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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology and Demography 2017

Certificates in Quantitative and Survey Methodology

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

M.A., Sociology and Demography 2015

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

B.S., Human Development and Family Studies 2011

Concentration in Aging and Health

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Department Head, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Gerontology 2026-Present

Missouri State University

- Oversee a department of 14 full-time faculty, 6 adjunct instructors, 355 undergraduate students (131 majors, 118 minors, and 106 certificate holders).
- Manage an annual operating and personnel budget of \$1.9M.
- Direct and oversee enrollment management initiatives (recruitment and retention).
- Manage and evaluate departmental faculty and staff.
- Negotiate with Dean and other Department Heads for departmental resources.
- Develop priorities for departmental committees in consultation with faculty.
- Establish and reevaluate departmental strategic plan in consultation with faculty.
- Work with department faculty to identify annual departmental priorities and goals.
- Develop course schedule in consultation with Program Coordinators.
- Facilitate evaluation of academic programs within the department.
- Represent the department in college and university events.

Director, Health Equity Research Collective 2021-Present

Missouri State University

- Oversee the operation of the Collective, coordinating meetings and assigning tasks to undergraduate research assistants.
- Decide on research priorities and goals for the year.
- Mentor students as they pursue research in the social determinants of health.
- Coordinate and facilitate travel of the Collective to present research at conferences.

Interim Head, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Gerontology 2025-2026
Missouri State University

Provost Fellow, National Science Foundation ADVANCE Project 2024-2025
Missouri State University

- Oversee a team of 1 administrative assistant and 1 graduate student.
- Serve as liaison between the NSF Advance Team and the Provost's Office.
- Coordinate implementation teams' work in accomplishing grant goals.
- Authorize all expenses made by administrative assistant.
- Facilitate meetings with campus stakeholders

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Sociology 2023-Present
Missouri State University

Faculty Affiliate, Gerontology Program 2017-Present
Missouri State University

Assistant Professor of Sociology 2017-2023
Missouri State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social determinants of health
- Health Stratification
- College Student Health
- Cognitive Aging and Dementia
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (particularly teaching of policy and statistics)

COURSES TAUGHT

- SOC 150: Introduction to Society
- SOC 301: Research Methodology
- SOC 220: Statistics for Social Research
- SOC 375: Social Forces and Aging
- SOC 450: Population, Society, & Public Policy
- SOC 480: Health Inequities Across the Life Course

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Farmer, Heather R., Amy D. Thierry, **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Roland Thorpe. "Exploring How Neighborhood Characteristics and Psychosocial Resilience Influence Cognitive Functioning among Older Black Adults." *Ethnicity & Health* 29(6):597-619.
- 2024 Adkins-Jackson, Paris B, **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, et al. "Hang Ups, Let Downs, Bad Breaks, & Setbacks: Impact of Structural Socioeconomic Racism & Resilience on Cognitive Change over Time for Persons Racialized as Black." *Health Equity* 8(1):254-58.

- 2021 Thierry, Amy D., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, Marina Armendariz, Allison Sullivan and Heather R. Farmer. "Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning among Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18:1-14 doi: 10.3390/ijerph18052661.
- 2020 Perkins, Austin J., * and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Gender Differences in the Effects of Education & Income on Episodic Memory among Older Adults: Results from the Health and Retirement Study." *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*.
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Amy Thierry. "Education as the Great Equalizer? Racial and Ethnic Differences in Returns of Education on Cognitive Functioning in Later Life." *Geriatrics* 4(51):1-13.
- 2018 Alwin, Duane F., Jason R. Thomas, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Race, Social Relations and the Life Course." in *Social Networks and the Life Course*, edited by D. Alwin, D. Felmlee, and D. Kreager. New York, NY: Springer.
- 2014 Pudrovskaya, Tetyana, Eric Reither, *Ellis Logan, and ***Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Gender and Reinforcing Associations between Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Body Mass over the Life Course." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55(3):283-301.
- *Denotes equal contribution

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND BRIEFS

- 2025 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, and Lyle Foster. "Experiences of and With Firearm Violence among Black and Biracial Youth and Adults in Springfield, MO." Qualitative analysis and report, *Community Partnerships of the Ozarks*.
- 2025 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** "Analysis of Missouri Jobs with Justice Deep Listening Canvass, 2025." Qualitative analysis and report, *Missouri Jobs with Justice*.
- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, and Mackenzie Whitaker. "To Address the Black-White Health Gap in Missouri, Attention Must Be Paid to the Social Determinants of Health." Issue Brief, *Reach Missouri*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. "Addressing the Sociology to Policy Gap Through a Policy Brief Writing Assignment."

