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Education

Rice University, Houston, Texas

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, 2019
Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, 2019
Master of Arts in Sociology, 2015

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 2013

Cochise College, Douglas, Arizona

Associate of Arts in Sociology, 2011

Employment

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

Associate Professor of Sociology, 2025-
Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2019-2025

Areas of Interest

Family Sociology, Social Inequality, Livelihood Strategies, Neighborhoods and Housing

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Note: Underlined names indicate a student co-author.

Winiarski, Alison, Justin Schupp, Ellen Whitehead, and Emily Wornell. *Forthcoming*. "Gig Work, Informal Work, Contingent Work, and Contract Work: Synonymous or Distinct? Exploring Who Performs Nonstandard Work in the United States." *Sociological Focus*.

Whitehead, Ellen, Brianna Lopez, and Natalia Langham. 2025. "Assessing Racial Disparities in Crowdfunding Donations through an Experimental Survey." *Social Currents* 12(6): 495-515.

Whitehead, Ellen, Taryn Jonet, and Mellisa Holtzman. 2025. "Coresident Households and IPV Risk: An Analysis of Prevalence and Correlates." *Journal of Family Violence* 40:1003–1019.

- Whitehead, Ellen and Mellisa Holtzman. 2024. “‘It’s Pedagogical and It’s Selfish’: How Classroom Policies Promote Inclusive Pedagogy, Student Success, and Faculty Legitimacy.” *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning* 18(1):1-11.
- Howell, Junia, Ellen Whitehead, and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. 2023. “Still Separate and Unequal: Persistent Racial Segregation and Inequality in Subsidized Housing.” *Socius* 9:1-16.
- Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, Sofia Locklear, Junia Howell, and Ellen Whitehead. 2023. “Displaced and Unsafe: The Legacy of Settler Colonial Racial Capitalism in the U.S. Rental Market.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City* 4(2):113-134.
- Holtzman, Mellisa, Ellen Whitehead, and Ayrlia Welch. 2023. “Adjusting Class Policies Amid a Pandemic: How Lessons Learned During COVID-19 Can Help Faculty Prepare for Other Institution-Wide Crises.” *Teaching and Learning Inquiry* 11:1-14.
- Whitehead, Ellen and Taryn Jonet. 2022. “Are In-Laws Substituting or Supplementing?: Mothers' Receipt of Support from Paternal Kin.” *Family Relations* 72(4):2062-2082.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2022. “Heterogeneity in Neighborhood Social Integration: Understanding the Role of Private Support.” *Sociological Focus* 55(2):109-129.
- Whitehead, Ellen, Allan Farrell, and Jenifer Bratter. 2021. “‘If You Don’t Know Me by Now...’: Assessing Race Mismatch through Differences in Race Reports of Fathers in the Fragile Families Survey.” *Du Bois Review* 18(2):365-392.
- Sharp, Gregory, Ellen Whitehead, and Matthew Hall. 2020. “Tapped Out? Racial Disparities in Extra-Kin Resources and the Loss of Homeownership.” *Demography* 57(5):1903-1928.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2018. “Paying for Their Stay: Race, Coresiding Arrangements, and Rent Payments among Fragile Families.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39(17):4041–4065.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2018. “‘Be My Guest’: The Link between Concentrated Poverty, Race, and Family-Level Support.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39(12):3225–3247.
- Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. 2018. “The Ties That Bind?: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80(4):951-962.

Reports, Teaching Resources, and Other Publications

- Howell, Junia, Ellen Whitehead, and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. 2023. “It Isn’t All ‘Decent and Safe’: Persistent Racial Inequality in Public Housing.” Council on Contemporary Families Blog.

