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### EDUCATION

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- 2009 Ph.D. in Sociology with an emphasis in Demography, Mississippi State University  
Dissertation Title: “Has the Education and Health Relationship Changed Over Time?  
A Panel Analysis of Age, Period, & Cohort Effects”
- 2004 M.S. in Sociology, Mississippi State University  
Thesis Title: “Regional Variation in Income Inequality and Mortality: Does Health  
Infrastructure Have a Mediating Effect?”
- 2001 B.A. in Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Demography	Rural Health	Quantitative Research Methods
Medical Sociology	Statistics	Social Inequality

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2015-present  | Associate Professor. Department of Sociology. <i>The University of Memphis</i>  |
| 2015-present  | Graduate Coordinator, Department of Sociology.<br><i>The University of Memphis</i>  |
| 2014-present  | Faculty Affiliate. School of Public Health, Division of Social and<br>Behavioral Sciences. <i>The University of Memphis</i> |
| 2015-present  | Research Affiliate. <i>Delta Health Alliance</i> . Stoneville, MS   |
| 2008-present  | Research Fellow. Social Science Research Center.<br><i>Mississippi State University</i>                                     |
| 2009-2015     | Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. <i>The University of Memphis</i>  |
| 2010 (summer) | Visiting Research Fellow. Social Science Research Center<br><i>Mississippi State University</i>                             |
| 2009 (summer) | Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Social Science Research Center<br><i>Mississippi State University</i>                             |
| 2006-2009     | Research Associate II. Social Science Research Center<br><i>Mississippi State University</i>                                |
| 2004-2006     | Research Associate I. Social Science Research Center<br><i>Mississippi State University</i>                                 |

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Cosby, Arthur, Maya McDoom, **Wesley James**, Hasna Khandekar, Heather Hanna, Willie Brown, and Karissa Bergene. 2018. Growth and Persistence of Place-based Mortality in the United States: The Rural Mortality Penalty. *American Journal of Public Health*, forthcoming.
- James, Wesley**, Julia Wolf, and Jeralynn Cossman. Persistence of Death in the United States: The Remarkably Different Mortality Patterns between America's Heartland and Dixieland. *Demographic Research*, forthcoming.
- Cossman, Jeralynn, **Wesley James**, and Julia Wolf. 2017. The Differential Effects of Rural Health Care Access on Race-Specific Mortality. *Social Science and Medicine – Public Health*, 3: 618-623, doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2017.07.013>.
- James, Wesley**, Peter Albrecht, Karen Matthews, and Anna Church. 2017. "Improving the Health of Rural America's Chronically Ill: A Case Study of a PCMH Clinic in Mississippi." *Population Health Management*, 21(1):83, doi:1089/pop.2017.0054.
- James, Wesley**, Karen Matthews, Peter Albrecht, Shelby Fox, and Anna Church. 2017. "Evidence of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Improving the Health of Chronically Ill Patients in the Mississippi Delta." *Journal of Preventative Medicine and Care*, 1(4), doi:10.14302/issn.2474-3585.jpmc-17-1449.
- James, Wesley** and Jeralynn Cossman. 2017. "Long Term Trends in Black and White Mortality in the Rural United States: Evidence of a Race-Specific Rural Mortality Penalty." *The Journal of Rural Health*, 33: 21-31, doi:10.1111/jrh.12181.
- Mueller, Anna S., **Wesley James**, Seth Abrutyn, and Martin Levin. 2015. "Suicide Ideation and Bullying among U.S. Adolescents: Examining the Intersections of Sexual Orientation, Gender & Race/Ethnicity." *American Journal of Public Health*, 105(5): 980-985.
- James, Wesley**. 2014. "All Rural Places Are Not Created Equal: Revisiting the Rural Mortality Penalty in the United States." *American Journal of Public Health*, 104 (11): 2122-2129.
- Jia, Chunrong, **Wesley James**, and Satish Kedia. 2014. "Relationship of Racial Composition and Cancer Risks from Air Toxics Exposure in Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Special Issue: Eliminating Health Disparities to Achieve Health Equity*, 11 (80):7713-7724, doi:10.3390/ijerph110807713.
- James, Wesley**. 2014. "Teaching Introduction to Sociology to Pre-Medical Students." *American Sociological Association: TRAILS*.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (continued)

