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POSITIONS

- 2020 – Present Assistant Professor – Department of Internal Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Fayetteville
- Assistant Professor/Affiliated Faculty – Institute for Community Health Innovation, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- 2018 – 2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Arkansas – Little Rock
- Program Coordinator, Poverty Studies, University of Arkansas – Little Rock and Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty – SHECP

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Missouri – Columbia, MO
- Dissertation: Feeding the Student Body: Insecurity and Inequality among College Students
- Committee: Chair: Joan Hermesen. Members: Amit Prasad, Eileen Avery, Enid Schatz
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
- 2010 B.A., Sociology, University of Central Arkansas – Conway, AR

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Most cited article in *Clinical and Translational Science* in 2022
- Top cited article in *Sociology of Health and Illness* in 2022
- 2022 Clinical and Translational Science Award – American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics (ASCPT)
- Most downloaded article published in *Clinical and Translational Science*
- Research Profiled in The Scientific American:
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/people-are-getting-covid-shots-despite-hesitation/>
- 2021 Astounding Apprentice Award – Translational Research Institute
- most publications at UAMS over a 91-day period
- 2020 Outstanding Article Award – Communal Studies Association
- 2017 Mizzou Advantage International Travel Award (\$900)
- 2017 Sociology Research Award (\$2,000)
- 2017 Deaton Scholar
- 2013-2018 G. Ellsworth Huggins Fellowship (\$50,000, 5 years)
- 2013 Bernice Jones Endowed Chair in Community Award (\$500)

RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANTS

Role	Dates	Amount	Admin IC	Title and Project Number
Co-I	4/2024 – 3/2025	\$700,000	NIH	Arkansas Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against 3-C Disparities Project #: SUB-OTA No. 6922-03-COVID-S016
Co-I; Mentee	4/2024 – 4/2030	\$17,499,997	PCORI	Delivering HOPE (Helping Women Optimize Prenatal Equity) Project #: PARTNER-2023C1-31347
Project Lead	09/2020 - 08/2025	Sub-award amount: \$50,000	HRSA & RTEC	Disparities in Virtual Prenatal Care Rural Telehealth Evaluation Center (RTEC) HRSA U3GRH40001-01-00; Hari Eswaran (PI)
PI	7/2024 - 6/2026	\$35,000	NIMHD	NIH Loan Repayment Program - Contextual and Patient-level Predictors of Healthcare Provider Recommendations for Vaccination
Co-PI	7/2021 - 4/2022	\$253,334	NIGMS	Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Supplement – Understanding Hesitant Adopters Project Project #: 3P20GM103429-20S1
Co-I	5/2021 - 5/2022	\$1,500,000	NIMHD	NIH CEAL - COVID-19 PREVENT (Partnership for Rapid Engagement to Enhance Vaccine Uptake for Everyone: Neighbors Working Together) Project; Project #: 3R01MD013852-03S2
Co-I	3/2021 - 11/2022	\$715,920	NIMHD	NIH RADx – Connecting Our Neighborhoods Need for Enhanced and Coordinated Testing (CoNNECT) to Achieve Equity: CoNNECT to Achieve Equity Project #: 3R01MD013852-02S3
Co-I	2019-2024	\$317,879	NIMHD	Family DSMES – Diabetes Self-Management Project #: 3R01MD013852-04S1
Co-I	--	\$20,000		Translational Research Institute, Team Science Award - Physical Activity among Marshallese

BOOK

- 2015 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE** (Eds.). 2015. *A Place-Based Perspective of Food in Society*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2024 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. “Race, Place, and Unequal Health.” Forthcoming 2025. *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior and Society*, edited by Stella Quah, William C. Cockerham, and Robert Dingwall. 2nd Edition. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing Limited.
- 2018 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2018. “Poverty, Food Insecurity, and Health among Youth.” in *Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America’s Poor*, edited by Leslie Hossfeld, Brooke Kelly, and Jill Waity. Vanderbilt University Press.

