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EDUCATION

1996 PhD in Sociology and Demography, The Florida State University
Dissertation Title: Development of Children's Attitudes toward People with AIDS

1992 MS in Sociology, The Florida State University
Thesis Title: Parental Influence on Children's AIDS Attitudes

1990 BS in Sociology and Women's Studies, The Florida State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, TX

2023– Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Health Disparities Research

2020– Inaugural Dean, College for Health, Community and Policy

2020– Mark G. Yudof Endowed Professor

2020– Professor of Sociology and Demography

UT HEALTH SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, TX

2022– Faculty Affiliate, Long School of Medicine, Department of Population Health Sciences

2020– Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science (IIMS; Clinical and Translational Science Award, CTSA)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TX

2021– Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Center

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, MORGANTOWN WV

2018–2020 Director, The Data Health, Engagement, and Research Team (HEART) of WV

2018–2020 Member, WVU Injury Control Research Center's Scientific Advisory Committee

2018–2020 Member, WVU Cancer Institute

2018–2020 Faculty Affiliate, Humanities Center

2017–2020 Director of Health Disparities Research, Health Sciences & Technology Academy

2017–2020 Faculty Research Associate, Regional Research Institute

2017–2020 Faculty and Staff Affiliate, WV Prevention Research Center

2015–2020 Faculty Member, West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute

2015–2020 Faculty Associate, West Virginia University Teaching and Learning Commons

2014–2020 Executive Board Member, Research Center on Violence

2014–2020 Faculty Associate, Center for Women's and Gender Studies

2014–2020 Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, STARKVILLE MS

2001-	Research Fellow, Social Science Research Center
2012-2014	Department Head, Sociology
2011-2012	Interim Department Head, Sociology
2011-2014	Thomas L. Bailey Professor of Sociology
2010-2014	Professor, Department of Sociology
2009-2012	Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology
2008-2012	Director, Mississippi Center for Health Workforce
2003-2010	Research Scientist, Mississippi Health Policy Research Center
2006-2010	Associate Professor of Sociology
2003-2009	Director, Ellen Bryant Women's Resource Center and Gender Studies
2001-2006	Assistant Professor of Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, CONWAY AR

1997-2001	Assistant Professor of Sociology
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MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD OH

1996-1997	Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE FL

1990-1995	Project Manager, Children's AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes PI: Isaac Eberstein, Center for the Study of Population
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LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND DUTIES**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, TX**

University of Texas at San Antonio is a Hispanic-Serving, urban-serving, research intensive (R1) institution with roughly 35,000 students offering more than 159 degrees across six academic colleges.

COLLEGE FOR HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND POLICY, DEAN (2020-CURRENT)

The College for Health, Community and Policy is the largest college at UTSA with nearly 7,000 students at its inception in 2020. There are eight departments, one program, and five research centers and institutes. There are 188 faculty and 68 staff in the College. The College's departments are Criminology and Criminal Justice, Kinesiology, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Work, and Sociology and Demography. There is a Nutrition and Dietetics program that reports to the College as well. The centers and institutes are the Center for Community-Based Applied Health Research, the Institute for Demographic, Social and Economic Research, the Institute for Health Disparities, and the Center for Applied Community and Policy Research.

Duties: Lead all strategic planning, undergraduate and graduate program development, collegiate administrative structure and governance, budget (\$42M state appropriation and \$10M funded research program) and facilities across two campuses, enrollment and student retention, research and outreach programs, professional development, and personnel management.

Accomplishments:

- Spearheaded the launch of the new College, including developing a Business Service Center model of financial management, a College magazine, relevant websites, as well as a website overhaul
- Facilitated a college-wide strategic planning process, including by-laws, faculty review guidelines, a community engagement plan, and a DEI-related strategic plan
- Increased alumni contact and donations significantly, formed a Dean's Advisory Council
- Increased inter-department and community engagement via Dean's Community Lecture Series, Media Club, Research Roundtables, and end of year celebrations, as well as hiring an Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Facilitated all faculty recruitment (~10/year) and recruited four external Department Chairs, five Associate Deans, six post-doctoral fellows and many strategic hires
- Facilitated the separation of the Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition department into three separate units as well as the combination of the Departments of Demography and Sociology into a single unit
- Facilitated the addition of eight new academic programs: bachelor degrees in Health, Aging and Society, Healthcare Administration, Nutrition and Health, and Social Work, master's degrees in Health, Kinesiology, and Health, Community and Policy, and a doctoral program in Applied Community Research, as well as multiple certificate programs—three more doctoral programs are in the process of being proposed
- Collaborated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to build the collaborative University of Texas School of Public Health at San Antonio

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, MORGANTOWN WV

While there, West Virginia University was a land-grant, space-grant, research intensive (R1) institution with roughly 30,000 students offering more than 350 degrees across 14 colleges and schools.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, CHAIR (2014-2020)

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology was one of the largest departments in the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences (the largest college) with nearly 1000 majors (criminology, sociology and anthropology) and 30 doctoral students in sociology. There were 30 faculty and 3 staff in the department.

Duties: Curriculum and program development, departmental administrative structure and governance, budget (\$2M state appropriation and \$1M entrepreneurial) and facilities, enrollment and student retention, research and outreach programs, professional development and personnel management.

Accomplishments:

- Spearheaded the design and implementation of a new doctoral program which accepted 14 students in its first cohort in the fall of 2016 (30+ enrolled 2019-2020)
- Facilitated and completed a department-wide strategic planning process after drafting by-laws and overhauling the promotion and tenure document
- Increased alumni contact and donations significantly (three planned gifts totaling \$2.2M and three cash gifts totaling \$50,000) via a newly formed Visiting Committee
- Increased intra-department engagement via lecture series and an annual award banquet to celebrate department successes
- Recruited for six expansion positions (five faculty) in first two years as Chair, no tenure stream departures during my tenure, nearly half of faculty promoted in last five years, two opportunity hires
- Facilitated the separation of the Sociology and Anthropology singular major to two distinct majors, implementing changes to writing, capstone and general education requirements in tandem
- Supported and built new online criminology minor to buttress entrepreneurial resources in the department, initial enrollment in 2018-2019 was 85 minors
- Affiliated with multiple Health Science Center research centers for my own research but also to explore and provide funding opportunities for all doctoral students
- Building expansive research infrastructure (e.g., two research centers) to further fund the doctoral program after doubling the number of GTA positions allotted to the department

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, STARKVILLE MS

Mississippi State University is a land-grant, sea-grant, space-grant, research intensive (R1) institution with roughly 21,000 (then) students offering more than 180 degrees across 12 colleges and schools.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology is one of the largest departments in the College of Arts & Sciences (the largest college) with three majors (criminology, sociology and social work) with nearly 1,000 majors and 40 doctoral students in sociology. There are nearly 20 faculty and three staff in the department.

HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY (2012-2104, INTERIM 2011-2012)

Duties: Departmental administrative structure and governance, budget (\$1.5M state appropriation, nearly all personnel) and facilities, curriculum and program development, enrollment and student retention, research and outreach programs, professional development and personnel management.

Accomplishments:

- Recruited five faculty in diverse topical areas to strengthen the doctoral program
- Increased department social media presence to engage students and alumni in department events
- Increased alumni contact via events and newsletter

GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR (2009-2012)

Duties: Coordinate and implement policy regarding the graduate program, prepare assessment reports, conduct periodic curriculum review/modification, recruit and retain promising applicants and students, model and encourage excellence in scholarship and teaching.

