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EDUCATION

Washington State University, Pullman, WA
2024 – Current, PhD Student, Department of Sociology

University of Montana, Missoula, MT
2015, MA Geography

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA
2010, BS City and Regional Planning

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Disability, Health Disparities, Geographic Contexts, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

EXPERIENCE

2024 – Current	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology Washington State University
2016 – Current	Project Director, Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities, Rural Institute, University of Montana
2023 – 2024	Program Evaluator, Idaho School Readiness Project, Rural Institute, University of Montana
2022 – 2023	Adjunct Instructor, W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation, University of Montana
2021 – 2022	Principal Investigator, Rural Disability Hub for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach, Rural Institute, University of Montana
2015 – 2016	Research Associate, Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities, Rural Institute, University of Montana
2011 – 2015	Research Assistant, Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities, Rural Institute, University of Montana

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Landes, S. D., Swenor, B. K., Hall, J. P., Forber-Pratt, A. J., Vaitsiakhovich, N., Caldwell, K., Kakara, M., Lefkowitz, D., **Myers, A.**, Popkin, S. J., Reed, N. S. Rothman, E. F. & Salinger, M. (2025). [The disability mismatch: the case for a comprehensive disability status measure](#). *Health Affairs Scholar*, 3(7).

Myers, A.

Hall, J. P., Goddard, K. S., Ipsen, C., **Myers, A.**, & Kurth, N. K. (2024). [Counting everyone: evidence for inclusive measures of disability in federal surveys](#). *Health Affairs Scholar*, 2(9).

Goddard, K., **Myers, A.**, & Ipsen, C. (2024). [The Hidden Crisis: Long COVID's Association with Housing Stability and Home Accessibility Among People with Disabilities](#). *Disability and Health Journal*, 101650.

Myers, A., & Standley, K. (2024). ["Patiently waiting": How do non-driving disabled adults get around in rural America?](#) *Transport Policy*, 145, 55-64.

Greiman, L., Leopold, A., Ipsen, C., & **Myers, A.** (2023). [Mapping the digital divide: What predicts internet access across America?](#) *Local Development & Society*, 1-13.

Hall, J. P., Kurth, N. K., Ipsen, C., **Myers, A.**, & Goddard, K. (2022). [Comparing Measures of Functional Difficulty with Self-Identified Disability: Implications for Health Policy: Study compares measures of functional difficulty with self-identified disability](#). *Health Affairs*, 41(10), 1433-1441.

Ravesloot, C., **Myers, A.**, Santasier, A., & Ward, B. (2022). [Effects of an exercise intervention on participation reported by people with disabilities: A mixed methods randomized trial](#). *Disability and Health Journal*, 15(3), 101272.

Ipsen, C., Ward, B., & **Myers, A.** (2022). [Events Across the Life Course Contribute to Higher Mobility Impairment Rates in Rural US](#). *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences*, 3, 863716.

Myers, A., Ipsen, C., & Standley, K. (2022). [Transportation patterns of adults with travel-limiting disabilities in rural and urban America](#). *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences*, 3, 877555.

Myers, A., Ipsen, C., & Lissau, A. (2022). [COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy among Americans with disabilities aged 18-65: An exploratory analysis](#). *Disability and Health Journal*, 15(1), 101223.

Ravesloot, C., **Myers, A.**, Greiman, L., Ward, B., Shinnick, K., & Hall, J. (2022). [Is the presence of home entrance steps associated with community participation of people with mobility impairments?](#) *Disability and Health Journal*, 15(1), 101183.

Ipsen, C., **Myers, A.**, & Sage, R. (2021). [A cross-sectional analysis of trust of information and COVID-19 preventative practices among people with disabilities](#). *Disability and Health Journal*, 14(2), 101062.

Myers, A., Ward, B., Wong, J., & Ravesloot, C. (2020). [Health status changes with transitory disability over time](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 244, 112647.

Sage, R., Ward, B., **Myers, A.**, & Ravesloot, C. (2019). [Transitory and enduring disability among urban and rural people](#). *The Journal of Rural Health*, 35(4), 460-470.

Myers, A.

Greiman, L., Fleming, S. P., Ward, B., **Myers, A.**, & Ravesloot, C. (2018). [Life starts at home: bathing, exertion and participation for people with mobility impairment](#). *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 99(7), 1289-1294.

