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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER Boulder, Colorado
Department of Sociology and Institute of Behavioral Science Program in Population
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, May 2010
Certificate in Demography, May 2010

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AT MISSOULA Missoula, Montana
Department of Sociology
M.A. in Sociology (emphasis in Criminology), May 2002

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE Sioux City, Iowa
Sociology and Criminal Justice
B.S. conferred *magna cum laude*, May 2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health and Mortality Disparities; Family; Community; Contextual Effects

EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY Pullman, Washington
Department of Sociology
Associate Professor (2017 – 2023)
Professor (2023 – present)
College of Arts and Sciences
William Julius Wilson Distinguished Professor (2017 – present)
Health Equity Research Center
Co-Director of Research (2018 – 2023)
Northwest Health Education and Research Outcomes Network
Scientific Co-Director (2019 – 2023)

RICE UNIVERSITY Houston, Texas
Department of Sociology
Assistant Professor (2010 – 2016)
Associate Professor (2016 – 2017)
Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Urban Health Program
Associate Director (2011 – 2014)
Director (2014 – 2017)

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE Houston, Texas
Department of Family and Community Medicine

Adjunct Assistant to Associate Professor (2012 – 2017)

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas City Regional Office

Supervisory Survey Statistician (2004 – 2007)

PUBLICATIONS

*Peer Reviewed Journals (*undergraduate or graduate student at time of submission
**postdoctoral fellow at time of submission)*

Denney, Justin T. 2026. “Food Security by Racial and Ethnic Identity Among Lower-Income Adults.” *American Journal of Public Health*.

<https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2026.308508>

Denney, Justin T., Jason D. Boardman, and Philip M. Pendergast. 2026. “Hearing Impairment and Adult Mortality: The Role of Co-Impairments in Understanding Risk.” Forthcoming in *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbag050>

Johnson, Erik W., Cassandra Leonard, and Justin T. Denney. “Positioning Sociology PhD’s for Jobs Outside Academia.” Forthcoming in *Teaching Sociology*.

Amiri, Solmaz, Jonae I. Keffeler*, Dennis R. Crain, Justin T. Denney, and Dedra S. Buchwald. 2024. “Racial, Ethnic, and Rural Disparities in Distance to Physicians among Decedents with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias in Washington State.” *Alzheimer’s and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer’s Association* 20:3671-3678.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.13756>

Cooley, Caleb C.*, Zhe (Meredith) Zhang, and Justin T. Denney. 2024. “Sexual Orientation and Age-Related Patterns of Suicidal Ideation Among U.S. Adults.” *LGBT Health* 11(1):38-46. <https://doi.org/10.1089/lgbt.2021.0428>

Cassidy, Steven P.*, Alair MacLean, and Justin T. Denney. 2023. “Military Service, Education, and Mortality across Cohorts from World War II to the post-Vietnam Era.” *Population Research & Policy Review* 42:67. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-023-09815-w>

Stanley, Sandte L.* and Justin T. Denney. 2023. “All-cause Mortality Risk for Men and Women in the United States: The Role of Partner’s Education Relative to Own Education.” *Health Sociology Review* 32(2):161-178.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/14461242.2022.2113907>

Denney, Justin T., Anna Zamora-Kapoor, Devon A. Hansen, and Paul Whitney. 2023. “Race/Ethnicity, Sleep Duration, and Mortality Risk in the United States.” *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 21:101350.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2023.101350>

Ridgeway, Sadie O.* and Justin T. Denney. 2023. "A Comprehensive Examination of Discrimination and the Impact on Health in Young Adults." *Social Science & Medicine* 320:115728. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115728>

Amiri, Solmaz, Sandte L. Stanley*, Justin T. Denney, and Dedra Buchwald. 2022. "Disparities in Years of Potential Life Lost among Racial and Ethnic Groups in Washington State." *Archives of Public Health* 80:211. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-022-00969-1>

Denney, Justin T.^, Gregory Sharp^, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2022. "Community Social Environments and Cigarette Smoking." *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 19(September): 101167. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101167>
^Denney and Sharp listed alphabetically as contributions are equal