Accomplishments:

- Overhauled curriculum design to be able to provide classes systematically
- Developed and implemented recruitment program to increase high-quality diverse applicants
- Developed and implemented annual review process to guide students in timely completion

MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE (FOUNDING DIRECTOR, 2008-2012)

Duties: Lead strategic planning efforts to seek funding to increase research in the area of health workforce, using an executive and advisory board, perform administrative duties (personnel supervision, financial and operations management), supervise staff and graduate students in completing funded research, created state-wide network with physician organizations, medical school and licensing board and disseminate research findings to stakeholders.

Accomplishments:

- Created, managed and administered research grants
- Gained insight/experience with research administration
- Supervised 6-12 employees

WOMEN/GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM DIRECTOR (2003-2009)

Duties: Program administration, program development, scheduled course offerings, expanded courses offered by the Women's Studies Program and cross-listed course offerings across multiple colleges and supported instructors and faculty classroom needs ad designed marketing materials for the program.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Elevated program from certificate to minor, regularized course offerings
- Doubled the number of affiliated faculty and acquired graduate assistant
- Organized regular programming including lectures from Gloria Steinem and Anita Hill

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (85)

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Senior Personnel, awarded \$80,000 from the WV Bureau for Public Health (BPH), the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (HPCD) Comprehensive Cancer Program. (Year 3: Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020)

PI, awarded from the Collaborative at WVU AmeriCorps VISTA program requesting two VISTA for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2018-2020)

PI, awarded \$80,000 from the WV Bureau for Public Health (BPH), the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (HPCD) Comprehensive Cancer Program. (Year 2: Oct. 2018-Sept. 2019)

Co-PI, awarded from the Collaborative at WVU AmeriCorps VISTA program requesting two VISTA for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2017)

PI, awarded \$80,000 from the WV Bureau for Public Health (BPH), the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (HPCD) Comprehensive Cancer Program. (Year 1: Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018)

PI, awarded \$50,000 from West Virginia University's President Office to conduct focus groups in the Weirton community. (2016)

Co-PI, awarded \$85,084 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the Mississippi Area Health Education Program Office at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to operate the North East Mississippi Area Health Education Center, funding for Year Five. (Sep. 2011)

Co-PI, awarded \$30,000 from the Dreyfus Foundation for Project Talent Nursing. (Jan. 2010)

PI, awarded \$50,000 from the Foundation for the Mid-South to study the use of technology in filling the health care workforce pipeline. (September 2009)

PI, awarded \$210,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the Mississippi Institute for the Improvement of Geographic Minority Health at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to re-implement the Rural Medical Scholars Program. (Oct. 2009)

Co-PI awarded \$20,000 from the Mississippi Department of Health to re-implement the Rural Medical Scholars Program. (Jan. 2011)

Co-PI awarded \$20,000 from the Mississippi Department of Health to re-implement the Rural Medical Scholars Program. (Jan. 2010)

PI, awarded \$85,084 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the Mississippi Area Health Education Program Office at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to operate the North East Mississippi Area Health Education Center, funding for Year Four. (Sep. 2010)

PI, awarded \$195,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the Mississippi Area Health Education Program Office at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to operate the North East Mississippi Area Health Education Center, funding for Year Three. (Aug. 2009)

PI, awarded \$44,183 from the Appalachian Regional Commission via the University of Mississippi Medical Center to analyze oral health and oral health workforce at the county level across Appalachia. (Aug. 2008)

PI, awarded \$30,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Mississippi Institute for the Improvement of Geographic Minority Health to study physician experiences in serving underserved populations with a focus on women and minorities. (July 2008)

PI, awarded \$154,151 from the Department of Health and Human Services via the Mississippi Area Health Education Program Office at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to develop the North East Mississippi Area Health Education Center. (Sep. 2008)

PI, awarded \$33,000 from the Mississippi Physician Care Network (\$30,000), the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (\$2,000) and the American Academy of Family Physician (\$1,000) (2007) to collect MSMD 2007 survey data

PI, awarded \$71,593 grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (2007) Delta Health Initiative: Delta Doctors

PI, awarded \$131,748 grant from the Mississippi Division of Medicaid and Mississippi State University (2005) to conduct the Mississippi Medicaid Managed Care Assessment

Co-PI, awarded \$150,000 grant from the Office of Rural Health Policy. (2005) Drugs, Diagnosis and Death: A Test of Pharmaceutical Data Validity in Estimating Rural Population Health

PI, awarded \$814,648 grant from the Mississippi Division of Medicaid and Mississippi State University (2005) Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home Program Evaluation

PI, awarded \$226,012 from the Robert Wood Johnson 21st Century Challenge Fund (\$53,502) with matching funds from Mississippi State University (\$86,255) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services via the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (\$86,255). (2004) Driving to Doctors: Reimbursement Rates and Access to Care

Co-PI, awarded \$70,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2003) through the Rural Health Safety and Security Institute of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Mississippi MDs and Malpractice

Member project development team, awarded \$1.5 million from the Bauer Foundation (2002). Development of the Mississippi Health Policy Research Center

PI, awarded \$9,740 for Research Initiation Program to Mississippi State University's Office of Research (2002-2003). Feminization in the Field of Physical Therapy

FUNDED RESEARCH

PI, awarded \$1,000 Travel Award through Sponsored Programs Administration (2002) to provide funding for survey of physical therapists in Mississippi

PI, awarded \$125,882 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2002) through the Rural Health Safety and Security Institute of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Contextual Correlates of Mortality.

PI, awarded \$83,938 research grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2002) through the Rural Health Safety and Security Institute of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Mississippi MDs: Where Are They Practicing?

PI, awarded \$104,773 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2001) via the Rural Health Safety and Security Institute of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Contextual Correlates of Mortality

Co-PI, awarded \$3,800 from the University of Central Arkansas's University Research Council (2000). Feminization of Acute Care Physical Therapy

PI, awarded \$1,916 from University of Central Arkansas's University Research Council (2000) for Malnutrition in Rural Honduras

Co-PI, awarded \$19,980 from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) through the Arkansas DOE and \$41,715 from the Centers for Substance Abuse Prevention through the Arkansas Department of Health (2000) for Predisposing Factors for Youths' Risk Behaviors

Co-PI, awarded \$18,621 from the Arkansas Department of Health. The Arkansas Immunization Registry Survey Project (1997)

ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS

PI, awarded \$9,000 from the West Virginia University Research Office. Academic Conference Grant for the 2017 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting to be hosted in Morgantown, WV (2017)

Co-PI, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences were each selected to be Host Sites for The Collaborative at WVU AmeriCorps VISTA program (2017)

HONORS AND AWARDS

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2025	Janet P. Realini Trailblazer Award, Healthy Futures of Texas
2016-2017	Outstanding Instructor for the Honors College, West Virginia University
2013-2014	Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium (SECAC) Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP)
2011	College of Arts & Sciences Researcher of the Year
2010	Mississippi State University State of Pride Award
2008-2010	Clinton Wallace Dean's Eminent Scholar
2007-2008	Academic and Research Leadership Program, Mississippi State University
2005-2007	Health Disparities Scholar, National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
2004	Mississippi State University Outstanding Faculty Woman Award
1990	Frances Allen Fellowship, Outstanding Student Paper, Florida State University ICPSR Program Scholarship from Florida State University

COURSES TAUGHT*Undergraduate*

- Book Study
 - Honors
- Introduction to Sociology
 - Honors
- Social Problems
- Marriage and Family
- Sociological Theory
- Social Stratification
- Learning to Lead
- Leading through Crisis