Ward, B., **Myers, A.**, Wong, J., & Ravesloot, C. (2017). [Disability items from the current population survey \(2008–2015\) and permanent versus temporary disability status](#). *American Journal of Public Health*, 107(5), 706-708.

Myers, A. & Ravesloot, C. (2016). [Navigating time and space: how Americans with disabilities use time and transportation](#). *Community Development*, 47(1), 75-90.

Livingston, N. A., Hargrove, T., Greiman, L., **Myers, A.**, Ipsen, C., & Ravesloot, C. (2015). [An investigation into the temporal scaling of community participation measurement](#). *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 60(4), 367.

Commentaries

Landes, S. D., Swenor, B. K., Clark, M. A., Goddard, K., S., Hall, J. P., Hermans, A., Ipsen, C., Karpman, M. Kurth, N. K., **Myers, A.**, Popkin, S.J., Salinger, M.R., & Vaitiakhovich, N. (2024). [A research roadmap toward improved measures of disability](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*.

Book Chapters

Myers, A., Greiman, L., Hogg, B., Sage, R., & Ravesloot, C. (2019). [Community starts at home: Toward equitable housing for people with disabilities](#). In V. Wadhwa & J. Pomeroy (Eds.), *Society, Space & Social Justice*. Lexington Books: Lanham, MD.

Reports and Briefs

Santore, L. & **Myers, A.** (2025). *“I now have the freedom to do what I want, when I want, like anybody else”: The Impact, Creation, and Management of Transportation Voucher Programs*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A., & Santore, L. (2024). *America at a glance: Rural Transit Funding Through the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Santore, L., & **Myers, A.** (2024). *America at a glance: Travel Patterns by Disability and Rurality*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A. (2023). *America at a glance: Transportation Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Disabled Adults in Rural and Urban Areas*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Ipsen, C., **Myers, A.**, & Gutierrez, J. (2022). *Rural Practice Guidelines: Creating Rural Community Outreach Materials related to COVID-19 and Disability*. Missoula, MT: University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A.

Myers, A., Leopold, A., Ipsen, C. & Ward, B. (2022). *America at a glance: Occupational Injuries Among Rural Workers*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers A., Ipsen, C., & Lissau, A. (2021). *America at a glance: COVID-19 vaccination among people with disabilities*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers A. & Lissau, A. (2021). *America at a glance: 5310 & 5311 transportation funding in rural counties*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Ward, B. & **Myers, A.** (2020). *America at a glance: Unemployment among people with disabilities during the COVID-19 recession*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Ipsen, C., **Myers, A.,** & Smith, L. (2020). *America at a glance: Social isolation and loneliness during the first wave of COVID-19*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers A., Ipsen, C., & Smith, L. (2020). *America at a glance: COVID-19 and disability in rural areas*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana, Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A., Ipsen, C., & Smith, L. (2020). *America at a glance: How do working-age adults with travel-limiting disabilities get around?* Missoula, MT: The University of Montana, Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Ward, B., **Myers, A.,** & Ipsen, C. (2020). *How will the COVID-19 recession impact people with disabilities in rural America?* Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A., Greiman, L., von Reichert, C., & Seekins, T. (2016). *Rural matters: The geography of disability in rural America*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

Myers, A. & Ravesloot, C. (2016). *Person-environment fit and environmental barriers*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

von Reichert, C., Greiman, L., & **Myers, A.** (2014). *The geography of disability in America: On rural-urban differences in impairment rates*. Missoula, MT: The University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

FUNDED PROPOSALS

2023-2027 (Project Director) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. *Rural Solutions to Strengthen Disability Community Capacity*. (PI: Catherine Ipsen). \$4,375,000.

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2021-2022 (PI) Association of University Centers on Disabilities. *Rural Disability Hub for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach*. \$85,000.

2018-2025 (Project Director) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. *Place-based Solutions for Rural Community Participation, Health, and Employment*. (PI: Catherine Ipsen). \$4,375,000.