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., and Kailey Taylor.* "Do Psychosocial Factors Mitigate the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Perceived Cognitive Impairment? Evidence from BRFSS, 2022-2023."

Echols, Jayden,* and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Social Support and its Effects on Mental Health and Suicidality among College Students: The Moderating Role of Gender."

Miranda Guerra, Brono,* Sophia Dela Coleta,* and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. “Use of Illegal Cannabis Markets among College Students.”

Thierry, Amy D., and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. “Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Function among Black Older Adults: Importance of Regional Context.”

**Indicates student co-author*

RELEVANT MEDIA AND PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2024 “The Science Behind Gratitude: How Practicing Gratitude Can Transform Your Mind and Body.” Interview on the *Missouri State Journal*.
- 2022 “Missourians are More 2x as Likely to Not Receive Medical Care.” Interview on *KY3*.
- 2022 “Are Numbers Really Neutral?” Article written for PRB.
- 2022 “Gun Violence in U.S. Has Clear Proximate Cause: Access to Firearms.” Opinion piece, *Springfield News-Leader*.
- 2022 “Attacks on Trans Community Very Real, But the Community is Resilient.” Opinion piece, *Springfield News-Leader*.
- 2022 “State of Black Folk in America, A Bleak Reality and Cause for Hope.” Opinion piece, *Springfield News-Leader*.
- 2022 “Black History Month: Dr. Kyler Sherman-Wilkins.” Spotlight and Interview, *KOLR10*.
- 2021 “Q&A with Kyler Sherman-Wilkins.” Interview with PRB.
- 2021 “Missouri’s 1st, 2nd Districts Could be Redistricting Targets.” Quoted in *Associated Press*.
- 2021 “Mandatory Vaccines Would End Pandemic but Further Erode Public Trust.” Opinion piece, *Springfield News-Leader*.
- 2020 “Remaining Connected While Distant.” Opinion piece, *Springfield News-Leader*.
- 2018 “Do You Control Your Health? What You Need to Know about Loneliness and Your Health.” Interview on the *Missouri State Journal*.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., & Kailey Taylor.*** “Do Psychosocial Factors Mitigate the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Perceived Cognitive Impairment? Evidence from the BRFSS, 2022-2023.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, St. Louis, MO.

- 2026 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., & Myles Ramey.*** “Resilience in the Face of Anti-Queer Policy among LGBTQ+ Advocates in a Missouri Non-Profit: An Exploratory Study.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2026 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., & Anthony Lam.** “Do Psychosocial Factors Shape the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Health among Diverse Adults in the United States? Results from the BRFSS, 2022-2023.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2026 Echols, Jayden,* & **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins.** “Intersecting Identities and Support Systems: Examining Race, Gender, and Social Support in College Students’ Mental Health. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2026 Echols, Jayden,* & **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins.** “Comparing Online and In-Person Social Support: Impacts on College Students’ Mental Health.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2026 Coleta, Sophia,* Ashleen Girn,* Ashley Houston, & **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins.** “Balancing Challenges and Psychosocial Well-Being: The Importance of Team Culture and Coach Support for International Student-Athletes.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2025 Thierry, Amy D. & **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins.** “Geographic Variation in Neighborhood Stress, Discrimination, and Cognition in Black Midlife and Older Adults.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- 2025 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler & Anthony Lam.*** “Sleep and Exercise Behaviors Among Asian Identified Adults at the Intersection of Race and Education: Results from the National Health Interview Study.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2025 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler, Jayden Echols,* Breanna Pace,* & Gabriel Patino.*** “Long Arm of Adversity: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Later Life Physical and Cognitive Health among U.S. Adults. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., Mark Meads,* Jackson Bassford,* Jarrett Brattin,* & Mackenzie Whitaker.*** “Religiosity, Mastery, and Memory Declines among Older Adults: Results from the Health and Retirement Study.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.

- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Kayla L. Curry,* Sophie Arnold,* & Dominique Lowe.* “Sleep Inequities among U.S. Women at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity, Class, Parenting and Marital Status.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Sophie Arnold,* Kayla Curry,* and Mark Meads.* “Daily Social Contact and Self-Rated Health among Older Adults: Does Race/Ethnicity and Gender Matter?: Results from a National Time Diary Study.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Jackson Bassford,* Jarrett Brattin,* and Austin Gomez.* “Disparities in Time for Exercise & Sport among College Students at the Intersection of Race & Gender.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Thierry, Amy D., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, Marina Armendariz, and Heather Farmer. “Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning in Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Virtual.
- 2021 Thierry, Amy D., Heather R. Farmer, Marina Armendariz, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. “Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning in Diverse Older U.S. Adults: The Moderating Effect of C-Reactive Protein.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Virtual.
- 2021 Templer Rodrigues, Abby, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. “Parenting and Artistic Career Pathways: A Life Course Approach to Tracing the Influence of Gender, Class, Relationship Status, & Age on the Career Paths of Parents in the Arts.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Virtual.
- 2020 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Matthew Cline,* Courtney Cooper,* and Ericka Youngquist.* “Religious Involvement and Risk of Cognitive Impairment among Older Adults: Variations across Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Cohort.” Paper accepted but not presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Omaha, NE (meeting canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Social Integration and Cognitive Functioning among Community Dwelling Older Adults: A Latent Class Analysis.” Paper accepted but not presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Omaha, NE (meeting canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Erica M. Houston. * “Depressive Symptom Trajectories across Race and Gender: Patterns and Explanations.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, IL.

- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Austin J. Perkins. * “Early Life Adversity and Later Life Cognitive Functioning: Do Race and Gender Matter?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, IL.
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Amy D. Thierry. “Education as the Great Equalizer? Racial and Ethnic Differences in Returns of Education on Cognitive Functioning in Later Life.” Poster presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America in Austin, TX.
- 2017 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Mind the Gap: An Analysis of Early Life Adversity and Race Disparities in Cognitive Aging in the U.S. Context.” Paper presented at International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2017 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Testing Life Course Patterns of Inequality in Cognitive Aging among Older Adults: An Integrated Person-Centered & Variable-Centered Approach.” Paper presented at International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2015 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “The Effect of Work and Parental Role Occupancy and Role Performance on Exercise Participation among U.S. Adults.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the SSSP, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Bleser, William K., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Y Shi. “Determinants of Influenza Vaccination Disparities: An Intersectionality Approach.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

**Indicates undergraduate student co-author*

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, AND PANELS

- 2026 “Demography for Grant Writing: Finding and Using Reliable Data Sources to Strengthen Your Case.” Presentation given to the Southwest Missouri Grant Writers Group.
- 2026 “Experiences of and With Firearm Violence among Biracial Black Youth and Adults in Springfield, MO.” Presentation given to the Community Partnership of the Ozarks’ Gun Safety & Violence Reduction Collaborative.
- 2026 “Race, Racism, and Health.” Guest lecture for SOC 150: Introduction to Society, Missouri State University.
- 2025 “Health and Wellbeing in the U.S. Context: Challenges and Opportunities.” Guest lecture for SOC 152: Social Problems, Missouri State University.
- 2025 “What is Demography?” Presentation given to participants of the Population Association of America’s Undergraduate Pipeline Program.

