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2014/05/jarring-foreclosure-suicide-link.html>), The Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/05/19/foreclosures-may-be-driving-the-rise-in-suicides/>), and Pacific Standard (<http://www.psmag.com/navigation/business-economics/suicide-foreclosures-turn-deadly-homes-consequences-lethal-81705/>), among other outlets.

Houle, Jason. 2014. "Disparities in Debt: Parents' Socioeconomic Status and Young Adult Student Loan Debt." *Sociology of Education* 87:53-69.

**Article was the feature article in ASA's footnotes and in The Society Pages (<http://thesocietypages.org/reading-list/college-credit/>). It was also featured in news outlets distributed nationally and internationally, including CNBC and NBC (<http://www.cnbc.com/id/101262383>). Author was also featured in a segment on "Real Money" on Al Jazeera America" and Vermont Public Radio.

Barkan, Steven, Michael Rocque, and **Jason Houle.** 2013. "State and Regional Suicide Rates: A New Look at an Old Puzzle." *Sociological Perspectives* 56:287-297.

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including <http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/newsroom-content/2013/06/solving-the-riddle-of-the-u-s--suicide-belt.html>

Frisco, Michelle, **Jason Houle**, and Adam Lippert. 2013. "Weight Change and Depression Among US Young Women During the Transition to Adulthood." *American Journal of Epidemiology* 178:22-30.

*Article findings were featured in news outlets, including <http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/newsroom-content/2013/08/weight-changes-at-life-passages.html>

Houle, Jason. 2013. "Depressive Symptoms and All-Cause Mortality in a Longitudinal Nationally Representative Sample with Time-Varying Covariates." *Psychosomatic Medicine* 75:297-304

*Article findings were featured in news outlets, including http://www.rwjf.org/en/blogs/human-capital-blog/2013/04/why_dont_depressed.html

Houle, Jason, Jeremy Staff, Jeylan Mortimer, Christopher Uggen, and Amy Blackstone. 2011. "The Impact of Sexual Harassment on Depressive Symptoms During the Early Occupational Career." *Society and Mental Health* 1:89-105.

*This was a featured article in the American Sociological Association's Member News and Notes in September 2011. Article findings were featured in several news outlets, including <http://www.myhealthnewsdaily.com/1884-sexual-harassment-health-effects.html>

Houle, Jason, and Molly Martin. 2011. "Does Intergenerational Mobility Shape Individual Psychology? Sorokin Revisited" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 29:193-203.

Houle, Jason. 2011. "The Psychological Impact of Intragenerational Social Class Mobility." *Social Science Research* 40:757-772

Houle, Jason*, Michelle Frisco*, and Molly Martin. 2010. "The Image in the Mirror and the Number on the Scale: Weight, Weight Perceptions, and Adolescent Depressive Symptoms." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51:215-228 (*authors contributed equally to the manuscript)

**Article was featured in over thirty news outlets distributed nationally and internationally. It is also the subject of a podcast and interview with the authors featured on the U.S. Health and Human Services Health Beat Website (http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2010/08/feeling_overweight.mp3) and a Penn State "In Motion" video (<http://www.youtube.com/pennstate#p/a/u/0/FsN7HsGv31M>).

Frisco, Michelle, **Jason Houle**, and Molly Martin. 2009. "Adolescent Body Mass Index & Psychological Distress: For Whom is Weight a Burden?" *Social Science Quarterly* 90:1019-1038.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (BOOK CHAPTERS, WHITE PAPERS, POLICY REPORTS, ETC)

Houle, Jason. 2015. "Out of the Nest and Into the Red: The Dynamics of Debt in Young Adulthood." Pp. 17-30 in *Owned*, D Hartmann and C Uggen, eds. New York: WW Norton (also appears at *The Society Pages* <http://thesocietypages.org/papers/out-of-the-nest-into-the-red/>).