- 2014 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**. 2014. "Race and Place." *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior and Society*, edited by Stella Quah, William C. Cockerham, and Robert Dingwall. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing Limited.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* equal/alphabetical authorship; † media or award)

- Postdoc, Graduate, and Medical student co-authors **underlined and bolded**

- 2025 Willis DE**, Bogulski CA, Brown CC, Manning NA, White LS, Selig JP, Li J, McElfish PA. Postpartum Care Screenings by Care Modality Among US Mothers, 2020-2021. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology: Global Reports*. 2025;100541. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xagr.2025.100541>
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- Moore R, Purvis RS, **Willis DE**, Li J, Sorrell S, Lee SC, Finley EP, Sexton K, Kraleti S, James C, McElfish PA. A Qualitative Study of Social Processes, HPV Vaccine Attitudes, and Vaccination Behavior among Hesitant Adopter Parents. *Clinical Pediatrics*. 2025; 0(0).
- Walter CS, **Willis DE**, Andersen JA, Bogulski CA, **Li J**, Cortez KH, Selig JP, McElfish PA, Felix HC. Physical Activity amid a Pandemic: How Socioeconomic and Demographic Factors Shaped Behaviors during COVID-19. *Journal of Prevention*. 2025; 46:413-426.
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- Willis DE**, Montgomery BEE, Selig JP, Andersen JA, Shah SK, **Li J**, Reece S, **Alik D**, McElfish PA. COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Racial Discrimination among US Adults. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 2022;31:102074. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2022.102074>
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- Weighted Random Sample Survey. *Vaccine*. 2023;41(41):6120-6126. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.08.075>
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- Reece S, CarlLee S, Scott AJ, **Willis DE**, Rowland B, Larsen K, Holman-Allgood I, McElfish PA. Hesitant adopters: COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among diverse vaccinated adults in the United States. *Infectious Medicine*. 2023;2(2):89-95. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.imj.2023.03.001>
- Purvis RS, Moore R, **Willis DE**, Kraleti SK, **Gurel-Headley MP**, CarlLee S, McElfish PA. Key conversations and trusted information among hesitant adopters of the COVID-19 vaccine. *Journal of Health Communication*. 2023;28(9):595-604. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10810730.2023.2244458>
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2017 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2017. “Food Insecurity and Social Capital Among Middle School Students.” *Youth & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X17725460>

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Willis DE, Brown CC, Bogulski CA, Hawley NL, Manning NA, Li J, Selig JP, Schootman M, McElfish PA. Postpartum Care Counseling among U.S. Mothers: Are There Differences

between Virtual and Exclusively in-Person Modes of Care? Submitted to: *Blinded*

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Willis DE, Clare Brown, Jennifer Andersen, Cari Bogulski, Pearl McElfish. Structural Sexism and Maternal Health Outcomes: A Multistate Analysis of U.S. Mothers

Bogulski CA, **Willis DE**. Stressful Life Events and Barriers to Virtual Prenatal Care among US Mothers.

Nguyen D, Hallgren E, Park M, **Willis DE**. Food Insecurity and Mental Health among Cancer Survivors.

Willis DE. The Social Costs of Food Insecurity Among College Students

Hermesen J, **Willis DE**. Young Women's Attitudes about Future Work: The Role of Maternal Education and Employment.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* by invitation)

2025 **Willis DE**, PA McElfish, CC Brown, JA Andersen, GC Pro, JP Selig, CA Bogulski. Associations between Virtual Prenatal Care Utilization, Social Determinants of Health, and Stressful Life Events: A Multistate Analysis of U.S. Mothers, 2020-2021. Presented at the 2025 Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health (SEARCH) – The National Telehealth Research Symposium, Feb 2025. Los Angeles, CA.

Andersen JA, Brown CC, Silva R, **Willis DE**, Ali MM, Acharya M, & Bogulski CA. Telehealth

and patient portal use disparities before and during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health (SEARCH) – The National Telehealth Research Symposium, Feb 2025. Los Angeles, CA.

Willis DE, Bogulski CA, Brown CC, Selig JP, Li J, Shafeek Amin N, Manning NA, Watson D, McElfish PA. (Poster) Virtual Prenatal Care and Influenza Vaccination during Pregnancy: A Multi-State Analysis of U.S. Mothers, 2020-2021. 19th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2025. Tokyo, Japan.

Willis DE, Bogulski CA, Acharya M, Li J, Selig JP, Andersen JA, Manning NA, McElfish PA. (Poster) Virtual Prenatal Care and Provider Recommendations for Influenza Vaccination during Pregnancy. 19th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2025. Tokyo, Japan.