Amiri, Solmaz, Christine D. Pham, Samantha Castonguay*, Justin T. Denney, and Dedra Buchwald. 2022. "Deaths Associated with Opioids, Race and Ethnicity, and Years of Potential Life Lost in Washington State." *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. 139(August): 108789. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2022.108789>

Greer, Matthew D., Solmaz Amiri, Justin T. Denney, Ofer Amram, Lia M. Halasz, and Dedra Buchwald. 2022. "Disparities in Access to Radiation Therapy Facilities among American Indians/Alaska Natives and Hispanics in Washington State." *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* 112(2): 285-293. doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2021.08.038

Denney, Justin T., Zhe Zhang**, Bridget K. Gorman, and Caleb Cooley*. 2021. "Substance Use, Mental Well-Being, and Suicide Ideation by Sexual Orientation Among U.S. Adults." *Advances in Medical Sociology* Volume 21: 39-63. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S1057-629020210000021008>

Denney, Justin T. and Jason D. Boardman. 2021. "Hearing Impairment, Household Composition, Marital Status, and Mortality Among U.S. Adults." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 76(1): 201-208. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbz157>
2020 IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center

Amiri, Solmaz, Katherine Hirschak, Michael G. McDonell, Justin T. Denney, Dedra Buchwald, and Ofer Amram. 2021. "Access to Medication-assisted Treatment in the United States: Comparison of Travel Time to Opioid Treatment Programs and Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, Volume 224: 108727. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2021.108727>

Amiri, Solmaz, Michael G. McDonell, Justin T. Denney, Dedra Buchwald, and Ofer Amram. 2021. "Disparities in Access to Opioid Treatment Programs and Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment across the Rural-Urban and Area Deprivation Continua: A U.S.

Nationwide Small Area Analysis.” *Value in Health* 24(2):188-195.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2020.08.2098>

Denney, Justin T., Mackenzie Brewer, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2020. “Food Insecurity for Households with Young Children: A Test of Contextual Congruence.” *Social Science & Medicine* 263: 113275.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113275>

Monsivais, Pablo, Solmaz Amiri**, Justin T. Denney, and Ofer Amram. 2020. “Area deprivation amplified racial inequities in premature mortality: Analysis of 242,667 deaths in Washington State, USA 2011-2015.” *Health & Place* 61: 102261.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2019.102261>

Roth, Adam R.*, Justin T. Denney, Solmaz Amiri**, and Ofer Amram. 2020. “Characteristics of Place and the Rural Disadvantage in Deaths from Highly Preventable Causes.” *Social Science & Medicine* 245:112689.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112689>

Solazzo, Alexa*, Bridget K. Gorman, and Justin T. Denney. 2020. “Does Sexual Orientation Complicate the Relationship Between Marital Status and Gender with Self-Rated Health and Cardiovascular Disease?” *Demography* 57:599-626.
<https://doi:10.1007/s13524-020-00857-9>

Tuthill, Zelma*, Justin T. Denney and Bridget K. Gorman. 2020. “Racial Disparities in Health and Health Behaviors Among Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Heterosexual Men and Women in the BRFSS-SOP.” *Ethnicity and Health* 25(2):177-188.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2017.1414157>

Brewer, Mackenzie, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Justin T. Denney. 2019. “Families in Context: Food Insecurity among Hispanic Immigrant and non-Immigrant Households with Children.” *Family & Community Health* 42(4):283-291. doi: 10.1097/FCH.0000000000000236

Kranjac, Ashley W.**, Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. 2019. “Child Obesity and the Interaction of Family and Neighborhood Socioeconomic Context.” *Population Research & Policy Review* 38:347-369.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-018-9504-2>

Denney, Justin T., Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Gregory Sharp**. 2018. “Neighborhoods and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children: A Disadvantage Paradox?” *Social Problems* 65:342-359. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spw054>

Denney, Justin T., Jarron M. Saint Onge, and Jeffrey A. Dennis. 2018. “Neighborhood Disadvantage and Mortality: Insights for Racial and Ethnic Differences.” *Population Research & Policy Review* 37:301-321. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-018-9461-9>

