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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-Present. Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology. University of Missouri.
2021-2022. Assistant Professor of Sociology. Truman State University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2022-Present. Director of Missouri Scholars Academy. University of Missouri.
2022-Present. Behavioral Science Coordinator. MU Honors College.
2013-2014. Online Program Coordinator. Central Methodist University.
2012-2013. Academic Advisor. Central Methodist University.

EDUCATION

2021 University of Missouri, Sociology, PhD
Comprehensive Exams: Social Inequalities, Death & Dying, Sociology of Religion
Graduate Minors: Women's and Gender Studies, College Teaching
Graduate Certificate: Higher Education Administration

2012 University of Missouri, Religious Studies, MA
Qualifying Exam: Religious Studies Theory

2008 Bradley University, BS
Majors: Psychology, Religious Studies
Minors: Philosophy, Sociology
Summa Cum Laude Honors

COURSES TAUGHT – AS FULLTIME FACULTY

2026. General Honors 2239H: How Do I Feel? Emotions and Health. MU Honors College.

2025. General Honors 2238H: Working to Live/Living to Work. MU Honors College.

2023-2025. General Honors 1051H: Honors Book Club. MU Honors College.

2023-2026. General Honors 2244H: The American Campus. MU Honors College.

2023-2025. General Honors 2311H: The American Way of Death. MU Honors College.

2023. Sociology 1000H: Honors Introduction to Sociology. University of Missouri.

2023-2024. General Honors 2010H: Down the Rabbit Hole: Conspiracy in the 21st Century. MU Honors College.

2022-2025. General Honors 2010H: Fandoms: Gamers, Football, and K-Pop, Oh My! MU Honors College.

2022-2025. General Honors 2312H: Marked Bodies: Modification and Meaning. MU Honors College.

2022-2025. Who Am I? Selves and Society. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2022-2024. General Honors 2243H: Who Am I? Understanding Our Selves. MU Honors College.

2022. Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar 332: Death & Dying. Truman State University.

2022. Sociology/Anthropology 215: Social Problems. Truman State University.

2021-2022. Sociology/Anthropology 190: Sociological Inquiry. Truman State University.

2021. Sociology/Anthropology 450: Educational Inequalities. Truman State University.

COURSES TAUGHT – AS GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

2021. Sociology 102: Social Problems. Central Methodist University.

2020-2021. General Honors 2244H: Social Relations. MU Honors College.

2020. Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology. Central Methodist University.

2020. Sociology 3230: Education and Social Inequalities. University of Missouri.

2019-2021. General Honors 2010H: Research in the Flesh. MU Honors College.

2019-2020. General Honors 2243H: Personal Identity. MU Honors College.

2018-2021. Sociology 1000H: Honors Introduction to Sociology. University of Missouri.

2018-2020. General Honors 2010H: The American Way of Death (1 credit hour). MU Honors College.

2017-2021. Sociology 100: Sociological Perspectives. Bradley University.

2017-2019. Religious Studies 2110: Global Religions. University of Missouri.

2017-2019. Religious Studies 3100: Religious Literacy for the Public and Professions. University of Missouri.

2017-2019. Sociology 1000: Introduction to Sociology. University of Missouri.

2017. Sociology 3100: Recent Theories in Sociology. University of Missouri.

2016-2021. This Minor is Socially Constructed. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2016. Sociology 2286: Internet, National Security, and Civil Liberties. University of Missouri.

2016. Sociology 3450: Sociology of Religion. University of Missouri.

2015-2021. With Friends Like These, Who Needs Hegemonies? Employing the Sociological Imagination. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2014-2015. Religion 101. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2014. Religion 390: Special Topics – Religions of China. Central Methodist University.

2013-2021. Sociology 150: Introduction to Anthropology. Central Methodist University.

2013-2021. Sociology 204: World Cultures. Central Methodist University.

2013-2021. Sociology 311: Popular Culture. Central Methodist University.

2013-2021. Sociology 350: Social Theory. Central Methodist University.

2013-2021. Sociology 480: Senior Thesis. Central Methodist University.

2013-2019. Religion 314: World Religions Today. Central Methodist University.

2013. Allied Health 360: World Religions in the Health Professions. Central Methodist University.

2012-2014. Religion 122: Religion and the Human Experience. Central Methodist University.

2012. Chaos, Myth, and More. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2012. Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual: Science Fiction and You! Missouri Scholars Academy.

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2015-2016. Sociology 2940: Research Methods. University of Missouri.

2015. Sociology 2200: Social Inequalities. University of Missouri.

2015. Sociology 3300: Queer Theories and Identity. University of Missouri.

2015. Sociology 1000H: Honors Introduction to Sociology. University of Missouri.

2014. Peace Studies 1050: Introduction to Peace Studies. University of Missouri.

2012-2013. Religious Studies 3740: Religion and Film. University of Missouri.

2012. Religious Studies 2510. Introduction to the New Testament. University of Missouri.

2011. Religious Studies 2100: Indigenous Religions. University of Missouri.

2011. Religious Studies 2310: Religions of China and Japan. University of Missouri.

2010. Religious Studies 2930: Religion and Psychological Perspectives. University of Missouri.

PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS

2024. Douglas Valentine. "Corpses, Clients, and Commodification in the Natural Burial Marketplace." in *Consuming Bodies: Body Commodification and Embodiment in Late Capitalist Societies*. Edited by Jacqueline Hogan and Sarah Whetstone. New York: Routledge.