Graduate

- Health in Society
- Medical Demography
- Professionalization Seminar
- Seminar in Teaching Sociology

Graduate/Undergraduate

- Health & Society/Medical Sociology
- Aging & Retirement in America
- Population
- Death & Dying
- Health Care Organizations
- Health Strategies for Multicultural Population

GRADUATE COMMITTEES**Chair, Master's Committee**

Julia Kay Wolf (2017)
 James Conley (2017)
 Andrew Cannatella (2011)
 Jamie Boydston (2009)
 Tze-Li Hsu (2008)
 Jacob Walker (2006)
 Albert Jimenez (2004)
 Wesley James (2004)

Chair, Doctoral Committee

Jacob Souch (2022–)
 Drew Schafer (2021–)
 Misty Harris (2023)
 Julia Kay Wolf (2021)
 Derrick Shapeley (2015)*
 Jonelle Husain (2014)
 Sheena Gardner (2014)*
 Jamie Boydston (2014)
 Li Zheng (2013)
 Philip B. Mason (2012)
 Carol Campbell (2010)
 Wesley James (2009)

Member, Doctoral Committee

Andrew Fruge (2014, Nutrition)
 Lynne Rich (2008)
 Rosy Nigro (2008)
 Deborah Miranda (2007)
 David Mullin (2004)
 Virginia Braddock (2003, Nutrition)
 Sugiyanto Eddie Kusuma (2003)

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025

A Conversation with Provosts and Deans on Re-aligning Academic Divisions. Panel participant. EAB. Virtual.

2023

Women in Leadership: The Story of a COSSPP Alumna. West Virginia University's Women's Leadership Initiative. West Virginia University. Morgantown, WV.

Building a 21st Century Interdisciplinary College for Health, Community and Policy. College of Social Science and Public Policy. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

Publications Using CHAPS Data. Department of Sociology. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

Women in Leadership: The Story of a COSSPP Alumna. Women's Graduate Network. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

2021

Building Collaborations and Capacity with the College for Health, Community and Policy and UTSA. Grand Rounds. Mays Cancer Center, UT Health San Antonio. San Antonio, TX.

2020

A Longitudinal Study of Appalachians' Information Behavior during and Reactions to the COVID-19 Pandemic with D Totzkay, M Dillow, A Goodboy, S Steinman, J Conley, and M Jacobsmeier. Panel: At the Crossroads of the Coronavirus: Health Communication Researchers Addressing the

COVID-19 Crisis. 196th National Communication Association Convention. Indianapolis, IN.

2019

Spatial Factors in U.S. Mortality: Assessing the Importance of a Hierarchy. M.E. John Seminars Committee of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Penn State University. State College, PA.

2017

Hierarchy of Need: A County-Level Analysis with J Weeks. Medical Humanities Research Group, West Virginia University. Morgantown, WV.

Spatial Disparities in Mortality: Where We've Been and Where We're Going. Charles Nam Lecture. Center for Demography & Population Health, Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

Identifying and Addressing Students' Learning Needs. Teaching Challenges & Potential Solutions: What Might Work for You? WVU Teaching & Learning Commons—Celebrate. Morgantown, WV.

Communicating Across Differences. Week of Engagement, WVU Health Sciences Center, Center for Service and Learning. Morgantown, WV.

Meeting of the Minds: Poverty in Appalachia. Mountaineer Health Initiative. Morgantown, WV.

2015

Preparation for the Graduate School Application Process. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

National Association of Counties' Database. West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Morgantown, WV.

2013

When the Doctor Can See You Depends: Differing County-Level Access to Health Care in Mississippi with RE Cossman, S Rogers, D McBride, M Stubbs, X Song, and L Sutton. Rural Medical Scholars. Starkville, MS.

2011

Building Collaborations in Health Care Research. Mississippi Health Summit. Hattiesburg, MS.

2010

Building an Inequitable Knowledge Society? Access to Education in the United States. University of Catania. Catania, Sicily, Italy.

2009

Updates from the Field: Mississippi's Physician Workforce. Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. Tupelo, MS.

Growing Old in America Demographics, Economics & Social Policy. University of Catania. Catania, Sicily, Italy.

Space, Place, Disease and Death: US Mortality in the Late 20th Century. University of Catania. Catania, Sicily, Italy.

Drugs and Death in the United States and Driving and Doctors in Mississippi: Putting Space in Sociology. CAPA: The Centers for Academic Programs Abroad. London, England.

Update from the Northeast Mississippi Area Health Education Center and Mississippi Center for Health Workforce. Mississippi State Medical Association Manpower Commission. Jackson, MS.

Mississippi's Physician Workforce and Its Economic Impacts. Mississippi Academy of Sciences. Olive Branch, MS.

2008

Access to Care and the Economic Impact of Physicians. Mississippi Legislature Select Committee on Health Disparities. Jackson, MS.

The Mississippi Physician Workforce: Access to Care and Economic Impact. The Arts & Sciences Faculty Research Showcase. Starkville, MS.

Women in Leadership. Inaugural Symposium, Mississippi State University Meridian Campus.

The Mississippi Physician Workforce: Economic Impact and Access to Care. Mississippi Rural Health Association. Jackson, MS.

Rx Enclaves? Spatial Correlation in Prescription Drug Patterns. University of Catania. Catania, Sicily, Italy.

2007

Creating a Health Research Center: Planning and Implementing. University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, TN.

Mississippi Center for Health Workforce: The Process of Development. Mississippi Area Health Education Center Annual Consortium. Jackson, MS.

First Glance: 2007 MSMD Survey Results with D Street. Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. Destin, FL.

Mississippi's Women Physicians with D Street. Mississippi State Medical Association. Destin, FL.

2006

Displaying Data: Analyzing Datasets Beyond One Million Cases. University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Delta Doctors: What Do We Know and Where Are We Going? Delta Medical Society. Greenwood, MS.

Access to Care among Rural Poor: Mississippi Medicaid and Drive Time to Doctors. Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. Destin, FL.

2005

Analyzing Extraordinary Databases: Administrative Data in the Social Sciences. University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Drugs, Diagnosis and Death: A Test of Pharmaceutical Data Validity in Estimating Rural Population Health with RE Cossman, TC Blanchard, WL James, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), University of Nebraska Omaha, NE.

Mississippi's MDs, Malpractice and Access to Health Care. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A Socioeconomic Snapshot of the Status of Women and Women's Health in Mississippi. Mississippi Women's Health Conference. Jackson, MS.

2004

Physician Labor Force and Medical Training in Mississippi. Institutes for Higher Learning. Jackson, MS.

2003

Confluence of Factors Influencing the Physician Labor Force in Mississippi and Patient Access. Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. Destin, FL.

Physician Labor Force Analyses in Mississippi. Mississippi State Medical Association. Biloxi, MS.

Future Levels of Access to Physicians in Mississippi: Survey Results from the Mississippi MD Survey. Mississippi Health Care Professional Labor Force Task Force. Jackson, MS.

Physician Labor Force Assessment in Mississippi. Kosciusko Rotary Club. Kosciusko, MS.

Factors Influencing Recruitment and Retention of Physicians in Mississippi. Mississippi Access for Rural Care's Recruitment and Retention Committee. Jackson, MS.

Impacts of Physician Labor Shortages in the State. Haley Barbour Job Creation Summit. Jackson, MS.

Healthy and Unhealthy Places in America: Are These Really Spatial Clusters? with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, CR Campbell, AG Cosby, and D Breen. Croft Institute for International Studies Lecture Series, University of Mississippi. Oxford, MS.