2018 IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center

Cenegy, Laura Freeman*, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2018. "Family Diversity and Child Health: Where Do Same-Sex Couple Families Fit?" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80:198-218. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12437>

Kranjac, Ashley W.***, Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. 2018. "Neighborhood and Social Environmental Influence and Chronic Health Conditions in Children." *Population and Environment* 40(2):93-114. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-018-0303-9>

Caballero, Mariah*, Solmaz Amiri**, Justin T. Denney, Pablo Monsivais, Perry Hystad, and Ofer Amram. 2018. "Estimated Residential Exposure to Agricultural Chemicals and Premature Mortality by Parkinson's Disease in Washington State." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 15(12):2885-96. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph15122885>

Kranjac, Ashley W.***, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Kristin M. Osiecki, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. 2017. "Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma Disparities." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 21(7): 1552-1562. doi:10.1007/s10995-017-2286-z

Denney, Justin T., Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Katherine Heck, and Catherine Cubbin. 2017. "Social Cohesion and Food Insecurity: Insights from the GROW Study." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 21(2): 343-350. doi: 10.1007/s10995-016-2119-5

Solazzo, Alexa L.*, Bridget K. Gorman, and Justin T. Denney. 2017. "Cancer Screening Utilization among U.S. Women: How Mammogram and Pap Test Use Varies Among Heterosexual, Lesbian, and Bisexual Women." *Population Research & Policy Review* 36:357-377. doi:10.1007/s11113-017-9425-5

Brewer, Mackenzie*, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Kristin M. Osiecki, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2017. "Does neighborhood social and environmental context impact race/ethnic disparities in childhood asthma?" *Health & Place* 44:86-93. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.01.006>

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, Gregory Sharp, and Justin T. Denney. 2017. "Home and Away: Area Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Obesity Risk." *Health & Place* 44:94-102. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.02.001>

Denney, Justin T., Tim Wadsworth, Richard G. Rogers, and Fred C. Pampel. 2015. "Suicide in the City: Do Characteristics of Place Really Influence Risk?" *Social Science Quarterly* 96(2):313-329. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12165

Sharp, Gregory**, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2015. "Multiple Contexts of Exposure: Activity Spaces, Residential Neighborhoods, and Self-Rated Health." *Social Science & Medicine* 146:204-213. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.040

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "Transitions Into Food Insecurity Associated With Behavioral Problems And Worse Overall Health Among Children." *Health Affairs* 34(11):1949-1955. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2015.0626

Krueger, Patrick M., Kathryn Dovel, and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "The Level of Democratic Development of States and Health across 67 Countries: A Multilevel Analysis." *Social Science & Medicine* 143:137-144. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.08.047

Gorman, Bridget K., Justin T. Denney, Hilary Dowdy, and Rose Medeiros. 2015. "A New Piece of the Puzzle: Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Self-Rated Health." *Demography* 52:1357-1382. DOI 10.1007/s13524-015-0406-1

Denney, Justin T. 2014. "Families, Resources, and Suicide: Combined Effects on Mortality." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76:218-231. DOI:10.1111/jomf.12078

Denney, Justin T. and Monica He*. 2014. "The Social Side of Accidental Death." *Social Science Research* 43:92-107. doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2013.09.004

Denney, Justin T., Bridget K. Gorman, and Cristina B. Barrera*. 2013. "Families, Resources, and Adult Health: Where Do Sexual Minorities Fit?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 54:46-63. doi: 10.1177/0022146512469629

2013 IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center

Denney, Justin T., Robert McNown, Richard G. Rogers, and Steven Doubilet. 2013. "Stagnating Life Expectancies and Future Prospects in an Age of Uncertainty." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(2):445-461. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6237.2012.00930.x

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert and Justin T. Denney. 2013. "Neighborhood Context and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Young Children's Obesity: Structural Barriers to Interventions." *Social Science & Medicine* 95:97-105. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2012.09.032

Pampel, Fred C., Justin T. Denney, and Patrick M. Krueger. 2012. "Obesity, SES, and Economic Development: A Test of the Reversal Hypothesis." *Social Science & Medicine* 74(7):1073-1081.