Houle, Jason and Lonnie Berger. 2015. "The End of The American Dream? Student Loan Debt and Home buying Among Young Adults" (Policy paper for *Third Way*: <http://www.thirdway.org/report/the-end-of-the-american-dream-student-loan-debt-and-homeownership-among-young-adults>)

*Article findings were featured in national news outlets, including Fortune Magazine (<http://fortune.com/2015/07/27/student-loan-debt-housing/>) Vermont Public Radio (<http://digital.vpr.net/post/study-student-loans-arent-biggest-reason-millennials-dont-buy-homes>), Forbes (<http://www.forbes.com/sites/maggiemcgrath/2015/09/15/setting-the-student-loan-record-straight/>), and The Wall Street Journal (<http://www.wsj.com/articles/student-loans-dont-restrain-young-home-buyers-1442510718>)

Goldrick-Rab, Sara, Robert Kelchen, and **Jason Houle.** 2015. "The Color of Student Debt: Implications of Federal Loan Program Reforms for Black Students and Historically Black Colleges and Universities." (White Paper, *Wisconsin Hope Lab*, wihopelab.com)

Houle, Jason. 2009. Review of *Making Americans Healthier: Social and Economic Policy as Health Policy*. R.F Schoeni, JS House, GA Kaplan, and H Pollack, eds. *Contemporary Sociology* 38:608-609.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Warner, Cody and **Jason Houle.** "Arrested Development? Precocious Life Course Transitions and Returns to the Parental Household."

Houle, Jason and Fenaba Addo "Racial Disparities in Student Loan Debt and the Reproduction of Inequality."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Berger, Lonnie and **Jason Houle**. “Household Debt and Child Development Trajectories.”

Goldrick-Rab, Sara, Robert Kelchen, and **Jason Houle**. “The Color of Student Debt: Implications of Federal Loan Program Reforms for Black Students and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.” (currently a White Paper at wihopelab.com)

Sun, Rui Ning† and **Jason Houle**. “Trajectories of Debt Across the Life Course and Mental Health at Mid Life.” †undergraduate student mentee

McCulloch, Laura† and **Jason Houle**. “State Policy Responses to the Opioid Epidemic and Inequalities in Illicit Drug Use.” †undergraduate student mentee

Friedman, Esther M, Regina Shih, **Jason Houle**, Kate Cagney, and Mary Slaughter. “The U.S. Housing Crisis, Community Change, and the Cognitive Health of Older Adults.”

Houle, Jason. “Paradox Unbound? Mass Incarceration and Black-White Differences in Mental Health and Illness”

Addo, Fenaba, and **Jason Houle**. “Cross-Cohort Changes in First Union Formation: Does Debt Matter and Has the Association Changed Over Time?”

Houle, Jason, Rachel Dwyer, and Marc Dixon. “The Politics of Predatory Lending in the States, 1985-2008.”

Zajacova, Anna, Sarah A Burgard, and **Jason Houle**. “Postsecondary Education and Mental Health: Effects of Earned Credits Versus Credentials.”

Houle, Jason. “Borrowing in Troubled Times: Neoliberal Social Policies and Inequalities in Unsecured Debt Across The Life Course.”

Slack, Kristen, **Jason Houle**, Lonnie Berger, and Bomi Kim-Hirsch. “The Great Recession and The Child Protection System.”

Neil Kamath† and **Jason Houle**. “Is Debt Use a Risky Business? Risk Preferences and Indebtedness in Young Adulthood.” †undergraduate student mentee (Presidential Scholar)

Curtis, Marah A., Lonnie Berger, and **Jason Houle**. “Housing Tenure, Stability, and Children’s Outcomes.”

GRANTS

“Affordable Housing Access and Diabetes Management.” Collaborator (PI: Danya Keene, Yale University). KL2 Award, National Institutes of Health (Grant # UL1 TR000142; \$210,000).

“Household Debt, Social Inequality, and Family Wellbeing.” Primary Investigator. Nelson A. Rockefeller Center Grant (\$4,700).

“The Foreclosure Crisis, Suicide and Mental Health.” Primary Investigator. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Competitive Funds Grant (\$6,760). 1/15/13-6/1/13 (Renewal)

“The Foreclosure Crisis, Suicide and Mental Health.” Primary Investigator. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Competitive Funds Grant (\$20,000). 1/1/12-12/31/12

GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Student loans, College Completion, and Boomeranging. 2017. Contributor. *Vermont Edition*. Vermont Public Radio (Radio).