- Whitehead, Ellen and Mellisa Holtzman. 2023. "Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Crisis: Why Balancing Flexibility and Structure in Course Policies Is Important". The Teaching Innovation Blog. Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2023. "Adjusting Class Policies Amid a Pandemic: How Lessons Learned During COVID-19 Can Help Faculty Prepare for Other Institution-Wide Crises." ISSOTL Blog. International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2022. "The Private Safety Net in Emerging Adulthood." Pp. 26-36 in *Making the Invisible Visible: Applying Sociology to Our World*. Ball State Sociology SOC 100 Reader.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2020. "Meme Assignment." Featured as a Teaching Assignment. Breaking the Prejudice Habit. <http://breakingprejudice.org/teaching/assignment-page/paper-assignments/meme-assignment.html>
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2019. "Teaching about the Growth Machine in the Aftermath of Hurricane Harvey." The Southern Sociologist Newsletter. Southern Sociological Society.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2019. "Community Bridges Fellows Study Urban Inequality Inside and Outside the Classroom." Urban Edge Blog. Kinder Institute for Urban Research.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2018. "Why Programs for the Poor Need to Take into Account the Benefits and Burdens of Mutual Family Assistance." Scholar Strategy Network Research Brief.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2018. "Exploring Neighborhood Inequality with Census Data." TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology. American Sociological Association.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2018. (book review) "Families in America," by Susan L. Brown. *Teaching Sociology* 46(4):369-371.
- Whitehead, Ellen and Jenifer Bratter. 2017. Introduction to "The Uneven Playing Field: How Race and Ethnicity Shape Life Chances." Chapter in *Unmaking Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*. Oxford University Press.
- Whitehead, Ellen. 2016. "Support from Family Does Not Replace the Social Safety Net." Policy Brief for the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research.
- Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. 2015. "Population Composition by Race and Ethnicity: North America." *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Irma Elo, Andrew Foster, and James Wright.

Grants, Fellowships, and Funded Awards

External

- 2022-2026 Wornell, Emily (PI), Ellen Whitehead (Co-PI), Justin Schupp (Co-PI), and Karen McCormack (Co-PI). “Rural Informal Work in Economically, Socially, Culturally, and Technologically Changing Contexts.” National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture. Funds Awarded: \$649,997.
- 2020-2022 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth (PI), Junia Howell (Co-PI), and Ellen Whitehead (Co-PI). “How Rental Property Management Shapes Social and Economic Inequality.” Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Grant. Funds Awarded: \$49,345.
- 2017 Clifford C. Clogg Scholar. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Funds Awarded: Waiver for tuition (~\$4,200).
- Annual User Conference Stipend. Panel Study of Income Dynamic, University of Michigan. \$500.
- 2015 Visiting Graduate Student Scholar. Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis. Funds Awarded: \$8,000.

Internal

- 2023 Whitehead, Ellen (Co-PI) and Emily Wornell (Co-PI). “Residential Decision-Making of College Students in an Era of Increasing Political Bifurcation and Devolution of Individual Rights.” Faculty Fellowship. Center for Middletown Studies, Ball State University. Funds Awarded: \$6,000.
- Whitehead, Ellen (Co-PI) and Mellisa Holtzman (Co-PI). “‘It’s Pedagogical and It’s Selfish:’ The Role of Classroom Policies in Student Socialization, Faculty-Student Rapport, and Faculty Legitimacy.” Scholarship Support Program. Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Ball State University. Funds Awarded: \$2,000.
- Whitehead, Ellen. “Still Separate and Unequal: Persistent Racial Segregation and Inequality in Subsidized Housing.” ASPIRE Grant Program: Published Scholarship Support. Sponsored Projects Administration, Ball State University. Funds Awarded: \$500.
- 2022-2023 Whitehead, Ellen. “Online Crowdfunding as an Emerging Safety Net for American Families.” Aspire Junior Faculty Research Grant. Sponsored Projects Administration, Ball State University. Funds Awarded: \$13,505.

- 2018 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Social Sciences Graduate Student Association, Rice University. Funds Awarded: \$500.
- 2017 Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Social Sciences Research Institute, Rice University. Funds Awarded: \$400.
- Graduate Student Association Travel Fund Award, Rice University. Funds Awarded: \$250
- 2016 Junior Scholar Fund Award. Children and Families Working Group, Rice University. Funds Awarded: \$1,500.

Manuscripts in Progress

Note: Underlined names indicate a student co-author.