- 2025 “What do Sociologists Have to Say about Health?” Guest lecture for SOC 150: Introduction to Sociology, Missouri State University
- 2023 “Health Disparities Panel.” Panel Organized by the Planning Committee for Missouri State University’s Collaborative Diversity Conference.
- 2023 “Facts and Faux-Pas: Understanding the Dos and Do Nots of Communicating Scientific Research to Policymakers.” Population Association of America
- 2022 “Teaching Writing for Policy Audiences through the Lens of Social Justice.” Critical Dialogue: How to be More Solutions-oriented in the Classroom. Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2022 “Early Career Research Panel.” Panel Organized by the Planning Committee for the Alzheimer’s Association’s Addressing Health Disparities Conference.
- 2022 “Data and Democracy in the Age of Disinformation.” Panel organized by PRB at the Population Association of America’s annual meeting.
- 2022 “Measurement Matters: Challenges & Opportunities for Eliminating Health Disparities.” Talk for the Ozarks Public Health Institute’s Health Disparities Summit.
- 2022 “Is Education the Great Equalizer? Examining Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Returns of Education on Adult Health.” Invited talk for the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Demography of Health and Aging.
- 2021 “Incorporating Anti-racism into Undergraduate Methods and Statistics Courses in the Social Sciences.” (w/Catherine Hoegeman). Critical Dialogue: Classroom Community Development: Fostering Healing, Hope, and Revolution in the Classroom. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2021 “Critical Race Theory: What is It?” Panel organized by Drury University’s Humanities & Ethic Center and the Department of Behavioral Sciences.
- 2021 “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” Guest lecture for AAS 100: Introduction to African American Studies, Missouri State University.
- 2021 “Numbers are not Neutral: How Journalists Can Detect Deep Bias & Avoid Hidden Traps.” Panel organized by the National Association of Science Writers.
- 2021 “Critical Race Theory- What is it? Why is Everyone Talking About it?” Presented to the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.
- 2020 “Dissecting Discrimination: A Panel Discussion.” Panel organized by MSU Association of Black Collegians, MSU NAACP, and others.

- 2020 “Critical Conversations- After the Elections.” Presenter and moderator for event organized by Missouri State University’s Student Government Association.
- 2020 “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” Presentation gave at The Emerging Church.
- 2020 “Incorporating Anti-racism into Advising Practice.” Presentation given at October Academic Advising Forum, Missouri State University.
- 2019 “Black-White Disparities in Physical and Mental Health.” Guest lecture for AAS 100: Introduction to African American Studies, Missouri State University
- 2018 Keynote Address delivered to Multicultural Services Fall Graduation Ceremony, Missouri State University
- 2018 “Advising Students of Color: Challenges and Opportunities.” Presentation given at October Academic Advisor Forum, Missouri State University

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND COMPETITIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 2024 Missouri Foundation for Health Research Grant, “Community-Driven Disruption to Save Lives.” **Role: Consultant**, with Francine Pratt (PI) (\$612,000).
- 2023 Missouri Foundation for Health Research Grant, “Exploring and Examining Firearm Violence in Missouri.” **Role: Consultant** (\$199,987).
- 2021 Prener, Christopher, Michael Esposito, Sarah Gebauer, Keon L. Gilbert, **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Jane Tucker. “Evaluating the Connections Between Historic Racism and Contemporary Health Care Utilization.” National Institutes of Health (approximately \$1,200,000)- Not Funded.
- 2021 Mellon Foundation Emerging Faculty Leaders Award, Institute for Citizens & Scholars (\$17,500).
- 2020 Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning’s Curriculum Innovation Grant, “Incorporating Anti-Racism into Undergraduate Methods and Statistics Courses in the Social Sciences.” Missouri State University; **Role: Principal Investigator**, with Dr. Catherine Hoegeman (Co-PI) (\$3,750).
- 2020 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (3U54MD007695-12S1) “Examining Associations between Neighborhood Conditions, C-Reactive Protein and Psychosocial Resiliency Factors in Cognitive Impairment among Diverse US Older Adults.” **Role: Consultant**, with Dr. Amy D. Thierry (PI) (\$250,000).
- 2019 National Institute on Aging’s Butler-Williams Program, National Institutes of Health.