2016-2020 (Project Director) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. *Effort Capacity & Choice: Investigating a Dynamic Model of Participation*. (PI: Craig Ravesloot). \$600,000.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2025 Herbert and Mary Neil Scholarship
Department of Sociology, Washington State University
- 2024 Best Research Paper Award, Finalist
National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers
Awarded for Myers et al. 2024 article in *Transport Policy*
- 2023 Best Research Paper Award, Winner
National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers
Awarded for Hall et al. 2022 article in *Health Affairs*
- 2020 Best Research Paper Award, Winner
National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers
Awarded for Myers et al. 2020 article in *Social Science & Medicine*
- 2015 Saarinen Student Paper Award, Winner
American Association of Geographers
Awarded for MA thesis paper
- 2015 Travel Award to attend the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting
University of Montana
- 2014 Travel Award to attend the Columbia River Basin Symposium
Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance
- 2014 Travel Award to attend the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting
University of Montana

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (as primary presenter)

2024. *Poor Transportation is STILL a Barrier: What's Changed Since COVID?* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Alexandria, VA.

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2024. *“Patiently Waiting”: How Do Non-Driving Disabled Adults Get Around in Rural America?* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Alexandria, VA.

2023. *“It takes a lot of planning”: How disabled adults leverage social capital for rural transportation.* Rural Sociological Society. Burlington, VT.

2023. *At the Intersection of Housing, Personal Assistance, and Transportation: Toward a Holistic Approach to Empowered Rural Community Living.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Pentagon City, VA.

2023. *Respondents with Disabilities Missed by Federal Survey Questions.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training. Pentagon City, VA.

2022. *COVID-19: Trust of Information, Preventative Actions, & Vaccination Hesitancy Among Disabled Adults.* American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.

2022. *Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic on People with Disabilities.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Pentagon City, VA.

2021. *Barriers to COVID-19 vaccination among people with disabilities: An exploratory analysis.* American Public Health Association. Virtual.

2021. *Health status changes with transitory disability over time.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Virtual.

2018. *Variance in the Six-Question Set: Does Health Status Explain Change in Disability Status?* American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.

2018. *Community Starts at Home: Toward Equitable Housing for People with Disabilities.* American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA.

2018. *“Accessibility for All” in All-inclusive -- Mainstreaming for AAG Annual Meetings and Beyond.* American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA.

2018. *Enduring and Transitory Disability among Urban and Rural People.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Pentagon City, VA.

2017. *Current Disability Patterns in Rural America.* American Association of Geographers. Boston, MA.

2016. *Housing Characteristics, Home Experiences and Community Engagement of People Who Report Impairment.* National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers. Alexandria, VA.

Myers, A.

2016. *Person-Environment Fit in Rural Communities: Toward an Ecology of Disability*. American Association of Geographers. San Francisco, CA.

2013. “The socio-spatial creation of disability” in *The construction of disability and health: The role of spaces and places*. American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024. *Elevating Rural Disability Data for Policy Impact - Strengthening Rural Disability Data*. Urban Institute. Virtual.

2023. *How did the COVID-19 Recession Impact People with Disabilities in Rural America?* Interagency Committee on Disability Research. Virtual.

2023. *Disability and Health in Rural America*. Guest lecture for Disability Seminar. Brandies University. Virtual.

2021. *Reaching Rural America*. National Association of State Treasurers. Virtual.

2020. *COVID-19 and Disability in Rural America*. Administration on Community Living. Virtual.

2019. *Geographies of Disability*. Guest lecture for Geography 121: Human Geography. University of Montana. Missoula, MT.

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Sociology 102: Social Problems (Fall 2025)

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2025, Summer 2025)

Geography 468: Community & Regional Analysis (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Geography 469: Planning Analysis Lab (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2021 – 2022 DEI Workgroup, Rural Institute, University of Montana

2016 – 2022 Leadership Team, Rural Institute, University of Montana

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024 – Current Member, Editorial Board, *Disability & Health Journal*

2024 – 2025 Member, 2030 Census Advisory Committee, U.S. Census Bureau

2025 Member, Best Paper Review Panel, National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers

2016 – 2018 Director at-large, Disability Group, American Association of Geographers

Ad-hoc reviewer: *Disability & Health Journal*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, *Mobilities*, *Autism Journal*, *Journal of Rural Health*, *Travel Behaviour and Society*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Journal of Transport & Health*, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Managed Care*, *Family Medicine and Community Health*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*