Mississippi's Physician Labor Force: Current Research and Future Directions. Delta Medical Society. Clarksdale, MS.

2002

The Future of Family Medicine Research in Mississippi. Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. Destin, FL.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2026

Pharmacy as Proxy for Prevalence: Spatial Correlations Between Cardiometabolic Disease Burden and Prescription Utilization with JM Souch. Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL.

Rural-Urban Variation in County-Level Prescription Fills for Cardiometabolic Conditions, 2013–2017 with JM Souch. Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL.

2025

Spatial Injustice and Abortion Access Post-Dobbs: Racialized and Geographic Disparities in Rural America with JM Souch. Southern Demographic Association. Lexington, KY.

Race and Place: Uncovering Spatial Disparities Through Population Weighted Centers of Population with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Lexington, KY.

COVID Mortality and Its Effect on Small-Area Mortality Trends Among Latino Populations: A Longitudinal Analysis with AJ Delgado. Population Association of America. Washington D.C.

Attitudes Toward Homosexuality Among U.S. Veterans: Identifying Trends and Sociodemographic Associations using the General Social Survey with AJ Delgado and R Martinez. First Annual HCAP Research Forum. San Antonio, TX.

Sociodemographic Variations on Attitudes Toward Homosexuality Among U.S. Veterans: Identifying Trends and Associations using the General Social Survey with AJ Delgado and R Martinez. TEXPOP. Austin, TX.

COVID Mortality and Its Effect on Small-Area Mortality Trends: A Longitudinal Analysis with AJ Delgado. International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. Brisbane, Australia.

Lessons from Leading in a Texas Public Hispanic Serving Institution in Today's World with J Fleuriet, J Browning, and A Mathur. Accepted. American Association of Colleges and Universities. Washington, D.C.

2024

COVID-19 Impact on Social Connectedness and Support Networks Among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (LGB) Individuals: Insights from the 2021 CHAPS Survey with AJ Delgado and JK Wolf. UT System Postdoctoral Research Symposium. San Antonio, TX.

Abortion Across the Line: Preliminary Investigations of State-Level Policy Environments and their Effects on Patient Distributions with JM Souch, D Schaefer, and AJ Delgado. Southern Demographic Association. Savannah, GA.

An Analysis of Syndemic Factors within an HIV Epidemic Targeted County with AJ Delgado. Southern Demographic Association. Savannah, GA.

Race-Specific County Population Centers and Distance to Endocrinology Health Care with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Columbus, OH.

How Long Will I Live? Understanding Subjective Life Expectancy in Comparison to Life Table Estimates with R Swisher, D Schaefer, and G Garcia-Alexander. Population Association of America. Columbus, OH.

Geographic Disparities of Abortion Clinics in Post-Roe America: Preliminary Problems of Access and Allocation with JM Souch and D Schaefer. Population Association of America. Columbus, OH.

Race-Specific County Population Centers and Distance to Endocrinology Health Care with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. TXPOP. Austin, TX.

Overburdening of Abortion Clinics: Flows of Abortion Seekers from Texas to Haven States with JM Souch, D Schaefer, and JK Wolf. TXPOP. Austin, TX.

2023

Race and Place: Uncovering Spatial Disparities Through Population Weighted Centers of Population with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

Who Do Americans Think Should Provide Health-Related Services and How Effective Do They Think the Government Is at Doing So? with JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

Do Religious Struggles Mediate the Association between Neighborhood Disorder and Health in the United States? with T Hill, L Upenieks, JK Wolf, and C Ellison. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

Social Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Sexual Orientation. With JK Wolf. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Baltimore, MD.

Fertility Intention Change During COVID-19: The Role of Economic, Health, and Overall Threat Assessments with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. TEXPOP. Austin, TX.

Political Differences in Fears Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic with D Schaefer, JM Souch, and JK Wolf. TEXPOP. Austin, TX.

Delayed Childbearing Amid COVID-19 and Environmental Anxiety in the United States with JM Souch and JK Wolf. Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

Using/Accessing Green and Blue Spaces for Memory and Physical Health with JK Wolf. Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

2022

Physical Health, Stress, Distress, and Suicide Ideation by Sexual Orientation with JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Knoxville, TN.

Subjective Life Expectancy and County Characteristics with D Shaefer and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Knoxville, TN.

Distance to Abortion Clinics and Maternal Mortality Outcomes with JM Souch and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Knoxville, TN.

Exercise, Sleep Quality, and Physical Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic with JK Wolf. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Los Angeles, CA.

Neighborhood Characteristics and Feelings of Control or Distress with JK Wolf. Southwestern Social Science Association. San Antonio, TX.

Analysis of Potential Mitigating Effects of Influenza Vaccine on COVID-19 Health Outcomes among Children and Adults in the United States with JK Wolf, D Schaefer, and JM Souch. Southwestern Social Science Association. San Antonio, TX.

2021

Political Polarization and Precautionary Behavior during the COVID-19 Pandemic with M Jacobsmeier, J Conley, D Totzkay, M Dillow, A Goodboy, and S Steinman. Midwest Political Science Association. Virtual.

Spatial Variation of Health Care Access and Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Appalachia with J Conley, D Totzkay, M Dillow, A Goodboy, S Steinman, and M Jacobsmeier. Association of American Geographers. Virtual.

2020

A Longitudinal Study of Appalachians' Information Behavior during and Reactions to the COVID-19 Pandemic with D Totzkay, M Dillow, A Goodboy, S Steinman, J Conley, and M Jacobsmeier. National Communication Association. Indianapolis, IN.

State-Level Sex-Specific Deaths of Despair Adjusting for Education and Age, 1992-2014 with JK Wolf and S Hodder. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Minneapolis, MN.

2019

Social Capital and Homicide: Are They Related? with M Justus and J Souch. WVU Research Apprenticeship Program. Morgantown, WV.

Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Deaths of Despair with JK Wolf and S Hodder. Southern Demographic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Abortion Clinics with JK Wolf and A Brash. Southern Demographic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Self-Rated Health by Sexual Orientation and Sexual Attraction of Men and Non-Pregnant Women Age 25-45, 2011-2015 NSFG with JK Wolf. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Seattle, WA.

Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Deaths of Despair with JK Wolf. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Seattle, WA.

The Implications of Family Planning on Maternal Health with R Stein. Health and Well-Being in Amish Society. Elizabethtown, PA.

2018

Prioritizing Place Effects on Mortality with JK Wolf and M Harris. Southern Demographic Association. Durham, NC.

The Association Between County-Level Health Behaviors and Rural Mortality Disadvantage with J Saint Onge and WL James. Southern Demographic Association. Durham, NC.

Exploring Regional Classifications for Predicting Health Behaviors by Sex across the United States with JK Wolf and DJ Myers. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Washington D.C.

A Cause of Great Pain: The Relationship between Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence in Adolescence and Young Adulthood and Later Life Prescription Drug Use with W DeKeseredy and M Harris. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Washington D.C.

Assessing Trustworthiness in Research: A Pilot Study on CV Falsification with T Phillips, E Heitman, and RK Saunders. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Anaheim, CA.

From Boys Will Be Boys to Boys Will Be Men: Rural, Suburban, and Urban Variations in Male Peer Support and Violence Against Women with W DeKeseredy and M Harris. American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Life without Choice: Reproductive Healthcare, Abortion Access, and Spatial Correlates with A Brash. WVU Summer Undergraduate Research Experience. Morgantown, WV.