Bento, Asia and Ellen Whitehead. "Creditworthy by Association: The Incidence and Correlates of Access to a Cosigner among Primary Caregivers in the FFCWS." *Revise and Resubmit.*

Whitehead, Ellen and Mellisa Holtzman. "Nowhere Left to Turn: An Analysis of Single Parents' Crowdfunding Campaigns." *Under Review.*

Whitehead, Ellen, Alison Winiarski, Emily Wornell, Justin Schupp. "Time and Money: COVID-19's Impact on the Nonstandard Work Sector". *Under Review.*

Whitehead, Ellen, Mellisa Holtzman, Natalia Langham, and Brianna Lopez. "Sounds like a Normal American Problem": Decisions to (Not) Donate to Crowdfunding Campaigns."

Presentations

Note: Underlined names indicate a student collaborator.

Invited Talks

- 2025 Whitehead, Ellen. "Faculty Use of AI." Alpha Kappa Delta Preconference Workshop, Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 3, 2025. Lexington, KY.
- 2023 Whitehead, Ellen. "I'm Doing Everything I Can to Make Ends Meet": An Analysis of Single Parents' Crowdfunding Campaigns." Qualitative Working Group, Department of Sociology, Rice University. November 16, 2023.
- 2022 Whitehead, Ellen and Taryn Wield. "Interpersonal Violence within Multigenerational Households: An Analysis of Fragile Families." STAPH Population Health Lab, Department of Sociology, Rice University. March 2, 2022.

- 2021 Whitehead, Ellen and Taryn Wiold. “Mother’s Receipt of Kin Support from In-Laws.” Women’s Week Research Presentation, hosted by Women’s and Gender Studies and Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society. March 21, 2021. Ball State University, Muncie, IN.
- 2019 Whitehead, Ellen. “Are Families a Long-term Safety Net for Young Adults?” Big Questions, Big Ideas, hosted by Ball State University’s Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. November 1, 2019. Muncie, IN.
- 2018 Whitehead, Ellen. “The Myth of Meritocracy: How Support from Family Members Perpetuates Inequality.” Diversity Institute, hosted by the University of Houston Center for Diversity and Inclusion. April 12, 2018. Houston, TX.
- 2015 Whitehead, Ellen. “Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?” Center for Poverty Research Fall Retreat, University of California, Davis. September 20-22, 2015. Calistoga, CA.
- Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. “The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families.” (Presented by Jenifer Bratter) Cornell Population Center, Cornell University. September 18, 2015. Ithaca, NY.

Presentations at Professional Conferences

- 2026 Bento, Asia and Ellen Whitehead. “Consistency and Change in Access to a Potential Cosigner among Mothers in the FFCWS Over Time.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. May 6-9, 2026. St. Louis, MO.
- Whitehead, Ellen and Mellisa Holtzman. “Better Aligning AI Policies and Learning Objectives with Industry Expectations.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 17-18. Pittsburg, PA.
- 2025 Chandler, Raeven, Emily Wornell, and Ellen Whitehead. “The Politics of Place: How State-Level Policies Influence Post-Graduation Residential Choices of College Students.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 30-August 2, 2025. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Hardy, Jean, Amanda McMillan Lequieu, Ellen Whitehead, Justin Schupp, and Emily Wornell. “Motivations for Nonstandard Work in Rural America.” (Presented by Jean Hardy) Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 30–August 2, 2025. Salt Lake City, UT.

Whitehead, Ellen. "Hold the Line or Full Steam Ahead? Faculty Use of AI." Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 4–5, 2025. Lexington, KY.

Whitehead, Ellen, Jean Hardy, Emily Wornell, Amanda McMillan Lequieu, and Justin Schupp. "Community or Commodity? How the Rise of Gig Economy Platforms Has Reshaped Nonstandard Workers' Motivations and Outcomes." Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 4–5, 2025. Lexington, KY.

Medley-Rath, Stephanie, and Ellen Whitehead. "GIFTS: Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and Publishing in TRAILS." (Presented with Stephanie Medley-Rath) Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 4–5, 2025. Lexington, KY.

2024 Wornell, Emily, and Ellen Whitehead. "Residential Decision-Making of College Students in an Era of Increasing Political Bifurcation and Devolution of Individual Rights." (Presented by Emily Wornell) Annual Meeting of the North American Regional Science Council. November 13–16, 2024. New Orleans, LA.