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, Justin T. Denney, and Sarita Panchang. 2012. "Individual, Family, and Neighborhood Characteristics and Children's Food Insecurity." *Journal of Applied Research on Children* 3(1):Article 8.

Pampel, Fred C. and Justin T. Denney. 2011. "Cross-National Sources of Health Inequality: Education and Tobacco Use in the World Health Survey." *Demography* 48(2):653-674.

Denney, Justin T., Richard G. Rogers, Robert A. Hummer, and Fred C. Pampel. 2010. "Education Inequality in Mortality: The Age and Gender Specific Mediating Effects of Cigarette Smoking." *Social Science Research* 39(4):662-673.

Pampel, Fred C., Patrick M. Krueger, and Justin T. Denney. 2010. "Socioeconomic Disparities in Health Behaviors." *Annual Review of Sociology* 36:349-370.

Denney, Justin T. 2010. "Family and Household Formations and Suicide in the United States." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72(1):202-213.

2009 Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper Award, *Southwestern Sociological Association*

Denney, Justin T., Richard G. Rogers, Patrick M. Krueger, and Tim Wadsworth. 2009. "Adult Suicide Mortality in the United States: Marital Status, Family Size, Socioeconomic Status, and Differences by Sex." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(5):1167-1185.

Belknap, Joanne, Heather C. Melton, Justin T. Denney, Ruth E. Fleury-Steiner, and Cris M. Sullivan. 2009. "The Levels and Roles of Social and Institutional Support Reported by Survivors of Intimate Partner Abuse." *Feminist Criminology* 4(4):377-402.

Boardman, Jason D., Jarron M. Saint Onge, Richard G. Rogers, and Justin T. Denney. 2005. "Race Differentials in Obesity: The Impact of Place." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46:229-43.

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, Richard G. Rogers, and Jason D. Boardman. 2004. "Race/ethnic and Sex Differentials in Body Mass Among U.S. Adults." *Ethnicity & Disease* 14:389-98.

Book Chapters

Denney, Justin T. and Caleb C. Cooley. 2025. "Sexual Orientation, Physical Health, and Mortality." Pp. 267-77 in the *Handbook of Social Epidemiology*, edited by Terrence Hill, Tarani Chandola, and Ginny Garcia-Alexander. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111349510-025>

Denney, Justin T., Jarron M. Saint Onge, Bridget K. Gorman, and Patrick M. Krueger. 2020. "Health and Health Behaviors Among Same-sex and Different-sex Coupled Adults With and Without Children." Pp. XXX in *Marriage and Health: The Well-Being of Same-Sex Couples*, edited by Hui Liu, Corinne Reczek, and Lindsey Wilkinson. Newark, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Book Reviews

Denney, Justin T. 2011. Review of *Religion, Families, and Health: Population Based Research in the United States*. Christopher G. Ellison and Robert A. Hummer (eds). New Brunswick, NJ. Rutgers University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 40:577-578

Encyclopedia Entries

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, and Fred C. Pampel. 2014. "Socioeconomic Status and Health Behaviors." in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

Invited Commentary

Zamora-Kapoor, Anna and Justin T. Denney. "The Promise of Community-Based Participatory Research for the Study of Sleep Health Disparities", *Remarks, newsletter of the American Sociological Association – Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section*, June 25, 2021.

Denney, Justin T. and Bridget K. Gorman. 2014. "Introduction: Population Perspectives on Sexual Minorities." *Population Research and Policy Review* 33(4):479-484.

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, Richard G. Rogers, and Jason D. Boardman. 2004. "For the Patient: Overweight and Obesity Can Be Prevented." *Ethnicity & Disease* 4:454-55.

*undergraduate or graduate student at time of submission

**postdoctoral fellow at time of submission

GRANTS

Received

2026 (Internal; Co-I) President's Big Idea Program, Track 1, Washington State University. "The INTERACT Center: Intervention Research to End Addiction through Community Transformation: Multi-disciplinary, Community-Engaged Science to Save Lives." Full proposal requested. (Michael G. McDonnell, PI) \$300,000.