Understanding Advocacy Behaviors of Undergraduate Students: Who Advocates for Whom? with V Frey-McClung, Cottrell, and C Mayo. American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.

Rural Crime and Intimate Partner Violence in the United States from Adolescence to Young Adulthood with M Harris and W DeKeseredy. Rural Sociological Society. Portland, OR.

Testing Place Effects for Spatial Mortality in the United States with JK Wolf, M Harris, H DePoy, and W James. Population Association of America. Denver, CO.

Unravelling Time: An Examination of Race- and Sex-Specific Temporal Lags of Contextual Risk Factors for Heart Disease Mortality in the United States with M Harris, JK Wolf, H DePoy. Population Association of America. Denver, CO.

Exploring the United States Rural Mortality Penalty Using Multiple Cause of Death Data with J Weeks and JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Denver, CO.

Testing a County-Level Contextual Hierarchy for Race- and Sex-Specific Spatial Mortality in the United States with J Wolf, M Harris, H DePoy, and W James. North Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, PA.

2017

Testing a Social Progress Index for Spatial Mortality in the United States with JK Wolf, M Harris, and H DePoy. Southern Demographic Association. Morgantown, WV.

Examining Proper Model Specification for County Level Spatial Mortality Research in the US with J Weeks and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Morgantown, WV.

Testing Race- and Gender-Specific Lags in Predictors of Lung Cancer Mortality in the United States with JK Wolf and M Harris. Southern Demographic Association. Morgantown, WV.

Paradoxes and Lag Selection Bias: Testing Race- and Gender-Specific Lags in Predictors of Heart Disease Mortality in the United States with M Harris and JK Wolf. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. Austin, TX.

Advancing Health in West Virginia through Engaged Scholarship in the Arts and Sciences with J Dudley. Engagement Scholarship Consortium. Birmingham, AL.

Spatial Patterns in American Mortality: Does Social Progress Play a Role? with JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Chicago, IL.

Exploring the Power of County-Level Regional Classifications on Predicting Sex-Specific All-Cause Mortality in the United States with JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Chicago, IL.

Exploring the Importance of Regional Classification in U.S. Sex-Specific Mortality Rates with JK Wolf and DJ Myers. North Central Sociological Association. Indianapolis, IN.

2016

Understanding Spatial Variation in Mortality: Rural Regions and Cultural Variations with JK Wolf and D Myers. Southern Demographic Association. Athens, GA.

The Influence of Public Health Infrastructure on Racial Mortality Disparities with W James and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. Athens, GA.

Exploring Woodard's "American Nations" for Predicting Life Expectancy and Mortality by Sex across the Regions of the United States with JK Wolf and D Myers. Midwest Sociological Society & North Central Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

An Exploration of Woodard's "American Nations" for Predicting Cause-Specific Mortality with D Myers, and JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Washington D.C. Poster Session Winner.

Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty and the Role of Public Health Infrastructure with W James and JK Wolf. Population Association of America. Washington D.C.

Defining Regions and Understanding Rurality: Exploring Spatial Variations in American Mortality with JK Wolf and D Myers. Rural Sociological Society. Toronto, Canada.

2015

Examining the Relationship between Perceptions of Safety and Victimization among College Students with N Rader. American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C.

An Exploration of Woodard's "Cultural Nations" for Predicting Regional Mortality in the US with D Myers, C Pilkerton, and JK Wolf. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty with WL James and T Lemonis. Population Association of America. San Diego, CA.

2014

Physical Function, Mental Health, and Fear of Crime among Older Adults: Differences by Race and Sex with D Buys. Gerontological Association of America. Washington D.C.

Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty with WL James. Southern Demographic Association. Memphis, TN.

An Analysis of Migration as a Spatially-Dependent Correlate of Mortality with RE Cossman and WJ Keith. Population Association of America. Boston, MA.

2013

The Puzzling Role of Context in Race Specific Odds of Death with WL James. Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

Revisiting the "Dying to Move, or Moving to Die?" Question: A Parallel Process Model of Migration-Mortality Trajectories Mediated by Elderly Populations among United States Counties with WJ Keith and RE Cossman. Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

Scared and Sick? College Students' Fear of Crime and Health with NE Rader and S Rogers. Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

2012

When the Doctor Can See You Depends: Differing County-Level Access to Health Care in Mississippi with RE Cossman, X Song, PB Mason, A Krey, and LT Sutton. Southern Demographic Association. Williamsburg, VA.

Career Trajectories, Gender Differences and the Reproduction of Health Disparities over the Life Course with L Zheng. Southern Demographic Association. Williamsburg, VA.

The Importance of Context on Mortality Risk with WL James. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Denver, CO.

Is Migration (Population Mixing) Why Mortality Differs at the County Level? with RE Cossman, WL James and G Shoultz. Rural Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

The Association Between Migration and Mortality at the U.S. County Level – Are Health Rates Stable When Populations Are Not? with RE Cossman, WL James and G Shoultz. Conference on Innovative Perspectives on Population Mobility: Mobility, Immobility and Well-Being. July 2-3, 2012. University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Individual, Ecological and Contextual Correlates of Mortality. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

Does Affinity for Small Towns Trump Economic Opportunity: Implications for Rural Nursing Recruitment with RE Cossman, PB Mason, and KH Harney. Applied Demography Conference. San Antonio, TX.

2011

Pharmaceutical Data as a Proxy Measure for Rural Population Health: Proof of Concept with Correlations to a National Health Survey with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, R Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Thirteenth Biennial CDC/ATSDR Symposium on Statistical Methods.

Socioeconomic Status and Health Well-Being during Later Life: Potential Mediating Factors with TL Hsu. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Affinity for Small Towns: The Role It Plays in Rural Recruitment and Migration with RE Cossman, PB Mason and KH Harney. Population Association of American. Washington D.C.

Inequality and Infrastructure: HLM and Cardiovascular Mortality with WL James. Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL.

2010

Macro Level Influences of Income on Individual Mortality Risk: An HLM Analysis with WL James. Mid-South Sociological Association. Baton Rouge, LA.

Affinity for Small Towns: The Role it Plays in Rural Recruitment and Migration with RE Cossman, PB Mason and KH Harney. Southern Demographic Association. Knoxville, TN.

Macro Level Influences of Income on Individual Mortality Risk: An HLM Analysis with WL James. Southern Demographic Association. Knoxville, TN.

Does One Medical School's Admission Policy Help a Rural State "Grow Their Own" Physicians? With Philip B. Mason. Rural Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

Career Expectancy of Mississippi Physicians: Identifying Future Physician Workforce Needs with J Boydston. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Atlanta, GA.

Physicians in Rural and Underserved Areas with Debra A. Street. National Area Health Education Center Organization. Las Vegas, NV.

Macro-Level Influences of Income on Individual Mortality Risk: An HLM Analysis with WL James. Population Association of America. Dallas, TX.

Mortal Realities of Healthcare: A Spatial Analysis of Healthcare Resources, Socioeconomic Status, and Mortality with JL Boydston. Population Association of America. Dallas, TX.

Thinking About Graduate School? with R. Gregory Dunaway. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association. Clarksdale, MS.

2009

Growing Their Own? How One Medical School's Admissions Policy Affects Physician Recruitment in a Rural State with PB Mason and CC Butts. Southern Demographic Association. Galveston, TX.

Environment and Mortality: An Ecological Analysis with J Boydston and L Vasquez. Southern Demographic Association. Galveston, TX.

Fear of Crime: Age, Period and Cohort Effects? with Nicole Rader. MidSouth Sociological Association. Lafayette, LA.