2024 **Willis DE**, Moore R, Selig JP, Shafeek Amin N, **Li J**, Watson D, Brimberry RK, McElfish PA. (Full Presentation). Pediatric HPV Vaccination: Provider Recommendations Matter among Hesitant Parents. Presented at the 18th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2024. Lisbon, Portugal.

Willis DE, Moore R, Purvis RS, McElfish PA. (Poster). Provider Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccination: prevalence, disparities, and correlates. Presented at the 18th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2024. Lisbon, Portugal.

2023 Pro G, Fairman BJ, Montgomery BEE, **Willis DE**, Baloh J. Trends in telehealth and integrated primary care in US mental health treatment facilities: Impact of facility ownership and state rurality, 2015-2020. Presented at the American Public Health Assoc. Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (June).

Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**, **Obermaier AN**, Wahls A. Feeling Good or Doing Good: Examining a Grassroots Effort to Stem the Food Insecurity Tide. Presented at the Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC (March).

McElfish, PA, CarlLee S, **Willis DE**, Andersen JA, **Gurel-Headley MP**, Kraleti SS, Selig JP, Moore R, Diaz-Cruz A, Macechko MD. (Oral presentation- accepted). Healthcare Access and Experiences of Racial Discrimination as Predictors of General Vaccine Hesitancy. APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, November 2023. Atlanta, GA.

McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Montgomery BEE, Selig JP, Andersen JA, Shah SK, **Li J**, Reece S, Alik D. COVID-19 (Oral presentation- accepted). Vaccine hesitancy and racial discrimination. 17th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2023. Glasgow, Scotland.

McElfish PA, Moore R, Purvis RS, Hallgren E, **Willis DE**, Hall S, Reece S, CarlLee S, Judkins H. (Poster- accepted). Motivations to vaccinate among hesitant adopters of the COVID-19 vaccine. 17th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2023. Glasgow, Scotland.

McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Schootman M, Shah SK, Reece S, Selig JP, Andersen JA. (Poster-accepted). Parent/guardian intentions to vaccinate children against COVID-19 in the United States. 17th Vaccine Congress, Sept 2023. Glasgow, Scotland.

2022 **Willis DE**, McElfish PA. COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Experiences of Discrimination Among Black Adults. Presented at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Uptake Among Populations Who Experience Health Disparities Grantee Meeting. (October 2022, Virtual meeting).

Fitzpatrick KM, Harris C, **Willis DE**, **Obermaier A**, Drawve G. Place Still Matters: Individual Level Social Vulnerabilities, Place-Level Structural Disadvantage and Food Insecurity During COVID-19. Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (August).

Andersen JA, Bogulski CA. **Willis DE**, McElfish PA. (2022, November). Factors Related to

Interest in Remote Patient Monitoring Utilization. Paper presented at SEARCH 2022 – The National Telehealth Research Symposium, Online.

Bogulski CA., Andersen JA, **Willis DE**, McElfish PA. (2022, November). Predictors of Electronic Health Record Utilization by Adults living in Arkansas. Poster presented at SEARCH 2022 – The National Telehealth Research Symposium, Online.