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/new-study-explores-reasons-why-young-adults-boomerang-home-parents#stream/0>

Student Loans Aren't the Biggest Reason Millennials Don't Buy Homes. 2015. Contributor. Vermont Public Radio (Radio).

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/study-student-loans-arent-biggest-reason-millennials-dont-buy-homes>

The Decline of the Middle Class. 2014. Contributor, *Real Money with Ali Velshi*. Al Jazeera America (TV).

The War on Poverty in Vermont. 2014. Contributor. *Vermont Edition*. Vermont Public Radio (Radio).

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/war-poverty-vermont>

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/study-looks-rise-student-loan-debt>

Social Class and Student Loan Debt in Young Adulthood. 2013. Podcast. Sage Publications.

<http://soe.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/12/05/0038040713512213/suppl/DC1>

Mental Health in The Foreclosure Crisis. 2013 (Filmed Lecture)

<http://videos.med.wisc.edu/videos/44713>

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Awards for Research

- Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize for best publication in *Social Service Review*, Finalist, (2016), for “Is Student Loan Debt Discouraging Homeownership Among Young Adults?”
- Health and Society Research Prize for best population health publication, 1st place, (2016) for “Flu and Finances: Influenza Outbreaks and Loan Defaults in U.S. Cities, 2004-2012.”
- Penn State Dept. of Sociology Graduate Student Working Paper Award, 1st place (2009) for “Falling From Grace? The Psychological Impact of Downward Intragenerational Occupational Mobility.”
- SSSP Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st place (2008) for “Falling From Grace? The Psychological Impact of Downward Intragenerational Occupational Mobility.”

Fellowships and Scholarships

- Outstanding Sociology Student Award, University of Maine (UMaine) Dept. of Sociology (2005)
- Abby Kelly Creative Writing Scholarship, UMaine (2002).
- Xerox Award for Humanities and Social Sciences, UMaine (2001).
- Top Scholar Award Recipient, UMaine (2001).
- Maine Scholars Achievement Award, UMaine (2001).
- George B. Foster Scholarship Recipient , UMaine(2001).

Training Certificates

- Quantitative Methodology Certificate, Penn State (2010).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

“Paradox Unbound? Mass Incarceration and the Black-White Paradox in Mental Health and Illness.” 2017. Rice University Dept. of Sociology.

“Racial Disparities in Student Debt and the Reproduction of Inequality.” 2017. Rice University Dept. of Sociology.

“A Generation Indebted: Race, Class, and Student Debt in Pursuit of the American Dream.” 2016. Consortium on High Achievement and Success, Colby College

“A Generation Indebted: Student Loan Debt and the Pursuit of the American Dream.” 2015. Skidmore College.

“Get Sick, Get out: Two Studies on Health and the Risk of Mortgage Default and Home Foreclosure.” 2013. Dartmouth College.

“Mental Health in the Foreclosure Crisis.” 2012-2013. Versions of talk presented at:
 Center for Research on Inequalities in the Life Course. Yale University.
 Population Health Seminar, Department of Population Health Sciences, UW Madison.
 Center for Demography and Ecology Training Seminar, UW Madison.
 Rockefeller Center Health Policy Talk. Dartmouth College.

“Falling From Grace? The Psychological Impact of Downward Intragenerational Mobility.” Presented at:
 2009. Penn State Award Winning Paper Brownbag.
 2008. UMaine Department of Sociology Colloquium Series.

Conference Presentations

“The Politics of Predatory Lending in the States, 1985-2008.” 2017. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA. *Regular Session.*

“Racial Disparities in Student Loan Debt and the Reproduction of Inequality.” 2016. Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C. *Regular Session*

“The Harder They Fall? Race and Sex Specific Suicide Rates in the Foreclosure Crisis.” 2016. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. *Regular Session.*

“Into the Red and Back to the Nest: Debt and Returning to the Parental Home in Young Adulthood.” 2015. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. *Regular Session*.

“Children with Disabilities and Trajectories of Mother’s Unsecured Debt Across The Life Course.” 2015. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. *Regular Session*.