Examining the Connection between Fear of Crime, Vulnerability and Disabilities with N Rader. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

2008

Gendered Fear of Crime for Others: A Case Study of Southern College Students with N Rader. American Society of Criminology. Saint Louis, MO.

The Emerging Non-Metropolitan Mortality Penalty in the United States with WL James, AG Cosby, and RE Cossman. Southern Demographic Association. Greenville, SC.

Problem-Solvers or Problems? Physician Perceptions of Mississippi Health Care Providers with D Street. 71st Southern Sociological Society. Richmond, VA

2007

Mapping At-Risk Populations: "Rural Health" vs. "Unhealthy Places" as a Dominant Geographic Variable with RE Cossman, AG Cosby, WL James, and CR Campbell. CDC/ATSDR 11th Biennial Symposium on Statistical Methods. Atlanta, GA.

Mapping At-Risk Populations by Geographic Location: Persistent Clusters of Mortality in the U.S. with RE Cossman, AG Cosby, WL James, and CR Campbell. CDC/ATSDR Symposium on Statistical Methods. Atlanta, GA.

Mapping At-Risk Populations by Geographic Location: Persistent Clusters of Morbidity in the U.S. with RE Cossman, AG Cosby, and WL James. CDC/ATSDR Biennial Symposium on Statistical Methods. Atlanta, GA.

Mapping At-Risk Populations: "Rural Health" vs. "Unhealthy Places" as a Dominant Geographic Variable with AG Cosby, H Hitt, RE Cossman, N Feierabend, T Thornton-Neaves, WL James, and D Mirvis. CDC/ATSDR Biennial Symposium on Statistical Methods. Atlanta, GA.

Mapping and Testing Spatial Clusters of Diabetes in the U.S. with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Population Association of America. New York, NY.

Race and Space: Residential Segregation, Income Inequality and County-Level Mortality with WL James, RE Cossman, S Womack, and JJ Yu. Southern Demographic Association. Birmingham, AL.

Expanding the Vulnerability Explanation in Fear of Crime: A Consideration of Health with NE Rader. Mid-South Sociological Association. Jacksonville, AL.

Mississippi MDS: The Effects of Malpractice and Tort Reform on Practice Patterns and Practice Intentions with D Street. Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

Toward a New Paradigm for Operationalizing Race with JJ Yu. Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

What Is A Usual Source of Care? Medical Homes and Continuity of Care for Children on Mississippi Medicaid with CR Campbell and JB Ritchie. Southern Rural Sociological Association. Mobile, AL.

Medicaid Managed Care and Medical Homes in Mississippi: A Critical Analysis with HI Burson, H Costello, EB Storm, and JI Monaghan. National Association of Social Workers. Mississippi Chapter. Jackson, MS.

2006

Mapping Chronic Disease at the County Level and Locating At-Risk Populations with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Population Association of America. Los Angeles, CA.

Morbidity-Mortality Mismatch: Mapping Populations at Risk for Heart Disease with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Association of American Geographers. Chicago, IL.

Mapping and Comparing Dissimilar Health Data Sets with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Southern Demographic Association. Durham, NC.

Testing Prescription Data as a Proxy Measure for County-Level Diabetes Prevalence with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Southern Demographic Association. Durham, NC.

Jackpot Justice and Medical Malpractice in Mississippi: Physicians' Responses to the Liability "Crisis" with DA Street. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA & Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

2005

Mapping Prescription Data as a Proxy for Chronic Illness Prevalence in Rural Areas poster with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. All Program Meeting, Office of Rural Health Policy Research. Washington, D.C.

Greedy Grannies or Greatest Generation? Age, Gender, and Social Spending Preferences in the U.S. with D Street. British Society of Gerontology. York, England.

Using Prescription Data to Inform Health Policy with R Cossman, W James, T Blanchard, R Thomas, L Pol, and A Cosby. International Medical Geography Symposium, Fort Worth, TX

Mapping Chronic Disease Clusters: A Preliminary Look at chronic Disease Hot Spots in the Delta with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA.

Mapping Morbidity: Prescription Data as a Proxy for Chronic Illness with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Association of American Geographers. Denver, CO.

Spatial Clustering of Cause Specific Mortality with WL James and RE Cossman. Population Association of America. Philadelphia, PA.

Is Mortality Created Equal? Geographic Variation in the Top 5 Leading Causes of Death with WL James and RE Cossman. Southern Demographic Association. Oxford, MS.

Chronic Illness Versus Death: Do These Patterns Match? with RE Cossman, WL James, TC Blanchard, RK Thomas, LG Pol, and AG Cosby. Southern Demographic Association. Oxford, MS.

Is Cause of Death Created Equally? Geographic Variation in America's Leading Causes of Death with WL James and RE Cossman. Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

The Adjustment Dilemma When Regressing Mortality Rates with CR Campbell, RE Cossman, and WL James. Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

Modernization and Suicide: County-Level Variation in the late Twentieth Century with JT Walker. Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

Cause Specific Mortality Enclaves: Where Are They? with WL James and RE Cossman. Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC.

The Impact of the Legal Climate on the Physician Workforce in Mississippi. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association. Tuscaloosa, AL.

2004

Dying to Move or Moving to Die? Exploring an Ecological Relationship Between Mortality and Migration with RE Cossman and WL James. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

Migration, Population Mixing and Mortality: A Spatial Analysis with RE Cossman, WL James, and CR Campbell. Population Association of America. Boston, MA.

The Dead Presidents with JT Walker. Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting. Biloxi, MS.

The Relationship between Migration & County-Level Mortality Rates While Controlling for Spatial Autocorrelation with RE Cossman and WL James. Southern Demographic Association. Hilton Head, SC.

Predictors of Elderly Mortality with WL James. Southern Demographic Association. Hilton Head, SC.

2003

Population Stability and Health: A Macro-Level Analysis of Non-Movers and Mortality with RE Cossman. American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

Access to Care in Rural Mississippi. Rural Sociological Society. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Data Sources for the Estimation of Hierarchical Models of Individual Mortality Outcomes with TC Blanchard and ML Levin. Population Association of America. Minneapolis, MN.

How Standardization of Rates Affects the Spatial Patterns of Mortality in the U.S. with RE Cossman, TC Blanchard, WL James, and CR Campbell. Population Association of America. Minneapolis, MN. Poster Excellence Award.

Aging M.D.s and Access to Health Care: How the Aging of Physicians Will Influence Access to Care. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

Dietary Acculturation of Newly Arrived Hispanic Immigrants in Rural Mississippi with V Braddock, and W Dodson. Southern Rural Sociological Association. Mobile, AL.

2002

'Generational' Social Spending Preferences: A Life Course Approach with D Street. American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Altruism or Self-interest? Social Spending and the Life Course with D Street. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, IL.

Contextual Correlates of Mortality: Are There Healthy Places to Live? with TC Blanchard and ML Levin. Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.

Population Stability and Health: A Macro-Level Analysis of Non-Movers and Mortality with RE Cossman. Southern Demographic Association. Austin, TX.

Family Capital, Delinquency and Illicit Drug Use with K Kerley and TC Blanchard. Southern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.

Structural Impacts on Mortality: The Importance of Place with TC Blanchard and ML Levin. Southern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.

2001

Family Structure and the Health of Children in Rural Honduras with Ed Powers and Jeffrey Kamakahi. Society for the Study of Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN.