- 2021 **Willis DE**, English ES, McElfish PA, Long CR. 2021. "Food Insecurity and health during COVID-19 in Arkansas." Food Insecurity, Neighborhood Food Environment, and Nutrition Health Disparities: State of the Science; National Institutes of Health Virtual Workshop.
- 2020 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**. 2020. "Homeless and Hungry: Food Insecurity in the Land of Plenty." Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA-Virtual (August).
- 2019 **Willis, Don E.**, Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2019. "Adolescent Food Insecurity: The Special Case of Marshallese Youth in Northwest Arkansas." Presented at the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association (ASAA) Annual Meeting, Little Rock (November).
- Willis, Don E.** 2019. "Embodying Inequality: Food Insecurity, Social Status, and Health Outcomes Among College Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meetings, New York City (August).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019. "Food Insecurity and the Social Reproduction of Inequality." Emporia at the Table (EAT) Initiative. Emporia State University.
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019 (February). "Poverty, Food, and Nutritionism. University of Arkansas at Little Rock Downtown Lecture Series.
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019 (April). "Whose side are we on?" Revisiting Becker's Question. Speaker at University of Central Arkansas, Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony.
- 2018 **Willis, Don E.** 2018. "The Social Costs of Food Insecurity Among College Students." Presented at the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association (ASAA) Annual Meeting, Conway (November).
- Hermesen, Joan M., and **Don E. Willis**. 2018. "Young Women's Attitudes Toward Future Work" Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meetings, Philadelphia (August).
- Rubin, Zach., and **Don E. Willis**. 2018. "Defining and Measuring Success in Intentional Communities: An Analysis of What Works Today." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meetings, Minneapolis (March).
- 2017 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. "Risks, Resources, and Depressive Symptomatology Among Marshallese Adolescents" Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meetings, Montréal (August).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2017 (Spring/Summer). Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA).
- 2015 Schatz, Enid, Margaret Ralston, Sangeetha Madhavan, **Don E. Willis**, F. Xavier Gomez-Olive, and Mark Collinson. 2015. "Older person's living arrangements and health in rural South Africa: Confirming social positioning?" Presented at the 7th PAA African Population Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa (November/December).
- Willis, Don E.**, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2015. "Psychosocial Mediators of the Food Insecurity-Obesity Paradox." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meetings, Kansas City (March).

- Hermesen, Joan M., and **Don E. Willis**. 2015. "Young Women's Attitudes about Future Work: The Role of Maternal Education and Employment." Presented at the Midwest Sociological (MSS) Society Annual Meetings, Kansas City (March).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2015 (Spring/Summer). Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA).
- 2014 **Willis, Don E.**, and Kevin Fitzpatrick. 2014. "Resources and Relationships: Food Insecurity and Social Capital Among Middle School Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meetings, San Francisco (August).
- 2013 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. "Social Class, Social Resources and Weight Status Outcomes Among Middle School Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meetings, New York (August).

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- 2021 Rubin, Zach, and **Don E. Willis**. 2021. The State of Food and Housing at Lander University. A Report by the Lander Task Force on Food Insecurity and Homelessness.
- McElfish, Pearl A., Holly Felix, Zoran Bursac, Brett Rowland, Jennifer Andersen, **Don E. Willis**, et al. 2021. Comparative Effectiveness of Diabetes Prevention Program Interventions for Marshallese Patients: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial.
- McElfish, Pearl A., Holly Felix, Zoran Bursac, Brett Rowland, Jennifer Andersen, **Don E. Willis**, et al. 2021. Impact of COVID-19 on Marshallese Communities in the United States.
- 2019 **Willis, Don**. 2019. Food Insecurity Among UMKC Students: A Summary Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2017 Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermesen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Executive Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- * Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermesen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Perceptions of Law Enforcement Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- * Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermesen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Neighborhood Trust, Safety, and Fear Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- * Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermesen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner Violence Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2013 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Hunger and Poverty in Northwest Arkansas: A Comparative Analysis. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:2. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Health, Well-Being, and Food Insecurity Among 5th-7th Grade Students. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:1. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Counting NWA's Homeless: Preliminary Results from the 2013 Homeless Census. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:6. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. The Changing Face of NWA's Homeless: More Results from the 2013 Homeless Census. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:7.

Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.

- 2012 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2012. Hope 2012: 4th Annual Community Service-Focused Event for Northwest Arkansas. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:8. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Willis, Don E.**, Gail O'Connor, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2012. Hope 2012: A Health Status Report. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:10. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- 2011 Hallgren, Emily, **Don E. Willis**, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2011. Hope 2011: A Health Status Report. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:7. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., Emily Hallgren, and **Don E. Willis** 2011. *Race and Ethnicity Matter: What NWA Residents Are Saying About Quality of Life*. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:2. Community and Family Institute: Department of Soc and Cr Justice, Univ. of Arkansas