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- James, Wesley**, Ronald Cossman, and Neal Feierabend. 2014. "Integrating Spatial and Time Sensitive Data to Monitor Social Patterns: A Dynamic Methodology for Studying Social Issues." *Journal of Maps, Special Issue: Innovative Mapping in Spatial Demography*, 10(2): 308-312, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17445647.2013.866910>.
- James, Wesley**, Chunrong Jia, and Satish Kedia. 2012. "Uneven Magnitude of Disparities in Cancer Risks from Air Toxics." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Special Issue: Social and Economical Determinants of Health*, 9: 4365-4385, doi:10.3390/ijerph9124365.
- Cosby, Arthur, Kristen Aanstoos, Marissa Matta, Jeremy Porter, and **Wesley James**. 2012. "Public Support for Hispanic Deportation in the United States: The Effects of Ethnic Prejudice and Perceptions of Economic Competition in a Period of Economic Distress." *Journal of Population Research*, doi:10.1007/s12546-012-9102-9.
- James, Wesley** and Jeremy Porter. 2012. "Inequality, Health Infrastructure, and Spatial Context: Understanding Pathways to Variations in the Causal Determinants of Race-Specific Mortality Rates." *Sociological Spectrum*, 32 (4): 322-345.
- James, Wesley** and Ronald Cossman. 2010. "Using Maps to Monitor At-Risk Geographic Areas of Heart Disease: Tracking Access to Prescription Medication and Mortality Rates." *Journal of Maps*, 2010: 478-487.
- Cossman, Ronald, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, Richard Thomas, Louis Pol, and Arthur Cosby. 2010. "Correlating Pharmaceutical Data with a National Health Survey as a Proxy for Estimating Rural Population Health." *Population Health Metrics*, 8(25):1-17.
- Cossman, Jeralynn, **Wesley James**, Arthur Cosby, and Ronald Cossman. 2010. "Underlying Causes of the Emerging Nonmetropolitan Penalty." *American Journal of Public Health*, 100 (8): 1417-1419.
- Porter, Jeremy, Ronald Cossman, and **Wesley James**. 2009. "Research Note: Imputing Large Group Averages for Missing Data, Using Rural-Urban Continuum Codes for Density Driven Industry Sectors." *Journal of Population Research*, 26 (3): 273-278.
- Buchanan, Robert, Michael Kaufman, Li Zhu, and **Wesley James**. 2008. "Neurologist and non-Neurologist Care of Multiple Sclerosis Patients." *International Journal of MS Care*, 10:106-112.
- Cosby, Arthur, Tonya Neaves, Ronald Cossman, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Neal Feierabend, David Mirvis, Carol Jones, and Tracey Farrigan. 2008. "Preliminary Evidence for an Emerging Non-Metropolitan Mortality Penalty in the United States." *American Journal of Public Health*, 98 (8): 1470-1472.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (continued)