2021-2026 (Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation. "NRT: Rivers, Watersheds, Communities: Training an Innovative, Cross-Sector Workforce for Equitable, Multi-Scale Decision-Making Towards Human and Ecosystem Health." (Jan Boll, PI). \$2,999,967.

2021-2022 (Internal; Co-I) Health Equity Research Center, Pilot Grant Program. "Impact of Long-COVID-19 on rural and American Indian-serving primary care practices and their patients in Washington State." (Patrik Johansson, PI). \$35,000

2020-2021 (Co-I) National Institute on Minority Health Disparities - Center of Excellence in American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities Alzheimer's Disease/Related Dementias and Precision Medicine at the University of Colorado, Denver U54 Pilot Grant. "Disparities in Alzheimer's Mortality among American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States." (Solmaz Amiri PI). \$53,502

2019 (Internal; PI) WSU College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation Seed Grant. "Community Data from a Practice-based Network to Improve

Health, Healthcare, and Training for Healthcare Professionals in Washington State.” (Dedra Buchwald Co-PI; Ken Roberts Co-PI). \$10,000.

2016-2017 (Co-PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. “Counties of Risk: Assessing Family Resilience and Vulnerability to Food Insecurity.” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro PI; Mackenzie Brewer Co-I*). \$30,000.

2015-2017 (PI) Foundation for Child Development, Young Scholars Program Grant. “Food Insecurity in Neighborhood Context: Investigating Disparities Among a Racially Diverse Sample of Young Children.” \$146,000.

2015-2017 (Co-PI) Houston Endowment. Extension to “Particulate Matter and its Relationship to Health Outcomes in Houston.” (Robert Griffin PI; Rachel Tolbert Kimbro Co-PI). \$460,000

2013-2015 (PI) Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health. Project: The Missing Minority in Population Health Research: Examining Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Among Sexual Minorities. \$24,925.20

2014 (Internal; Co-PI) Faculty Initiatives Fund, Rice University. “Unequal Starts, Uncertain Futures: A Multilayered, Neighborhoods Approach to Understanding Child Obesity.” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI; Keila N. Lopez, Co-PI). \$30,000.

2014 (Co-PI) Texas Research Data Center, Texas A&M University. “Complex Families, State Family Policy, and Child Health Disparities.” Proposal Development Grant. (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI). \$6,000.

2013-2014 (PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. “Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social Characteristics Shape the Risk?” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Co-PI). \$74,998

2013-2015 (Co-PI) Houston Endowment. “Particulate Matter and its Relationship to Health Outcomes in Houston.” (Robert Griffin PI; Rachel Tolbert Kimbro Co-PI). \$700,000

2012 (PI) Texas Research Data Center, Texas A&M University. “Investigating Contextual Components of United States Mortality.” Proposal Development Grant. (Jarron Saint Onge and Jeff A. Dennis, Co-Investigators). \$3,200

2011 (Internal; Co-PI) Brown Teaching Grant. “New Teaching Technologies and Multidimensional Data Collection.” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Co-PI) \$4,190.

2011 (Internal; Co-PI) Kinder Institute for Urban Research Program Start-Up Grant. “Urban Health Program.” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI) \$12,500.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “Families, Places, and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children.”
Keynote Speaker, National Maternal, Infant, and Child Nutrition Course,
University of Minnesota.
- “Neighborhoods and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children.”
Foundation for Child Development Webinar Series.
- 2018 “Disparities in Health and Healthcare: Exploring opportunities for collaboration
between researchers and practitioners.” Invited Panelist, University of Montana,
Missoula.
- “Sensitive People and Places: Using RDCs to Investigate the Health of Children
in Same-Sex Families and to Better Understand Race/Ethnic Mortality
Differences by Neighborhood Context.” Invited Session, Population Association
of America, Denver, CO.
- 2017 “From the Health of Children in Same-Sex Couple Families to Neighborhood
Contributions to Disparities in Adult Mortality: RDCs Make It Possible.” Invited
Speaker, Rocky Mountain FSRDC Grand Opening, University of Colorado,
Boulder.
- “Families, Communities, and Health: Implications of Contextual Incongruence.”
McNall Speaker Series, Department of Sociology, University of Montana,
Missoula.
- “Health Behaviors Among Same- and Different-Sex Coupled Adults With and
Without Children.” Invited Panelist, Southern Sociological Society mini-
conference on health disparities, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 “Same Sex Families and Health.” Department of Sociology Speaker Series,
University of West Virginia.
- “Families, Resources, and Adult Health: Where do Sexual Minorities Fit?” Same-
sex Families and Health Summit, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015 “Same Sex Families and Health.” Population Studies & Training Center
Colloquium Series, Brown University
- “What's New in Place and Health Research?” Invited Panelist, Building Bridges to
Improve Population Health, National Academies, Washington, DC.
- “Same Sex Families and Health.” Population Research Center Demography
Workshop, University of Chicago.
- “Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social