“Into the Red and Back to the Nest: Debt and Returning to the Parental Home in Young Adulthood.” 2015. Annual meeting of Population Association of America, San Diego, CA. *Poster Session*

“Child Disability and Trajectories of Parental Debt Across The Adult Life Course” 2014. Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Albuquerque, NM *Regular Session*

“A Dream Deferred? Student Loan Debt and Home Ownership Outcomes.” 2014. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. *Regular Session*

“Health Shocks and Mortgage Default.” 2013. Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C. *Regular Session*

“Are Student Loans Replacing Mortgages? Student Loan Debt and Home Buying” 2013. Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

“Mental Health in the Foreclosure Crisis.” 2013. Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

“Getting Sick and Falling Behind: Health and the Risk of Mortgage Default and Home Foreclosure.” 2013. Annual meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. *Regular Session*.

“Debt and Disability Across The Life Course.” 2012. Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

“Disparities in Debt: Parents’ Socioeconomic Status and Young Adult Student Loan Debt.” 2012. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO. *Regular Session*.

“A Generation Indebted? Young Adult Debt Across Three Cohorts” 2012. Annual meeting of Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA. *Regular Session*.

“Mental Health and the Foreclosure Crisis.” 2012. Annual Meetings of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars.

“The Psychological Impact of Intragenerational Occupational Mobility.” 2010. International Conference on Social Stress Research, Portsmouth, NH. *Regular Session*.

“Why Do Depressed People Die Younger? An Inquiry into the Relationship Between Depression and Death.” 2010. Annual meeting of Population Association of America, Dallas, TX. *Regular Session*.

“Race, Immigration, and Homogamy: Variation by Nativity and across Places Defined by their Level of Immigration.” 2009. Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. *Regular Session*.

“Neighborhood Disadvantage and Illicit Drug Use: A Multilevel Approach to Detecting Contextual Effects on Substance Use.” 2009. Annual meeting of American Sociological

Association, San Francisco, CA. *Regular Session*.

“Falling From Grace? The Psychological Impact of Downward Intragenerational Mobility.” Presented at:

2008. Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, MA. *Invited Session*.

2008. Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Boston, MA. *Regular Session*.

“Mobility Effects Redux: Does Intergenerational Mobility Shape Individual Psychology?” 2008. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. *Poster Session*

“Adolescent Weight and Psychological Distress: The Confluence of Weight Perceptions and Actual Weight.” 2007. Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York, NY. *Regular Session*.

“The Psychological Impact of Sexual Harassment During the Early Occupational Career.” 2007. Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York, NY *Roundtable*

“Is Overweight a Heavy Burden for Teenagers? New Evidence about Adolescent Body Composition and Psychological Distress.” 2007. Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY. *Regular Session*

“At the Time, I thought it was Great.’ The Importance of Age in Labeling Sexual Harassment.” 2006 Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC. *Roundtable*, with Amy Blackstone.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

- SOCY 54: Chasing the (Causal) Dragon: Intermediate Quantitative Data Analysis for Sociologists. 2017-Present. *Dartmouth College*.
- SOCY 07: Sociological Perspectives on Social Stratification and Inequality in the United States: A Century of Continuity and Change. 2016-Present. *Dartmouth College*.
- SOCY 10: Quantitative Analysis of Social Data. 2013-Present. *Dartmouth College*.
- SOCY 35: Sociology of Mental Health. 2013-Present. *Dartmouth College*.
- Consumer Science 999: Causal Models for Household Economic Well-Being (w/ J Michael Collins). 2011-2012. *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.
- SOC 207: Research Methods. 2008. *The Pennsylvania State University*.

Independent Studies (Dartmouth Undergrads)

- Debt, Risk Preferences, and Financial Literacy: A Sociological Analysis (Neil Kamath)
- Sociological Perspectives on the U.S. Opioid Epidemic (Laura McCulloch)
- The Stigma of Student Loan Debt (Andrew Blackwell)
- Debt and Mental Health Across the Life Course (Rui Ning Sun)

Undergraduate Honors Theses

- America’s Pharmakon: A Sociological Analysis of the U.S. Opioid Epidemic (Laura McCulloch)

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Editorial Board Member, *Social Science Research*. 2017-2019.

- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 2017-2019.
- Discussant. 2017. "Families and Economic Circumstances." *Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America*, Chicago, IL.
- SSSP Division on Youth, Aging, and Life Course Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member. 2017
- ASA Medical Sociology Section Freidson Award (Best Publication in Medical Sociology) Committee Member. 2017
- Session Organizer. 2016.
"Where We Live, Work, & Play: Emerging Research in Housing, Neighborhoods, and Health." *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting*, State College, PA.
- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Professional Development Committee, Vice Chairperson. 2015-Present.
- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Membership Planning Committee, Member. 2015-Present.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Case Studies Committee. 2015
- Session Organizer. 2015 "Sociology of Mental Health: Race, Class, and Gender. Thematic Session." *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- Committee Chair, ASA Population Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. 2014-2015.
- Invited Discussant. 2014. "Getting off to a Good Start." *Consumer Financial Decision Making Summer Conference*, Boulder, CO.
- Session Organizer. 2014. "The Distribution and Consequences of Debt Across The Life Course." *Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management*, Albuquerque, NM
- Session Organizer. 2014. "Disadvantage and Mental Health: Selection and Causation Mechanisms" *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- Committee Member, ASA Population Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. 2013-2014.
- Session Organizer. 2013. "Housing and Well-Being Across the Life Span." *Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management*, Washington, D.C.
- Session Organizer. 2012. "Debt, Health, and Well-Being." *Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management*, Washington, D.C.
- Session Chair. 2012. "Economic Contractions and Health Behaviors." *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, San Francisco, CA.
- Judge, SSSP Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. 2012.
- Maine Mentor 2012-Present
Provide career advice and guidance to University of Maine undergraduates and alum through the University of Maine Career Center.
- Ad-hoc reviewer for *The National Science Foundation*, *The American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *The American Journal of Public Health*, *Society & Mental Health*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *SSM Population Health*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Currents*, *Criminology*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociology of Education*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *PLOS One*, *The Journals of Gerontology*, and *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

Service to Academic Departments and Affiliates

- Colloquium Committee, 2014-2016. Dartmouth College.
- Conference Organizer. 2012.
"New Frontiers in Assets, Debt, and Well-Being Research." *Center for Financial Security Summer Research Workshop: Exploring New Frontiers in Financial Capability Research on Vulnerable Populations*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Penn State Faculty Search Committee Student Member. 2010-2011.
- Penn State Sociology Student Paper Competition Committee Member. 2010-2011.
- Conference Co-Chair and Organizer. 2009.

“Analyzing Inequality Theoretical and Methodological Advancements in the Measurement of Inequality.” Speakers: David Grusky, Robert Hutchens, Glenn Firebaugh, and Molly Martin. *PRI Graduate Student Summer Workshop*, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

- Speaker Committee Member. 2008.
“PRI Graduate Student Summer Workshop: Age-Period-Cohort Models.” Speakers: Kenneth Land, Christopher Winship, Duane Alwin, and Glenn Firebaugh. *PRI Graduate Student Summer Workshop*, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- Penn State Graduate Concerns Committee Member. 2006-2011.
- Penn State Service Committee Member . 2006-2011.
- Penn State Colloquium Committee Member. 2005.

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Advanced training in the following methods: *OLS Regression, Logit/Tobit/Probit, Fixed and Random Effects, Event History Models, Hierarchical Linear Models, Growth Curve Models, Diagonal Mobility Models, Multiple Imputation, Instrumental Variables, and Structural Equation Modeling.*
- Experience with the following statistical software packages: *SPSS, STATA, SAS, R, HLM, NVIVO.*
- Experience managing and analyzing the following datasets: *The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add-Health), Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, Americans Changing Lives Survey, The National Longitudinal Study (NLS), The National Longitudinal Study-79 Cohort (NLSY-79), The National Longitudinal Study-97 Cohort (NLSY-97), National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS), Survey of Consumer Finances, Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System, American Community Survey, PSID, RealtyTrac Foreclosure Data, Google FluTrends, Equifax Credit Data, National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Data*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association: *Sections: Medical Sociology, Sociology of Mental Health, Population*
- Population Association of America
- International Sociological Association *Research Committee 28: Social Stratification and Mobility*
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
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