Social Indicators and Physical Symptoms of Malnutrition in Rural Honduras with E Powers, J Kamakahi, and JE Fox. Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

2000

Malnutrition and Morbidity in Rural Honduras with E Powers, J Kamakahi, JE Fox, and P Cantrell. Southern Demographic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Studying Child Malnutrition in Honduras: Context and Process with JJ Kamakahi, E Powers, and JE Fox. Annual Peace Studies Conference. Collegeville, MN.

1999

Generations, the Life Course, and Social Spending Preferences with D Street. American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

The Other Invisible Hand: Altruism, Self-interest and Social Spending with D Street. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, IL.

Making Sense of Hispanic Population Growth in Arkansas: An Analysis of Correlates of Migration with E Powers. Southern Demographic Association. San Antonio, TX.

1998

Who Believes in the Right to Die? An Examination of Hemlock Society Members with JE Fox and J Kamakahi. Southern Demographic Association. Annapolis, MD.

A Spatial and Attitudinal Analysis of Hispanics in Arkansas. Arkansas Sociology and Anthropology Association. Conway, AR.

1996

Race and Its Importance in Children's Development of AIDS Attitudes with IW Eberstein. Southern Demographic Association. Memphis, TN.

Communication in the Family and Attitudes toward People with AIDS with I Eberstein and J Kistner. The Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS: an Official Satellite Conference of the XI International Conference on AIDS. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

1995

Linking Authoritarian Personality Characteristics in Parents and Their Children's Prejudice Toward People With AIDS. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Washington D.C.

Race, Class and the Welfare State with L Inniss. Southern Demographic Association. Richmond, VA.

Children's Knowledge and Misconceptions Concerning AIDS with IW Eberstein. Southern Demographic Association. Richmond, VA.

1994

AIDS: Changes in Child Knowledge and Attitudes with IW Eberstein, J Kistner, D Quadagno, DF Sly, and K Foster. Southern Demographic Association. Atlanta, GA.

Religious Characteristics and Family Size Preferences: The Controversy of Catholicism and Fertility. Southern Demographic Association. Atlanta, GA.

1993

Children's and Parents' Knowledge of AIDS with IW Eberstein. Southern Demographic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Where Are Our Subjects? Tracking and Follow-Up with S Foster, IW Eberstein, and DF Sly. Southern Demographic Association. New Orleans, LA.

1992

Influences on Level of AIDS Knowledge among Elementary School-Aged Children with IW Eberstein. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.

The Reliability of Children's Responses to Questions Concerning AIDS Knowledge with DF Sly and IW Eberstein. Southern Demographic Association. Charleston, SC.

OTHER PARTICIPATION AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Session Organizer

- Mid-South Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- Rural Sociological Society
- Southern Demographic Association
- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (Roundtables, Mentoring and Professional Development session), 2018-2019

Session Chair/Presider

- American Sociological Association
- Mid-South Sociological Association
- Rural Sociological Society
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Southern Demographic Association
- Southern Sociological Society

Discussant

- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- Southern Sociological Society

Program Chair

- Southern Demographic Association

Program Committee

- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

Poster Session Judge

- Population Association of America

Local Arrangements for Annual Meeting

- Southern Demographic Association

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Reviewer for *Demographic Research*, *Demography*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Care Management Review*, *Health Policy*, *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved*, *National Science Foundation*, *Population and Environment*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Rand Corporation*, *Rural Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *The Journal of Rural Health*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Women's Health Issues among others*

2025–present	Member, Texas Biomedical Research Institute
2024–present	Member, Inaugural Dean's Advisory Board, EAB
2021–2025	Committee Member, Population Association of America's Government and Public Affairs Committee
2021	Inaugural Committee Member, Child Welfare Advisory Council
2020	Leader, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Community Partnership Research Award Work Group
2019, 2023	Mentor, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Mentoring Program
2018–2019	Committee Member, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Awards Committee, <i>Partners in Community</i>
2018–2018	Mentor, Morgantown High School Honors Mentor Program
2017	Mentor, Health Policy Research Scholars Mentor Program
2016–2019	Host, Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting
2016–2018	Co-Editor, <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>
2014–2015	Population Association of America's Initiatives Committee
	C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee for the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
2015(Jul-Dec)	Associate Editor, <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>
2012–2014	Editorial Board, <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>
2012	Past-President, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association
2011	President, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association
2009–2011	Health Care Workforce Advisory Committee to the Mississippi State Board of Health
2010–2012	Editorial Board, <i>National AHEC Organization Bulletin</i>
2010	President Elect, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association
2009	President, Southern Demographic Association
2009–2012	Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award
	Committee, American Sociological Association Population Section (Chair 2010)
2008	President Elect and Program Chair, Southern Demographic Association
2004–2009	Archivist, Southern Demographic Association
2004–2012	Editorial Board, Alabama-Mississippi Sociology Association On-Line Journal
2004–2006	Kenneth Wilkinson Rural Policy Award Committee, Rural Health Policy Interest Group of the Rural Sociological Society
2004–2009	Recording Secretary, Southern Sociological Society
2004–2007	Associate Editor, <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>
2003–2006	Rural Sociological Society, Rural Health Policy Interest Group (Co-Chair, 2004–2006)

2003–2006	Editorial Board and Reviewer, <i>Sociological Spectrum</i>
2003–2005	Southern Sociological Society Membership Committee
2002–2004	Mississippi Physician Labor Force Training Commission
2002–2008	Editor, Southern Demographic Association Newsletter
2001–2004	Southern Demographic Association Board of Directors
1999–2001	Faculty Advisor for Alpha Kappa Delta, University of Central Arkansas
1997–2001	Archivist, Arkansas Sociology and Anthropology Association

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The University of Texas at San Antonio

2025–present	Faculty Advisor, Roadrunner Rotaract
2025–present	Member, SA 100
2025–present	Chair, Health Careers/Education and Workforce Work Group for CHEST
2025–present	Board Member, San Antonio Council for International Visitors
2025–present	Vice Chair, Mayor's Fitness Council (City of San Antonio)
2025–present	Executive Board Member, Center for Health Equity in South Texas (CHEST)
2024–present	Member, Academic, Student, and Faculty Affairs (ASFA) Task Force
2024	Co-Chair, College of Science, Dean Search Committee
2024	Co-Chair, F&A Workgroup
2023	Committee Member, UTSA Faculty Compensation Committee
2020–present	Council Member, UTSA Transdisciplinary Research Council
2020–present	Committee Member, Space and Planning Advisory Committee
2020–present	Committee Member, University Leadership Council
2020–present	Committee Member, Academic Leadership Council
2020–2023	Committee Member, Incentivized Resource Management (IRM)
2020–2023	Operational Review Committee
2020–2023	Committee Member, San Antonio MetroHealth Community Response Coalition
2020–present	Committee Member, Admission Committee, subcommittee of the City of San Antonio Downtown Rotary
2022–present	Member, San Antonio Committee for International Visitors
2022–present	Member, SA Impact
2023	Committee Member, Faculty Compensation Committee
2022	Committee Member, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Search Committee for the Dean for the School of Public Health
2020–2022	Co-Chair, Search Committee for the Dean for the College of Business
2020–2024	Committee Member, Bexar County Health Collaborative
2020–2021	Competition Judge, Mayor's K-12 Smart City Challenge
2020–2022	Committee Member, Weekly Triggers Monitoring Workgroup
2020–2021	Co-Chair, Academic Mix of Programs for the Future; subcommittee of the Tactical Team for Enabling Clear Pathways to Degree Completion
2020–2022	Co-Chair, UTSA Public Health Task Force