- Characteristics Shape the Risk?” Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.
- “Same Sex Families and Health.” Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 “Eat, Drink, Smoke, Love: Same-sex and Different-sex Relationships and Health.” Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- “Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social Characteristics Shape the Risk?” University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research.
- “The Social Environment and Health and Mortality.” April 2013. Baylor College of Medicine, VA Hospital Health Disparities Group. Research Seminar Series.
- “Investigating Contextual Components of United States Mortality.” Texas A&M University. Census Research Data Center Discussion Series.
- 2012 “The Potentials and Pitfalls of Restricted Use Data for Early Career Scholars.” Texas A&M University. Census Research Data Center Workshop.
- 2011 “Families, Resources, and Health: Where do Sexual Minorities Fit?” University of Texas at Austin. Population Research Center Lecture Series.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2010)

- 2026 “Food Security by Racial and Ethnic Identity Among Lower-income Adults.” *Population Association of America.*
- 2026 “Social Dimensions of Hearing Impairment and U.S. Adult Mortality.” *Population Association of America.*
- 2025 “Food Security in Lower-income Households.” *Southern Demographic Association.*
- 2025 “Hidden or in Plain View: Veteran Status, Disability, and All-Cause Mortality.” *Population Association of America.*
- 2023 “Social Dimensions of Hearing Impairment and U.S. Adult Mortality.” *Southern Demographic Association.*
- 2021 “All-cause Mortality Costs for Veterans from Pre-World War II to Post-Vietnam.” *American Sociological Association.*
- 2021 “Disparities in Years of Potential Life Lost Among Racial and Ethnic Groups in Washington State.” *Population Association of America.*

2021 “Sexual Orientation and Suicidal Ideation: A Demographic Portrait.” *Population Association of America*.

2021 “Disparities in Access to Physicians for Alzheimer's Disease Patients in Washington State.” *Latinos & Alzheimer's Symposium: Addressing Disparities in Risk, Early Detection, and Care*.

2019 “The Implications of Legal Marriage: LGBTQ Individuals and Same-Sex Couples.” *American Sociological Association*.

2019 “Disparities in Highly Preventable Deaths by Rurality and Area Deprivation.” *Population Association of America*.

2018 “Neighborhoods, Relative Social Status, and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children.” *American Sociological Association*.

2018 “Sensitive People and Places: Using RDCs to Investigate the Health of Children in Same-Sex Families and to Better Understand Race/Ethnic Mortality Differences by Neighborhood Context.” *Population Association of America*.

2017 “Degrees of Difference: The Unequal Returns of Higher Education for Mortality Risk Across a Diverse Sample of U.S. Adults.” *Population Association of America*.

2016 “Neighborhood Concentrated Disadvantage and Mortality: New Insights for Racial and Ethnic Differences.” *Federal Statistical Restricted Data Center Conference, Texas A&M University*.

2016 “Race, Ethnic, and Nativity Disparities in Children's Food Insecurity: Do Neighborhood Characteristics Contribute to the Risks?” *Population Association of America*.

2016 “Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma.” *Population Association of America*.

2015 “Neighborhood Socioeconomic Change Over Time and Young Children’s Obesity.” *Population Association of America*.

2015 “Environmental Justice for All: Assessing Cumulative Impacts to Understand the Relationship between Environmental Burden, Social Vulnerability and Disease.” *Population Association of America*.