TEACHING POSITIONS

2021 – on occasion	Affiliate Faculty – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
	General Sociology SOC 2013
2018 – 2020	Assistant Professor – University of Arkansas – Little Rock
	Intro to Sociology SOC 2300
	Senior Capstone Seminar SOC 4387
	Urban Sociology SOC 3341
	Poverty and Place SOC 4395
2016 – 2018	Graduate Instructor – University of Missouri
	Intro to Sociology (Honors) SOC 1000H
	Sociology of Health SOC 3440
	The Family SOC 3420
	Aging and The Life Course SOC 4210
2013 – 2014	Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Missouri
	Social Research Methods SOC 2950
	Intro to Sociology SOC 1000
	Criminology SOC 3600
2012 – 2013	Lab Instructor – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
	Advanced Data Analysis Lab SOC 5311L
	Social Science Data Analytics Lab SOC 3440

TEACHING - GUEST LECTURES

2024	Social Determinants of Health – Guest Lecture to Year One Medical Students, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
2022	Community Health Worker Training – Public Health 101: Social Determinants of Health, Office of Community Health and Research
2020	Poverty in the U.S. – Guest Lecturer for Intro to Sociology Course, UALR
2019	“Food Insecurity and the Social Reproduction of Inequality.” Emporia at the Table (EAT) Initiative. Emporia State University.

“Poverty, Food, and Nutritionism. University of Arkansas at Little Rock Downtown Lecture Series.

“Whose side are we on?” Revisiting Becker’s Question. Speaker at University of Central Arkansas, Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony.

2017 Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA).

2015 Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA).

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2020 - present Assistant Professor – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Northwest

Affiliations: **Institute for Community Health Innovation**

Department: Internal Medicine, College of Medicine

Supervisor: Dr. Pearl McElfish, Vice Chancellor, UAMS Northwest

Notable Projects:

- Designed and managed three random sample statewide surveys.
- Designed and managed national online survey.
- Designed and managed multiple surveys distributed through clinical or community organizations.
- COVID-19 contact tracing data analysis, reports for Ark. Dept. of Health.

Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Research Design, Writing Research Reports, Writing Peer-reviewed Publications, Dissemination of Research

2018 - 2020 Assistant Professor (Sociology) – University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Affiliations: Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP)

Department: Sociology and Anthropology

Supervisor: Dr. Krista Lewis, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Writing Research Reports, Writing Peer-reviewed Publications

2017 - 2018 Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri

Affiliations: Deaton Scholars,

Department: Sociology

Advisors/Mentors: Dr. Joan Hermesen, Dr. Eileen Avery

Notable Projects: Missouri Crime Victimization Survey

Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Writing Research Reports

2015 – 2016 Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri

Department: Women & Gender Studies

Advisors/Mentors: Dr. Joan Hermesen

Notable Projects:

- Motherhood Timing and Health/Wellness
- Gender & Work Attitudes among Youth

Responsibilities:

- Merging and analyzing Health and Retirement Study data.
- Merging and analyzing thirty years of Monitoring the Future data.
- Reviewing literature on parenthood timing and health in later life.
- Reviewing literature on youth attitudes about gender

Writing publishable manuscripts.

2014 – 2015 Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri,

Department: Health Sciences

Advisors/Mentors: Dr. Enid Schatz

Notable Projects: Older Person's Health and Living Arrangements in South Africa

Responsibilities:

- Merging World Health Organization data and South Africa Census data.
- Data Analysis of WHO SAGE data.
- Reviewing literature.
- Writing publishable manuscripts.

2011 – 2013 Graduate Research Assistant – University of Arkansas

Affiliations: Community and Family Institute (CFI)

Department: Sociology and Criminology

Advisors/Mentors: Dr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, University Professor, Director of CFI

Notable Projects:

- Point-in-time Homeless Census
- HOPE 2011-2012 - Service Event and Needs Assessment
- Northwest Arkansas Report on Food Insecurity
- Survey of Middle School Students

Responsibilities:

- Research design and implementation.
- Data collection.
- Data analysis.
- Writing research reports
- Writing publishable manuscripts
- Editing Book Manuscripts and Chapters

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

2020 – 2022 Advisee: Amy Kendrick – University of Massachusetts – Lowell

Role: Dissertation Committee Member

2021 – 2022 Advisee: Amber Obermaier – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

Role: Thesis Committee Member

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Professional Memberships

2025 - present Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health (SEARCH)

2013 – present American Sociological Association – ASA

2020 – present - Medical Sociology

2015 – 2018 - Children and Youth – ASA Section

2015 – 2018 - Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility – ASA Section