West Virginia University

2020	Committee Member, Screening Committee for the new leader of the Rockefeller School's new Institute for Policy Research and Public Affairs
2019–2020	Committee Member, Faculty Senate's General Education Foundations Committee
2018–2020	Committee Member, Carnegie Reclassification Scholarship Group for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Committee
2018–2020	Member, WVU Injury Control Research Center's Scientific Advisory Committee
2018–2020	Faculty Senator, Research and Scholarship Committee
2018–2020	Committee Member, The Mountaineer Health Initiative
2017–2020	Committee Member, Honors College Search Committee for Associate Dean
2017–2020	Workgroup Member, Center for Excellence in Disabilities
2016–2020	Committee Member, Honors Advisory Council
2016–2020	Committee Member, Campus Read Committee
2016, 2018	Session Leader, New Faculty Orientation
2016–2019	Faculty Senator, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences
2014–2016	Search Committee, Dean of Eberly College of Arts and Sciences
2014–2015	Member, West Virginia University Graduate Council
2015–2020	Program Advisory Committee for the Medical Humanities and Health Studies Minor
2015–2020	Committee Member, Eberly Summer Salary Assessment Committee
2015–2020	Committee Member, Student Success Collaborative Advisory Group

Mississippi State University

2013–2014	Department of Health Promotion Faculty Search Committee
2013–2014	Office of the Graduate School, Return on Investment (ROI) Committee
2013–2014	Honor Council
2011–2013	Member, Committee on Academic Integrity
2010, 2013	Reviewer, Henry Family Research Fund Committee
2010	Reviewer, OGS Selection Committee for Teaching Assistant of the Year
2009	Chair, Graduate Council Appeals Committee
2008–2010	Member, Faculty Research Advisory Committee
2002–2014	Graduate Coordinator, Gerontology Certificate Program
2002–2014	Women's/Gender Studies Committee (Chair, 2003–2009)
2001–2014	Gerontology Committee
2008–2009	Vice Chair, University Graduate Council
2007–2008	ORED Research Initiation Proposal Review Committee
2007–2008	ORED Strategic Planning Process Committee
2007–2008	ORED Task Force on Genes, Behavior & Social Environment
2007–2008	Search Committee, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

2006–2009	University Graduate Council
2005–2008	College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
2003–2006	College of Arts and Sciences Academic Excellence Fund Committee
2003–2004	Housing and Residence Life Council for the Advancement of Standards
	Diversity Sub-Committee
2005	Women's Studies Search Committee
2004–2005	Women's Studies Curriculum Committee
2002–2005	Faculty Advisor, Habitat for Humanity, MSU Chapter
2001–2004	Mentor, Student Affairs Mentoring Program

University of Central Arkansas, College of Liberal Arts

2000–2001	Institutional Review Board
2000–2001	General Education Task Force for Information Technology
2000–2001	Technology Initiative in the Residential Colleges
2000–2001	World Humanities Planning Committee
1999–2001	Faculty Advisor, UCA/Hughes Habitat for Humanity
1999–2001	Faculty Member in Residence of Hughes Residential College
1999–2000	History Department Chair Search Committee
1999–2000	Promotion Appeals Committee
1998–2001	Promotion Committee
1997–2000	University Health and Wellness Committee

DEPARTMENT SERVICE***West Virginia University***

2015–	Chair, SOCA Administrative Leadership Team
2015	Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professors (three positions)

Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology

2010	Chair, Sociology Search Committee (four positions)
2009–2012	Graduate Program Coordinator
2009–2012	Graduate Program Committee
2009–2012	Graduate Admissions and Support Committee
2009–2012	Sociology Advisory Committee
2009–2010	Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair
2008–2009	Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta
2008–2009	Chair, Social Demography and Racial Inequalities Search Committees
2008–2009	Sociology Graduate Appeals Committee
2007–2009	Graduate Qualifying Examination Committee
2006–2007	Sociology Graduate Appeals Committee
2005–2007	Sociology Graduate Admissions and Support Committee
2004–2007	Sociology Graduate Committee

2003–2004	Social Work Instructor Search Committee
2003–2004	Social Work Assistant Professor Search Committee
2002–	Demography Preliminary Examination Committee (Chair, 2008-2009)
2002–	Stratification Preliminary Examination Committee
2002–2003	Demography Search Committee
2002–2004	Undergraduate Sociology Committee
2002–2003	Departmental Citation Committee
2002–2003	Assistant Professor Representative to Advisory Committee
2003	Graduate Examination Committee
2001–2003	Sociology Graduate Admissions and Support Committee

Mississippi State University, Social Science Research Center

2002	Development Team, MS Health Policy Research Center
2003	Associate Director (MHPRC) Search Committee
2003–	Red Loftin Scholarship Committee

University of Central Arkansas, Department of Geography, Political Science and Sociology

1998–2001	Search Committee (Chair, 1998-1999)
1997–2001	Department Curriculum Committee (Chair, 1997-1998)
1998–1999	Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club/Social Issues Forum
1997–2001	Faculty Graduate Status Committee
1997–1998	Goals and Objectives Committee

Florida State University, Department of Sociology

1994–1996	Departmental Meetings, Sociology Graduate Student Union
1993–1994	Graduate Policy Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Union
1992–1993	President, Sociology Graduate Student Union
1991–1992	Evaluation Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Union

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024	Masters Leadership Program (MLP) of Greater San Antonio; Class XX. San Antonio, TX
2024	Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences: Dean's Conference. Austin, TX
2022	Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences: Seminar for New Deans. San Diego, CA
2022	Aligning Strategic Priorities with Financial Resources in Higher Education. Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). Virtual
2019	Higher Education Resources Services (HERS): Next Stages, Next Steps Workshop. Chicago, IL
2018	Safe Zone Training Program. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
2018	Coach, Women's Leadership Initiative—Energy Leadership Training Program
2017–2018	Developing a Liberatory Consciousness for Transformative Action
2017	Motivation-Based Interviewing: Interviewer Training for Hiring High Achievers
2016	Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Bryn Mawr Institute
2015	CASE Development for Deans and Academic Leaders. Washington D.C.
2015	2 nd ILA Women and Leadership Affinity Group Conference – Advancing Women in Leadership: Waves of Possibilities. Asilomar Conference, Grounds, CA
2015	Kansas State University's Academic Chairperson's Conference. Austin, TX
2014–2015	WVU Women's Leadership Initiative
2013	Kansas State University's Academic Chairperson's Conference. San Antonio, TX
2012	Kansas State University's Academic Chairperson's Conference. Orlando, FL
2010	Harvard Management Development Program
2009	ICPSR Hierarchical Linear Models I: Introduction. Amherst, MA
2005	Region IV Network for Data Management and Utilization Workshop at the Hierarchical Linear Modeling at the AcademyHealth Conference
2005	American Association of Medical Colleges Physician Workforce Conference
2004	Research Data Assistance Center, CMS 101: Introduction to the Use of Medicaid Data for Research. University of South Florida.
2003	American Association of Medical Colleges Physician Workforce Conference
	Research Data Assistance Center, CMS 101: Introduction to the Use of Medicare Data for Research. University of South Florida
2002	ESRI User Conference
2001	NIH Regional Training, Grantsmanship Seminar
2000	CDC's GIS and Public Health Tele-Conference. Arkansas Cooperative Extension
1999	Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education: Transforming Campuses through Learning Communities Conference
1998	Wadsworth's First-Year College Success Course: Engaging Students
	American Council on Pharmaceutical Education's Seminar on Alternative Medicine

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