2014 “Race, Ethnic, and Nativity Disparities in Children’s Food Insecurity: Do Neighborhood Characteristics Contribute to the Risks?” *Southern Demographic Association meetings*.

2014 “Into the Great Unknown: Using Medical Records to Understand the Distribution of Air Quality Health Risks.” *American Sociological Association* meetings.

2014 “Helping Out to Get By: The Poverty Paradox in Children’s Food Insecurity.” *Population Association of America* and *International Sociological Association* meetings.

2014 “Family Structure and Child Health: Where Do Children in Same-Sex Parent Families Fit?” *Population Association of America* meetings.

2013 “Eat, Drink, Smoke, Love: Same Sex and Different Sex Relationships and Health.” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “The Social Side of Accidental Death.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

2012 “A New Piece of the Puzzle: Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Health Status.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

2012 “Families, Resources, and Health: Where Do Sexual Minorities Fit?” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “Suicide in the City: A New Approach to Assessing the Role of Context.” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “Families, Socioeconomic Status, and Suicide: Combined Effects on Mortality.” *Population Association of America*.

2012 “Neighborhood Context and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Young Children’s Obesity: Structural Barriers to Interventions.” *Population Association of America*.

2011 “Obesity, SES, and Economic Development: A Test of the Reversal Hypothesis.” *Population Association of America*.

2010 “Households, Socioeconomic Status, and Suicide.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

INVITED TALKS IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

“Families, Places, and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children.” May 2020. Kansas WIC Nutrition Webinar Series.

“Social Determinants of Health Disparities.” April 2016. Care of the Underserved Track Speaker Series. Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

“Social Determinants of Health.” April 2013. Invited Panelist. Baylor College of Medicine Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Houston, TX.

“Communities and Health.” December 2012. Invited Panelist. Houston Food Bank and Healthy Living Matters, Houston, TX.

“Overcoming Hurdles to Health.” May 2011. Coalition Member Training, The Women’s Fund for Health Education and Research, Houston, TX.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2025 Elected to the Washington State Academy of Sciences

2021 Louis N. Gray Award for Graduate Student Mentorship and Advocacy, Department of Sociology, Washington State University.

2020 IPUMS Research Award, University of Minnesota Population Center.
*Award honors the best published research paper using MPC health data.
Awarded for 2021 *Journals of Gerontology* piece.

2018 IPUMS Research Award, University of Minnesota Population Center.
*Award honors the best published research paper using MPC health data.
Awarded for 2018 *Population Research & Policy Review* piece.

2017 William Julius Wilson Distinguished Professorship, Washington State University

2014 Travel Award to attend the International Sociological Association Meetings in Yokohama, Japan, American Sociological Association through a grant from the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation.

2013 IPUMS Research Award, University of Minnesota Population Center
*Award honors the best published research paper using MPC health data.
Awarded for 2013 *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* piece.

2011 Travel Award, Mini-Medical School, RAND Labor and Population Summer Program, Santa Monica, CA

2009 Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper Award, Southwestern Sociological Association
*Awarded for 2010 *Journal of Marriage and Family* piece.

Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Research and Creative Work Award, Graduate School, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

*University-wide award determined by faculty review that acknowledges outstanding research by a graduate student across all disciplines.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

University Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of

Colorado, Boulder, CO

- 2005 Special Achievement Award, United States Bureau of the Census, Kansas City Regional Office, Kansas City, KS
- 2003 Travel Award, Population Science and GIS Summer Workshop, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2000 Outstanding Student of Sociology, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2021 “Propensity Score Analysis.” Statistical Horizons with Shenyang Guo.
- 2019 “Missing Data.” Statistical Horizons with Paul Allison.
- 2011 “Mini-Medical School.” RAND Labor and Population Summer Program, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2009 “Longitudinal Data Analysis: Hazard Models.” Population Center Summer Short Course, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 2007 “Biodemography.” Population Center Summer Short Course, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 2003 “Population Science and GIS.” Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Summer Workshop Series, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- Graduate Studies Committee (2010 – 2013; 2017-2019; 2022-2026)
- Faculty Hiring Committee (2023)
- Chair, Equity Step Committee (2021 – 2022)
- Director of Graduate Studies (2019 – 2021)
- Executive Advisory Committee (2018 – 2019; 2023 – 2024; 2025 – 2026)
- Faculty Evaluation Committee (2017 – 2019)
- Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee (2017 – 2022 [Leupp]; 2018 – 2025 [Zamora-Kapoor]; 2019 – 2021 [Amorim]; 2023 – present [Delgado])
 - Chair, 2022 – 2025 [Amorim]
- Graduate Program Computing and Software Advisor (2010 – 2017)
- Rice Outcomes Assessment Reporting System Representative (2012 – 2017)
- Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee (2015 – 2016)
- Co-Chair, Department Speaker Series (2014 – 2015)
- Interim Undergraduate Advisor (Fall, 2015)
- Quantitative Methodologist Hiring Committee (2011, 2014)
- Undergraduate Advising Committee (2013 – 2014)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Ombuds (2022 – present)
- Chair, William Julius Wilson Award for the Advancement of Social Justice Committee (2018 – 2023)
- Distinguished Professorship Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2021)
- Faculty Grievance Investigation Committee (2016 – 2017)
- ITC Academic Technologies Subcommittee (2015 – 2017)
- Health Professions Advising Committee (2014 – 2017)
- Rice University Athletics Committee (2014 – 2017)
- Faculty Associate, Will Rice Residential College (2011 – 2017)
- Education Certificate Committee for the Social Sciences (2011 – 2017)
- University Marshals Committee (2011 – 2017)
- Divisional Advisor, Will Rice Residential College (2011 – 2015)
- Social Sciences Faculty Advisory Committee (2012 – 2014)
- Rice Faculty Hiring System Testing (2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association: Population, Medical, and Family Sections

- 2015, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, Medical Sociology Section
- 2013, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of the Family Section

International Sociological Association

- Organizer, “Same Sex Families and Health” Session, 2016 meetings

Population Association of America

- 2021 Conference Program Planning Committee
- Organizer, “Gender, Sexuality, and Population Health” Session, 2019 meetings
- Organizer, “The Health of Sexual Minorities” Session, 2014 meetings
- Discussant, “SES, Health, and Mortality” Session, 2014 meetings
- Co-Organizer, “Neighborhood, School, and Community Contextual Influences on Health and Mortality” Session, 2013 meetings

Southern Demographic Association

- Everett Lee Graduate Paper Award Committee, 2025
- Vice President, 2016-2017
- Board member (elected), 2015-2017
- Chair, “Health Behaviors” Session, 2012 meetings
- Chair, “Education” Session, 2010 meetings

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

- Organizer, “Debt and Health Disparities in the U.S.” Session, 2018 meetings
- Conference Planning Committee, 2017 – 2018
- Conference Planning Committee, 2016 – 2017
- Membership Planning Committee, 2015 – 2016

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- Career Coach for Health Policy Research Scholars program, 2021 – present

Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition

- Expert Working Group, Food Insecurity Measurement, 2020 – 2022

National Institutes of Health

- Special Emphasis Grant Review Panel: Impact of Structural Racism and Discrimination on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 2021
- Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Review Panel: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), 2024

Dutch Research Council

- Grant Reviewer for the NWO-Veni Talent Program, 2022

Society of Actuaries Research Institute

- Panelist, Mortality Expert Panel, 2022 – present

Editorial Experience

- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2025 – present)
- Editorial Board Member, *Social Science Research* (2024 – present)
- Population Research and Policy Review (guest editor for special issue on population perspectives on sexual minorities, 2012-2014)
- Population and Environment (associate editor, 2008-2009)

Ad-hoc reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Demography*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Preventive Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*

COURSES

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

SOC 321: Quantitative Data Analysis Techniques I (Spring 2018)

SOC 334: Medical Sociology (Fall 2021, Fall 2024)

SOC 422: Social Autopsies: How Society Kills Us (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2016)

SOC 521: Regression Models (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2026)

SOC 522: Advanced Sociological Methods: Generalized Linear Models (Fall 2017, Fall 2025)

SOC 583: Quantitative Data Analysis II (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

SOC 590: Special Topics: Health Inequality (Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2024)

SOC 591: The Sociology Profession (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)