Whitehead, Ellen, and Mellisa Holtzman. "'I'm Doing Everything I Can to Make Ends Meet': An Analysis of Single Parents' Crowdfunding Campaigns." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 9–13, 2024. Montreal, Canada.

Wornell, Emily, and Ellen Whitehead. "Residential Decision-Making of College Students in an Era of Increasing Political Bifurcation and Devolution of Individual Rights." (Presented by Emily Wornell) Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 24–28, 2024. Madison, WI.

Whitehead, Ellen, Alison Winiarski, Emily Wornell, and Justin Schupp. "More Than the Money: Exploring Motivations for Engaging in Nonstandard Work Activities." Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. March 29–30, 2024. Columbus, OH.

Whitehead, Ellen. "Adapting to AI in the Classroom: Strategies for Instructors." Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. March 29–30, 2024. Columbus, OH.

Medley-Rath, Stephanie, and Ellen Whitehead. "GIFTS: Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and Publishing in TRAILS." (Presented with Stephanie Medley-Rath) Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. March 29–30, 2024. Columbus, OH.

- 2023 Whitehead, Ellen, Alison Winiarski, Emily Wornell, Justin Schupp, and Karen McCormack. "Time and Money: COVID-19's Impact on the Nonstandard Work Sector." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 17–21, 2023. Philadelphia, PA.
- Whitehead, Ellen, and Natalia Langham. "Assessing Racial Disparities in Crowdfunding Donations through an Experimental Survey." Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. March 23–24, 2023. Grand Rapids, MI.
- Winiarski, Alison, Ellen Whitehead, Justin Schupp, Emily Wornell, and Karen McCormack. "Work Outside the Formal Sector: Differentiating Informal and Gig Work." (Presented by Alison Winiarski) Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. March 23–26, 2023. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, Sofia Locklear, Junia Howell, and Ellen Whitehead. "Racism and Unsafe Housing Conditions Across the United States." (Presented by Junia Howell) Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 5-9, 2022. Los Angeles, CA.
- Whitehead, Ellen and Taryn Wield. "Interpersonal Violence within Multigenerational Households: An Analysis of Fragile Families." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. April 13-16, 2022. Chicago, IL.
- Whitehead, Ellen, Hailee Campbell, and Brianna Lopez. "Thoughts, Prayers, and Money: Investigating Appeals to Potential Donors in Crowdfunding Campaigns." (Presented by Hailee Campbell) Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 1-2, 2022. Indianapolis, IN.
- Whitehead, Ellen, Brianna Lopez, and Hailee Campbell. "Who is 'Worthy?': How Crowdfunding Campaigns Construct Layers of Deservingness." (Presented by Brianna Lopez) Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 1-2, 2022. Indianapolis, IN.
- Holtzman, Mellisa, Ellen Whitehead, and Ayrlia Welch. "Faculty Reflections on Crisis-Driven Changes in Class Policies." (Presented with Mellisa Holtzman) Provost's Faculty Summit: A Commitment to Inclusive Excellence. February 17-18, 2022. Ball State University, Muncie, IN.
- 2021 Whitehead, Ellen. "Making Methods Manageable: A Semester-Long, Introductory-Level Methods Activity." Teaching and Learning Symposium, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 6-10, 2021.
- Whitehead, Ellen and Taryn Wield. "Mother's Receipt of Kin Support from In-Laws: The Role of Relationship Status and Father's Involvement." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. May 5-8, 2021.

Whitehead, Ellen, Ayrlia Welch, and Mellisa Holtzman. “‘It’s Pedagogical and It’s Selfish’: The Role of Classroom Policies in Student Socialization, Faculty-Student Rapport, and Faculty Legitimacy.” (Presented by Ayrlia Welch) Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. April 7-10, 2021.

Whitehead, Ellen, Ayrlia Welch, and Mellisa Holtzman. “‘I Still Want to be Really Flexible but You Can’t Just Throw a Whole Semester Away’: Leniency Around Deadlines and Attendance Policies in the Era of COVID-19.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. March 18-21, 2021.

2020 Whitehead, Ellen and Lynn Fahey. “The Politics of Policies: Extensions, Make-up Work, and Attendance Policies.” Teaching and Learning Symposium, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 8-11, 2020.