2018. Douglas Valentine. *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*, by Sara Goldrick-Rab, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2016, 373 pp. \$19.00, *Teaching Sociology*, 46(3): 277-280, DOI: 10.1177/0092055X18778842

2015. Douglas Valentine. *Talking to the Dead: Religion, Music, and Lived Memory among Gullah/Geechee Women*, by LeRhonda S. Manigault-Bryant, Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2014, xix + 278 pp. ISBN 978-082-235663-9, US\$89.95 (cloth); ISBN 978-082-235674-5, US\$24.95 (paperback), *RELIGION*, DOI: 10.1080/0048721X.2015.1075122

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025. Missouri Scholars Academy. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Principle Investigator. \$684,503.20.

2024. Missouri Scholars Academy. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Principle Investigator. \$684,500.00.

2023. Missouri Scholars Academy. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Principle Investigator. \$483,645.00

2023. Missouri Scholars Academy. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Principle Investigator. \$83,160.00

2022. Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award. SAGE Publishing. American Sociological Association. Recipient. \$800.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

2025. Graduate Teaching Roundtable. Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2022. Considering Leadership in the MSS. Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2020. Voices of Changemakers: How Commitments to Learning, Community, and Equity Shape Future Faculty. American Association of Colleges and Universities. Washington D.C.

2019. Unique Challenges to Graduate Student Teaching. Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2019. Dying Responsibly: Deathcare as an Extension of the Neoliberal Individual in the Risk Society. American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

2018. Academic Labor and Organizing. Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN.

2018. Aggression in the Classroom: Suggestions and Reflections for Challenging Interactions. Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN.

2018. Issues and Techniques in Online Teaching. Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN.

2017. Teaching Intersectionality. Midwest Sociological Society. Milwaukee, WI.

2016. Grave Injustices: The Necrogeography of Cemetery Segregation. 15th Annual Graduate Student Symposium in the Department of Religion, Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

2015. Economies of Ink: Affect, Disease, and Marked Bodies. National Women's Studies Association. Milwaukee, WI.

2016. Inked Altruism: Tattoos and Memorialization among a Charity Distance Running Community. Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

2015. Globalizing the Dead: los Días de los Muertos and Religious Hybridity. Midwest Sociological Society. Kansas City, MO.

2012. Ancestor Veneration in Ancient India: A Buddhist Response. Midwest American Academy of Religion. Alta, OH.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SERVICE

2026-Present. First-Generation Student Success Standing Advisory Board.

2025-Present. Mizzou 101 Planning Committee.

2024-Present. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

2024-Present. Honors Curriculum Committee.

2024-2025. Discovery Fellows Advisor, Carli Mattingly.

2023-2024. Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Committee, Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning

2022-2025. Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation (GATO) Presenter.

2022-2024. Honors Admissions Committee.

2022-2023. Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Board.

2021. Mentor, Undergraduate Research Presentation, Midwest Sociological Society.

2020-2021. Rollins Society Steering Committee.

2019-2021. MU Honors College Scholars and Fellows Awards Committee.

2018-2021. Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Board.

2018-2019. Office of University Registrars Advisory Board.

2017-2019. Strategic Enrollment Management Planning Committee.

2016-2020. Sociology Pedagogy Reading Group, Creator and Organizer.

2016-2019. Student Fee Review Committee, 2018-2019 Chair.

2016-2017. Chancellor's Task Force on Pregnancy and Parenting Policy.

2015-2020. Graduate Professional Council, Sociology Representative.

2014-2021. Sociology Graduate Student Group, 2018-2019 President.

OTHER PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026-Present. Executive Committee. National Conference of Governor's Schools.

2026-Present. Teaching and Learning Committee. National Collegiate Honors Council.

2024-Present. St. Jude Runs Board of Directors, Peoria, IL.

2022-Present. Missouri Representative. National Conference of Governor's Schools.

2018-Present. Michael D. McCoy St. Jude Runs Scholarship Committee Chair

2016-Present. Teaching and Learning Committee. Midwest Sociological Society, 2025-2026 Chair.

2019-2020. Student Director. Midwest Sociological Society.

2016. Conference Section Organizer: Sociology of Religion. Midwest Sociological Society.

2014. Senior Thesis Committee Member. Central Methodist University.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2026. Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award. University of Missouri.

2023-2024. Provost Leadership Program. University of Missouri.

2022. Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award. SAGE Publishing. American Sociological Association.

2021. Mizzou 18 Recipient. University of Missouri Alumni Association.

2020. K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award. American Association of Colleges & Universities.

2019. Outstanding Honors Faculty Award. MU Honors College.

2019. Excellence in Student Leadership Award. Graduate Professional Council. University of Missouri.

2019. Rollins Society Inductee. University of Missouri.

2017. Irma Mathes Teaching Excellence Award. Department of Sociology. University of Missouri.

2017. Green Chalk Teaching Award. College of Arts & Sciences. University of Missouri.

2015. Standing Ovation Award. Missouri Scholars Academy.

2012. Green Chalk Teaching Award. College of Arts & Sciences. University of Missouri.

2010. Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Scholarly Endeavors. Bradley University.

2008. Summa Cum Laude Graduation Honors. Bradley University.

2008. Carl E. Smith Award. Department of Psychology. Bradley University.

2008. Honors Student of the Year. Department of Religious Studies. Bradley University.