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**EDUCATION**

**Northeastern University,** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Sociology (Expected) December 2021

Research Interests: Critical race theory, mental health care, health systems and policy

**Northeastern University,** Masters of Arts (MA) in Sociology May 2017

**University of Massachusetts Amherst,** Bachelor of Arts (BA), *Magna Cum Laude* May 2012

Major: Sociology / Minor: Psychology

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor**

Research Methods, *Northeastern University*Jan 2020 – June 2020

Created a syllabus and taught 30 students key skills such as generating research

questions, conducting investigation through hands-on practice, effectively reading and

writing research materials, and critically evaluating the information they receive in

everyday life

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Research Assistant May 2017– in progress**

Educating Judges, *Northeastern University* Sept 2020 – Aug 2021

Developing and piloting a program to educate judges about the social determinants of health (SDoH)

Evaluating Racial and Ethnic Equity, *Department of Mental Health* Sept 2019 - Jan 2020

Developed an evaluation plan for two mental health research and training centers to support their important racial justice and health equity goals in research, operations, and community-involvement

Equity Change Projects, *Boston Public Health Commission* Jan 2019 – Oct 2019

Planned and conducted a process evaluation of the Equity Change Projects and Health Equity Champion model which aim to eliminate racial and other health inequities at BPHC

Public Evaluation Lab (NU-PEL), *Northeastern University* Sept 2017– May 2019

Launched Northeastern University’s first interdisciplinary evaluation research lab. Planned and/or conducted evaluations of five programs, including the development of a pre- and post-survey for YW Boston's intensive equity training course.

Reading Skills Class, *Northeastern University* May 2017– May 2019

Developing a literacy curriculum for low-literacy adults with severe mental illness, conducting a 12-week pilot reading group, and processing the data.

**Health Data Specialist Intern**

SAMHSA Study, *DMA Health Strategies & Mass Mental Health Center* July 2017 – Sept 2017

Evaluating MMHC’s integrated mental and physical health program through structured interview data and health records.

**OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant,** the University of Massachusetts Amherst Sept 2011 – Dec 2011

**Researcher**, Youth Action Coalition Dec 2010 – May 2011

**Research Technician,** University of Massachusetts Medical SchoolApr 2010 – Aug 2010

**POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2018, SSSP Paper Presentation: “Brief Report: Using Stakeholder Expertise to Adapt a Reading Skill Group for Adults with Mental Illness.”

2018, Tufts CTSI Translational Research Day Poster Presentation: “Literacy education for improving engagement in treatment and community inclusion for people with serious mental illness”

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2019, Selected for Experiential Fellowship

2015, Selected for PhD Student Advisory Group

2013, Presidential Service Award and Congressional Medal of Honor: Bronze

2012, Phi Beta Kappa

2012, Outstanding Sociological Achievement Award

2011, LeBovidge Internship Scholarship

2008-2011, Bank of America Merit-Based Scholarship

2008-2010, Presidential Scholarship

**SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Attendee, American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA Fall 2019

Attendee, American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA Summer 2018

Speaker, Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, Philadelphia, PA Summer 2018

Attendee, American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada Summer 2017

Attendee, Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA Summer 2016

Attendee, Public Service Psychiatry Conference, Worcester, MA Summer 2010

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Public Health Association (APHA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Eastern Sociological Association (ESA)

**SKILLS AND TRAINING**

Statistical Software: STATA and SPSS

Data Capture/Management: RED Cap, DonorSnap, SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability

and Reporting System (SPARS), and Microsoft Excel

Mapping Software: ArcGIS and QGIS

Medical Record Databases: LabCorps, Physician Gateway, Mental Health Information System

Training Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certifications

in Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research and HIPAA

Privacy Protections, NIH Online IRB Training