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- Buchanan, Robert, Li Zhu, Randolph Schiffer, Dagmar Radin, and **Wesley James**. 2008. "Rural/Urban Analyses of Health-Related Quality of Life Among People with Multiple Sclerosis." *Journal of Rural Health*, 24 (3): 244-252.
- Buchanan, Robert, Mike Kaufman, Li Zhu, and **Wesley James**. 2008. "Patient Perceptions of Multiple Sclerosis-Related Care: Comparisons by Practice Specialty of Principal Care Physician." *NeuroRehabilitation*, 23: 267-272.
- Cossman, Jeralynn, Ronald Cossman, **Wesley James**, Carol Campbell, Troy Blanchard, and Arthur Cosby. 2007. "Persistent Clusters of Mortality in the United States." *American Journal of Public Health*, 97 (12): 2148-2150.
- Cossman, Ronald, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, Richard Thomas, Louis Pol, Arthur Cosby, and David Mirvis. 2007. "Evaluating Heart Disease Prescriptions-Filled as a Proxy for Heart Disease Prevalence Rates." *Journal of Health & Human Services Administration*, 30 (4): 503-528.
- James, Wesley** and Jeralynn Cossman. 2006. "Does Regional Variation Affect Ecological Mortality Research? An Examination of Mortality, Income Inequality and Health Infrastructure in the Mississippi Delta." *Population Research and Policy Review*, 25: 175-195.
- Buchanan, Robert, Randolph Schiffer, Suojin Wang, Alexa Stuijbergen, Bonnie Chakrovorty, Li Zhu, MyungSuk Kim, **Wesley James**. 2006. "Satisfaction with Mental Health Care Among People With Multiple Sclerosis in Urban and Rural Areas." *Psychiatric Services*, 57: 1206-1209.
- James, Wesley**, Ronald Cossman, Jeralynn Cossman, Carol Campbell, and Troy Blanchard. 2004. "A Brief Visual Primer for the Mapping of Mortality Trend Data." *International Journal of Health Geographics*, 3(7).
- Cossman, Ronald, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, and Arthur Cosby. 2004. "Mortality Rates Across Time: Does Persistence Suggest 'Healthy and Unhealthy Places' in the United States?" *WorldMinds: Geographical Perspectives on 100 Problems*. Edited by Janelle, D.G., Warf, B., and Hansen, K. Amsterdam: Kluwer Press.

## REVISE AND RESUBMIT

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- N/A

## RESEARCH REPORTS/BRIEFS: APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

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- Cossman, Ronald and **Wesley James**. 2008. "Evaluating Heart Disease Prescriptions-Filled as a Proxy for Heart Disease Prevalence in the Mississippi Delta." *An Assessment of Cardiovascular Disease in the Mississippi Delta*. Mississippi Department of Health, Special Edition Report for the Delta Health Alliance.
- Cosby, Arthur, David Murvis, **Wesley James**, and Tonya Neaves. 2008. "Cardiovascular Mortality: Disparities and Change." *An Assessment of Cardiovascular Disease in the Mississippi Delta*. Mississippi Department of Health, Special Edition Report for the Delta Health Alliance.
- Eldev-Ochir, Erdenechimeg, Ronald Cossman, Arthur Cosby, and **Wesley James**. 2008. "Quarter 1-Task 1: Data Assessment Report." The National Highway Watch<sup>®</sup> Analysis and Improvement Program.
- James, Wesley**, Ronald Cossman, Arthur Cosby, and Erdenechimeg Eldev-Ochir. 2008. "Quarter 1-Task 2. LandScan Assessment Report." The National Highway Watch<sup>®</sup> Analysis and Improvement Program.
- James, Wesley**, Ronald Cossman, Arthur Cosby, Jeremy Porter, and Colleen McKee. 2008. "Quarter 2-Task 10. Data Assessment Report." The National Highway Watch<sup>®</sup> Analysis and Improvement Program.
- Cossman, Ronald, Arthur Cosby, **Wesley James**, Jeremy Porter, and Colleen McKee. 2008. "Quarter 2-Task 10. Data Assessment Report." The National Highway Watch<sup>®</sup> Analysis and Improvement Program.
- Cossman, Ronald, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, Richard Thomas, Louis Pol, and Arthur Cosby. 2007. "Drugs, Diagnosis and Death: A Test of Pharmaceutical Data Validity in Estimating Rural Population Health." Final technical report to the Office of Rural Health Policy Research, H.H.S.
- James, Wesley** and Ronald Cossman. 2006. "Underage Drinking and Driving in Mississippi: A Review of the Issue and Synthesis of the Literature." Mississippi Health Policy Research Center, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- James, Wesley** and Ronald Cossman. 2006. "Underage Drinking and Driving Interventions." Mississippi Health Policy Research Center, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- Costello, Humphrey and **Wesley James**. 2004. "North Mississippi Health Services Charity Care Project." North Mississippi Health Services (NMHS).