Whitehead, Ellen and Melinda Messineo. “A Case of Regional and Metropolitan Variation?: Composition of Coresidential Households Before, During, and After the Great Recession.” Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Small Cities Conference. May 8-9, 2020. *Conference canceled due to COVID-19.*

Whitehead, Ellen. “Mother’s Receipt of Kin Support from In-Laws: The Role of Relationship Status and Father’s Involvement.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. April 22-25, 2020. *Session canceled due to COVID-19.*

Whitehead, Ellen and Melinda Messineo. “Composition of Coresidential Households Before, During, and After the Great Recession.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. March 27-29, 2020. *Session canceled due to COVID-19.*

2019 Sharp, Gregory, Ellen Whitehead, and Matthew Hall. “Tapped Out? Racial Disparities in Extra-Familial Resources and the Loss of Homeownership.” (Presented by Gregory Sharp) Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. April 10-13, 2019. Austin, TX.

2018 Whitehead, Ellen. “‘Stuck in Place’ with Family?: A Longitudinal Analysis of Multigenerational Households and Neighborhood Attainment.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 11-14, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.

Whitehead, Ellen. “Moving On, Moving Out—but Where To?: Residential Trajectories after Coresiding with Family or Friends.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. April 26-28, 2018. Denver, CO.

Whitehead, Ellen. “Tracking the Housing Status of Coresiders Over Time: An Application of Latent Class Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April 4-7, 2018. New Orleans, LA.

- 2017 Whitehead, Ellen. "Greater Distance, Less Assistance: Race, Kin Support, and Spatial Proximity between Parents and Children." Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. October 25-27, 2017. Morgantown, WV.
- Whitehead, Ellen, Allen Farrell, and Jenifer Bratter. "If You Don't Know Me by Now...": Observed and Reported Race in the Fragile Families Survey." (Presented by Allan Farrell) Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 12-15, 2017. Montreal, Canada.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "Neighborhood Connectivity and Residential Circumstances: Understanding the Role of Public and Private Support." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. April 27-29, 2017. Chicago, IL.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "Are In-Laws Substituting or Supplementing?: Receipt of Kin Support from Paternal Relatives and the Brokering Role of Fathers." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. March 29-April 1, 2017. Greenville, SC.
- 2016 Whitehead, Ellen. "Neighborhood Experiences and Residential Circumstances: Understanding the Role of Public and Private Support." Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. October 12-14, 2016. Athens, GA.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "Single but Not Alone: Extended Family Co-Residence, Race, and Poverty among Single Mother Families." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 20-23, 2016. Seattle, WA.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "'Be My Guest': Concentrated Poverty, Race, and Family-Level Support Among New Mothers. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 20-23, 2016. Seattle, WA.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers." Center for Research on Families and Relationships International Conference. June 13-15, 2016. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. "The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." (Presented by Jenifer Bratter) Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. March 31-April 1, 2016. Washington, D.C.
- Whitehead, Ellen. "Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association. April 13-16, 2016. Atlanta, GA.

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. "The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Perceived Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." (Presented by Jenifer Bratter) Annual Meeting of the Council on Contemporary Families. March 4-5, 2016. Austin, TX.

- 2015 Whitehead, Ellen. "Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?" Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. October 14-16, 2015. San Antonio, TX.
- 2014 Whitehead, Ellen. "Exploring Segregation through Intersectionality: Family Structure, Race, and Class." Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Annual Graduate Symposium. April 11, 2014. Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Sociology 100: "Principles of Sociology", Ball State University (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)

Sociology 224: "Family and Society", Ball State University (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2024)

Sociology 328: Globalization and the Social World (Costa Rica Study Abroad; Co-Instructor), Ball State University (Summer 2024)

Sociology 684: "Advanced Sociological Data Analysis", Ball State University (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

Sociology 699: "Seminar in Selected Topics in Sociology" (5-week unit on Racial and Ethnic Inequality), Ball State University (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

Honors 390: "The Wealth Gap", Ball State University (Fall 2024)

First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar 145: "Poverty in the U.S.: Definitions, Debates, and Determinants," Rice University (Spring 2019)