2019	Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center Research Internship
2018	Forming Science-Industry Collaborations Training Program, Stanford University.
2016	U.S. Policy Communication Training Fellow, PRB, Washington, D.C.
2016	RAND's Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists, San Diego, CA.
2016	RAND's Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging Workshop, San Diego, CA.
2013-2015	<i>Eunice Kennedy Shriver</i> NICHD Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (T-32HD007514), Population Research Institute, Penn State (\$44,508).
2013	Trainee, Fenway Center for Population Research in LGBT Health, MA.
2012-2013	Bunton Waller Graduate Fellowship, Penn State (\$22,425 plus cost of tuition)
2007-2011	James Family Foundation Full Tuition Scholarship, Cornell University (\$260,000).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATES

2023	Foundation Award for Excellence in Service, Missouri State University
2022	W.E.B DuBois Education Award, NAACP-Springfield MO Chapter
2021	Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, Missouri State University
2021	NACADA Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Academic Advising
2021	Curtis P. Lawrence Award for Excellence in Advising, Missouri State University
2019	Division of Student Affairs' Bridge Builder Award, Missouri State University
2018	Master Advisor Certificate, Missouri State University
2017	International Travel Award, Missouri State University
2017	Diversity Scholar Award, Missouri State University
2016	National Academy of Sciences' Ford Dissertation Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
2016	Certificate in Quantitative Methodology, Penn State

SERVICE

Missouri State University Departmental Service

Current

2024-Present Certificate Coordinator, Health Equity

Former

2024-2025 Chair, Recruitment and Marketing Committee

2024-2025 Member, Scholarship Committee

2024-2025 Faculty Advisor, NAACP-Missouri State Chapter

2024-2025 Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology

2023-2025 Member, Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology Personnel Committee

2023-2025 Certificate Coordinator, Social Science Research

2023-2025 Course Coordinator, Introduction to Society

2021-2022 Member, Department Head Search Committee

2021-2022 Member, Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee

2017-2025 Member, Sociology Programming Committee

Missouri State University College and University Service

Current

2026-Present Chair, Pre-Medical Committee, Missouri State University

2021-Present Pre-Medical Committee, Missouri State University

Former

2024-2025 Member, RCASH College Council

2022-2023 Member, Provost's Diversity Council

2021-2022 Member, Provost's Academic Advising Council

2020-2021 Faculty Senator for Department of Sociology and Anthropology

2018-2021 Member, Black History Month Planning Committee

2018-2021 Member, LGBTQ+ Heritage Month Planning Committee

2017-2023 Chair, Diversity Council, College of Humanities and Public Affairs

2017-2021 Member, Inclusive Excellence Scholarship Committee

2019-2020 Member, Subcommittee on High Ability Student Recruitment

2019 Member, Search Committee for Director of the Advising Center

2019 Member, Search Committee for Director of Multicultural Programs

2017-2023 Chair, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Diversity Council

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Current

2026-Present Chair, American Sociological Association Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

2026-Present Board Member, The GLO Center

2026-Present Missouri State Director, Board of Directors, Midwest Sociological Society

2025-Present Vice President of the Board, Mosaic Arts Collective

2024-Present Governance Committee, Midwest Sociological Society

2024-Present Minority Scholars Committee, Midwest Sociological Society

2024-Present Committee Member, American Sociological Association Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

2023-Present Member, Health Equity Collaborative, Community Partnerships of the Ozarks

2023-Present Vice President, NAACP-Springfield Chapter

2022-Present Board of Directors, Missouri Foundation for Health, St. Louis, MO

2019-Present Board of Directors, PROMO, Missouri's Statewide LGBTQ+ Advocacy Organization

Former

2022	Member, Springfield Public Schools Discipline Review Work Team
2021-2023	President of the Board, GLO Center
2021-2024	Nomination Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
2020-2024	Board of Trustees, PRB, Washington, DC
2020-2023	Working Group Leader, Policy Communications Training Program, PRB
2019-2021	Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America
2019-2021	Member, Government and Public Affairs Committee, Population Association of America
2018-2021	Congressional Lobbyist for PAA Advocacy Days, Population Association of America
2017	Discussant, LGBT Health Disparities, Population Association of America
2015	Session Organizer, LGBT Health Disparities, Section on Population, American Sociological Association

JOURNAL EDITORIAL AND REVIEW SERVICES

2023-2026 Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer

The Gerontologist; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Social Science & Medicine; BMC Public Health

METHODS AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Quantitative Methods: OLS and Categorical/Limited Response Variable Regression Models; Imputation Methods for Missing Data; Survey Methodology; Growth Curve Analysis
Statistical Packages: STATA (proficient), SPSS (proficient), SAS (basic), R (basic)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Midwest Sociological Society

Population Society of America