## RESEARCH REPORTS/BRIEFS: APPLIED SOCIOLOGY (continued)

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- Cossman, Jeralynn, Jarryl Ritchie and **Wesley James**. 2003. "Mississippi's Physician Labor Force: A Look at Primary Care Physicians." Mississippi Health Policy Research Center, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- Cossman, Ronald, Troy Blanchard, **Wesley James**, Rita Jackson-Belli, and Arthur Cosby. 2002. "Healthy and Unhealthy Places in America: Are These Really Spatial Clusters?" Proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual ESRI International User Conference. Published as a CD and available online at: <http://gis.esri.com/library/userconf/proc02/abstracts/a1064.html>

## GRANTS & CONTRACTS

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- *Evaluate Impact of Indianola Promise Neighborhood Program*. Principal Investigator, Wesley James. Funded by Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville, MS. \$379,613. July 2018-June 2019.
- *Evaluate Impact of Indianola Promise Neighborhood Program*. Principal Investigator, Wesley James. Funded by Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville, MS. \$299,760. June 2017-May 2018.
- *Evaluate Impact of Indianola Promise Neighborhood Program*. Principal Investigator, Wesley James. Funded by Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville, MS. \$261,419. June 2016-May 2017.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- *American Trucking Association* directed by Arthur Cosby, PhD and Ronald Cossman, PhD. Research Associate II responsible for providing demographic projections of the Highway Watch certified population and assessing the geographic coverage of Highway Watch trained driving professionals.
- *Delta Health Initiative* directed by Arthur Cosby, PhD. Research Associate II responsible for developing and standardizing a GIS-based inventory of health related characteristics.
- *The Long-Term Care Needs of People with Multiple Sclerosis* directed by Robert Buchanan, PhD. Research Associate II analyzing Rural MS survey data, OSCAR data, and MDS Nursing Home data as well as mapping using GIS software.
- *Future of Mississippi* directed by Arthur Cosby, PhD. Research Associate I projecting Mississippi's population through 2040.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS (continued)

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- *Mississippi Crash Data* directed by Ronald Cossman, PhD. Project Manager responsible for analyzing rural vehicle related deaths and writing the final report and intervention brief for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP).
- *Prescription Drugs* directed by Ronald E. Cossman, PhD. Budget manager and Research Associate I using prescription data from ExpressScripts as a proxy for predicting healthy and unhealthy places in the United States.
- *North Mississippi Health Services (NMHS)* directed by Humphrey Costello, M.S. Primary responsibilities include using CPS data to estimate sub-state un-insurance rates for 22 North Mississippi counties and mapping the NMHS catchment area.
- *Healthy and Unhealthy Places in the United States* directed by Ronald Cossman, PhD. Graduate Research Assistant calculating mortality rates and using ArcView Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to spatially assess mortality.
- *MSU Enrollment Study* Office of the Provost, Mississippi State University. Graduate Research Assistant projecting MSU enrollment over five upcoming years based on demographic trends in the state of Mississippi.
- *Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)* directed by Jeralynn Cossman, PhD. Graduate Research Assistant mapping spatial clusters of MD's, Primary Care Physician's, and Health Professional Shortage Areas.

## APPLIED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2006-2008      Consultant. McKibben Demographics, Rock Hill, SC  
Responsible for supervising, scouting, and surveying residential and commercial developments to create school enrollment projection models based on population shifts.