Sociology 470: "Inequality and Urban Life", Rice University (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

Sociology 469: "Community Bridges Training", Rice University (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2018 First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar 152, Rice University

Fall 2016 “Introduction to Sociology” (Sociology 101), Rice University

Spring 2015 “Social Statistics” (Sociology 382), Rice University

Spring 2013 Preceptor for “The Pursuit of Happiness: The Sociology of Happiness” (Sociology 357), University of Arizona

Spring 2011 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for “Introduction to Sociology” (Sociology 101), Cochise College

Additional Teaching Experience

2022-2023, 2025 Instructor for the Jumpstart Summer Program. College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State University.

2018-2019 Graduate Fellow. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.

Organizer and Presenter for the Pedagogy Institute for Graduate Students and Postdocs. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.

Guest Lectures

Fall 2019 “Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies” (WGS 210), Ball State University.

Spring 2017 “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University.

Spring 2016 “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University.

Spring 2015 “Race, Society, and Population Change” (Sociology 543), Rice University.

Student Advising and Mentorship

MA Thesis Chair

2025- Payton Bennett

2022-2023 Natalia Langham

Senior Honors Thesis Chair

2024 Ian Ritchey

2022 Lauren Latham (co-chair)

MA Thesis Committee Member

2024-	Mel Jones
2023-2024	Tyler Bishop
2021-2022	Taryn Wield
2020-2021	Ayrlia Welch Kenny McKee

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member

2025-	Kelsey Collins, Educational Psychology (Member at Large)
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Independent Study Faculty Mentor

2023	Giovanny Guia, “Families and Immigration”
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Additional Advising and Mentorship

2021-2022	Hailee Campbell (faculty mentor for the Ball State Teacher-Scholar Program) Brianna Lopez (faculty mentor for the Ball State Honors Undergraduate Fellowship)
2021	Camille Engle (faculty mentor for the Ball State Teacher-Scholar Program)

Honors and Recognitions

2024	Finalist for the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. Ball State University.
2023	Nominated for the Lawhead Teaching Award. Ball State University.
2022	Nominated for the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award. The Graduate School, Ball State University.
2018	Finalist for the Graduate Instructor of Record Award. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.

Workshops and Trainings

2025	Faculty Externship Program. Externship Site: Heart of Indiana United Way. Career Center, Ball State University.
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- 2023 Peer Review of Teaching Program. Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University.
- Professional Development Passport Program. Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Ball State University.
- Mental Health First Aid Training. Ball State University.
- 2022-2023 Equitable Grading Practices in Higher Education Faculty Learning Community. Ball State University.
- 2022 Excellence in Innovation in the Core Faculty Learning Community. Ball State University.
- 2021 Teaching Poverty 101 Workshop. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2020 Online Teaching Refresher Bootcamp. Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University.
- Skills Infusion Program. Career Center, Ball State University.
- 2019-2020 Active Learning Academy and Community of Practice. Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University.
- 2017 Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality. Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago.
- ICPSR Summer Program. Courses: Multilevel Modeling I, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I, Introduction to R, Multilevel Modeling II, Longitudinal Analysis. University of Michigan.
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Training Workshop. University of Michigan.
- Poverty Tracker Data Training Workshop. Columbia University.
- 2016 Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study Summer Data Workshop. Columbia University.
- University of Texas Summer Statistics Institute. Courses: Hierarchical Linear Modeling and Time Series Modeling. University of Texas.

Service

Service to the Discipline

- 2025- Member of the Task Force on Website and Records. North Central Sociological Association.
- 2023- Editorial Board Member for TRAILS (Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology). American Sociological Association.
- 2021- Membership Chair. North Central Sociological Association.
- Committee Member of Student Paper Awards Committee. North Central Sociological Association.
- 2025 Committee Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Registration Options and Fees. North Central Sociological Association.
- Session Presider, “Work and Occupations” and “Political Sociology”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.
- Session Organizer, “Intergenerational Relationships”. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.
- 2024 Session Presider, “Inequalities” and “Work and Employment”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.
- 2023 Session Presider, “Everyday Life Racialized” and “Race and Gender in Society”. Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.
- Panelist, “Navigating the Academic Job Market.” Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.
- Session Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society.
- 2022 Session Presider, “Social Problems.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.
- 2021 Session Presider, “Race and Gender.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.
- Session Presider, “The Effects of Covid-19 on Teaching and Learning.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society.
- 2020-2021 Mentor for the Mentorship Program. Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society.