2023 – present Southern Sociological Society

2019 – present Coalition for Food and Agricultural Sociology (CFAS)

2018 – 2020 Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty – SHECP

- Faculty Council Member

- Programming Committee Member

2013 – 2020	Midwest Sociological Association
2017 – 2020	Association for the Study of Food in Society – ASFS
2017 – 2018	Graduate Association for Food Studies – ASFS

Committees, Affiliations, and Coordinator Positions – International or National

2021 – 2023	Committee Member - Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander Interest Group for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities (2021 – 2022).
2021 – 2023	Committee Member - American Indian / Alaskan Native Interest Group for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities (2021 – 2022).
2018 – 2020	Coordinator of Poverty Studies Program – UALR and Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty
2018 – 2020	Council Member – Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty
2018 – 2020	Programming Committee Member – Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty
2018	Poverty Studies Syllabi Review Committee Member – Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty
2018 – 2020	National Exploring Social Services Committee, Learning for Life Organization

Committees, Affiliations, and Coordinator Positions – State or Institutional

2022 - Present	Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee (PRMC) - Population Research Reviewer – UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
2022 – Present	Community Advisory Board, Master of Public Health (MPH) – University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2020	CSSC Assessment Committee, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
2019 - 2020	CSSC Curriculum Committee, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Journal Editorial Positions

2024 – present	Editorial Board Member - Discover Social Science and Health
2019 – present	Editorial Board Member - Simulacra
2022 - present	Review Editor - Frontiers in Environmental Health – Housing Conditions and Public Health
2022 only	Guest Editor - Nutrients, special issue on food and nutritional insecurity

Journal Reviewer Service

Since 2025 – ad hoc	<i>Journal of Applied Social Psychology</i>
Since 2024 – ad hoc	<i>Annals of Medicine</i>
Since 2023 – ad hoc	<i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)</i>
Since 2023 – ad hoc	<i>Scientific Reports</i>
Since 2022 – ad hoc	<i>PLOS ONE</i>
Since 2022 – ad hoc	<i>Discover Social Science and Health</i>

Since 2021 – ad hoc	<i>American Journal of Public Health</i>
Since 2021 – ad hoc	<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>
Since 2020 – ad hoc	<i>Nutrients</i>
Since 2020 – ad hoc	<i>Journal of Appalachian Studies</i>
Since 2019 – ad hoc	<i>Journal of Nutrition</i>
Since 2019 – ad hoc	<i>Social Problems</i>
Since 2019 – ad hoc	<i>Int. J. of Environ. Research and Public Health</i>
Since 2017 – ad hoc	<i>Social Forces</i>
Since 2017 – ad hoc	<i>Sociology of Education</i>
Since 2017 – ad hoc	<i>Health Sociology Review</i>
Since 2016 – ad hoc	<i>Appetite</i>

Professional Mentorship

2022 - Present	Junior faculty
	- Cari Bogulski, PhD - UAMS
2020 - 2022	Graduate Students
	- Amy Kendrick, PhD
	- Amber Obermaier, MA – University of Arkansas Fayetteville
2018	Undergraduate students
	- Sociology Club – University of Arkansas at Little Rock
	- GENEius Club– University of Arkansas at Little Rock
2017	Deaton Scholars
	- Callahan McAndrew – University of Missouri
2015 – 2017	Graduate Students (incoming)
	- Emily Murray – University of Missouri
	- Aaron Arredondo – University of Missouri

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

2023	SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) – 8-month training, UAMS
2022	An Introduction to Cross-classified, Multiple Membership, and Dynamic Group Multilevel Models (October 20), National Institutes of Health (NIH)
	SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) – 8-month training, UAMS
2021	Cultural Competency Training – Marshallese, UAMS
	Mediation and Moderation Analysis, STATA
	Automating Reproducible Research Reports, STATA
	Cultural Competency, UAMS
	Implicit Bias Training, UAMS
2019	Best Teachers Institute, UALR
	STaR Academy (Online Teaching), UALR
	ATLE – Internships and Service Learning, UALR
	ATLE – Teaching Controversial Topics, UALR
2017	Professional Grant Development – Grant Training Center
	Social Media Research, MU
	Safe Space Training, MU

REFERENCES

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