- School Districts served:
 

<i>Lauderdale County, MS</i>	<i>Cobb County, GA</i>
<i>East Baton Rouge Parish, LA</i>	<i>Harrison County, MS</i>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS \*(includes only last five years and notable presentations)

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- 2018 “Testing Place Effects for Spatial Mortality in the United States.” Population Association of America, Denver, CO. Julia Wolf, Jeralynn Cossman, Misty Harris, Hannah DePoy, and **Wesley James**.
- 2018 “Defining ‘Rural’ and its Implications on Health Disparities.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. **Wesley James** and Chris Purser.
- 2017 “The Deviance-Generating Effects of Poor General Health: A Longitudinal Examination of General Strain Theory.” Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC. Chris Purser and **Wesley James**.
- 2017 “Political Cultures and Health Disparities: Regional Examination of Health Outcomes and Political Agendas.” Southern Demographic Association, Morgantown, WV. Dallas Breen, **Wesley James**.
- 2017 “Incidence of African-American Female Suicide Attempts in the Mississippi Delta.” Southern Demographic Association, Morgantown, WV. Chris King and **Wesley James**.
- 2016 “The Effects of a Home Visitation Program on Low Birth Weight Incidence in Leflore County, Mississippi.” Southern Demographic Association, Athens, GA. Chris King, **Wesley James**, Rhonda Okoth, and Karen Matthews.
- 2016 “The Influence of Public Health Infrastructure on Racial Mortality Disparities.” Southern Demographic Association, Athens, GA. **Wesley James**, Jeralynn Cossman, and Julia Wolf.
- 2016 “Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty and the Role of Public Health Infrastructure.” Population Association of America, Washington, D.C. Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, and Julia Wolf.
- 2015 “The Association Between Poor General Health, Negative Emotions, and Deviant Coping Strategies: An Extension of General Strain Theory.” Mid-South Sociological Society, Lafayette, LA. Chris Purser and **Wesley James**.
- 2015 “How Health Care Expenditures Effect Racial Disparities in County-Level Mortality.” Southern Demographic Association, San Antonio, TX. Jeralynn Cossman and **Wesley James**.
- 2015 “Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty.” Population Association of America, San Diego, CA. Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Tony Lemonis.



- 2014 “Walking in Memphis: Racial, Economic, and Residential Disparities in Access to Healthy Food in a Metropolitan Food Desert.” Southern Demographic Association, Memphis, TN. Brittany Campagna and **Wesley James**.
- 2014 “Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty.” Southern Demographic Association. Memphis, TN. Jeralynn Cossman and **Wesley James**.
- 2014 “Bullying and Suicidality Among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth: Examining the Importance of Race and Ethnicity.” Population Association of America. Boston, MA. **Wesley James**, Anna Mueller, Seth Abrutyn, and Marty Levin.
- 2014 Panel Discussion on Poverty and Health in the South. Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC. **Wesley James**.
- 2006 “Mapping Chronic Disease Clusters Using Prescription Data as a Proxy.” Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Los Angeles, CA. Ronald Cossman, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, Richard Thomas, Louis Pol, and Arthur Cosby. *\*Winner of the PAA Poster Excellence award.*
- 2005 “Conversation of Gestures or Significant Symbols? An Analysis of Boxing.” Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta. GA. **Wesley James** and Chris Purser. *\*Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Award*
- 2004 “Migration, Population Mixing and Mortality: A Spatial Analysis.” Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Boston, MA. Ronald Cossman, **Wesley James**, Jeralynn Cossman, and Carol Campbell. *\*Winner of the PAA Poster Excellence award.*
- 2003 “How Standardization of Rates Affects the Spatial Patterns of Mortality in the U.S.” Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Minneapolis, MN. Ronald Cossman, Jeralynn Cossman, **Wesley James**, Troy Blanchard, and Carol Campbell. *\*Winner of the PAA Poster Excellence award.*

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2017 Invited Panelist at the National Cancer Institute, Gaithersburg, MD. “Understanding Definitions of Rural/Rurality: Implications for Rural Cancer Control.” October 2017.
- 2017 Invited Panelist at a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., sponsored by Population Association of America. “Small Towns/Big Changes: The Shifting Demographics of Rural America: Health and Mortality.” April 2017.
- 2014 Invited Lecture at the Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University. “All Rural Places are not Created Equal: Revisiting the Rural Mortality Penalty in the U.S.” May 2014.