- 2019-2021 Membership Committee Member for the Section on Teaching and Learning. American Sociological Association.
- 2020 Invited Presenter, “What I Wish I had Known in Graduate School.” Professionalization Workshop for the Rice Sociology Graduate Program. February 7, 2020.
- 2017-2019 Board Member of the Student Forum Advisory Board. American Sociological Association.
- Chair of the Awards Committee and Member of the Workshop Committee (2017-2018), Chair of the Workshop Committee and Member of the Awards Committee (2018-2019).
 - Student Forum Session Organizer for 2018 Annual Meeting.
- 2018 Session Discussant, “Migration and Mobility.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2017 Session Presider, “Fathering and Family Outcomes.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association.
- 2016 Session Presider, “Working Through It: Strategies for Managing Poverty.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association.

Ad Hoc Reviewer: American Sociological Review, Social Problems, Journal of Marriage and Family, Teaching Sociology, Population Research and Policy Review, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Children and Youth Services Review, Race and Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Family Relations, Sociological Focus, Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grants Program, W.W. Norton & Company.

Service to the Department and University

- 2026- Library Representative. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Ball State University.
- 2025- Awards and Scholarships Committee Member. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Ball State University.
- 2021- Alternate Member of the Institutional Review Board. Ball State University.
- Faculty Co-advisor to Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Ball State University.
- 2025 Panelist, “Navigating Service Expectations”. New Faculty Academy, Ball State University.

	Instructor for Experience Ball State Day. College of Sciences of Humanities, Ball State University.
2024-2025	Member of the University Core Curriculum Implementation Task Force. Ball State University.
	Pedagogy Fellow. College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State University.
2019-2025	Undergraduate Committee Member. Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
2024	Instructor for Cardinal Preview Day. College of Sciences of Humanities, Ball State University.
	Presenter, "Faculty Success Software Workshop". Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
	Presenter, "Developing Departmental Norms around Using AI". Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
	Presenter, "Productive Ways to Use AI in Our Work." Lunch & Learn Series. Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Ball State University.
	Roundtable Panelist, "Responding to the Challenges & Needs of Students." Division of Online and Strategic Learning and Graduate School, Ball State University.
2023-2024	Co-Leader, "Policies & Practices for AI in Higher Education" Faculty Learning Community. Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University.
	Member of the Dean's Faculty Advisory Council. College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State University.
	Pedagogy Liaison for the Department of Sociology. College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State University.
2023, 2024	Judge for the Student Research Symposium. Sponsored Project Administration, Ball State University.
2023	Panelist, "AI/ChatGPT Panel". Faculty Professional Development Event. Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Ball State University.
2021, 2023	Discussion Co-Leader for the Skills Infusion Program. Career Center, Ball State University.

- 2022 Representative for the Core Faculty Learning Community. Faculty Learning Community Showcase, Ball State University.
- 2021-2022 Member of the First-Year Seminar Planning Team. Ball State University
- Co-Chair of the SOC 100 Reader Committee. Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
- Member of the DFW Rates Faculty Learning Community. College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State University.
- 2020-2022 Salary Committee Member. Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
- 2019-2021 Social Media Committee Chair. Department of Sociology, Ball State University.
- 2015-2018 Graduate Student Liaison for the Sociology Department. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.
- 2017 Selection Committee Member for the Graduate Teaching Award for Independent Instruction. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.
- Selection Committee Member for the Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University.
- 2016-2017 Founder and Organizer of the Graduate Student Quantitative Working Group. Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- Graduate Student Representative. Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2015 Committee Member for the Undergraduate Paper Competition. Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- Judge for the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium. Rice University.
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Liaison for the Student Wellbeing Office. Rice University.
- Graduate Student Representative for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Rice University.
- 2013 Undergraduate Representative for the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Arizona.

Professional Affiliations

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Population Association of America
Midwest Sociological Society
North Central Sociological Association