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

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- 2014 Invited to speak to students from the Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School. May 2014.
- 2014 Invited Panel Discussant at Southern Sociological Society on Poverty and Health in the South. April 2014.
- 2013 Invited lecture for *Lessons in Honor of the Life and Work and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, St. George's Independent School, Memphis, TN. "Environmental Racism in the United States." January 2013.
- 2012 Invited lecture to Social Pupils, The University of Memphis undergraduate sociology club. "Social Conditions and the Spread of Disease in Industrial Revolution New York." November 2012.
- 2012 Invited lecture to the Department of Sociology Brown Bag Series, The University of Memphis. "SES and Cancer Risks due to Inhalation of Air Toxics in Cancer Alley, Louisiana." March 2012.
- 2011 Invited lecture to the Public Health Brown Bag Research Series, The University of Memphis School of Public Health. "The Role of Social and Economic Inequality in Predicting Race-Specific Mortality: Which Matters More?" May 2011.
- 2010 Invited lecture to the students at the Living and Learning Residence Complex, University of Memphis. "Portrayal of the Family in the Media." November 2010.
- 2010 Lecture given as part of the Social Science Research Center 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Panel Series. "Using Prescription Drugs as a Proxy Measure for Chronic Illness." October 2010.
- 2010 Lecture given to students from Tecnológico De Monterrey, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon (Mexico). "The Social Climate for Hispanic Immigration in the United States." May 2010.
- 2009 Lecture given to Social Pupils: The University of Memphis undergraduate sociology club. "The Creative Side of Data Analysis." University of Memphis. November 2009.
- 2009 Lecture given to sociology students from the University of Catania, Catania, Sicily (Italy). "Geographic Variation in United States Mortality." Joint venture between University of Catania and Mississippi State University. October 2009.

## TEACHING

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Graduate Seminar in Medical Sociology  
 Senior Thesis Seminar  
 Methods of Social Research  
 Marriage and Family  
 Social Problems  
 Introduction to Sociology  
 \*Developed online Research Methods  
 \*Developed online Medical Sociology

Social Statistics  
 DIS in Demographic Research Methods  
 DIS in Sexual Abuse and Obesity  
 DIS in Statistical Application  
 Medical Sociology (Undergraduate)  
 Intro to Sociology for Pre-Meds  
 \*Developed online Marriage and Family

## SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

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### Thesis Committees

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| ▪ <i>Anna Church, 2017-present</i>           | <i>Kaniz Fatema, 2017-present</i>           |
| ▪ <i>Krista Wright Thayer, 2017-18</i>       | <i>Brandi Barnes, 2017-present</i>          |
| ▪ <i>Caleb Cooley, 2017-18</i>               | <i>Victoria Gaines, 2017-18</i>             |
| ▪ <i>Melissa Garcia, 2016-2017</i>           | <i>Daisy Angeles, 2016-present</i>          |
| ▪ <i>Anthony Stone, 2016-2017 (Chair)</i>    | <i>Rekeycha Harris, 2015-2017</i>           |
| ▪ <i>Degan Hubbard, 2015-2016</i>            | <i>JoAnna Boudreaux, 2016-2017</i>          |
| ▪ <i>Korrie Johnson, 2013-2014</i>           | <i>Heather Jendoubi, 2016-present</i>       |
| ▪ <i>Darl Still, 2013-2014</i>               | <i>Myles Moody, 2014-2015</i>               |
| ▪ <i>Darla Smith 2013-2014</i>               | <i>Brittany Campagna, 2013-2015 (Chair)</i> |
| ▪ <i>Dominique Watson, 2012-2013 (Chair)</i> | <i>Zeinab Shuker, 2013-2015</i>             |
| ▪ <i>Stephanie Otte, 2012-2013 (Chair)</i>   | <i>Armanthia Duncan, 2010-2011 (Chair)</i>  |
| ▪ <i>Adriene Davis, 2012-2013</i>            | <i>Rachel Kannady, 2009-2010</i>            |
| ▪ <i>Christy Lewis, 2011</i>                 | <i>Jonathan Murphy, 2010</i>                |
| ▪ <i>Tony Lemonis, 2014-15</i>               |   |

### Department/College/University Committees

2016	Co-Organizer of the Sociology Department Brown Bag Series
2015-present	Departmental Graduate Committee, Chair
2015-present	College of A&S Graduate Council Committee
2015-present	College of A&S GAMTA and Morton Award Selection Committee
2015-2016	Department Head Search Committee
2012-2015	Departmental Aide, Ecourseware Advisor
2012-2013	University of Memphis, Research Capacity Assessment Task Force
2012-2015	University of Memphis, Teaching & Learning Advisory Committee
2011-2012	College of A&S Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2011-2012	Alpha Kappa Delta, Faculty Advisor
2011-2012	Departmental Search Committee (Instructor/Coordinator Position), Chair
2011-present	Departmental Comprehensive Exam Committee, Chair (2011)
2010-2013	Social Pupils Undergraduate Sociology Club, Faculty Advisor
2010-2015	Departmental Advisory Committee
2010-2013	Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2009-2013	Departmental Undergraduate Committee

## SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

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2009-2011                      Departmental Search Committee  
 2009-2010                      College of A&S McGaughran Scholarship Selection Committee

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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### Positions Held

- *Newsletter Editor: Southern Demographic News, Southern Demographic Association, 2013-present*
- *Editorial Board member, Journal of Maps-Social Science Edition, 2012-2014*
- *Board of Directors, Southern Demographic Association, 2011-2014*
- *Steering Committee, Mississippi State University Sociology 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2012-2013*

### Conference Organizer/Local Arrangements

- *Southern Demographic Association, 2014 (Peabody Hotel, Memphis, TN)*

### Discussant

- *Population Association of America, 2018*
- *Southern Sociological Society, 2014*
- *Population Association of America, 2011*

### Session Chair

- *Southern Demographic Association, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2016*
- *Population Association of America, 2016*
- *Mid-South Sociological Association, 2010*

### Session Organizer

- *Mid-South Sociological Association, 2010*

### Reviewer

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| ▪ <i>Social Forces</i>                                       | <i>Health Expectations</i>           |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Maps</i>                                     | <i>Sage Publishing Company</i>       |
| ▪ <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>               | <i>Sociological Focus</i>            |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Marriage and Family Review</i>               | <i>South African Crime Quarterly</i> |
| ▪ <i>Rowman and Littlefield</i>                              | <i>Journal of Urban Management</i>   |
| ▪ <i>Oxford University Press</i>                             | <i>UC Press</i>                      |
| ▪ <i>Taylor and Francis</i>                                  | <i>Scientific Reports (Nature)</i>   |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i>                        | <i>Demographic Research</i>          |
| ▪ <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>                       | <i>Health Policy and Technology</i>  |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Rural Studies</i>                            | <i>Journal of Rural Health</i>       |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved</i> |                                      |
| ▪ <i>Journal of Urban Management Review</i>                  |                                      |

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Southern Demographic Association (SDA)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- Population Association of America (PAA)
- Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)
- Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Chapter of Mississippi, Mississippi State University

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2013	University of Memphis, College of Arts and Sciences, W. Russell Smith Award for Teaching Excellence
2012	University of Memphis Foundation, Private Donation Recipient (Awarded in the amount of \$2,000)
2010	College of Arts & Sciences Travel Enrichment Award, University of Memphis (Awarded in the amount of \$500.00)
2009	Sociology Doctoral Student of the Year, Mississippi State University
2008	SSRC Research Fellow Award. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University
2003, 04, 06	PAA Poster of Excellence Award
2005	Graduate Student Paper of Distinction Award: "Conversation of Gestures of Significant Symbols? An Analysis of Boxing." Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA
2005	Centers and Institutes Graduate Student Research Award Recipient. Mississippi State University
2004	Sociology Masters Student of the Year, Mississippi State University
2004-2005	President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Chapter of Mississippi, Mississippi State University
2002-2004	Treasurer, Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Chapter of Mississippi, Mississippi State University

## REFERENCES

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